

**JOURNAL OF A VOYAGE
FROM LARNE TO CHARLESTON ON THE SALLY
SAVANNA--ISAAC GEDNEY, COMMANDER
KEPT BY JOHN BLAIR, A PASSENGER**

Remarks on board, Thursday 21st, April 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, fresh breezes and clear weather, the kind employed in clearing the ship to her under Weigh. At 10AM, move up the anchor and got her under Weigh, wait 15 minutes after I came on board, so that I had nearly missed my passage, from my attention in conveying friends, who had been on board to see me; this leaving my native Country; perhaps forever, and the kind treatment. Tried from those with whom I was recently engaged, raised in my mind some melancholy Ideas as we went down the North Channel; This however was soon not over, as nothing waited with anxiety for our departure.

Remarks on board, Friday 22nd, April, 1796

At 9AM Tory Island bore SSW distance 5 Leagues from which I Take my Departure. It being in Latitude - 55 degrees 09 north - Longitude 8 degrees 50 west from London. As the vessel has a considerable motion this day; I find myself somewhat sick. Variation of the Compass 2 points westerly.

Remarks on board Saturday 23rd April, 1796

These 24 hours fresh gales and cloudy weather. At 2 AM Unbent both Cables and stowed them away - took both tops gallant Sails. I was extremely sick this day, and so were the rest of the passengers in general.

Remarks on board Sunday 24th April 1796

The first part of these 24 hours fresh breezes and squally - at 9PM, took ship to the Northward, two sails in flight, my sickness continues that day, accompanied with violet and frequent vomiting, and numbers of the passengers in my situation express a wish of being at home again at the expense of all they are frustrated.

Remarks on board Monday, 25th April, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, light breeze at 2PM, felt the main gallant sail - at midnight, tracked ship to the Westward, the contrary wind this day and yesterday, and the consequent little way we make, gives us but little consolation under our sickness; which is now abating.

Remarks on board Tuesday 26th April, 1796

Fresh Gales and showers of rain. At 6PM more moderate, took the reefs of the top sails and set both gallant sails and stay sails. The only food I can eat at present is water gruel, which, with airing as often as possible, has greatly revived me.

Remarks, Wednesday, 27th April, 1796

These 24 hours, fresh gales, and squally clouds at 10PM., took in the fore top sails and close reefed the main top sail. At 11PM Hugh Milligan deceased. The passengers had engaged him to take care of the fires at the Cambodze, occasioned by a hurt he received on the breast coming on board.

Remarks, Thursday 28, April, 1796

Fresh gales and squally weather continued at 8 PM The deceased passenger (a bag being forward by tied to his feet), was buried in the ocean, which he was a third time crossing in pursuit of happiness; but the relentless hand of death, disappointed his expectations, and left his widow inconsolable for his loss.

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Remarks, Friday 29, April, 1796

Fresh gales at 4PM. Set fore top sail and flying gibb latter part more moderate. This last week we have made about 20 g miles which is not the sixteenth of the way. This is owed the Stuart to endeavor us to keep back part of our provisions, but the passengers insisted on their full weight as they considered it too soon for such measures.

Remarks, Saturday 30, April, 1796

Fresh breezes with rain – the middle part squally, at 10PM, took in the square main sail and gibb – at 12 midnight reefed both top sails. This day over, prospect of a good passage begins to brightened up, as we have made 141 miles on a direct course to Charleston.

Remarks, Sunday 1, May, 1796

The middle part of these 24 hours has gales and squally, at 4PM took in the fore top sail, close reefed the main one – It may be well said, that the Sabbath never comes to sea, as there is no knowing by the conduct of any on board, that they have ever seen the like-they indeed insist much for a zealous ranting Methodist, we have got on board to preach, but to no purpose, as the fear of their rēdicule is to much for the ardency of his zeal.

Remarks, Monday 2, May, 1796

These 24 hours fine favorable fresh gales .At 10AM. let the square main sail. We have reasonable hopes of a good passage; as we have made these 3 days, 46 miles, which is more than double the distance we made the first week; should this favorable gale continue, we could make Charleston in less than 18 days.

Remarks, Tuesday 3, May, 1796

✓ The first part of these 24 hours of fresh gales and cloudy – At 2PM took out one reef of both top sails-At 8 PM took out all reefs, and let the main top gallant sails. This day we appointed on of the passengers to keep the fires at the cam booze in good order and the boilers clean; from the neglect of which, we previously experienced, great trouble and inconvenience.

Remarks, Wednesday 4, May, 1796

These 24 hours, fresh breezes and cloudy weather, all sails set. The most fashionable food on board is flummery, we can make exceeding good in half a days time, so that meal, Barley, Butter, Cheese, Biscuit, Rum, Potatoes, preparation of the meat, tongue, appears to me to be the most of the Companies useful articles for a passenger to take with him at a store, and which no one should go to sea without to live at all comfortable.

