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Spt. Brig Barbarita at Anchor

Wednesday July 7. Fair weather and fresh breezes. Both boats passing to the beach with goods during the day. After sunset cloudy with flashes of lightning to the westward.

Thursday 8. All this day a hard rain storm and blowing a gale of wind. At 6 P.M. the Brig Congozo anchored here from Whidah. She is manned from the Vbloz, having been a Buenos Ayres Privateer, and the crew mutinied and delivered themselves up to the Ship, near two years since and from that time has been a tender to the ship. An English frigate disarmed her at Obea.

Friday 9. Continues stormy until 8 A.M. when it cleared up a little, but remained cloudy and unsettled weather during the day. The Boat went to the beach & landed 4 Casks.

Saturday 10. Moderate breezes and cloudy, with intervals of sunshine. At 7 A.M. a Canoe came alongside and took communications for the shore. There is plenty of good fishing from alongside, and the Boatwain and myself, often take a bucket full, of a small pan fish 8 or 10 inches long, before breakfast, so that our table is plentifully supplied.

Sunday 11. Cloudy weather with intervals of Sunshine and fresh gales from N.W. Light rains at night. Apparently a very heavy surf on the shore.

Monday 12. Until 8 A.M. fresh gales with rain. Latter part cloudy and unsettled weather with occasional Sunshine.

Tuesday 13. Fresh gales and fair weather with flying clouds. Made a Signal to the shore, and was answered that was too much surf to come off.

Wednesday 14. Fair weather with brisk breezes. At 9 A.M. the canoe came alongside with a letter to Mr. Dardet the Chief Officer, from Don Andres in which he mentions I am to come on shore, after a habitation is made at Godome. There is therefore some prospect of a change of scene.

Thursday 15. Brisk breezes with flying clouds and fair weather. A canoe brought off some salt water and took some goods on shore. Too much surf on the shore for her to return.

off Godome (Coast of Africa.)

Friday 16. Hazy weather and brisk breezes and many clouds in the horizon. A canoe came alongside with salt water.

Saturday 17. Commences cloudy weather and calm. A little after Sunrise began to rain and continued without intermission until 3 P.M. The sun then shone out and set behind thick clouds.

Sunday 18. Commences calm. At Sunrise commenced a driving storm and rained and blew without cessation the remainder of the day. This is the most disagreeable and tedious day I have experienced on board, as the Cabin is small, and little light in it, having to keep shut up on account of the rain.

Monday 19. Fair weather during the day and some light rain squalls at night. The Boats and Canoe discharging Cargo until meridian when the beach was too rough to continue.

Tuesday 20. Fair weather and gentle breezes. Canoes and boats discharging Cargo. At 3 P.M. an English Hoop of War bearing the flag of the Commodore of the African Station came down from Windward and passed to the Eastward, but did not board any of the vessels lying here.

Wednesday 21. At Sunrise the boats were dispatched for the beach and at 7 A.M. a canoe came alongside bringing Capt. Felix, and immediately after I went on shore in the boat with trunk and baggage. On landing, my things were taken care of, by a servant, who has charge of the hut for the reception of goods, to be forwarded to the village. After a change of dress, a hammock was brought for me, and I was carried to the village of Godome 6 miles from the shore, and arrived at 11 A.M. and was welcomed by my friend Don Andres. The manner of travelling, is in a hammock, the clues fastened within 2 feet of the end of a 10 foot pole and you recline in it, with your back and head supported by pillows. It is carried on the heads of two stout negroes at each end, and you are as easy as in a cradle. They travel off at the rate of three or four miles. Found Capt. Felix at the village, and was introduced to Mr. Francisco D. Sousa, Capt. Anibal & Mr. Pimenta the whites here.