

Journal at Sea

Galespages Islands
March 21st 1843

- the dark missed the ship and could not find her till next morning when we was about 30 miles from land the comet was in sight
- 21st Thursday morning fine and pleasant. The captain got to the ship about 11 o'clock and immediately stood in and came to an anchor close by the Corinthian
- 22nd Friday morning we took it up of caps ashore to get water and one boat crew went ashore on liberty the village is a poor place of about 10 dozen huts there is about 30 or 40 inhabitants two or three run away sailors the island is quite wild and covered with prickly pears the planters raise sweet potatoes pumpkins indian corn &c
- 23rd Saturday morning our chain cable parted about 5 o'clock but it was discovered before we had drifted much and we let go the best lower anchor. after breakfast we caught about many large fish called groupers
- 24th Sunday morning we swept for the lost anchor but could not get it, the waist boat had run away all night fishing and sealing our second mate and the chief mate of the Corinthian and some of our and there crew was in her they returned about 3 p.m. having taken 7 Green turkeys and killed 6 seals
- 25th Monday morning sent again for the anchor but without success got 30 barrels of water off and stowed it down
- 26th Tuesday morning swept again for the anchor but without success after breakfast weighed anchor and got under way left the Corinthian at anchor we passed several islands in the course of the day towards night lowered two boats after blackfish they fastened to two of them but lost them again
- 27th Wednesday morning fine and pleasant fresh breezes at 10 o'clock several islands in sight in the afternoon spoke the Bark Garland of New Bedford 2 months out 160 bl sperm in company with the ship Mary Ann of New Bedford 5 months out 100 bl sperm the comet is still in sight

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- 28th Tuesday morning calm the islands still in sight the Garland and Mary Ann on our larboard bow nothing in sight
- 29th Wednesday morning fine but calm the land in sight it was calm all day saw nothing of the Garland or Mary Ann
- 30th Thursday morning fine and pleasant with fresh breezes steering S.W. nothing in sight except 10 finbacks or two
- 31st Friday morning fair fresh breezes steering S.W. saw two or three finbacks and 10 sulphur bottoms
- April 1st Saturday morning fine and pleasant fresh breezes steering S.W. nothing in sight except 10 finbacks or two
- 2nd Sunday morning fine and pleasant light breezes steering S.W. nothing in sight
- 3rd Monday morning fine and pleasant fresh breezes steering W.S.W. nothing in sight except 10 finbacks or two
- 4th Tuesday morning fine and pleasant fresh breezes steering W.S.W. nothing in sight except 10 finbacks
- 5th Wednesday morning cloudy at times strong breezes steering W by S saw something breaching but could not make out what it was at night we shortened sail
- 6th Thursday cloudy with strong breezes changed the course to N. nothing in sight shortened sail at night
- 7th Friday fine and pleasant fresh breezes steering N.N.W. nothing in sight except two or three finbacks shortened sail at night
- 8th Saturday fine and pleasant with fresh breezes steering S.W. saw several finbacks and sulphur bottoms at night took in the topgallant sail
- 9th Sunday fine weather and light breezes steering W.N.W. nothing in sight except small fish playing round the ship such as, albacore, bonnet and flying fish