Remarks, Thursday 5, May, 1796

At 1 PM, we perceived a sail standing to the northeast ward-This evening we had a scuffle on board, between the caretaker of the fires and a passenger occasioned by the latter insisted to have his pot in the fire before his turn. This obliged us to make us a code of laws to prevent such trouble in future.

Remarks, Friday 6, May, 1796

This day (by particular desire), Mr. Henry McNeil and I drew up a code of laws in order, principally , to keep proper regulations at the cambooze, and to preserve the peace of the vessel, they were unanimously agreed to by the passengers and in order to give them permanence, a committee of six was chosen to every complaint is to be submitted, and we give judgement accordingly.

Remarks, Saturday 7, May, 1796

At 12 midnight fresh gales and thunder took in the gibb and M.T.L.sail and so reef over top sails. This evening we saw an uncommon appearance in the weather. Horizon somewhat like a vapor arising out of the sea reflecting the cause, there has been conjectures, some attributed it to the spouting of a whale; but the SW wind which prevailed to gather with the heat of the sun acting upon the water, appear to me to be the most rational cause.

Remarks, Sunday 8, May, 1796

At 2 PM-hard gales, at 6 PM, more moderate, took out the reef of the top sails and set the square main sail. At 5 AM, set both top-gallant sail, I set and stay sails: A Brig in sight, standing to the East Ward. We posted the laws, We had enacted upon the Roundhouse in order that every one might know his duty. A current set sail 1 mile per hour

Remarks, Monday 9, May, 1796

At 8 PM blowing fresh, handed top gallant sails and double reefed the top sails. It settled more moderate, took out all reef of the sails, and meridian all sails set. Not with standing the regular republican government we have established, one of the passengers had the temerity to transgress the laws by disputing with the attendant at the cambooze, the scuffle increased on all sides " and spectators stood in horror" the battle.*

Remarks, Tuesday 10, May, 1796

*Raged! And was likely to come general until the captain interposed, and with difficulty reestablished peace. This morning , the committee assembled upon the Quarter Deck, and summoned the culprit who began the quarrel to appear before us; we then chose a president and proceeded to examine the case on both sides, according to evidence; and as it was the first fault, we dismiss them upon the principal offender acknowledge his fault.

Remarks, Wednesday 11, May, 1796

These 24 hours, light breezes, and clear weather all sails set; a ship in sight to The pernicious effect of idleness are very visible on board, as there are but few days passes now without scuffle of some sort. Two of the most respectable of our passengers had this evening, some severe altercation in the course of which the lye was given and a challenge was the consequence; it was declined however by the person who gave the lye and out of transgression, they then adopted the more matured *

Remarks, Thursday 12, May, 1796

*And safe mode of bluffing. This day we had a funny song exhibited at the Cambooze, one of passengers, an Eurasian Englishman, had a pye in the oven of Cambooze; some of the witty among the passengers, him owing his fondness for this kind of food; entered into a combination to deprive him of this, his favorite dinner, which he watched over with great diligence, they however began a sham fight upon the opposite side of the deck; and while the Englishman *

Remarks, Friday 13, May, 1796

*Attention was involuntarily engaged in attending the scuffle; his pye was carried off, and the poor dejected Esquire instead of his favorite pye, was obliged to put up with a chunk of bread and cheese. We now entertained rational hopes of a good voyage, as we are within less than 22 N miles of being half way, which we expect to make in 2 days, if this favorable gale.

Remarks, Saturday 14, May, 1796

This 24 hours, fresh favorable breezes all set sail, The cable was hauled upon deck to dry. All hands employed in filling cask with water, as the vessel is too light in Ballast. At 2 PM saw the top gallant sails of a ship standing to the Northward and Westward distant by about 7 leagues.

Remarks, Sunday 15, May, 1796

These 24 hours, light breezes and clear warm weather. The sea this day has a grand and beautiful appearance, and to a man standing upon our deck; his eye being about 18 feet above the water represents a vast circle, which by calculation is $10 \frac{1}{2}$ miles in diameter.

Remarks, Monday 16, May, 1796

These 24 hours light airs of wind and warm weather. The warm weather smoothness of the sea and stillness of the vessel induced three of our sailors to Bathe, they showed great dexterity in ducking each other – many of the passengers would have followed their example, but their dread of sharks prevented them.

Remarks, Tuesday 17, May 1796

The hands are employed today in stowing away the cables off deck into the Hold. This evening two of our passengers had the temerity to go into the sea to bathe, but the swiftness of the current, or rather the motion of the vessel soon deterred one of them to call for a rope, the other being an excellent swimmer got up himself.

