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Sph. Brig) Barbarita at Anchor

- Thursday 27 Commences with a rain storm which continued until midnight when it cleared off pleasant. At 10 AM the English Brig that anchored at Aguja on the 16th instant weighed anchor and made sail to the Eastward.
- Friday 28 Commences clouds around the horizon and fair weather over head. At 7 AM set in to rain and continued till 10 AM and cleared off pleasant. At 8 AM the Maria of London weighed anchor and stood to the Eastward.
- Saturday 29 Fair weather and fresh breezes. At 11 AM a canoe came alongside and brought some firewood and corn.
- Sunday 30 Pleasant weather and fresh gales. At 10 AM a canoe came alongside and brought some firewood.
- Monday 31 Commences cloudy weather and at sunrise set in to storm, with squalls, heavy rains, and thunder and lightning which continued until 4 PM. Ends pleasant.
- Tuesday 1st Fair weather, and in the latter part of the day fresh breezes. A number of (Dolphins and a fish, something like a bonito) were caught by the crew from alongside. A canoe came alongside at noon. An English Brig from Windward anchored below us at 4-30 PM. Ends pleasant.
- Wednesday 2nd Cloudy and rain at intervals during the day. It is now four weeks since Don Andres and Capt. Felix went to Whidah, and I find the time pass rather tediously on board, with no one to converse with in English. Mr. Pearce the Mate speaks a few broken words, the others know little or nothing about it. I have however acquired some knowledge of Spanish & occupy my time in reading and translating Spanish Books but have nearly finished all there is on board.
- Thursday 3rd Fair weather and gentle breezes during the day. At 1 PM a Canoe came alongside and I received a letter from Don Andres, who informs me he has been delayed in consequence of the severe indisposition of Capt. Felix and that on his recovery, they will both visit on board. Wrote him by the return canoe.

off Godome, (Coast of Africa)

- and the Sailors no other law, than to obey their officers. In being among a different people, I can contrast their situation with my own countrymen, and can say there is no people who live happier, and in the exercise of more true Liberty, than these Americans, who know how to enjoy with temperance the highly valued gift of Heaven. Since I commenced a sea-faring life, I have only been at home five anniversary days in fifteen years. My "March" being on the morrow, and "Home" upon the day, and know not from one year to another where I may be, but hope ere long to make a home on my natal Soil, to cease from roving, until my soul is called aloft. I have drunk in a glass of Mistletoe, if the sentiment I would express on the occasion, (May) our Happyness never intercede us, and may Union and Brotherhood, love prevail, teaching each other to quit up political dissensions, and to hunt the bubble, that would destroy Harmony. I would add in the line of Mother Goose's (Melody) the following wish, The Liberty of which I boast, may in its value prize, And never find to our sad cost, except, and lose our eyes.
- 1830 Ends pleasant weather, like all other Fourth of July's.
- Monday 5th A fair day with some heavy clouds at night. No new from shore and my time wears away heavily for want of bodily exercise. I cannot complain for the want of anything having the best of living, but a mind and body mutually active, find a ship too contracted a place, without the change on his shoulder. As the "old saying" is, "There is no help for sore thing and broken toy" therefore must quit & bear it.
- Tuesday 6th A fair day and some light rain squally at night. In the morning a signal was made on shore and at 10 AM a canoe came alongside with advice to Mr. Dardet the Chief Officer. At 11 AM weighed and shifted our anchorage near the shore. Capt. Felix of the Immaculate spent the day with us. He is a very pleasant man, a Castilian, and as I now understand the Spanish a little, have made myself quite agreeable with him.