Remarks, Wednesday 18, May 1796

This day the old, but to me unintelligible custom of shaving, was performed with the greatest Eclat, Two of the sailors dressed artistically in the character of Neptune and his wife, performed this sportive ceremony, each passenger who had not been across the Atlantic, was obliged to sit over a cask of water, and after being well lathered with tar and slush and under going a mock shaving with a piece of a torn hoop was immediately ducked in the cask and a number of passengers with buckets of water standing around drenched the poor patient with the water until he drowned, made his escape.

Remarks, Thursday 19, May, 1796

At 4 AM, tacked ship to the Northward. We have a curious character on board, who for distinction sake, we call the Philosopher, this old fellow, elevated by the mock praises we bestowed upon him, will expatiate at great length upon natural, and moral Philosophy, Theology, Political and Astronomy, there is six of us have formed ourselves into a society under the superintendence of the old gentleman and we have agreed to meet upon the quarter deck each night at 7 o'clock.

Remarks, Friday 20, May, 1796

These 24 hours fresh breezes and clear weather, At 5 AM, took in main top sail. Our society met according to appointment upon the quarter deck, and we constituted the Philosopher, President, he proceeded then to examine first of all, our religious Sonnets; and found to his surprise that there was the greatest number of us denied several passengers in the old Testament, the old fellow with great zeal defended the passengers, particular that of Samson and the foxes, so we all gave up to him and then broke up.

Remarks, Saturday 21, Saturday, May, 1796

First part of the 24 hours, fresh gales, clear weather and heavy sea swelling to the Northward. The latter part squally, took in the gibs and double reefed both top sails at 2 AM. At 8 AM, more moderate – took out the reef of the top sails.

Remarks, Sunday 22, Sunday, May, 1796

First part of these 24 hours, fresh gales and showers of rain. At 6 PM, fresh gales and squally, double reefed both top sails. At noon Charleston bore from us, by my computation, L71. 10' MC or LLW ¼W nearest Distant 1633 miles.

Remarks, Monday 23, May, 1796

At 4 PM, took out the reef of the top sail. At 4 AM Set all sails. This evening our society met upon the quarter deck, and our president began by giving us an harangue upon Politics. When lo! In the mist of his oratory, there was a rope fastened securely to his feet, and the poor Philosopher was hauled along the deck until we got him disengaged from their mischievous hands.

Remarks, Tuesday 24, May, 1796

First part of these 24 hours, fresh gales and squally weather – At 6 PM the wind coming to the Southward, they shifted the studding sails to the Starboard Side. At 6 AM took the studding sails, the ship being close hauled upon. Wind of handed square – main sail.

Remarks, Wednesday 25, May, 1796

These 24 hours, moderate gales and showers of rain, all sails set. This evening, we had the Philosopher engaged upon a former topic; maintaining republican principles. When the mischievous few again attacked the old gentleman, they let go at him, such as shown of coals that we retreated while the Philosopher defended himself as the great bravery until we rallied to his assistance and conducted him in safety to his birth.

Remarks, Thursday 26, May, 1796

First part of 24 hours, moderate breeze and cloudy with heavy rain, At 7 PM, set the steering sails. We this day saw a great number of fish called Porpoise. This sailor attempted to catch them with a dart, but they swam with such amazing gravity, that they eluded all their attempts.

Remarks, Friday 27, May, 1796

At noon the foregoing day, Tory Island bore N65,15 on distance 2,040 WSW Distance 1,385 miles so that we shall be 2/5 of our way in less than two days. With a tolerable gale it maybe considered as a curious course we have taken since we are distant from New York but 815 miles,

Remarks, Saturday 28, May, 1796

These 24 hours light breezes, and hot weather. Among the curious characters on board, the Methodist, now called Bishop bears a distinguished rank over the passengers, make him the butt of their ridicule, they are dryly talking various witty stories of the nightly worship and rivals of the votaries, Wesley he informed the sect with great zeal and expedient upon the undone States of the degenerate passengers.

Remarks, Sunday 29, May, 1796

The aforementioned Englishman joined to her character of Esquires has now discovered a penchant for the fair sex, struck by the charm of a Mrs. Robinson, who his love represented as unmarried, her another young woman, also her husband, who with him for her brother were invited by him to her birth in the cabin, where surrounded by the rest of the cabin passengers, who enjoyed *

Remarks. Monday 30, May, 1796

*his deception, he distributed 6 bottles of his porter, his Dulincia acted her part pretty smoothly and flattered her captured swain, with enduring hope of a speedy survival. Yesterday at noon, we were nearly 2/3 of our way as Charleston bore SW distant 1,144 miles, variation of compass point westerly.

Remarks, Tuesday 31, May, 1796

To conclude the Englishman Intrigue, he was this evening invited to drink tea with his mistress, they met upon deck amazed at that huzza of the surrounding passengers, she then conducted him to her birth between decks where not withstanding this ridicule of the spectator, he enjoyed himself in all the imaginary joy of a lover, who has his nimbus heart in his possession.

Remarks, Wednesday 1, June, 1796

When lo; direful to tell while he was defending his anticipated mate from the funny attacks of the audience, he was thrown from his Hobby Horse by the humiliating discovery of his Dulcinea, being another mans wife, he then retreated to his birth stunned with the shouts and hissing of the highly entertained passengers, who are all prejudice against him, on account of his hatred for the truth.

Remarks, Thursday 2, June, 1796

Yesterday at 10 AM, we had the pleasure of spotting a Brig from Neubury, near Boston Sound to the West Indies, 3 days out, her Longitude which must be pretty near the truth, 6 L. 42 West; which came nearer my reckoning, than any other journal on board, although there is 5 reckoning kept beside mine, some of them by experience Navigators; and to their shame differed from the Brig Longitude, not less than 1 degree.

Remarks, Friday 3, June, 1796

Yesterday at noon, Charleston bore from us SW nearest distant 946 miles, from New York we were then distant 454 miles, and from Philadelphia 500 miles. First part of these 24 hours, fresh breezes of wind, all sails set, at 8 AM saw a vessel standing to the eastward, variation of the compass ¼ point westerly.

Remarks, Saturday 4, June, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, fresh gales and all sails set. The Methodist and I had this evening a long argument of 4 hours. I got him to contradict himself – several times, he quoted numbers of text of scripture in defiance of his doctrine, but when I asked him the reasons he could give for the truth of the scriptures, he could not give rational answers, we had a large audience, who all gave it against the poor Methodist, he however preached *

Remarks, Sunday 5, June, 1796

*Away against predestination, as long as the zealot could get any one to hear him. These 24 hours, moderate breezes and clear weather, at 7 PM. Took in square main sail, and both tops gallant sails. At 6 AM. set studding sails. At meridian, a ship in sight standing to the Southward.

Remarks, Monday 6, June, 1796

These 24 hours fresh breezes of wind, of favorable wind and clear weather – at 2 PM Giped Ship and shifted studding sails. All sails set. At 4 AM saw a ship standing to the South – Eastward. The variation of the compass here is nothing.

Remarks, Tuesday 7, June 1796

These 24 hours fine fresh breezes of wind and clear weather, at 12 midnight have too and found no bottom. At 8 AM a sail standing to the Southward. Potatoes and beef or butter and generally Lab – Scouse which is made of minced beef and potatoes boiled together in water dressed with peppers or onions is the dinner we take; the rest of the passengers have now but few often any the ships potatoes being done, which is a great want.

Remarks, Wednesday 8, June, 1796

Yesterday at noon, Charleston bore Southeast West or distance 468 miles and Cape Hatteras in North Carolina, SW 198 miles. At 8 PM saw a ship to the Northward, Pleasant breezes and clear weather. At 10 PM, have too and sounded but found no bottom. At 10 AM saw a ship steering North Coast.

Remarks, Thursday 9, June 1796

Leeward. The Dolphins began now to make appearances. There was one caught this day by one of the sailors, they are a beautiful fish, in color between a green and yellow; in shape some what like a salmon only smaller and longer, they eat very well when properly cooked.

Remarks, Friday 10, June 1796

These 24 hours light breezes of wind, and very warm weather. At 12 midnight, took in the studding sails. At 9 AM the sailors caught two sharks, one them 2, and the other 3 years old; which is known by their teeth, the former having 2 and the latter 3 rows. The passengers, although they have plenty of beef, showed power of novelty by eating the whale, I tasted of them and they eat exceeding strong and ramps.

Remarks, Saturday, 11, June, 1796

Yesterday at noon, Charleston bore L66W distance left 248 miles. These 24 hours fresh breezes and clear weather, at 8 PM, took in the square main sail and the fore top gallant sail. At midnight in 9 fathom water, which given me great satisfaction, as this reckoning agrees with the soundings marked in the chart, within a few miles.

Remarks, Sunday, 12, June, 1796

These 24 hours, baffling airs for the most part calm. At 11AM, set studding sails at Meridian, sounded in 17 fathom water a strong current setting to the North East all sails set, the coast of North Carolina in sight, this being the first sight of the trees it rejoiced the passengers very much.

Remarks, Monday, 13, June, 1796

At 4 PM a sudden squall accompanying with rain carried away our top mast, studding sail – Boom! At 8 PM, spot Brig Eliza from Boston bound for Savannah. She is a beautiful vessel, and a much quicker sailor than ours. At 10 PM, sounded in 22 fathom water, also at midnight, sound but found no bottom.

Remarks, Tuesday, 14, June, 1796

These 24 hours light airs and very warm, clear weather, two sails in sight. At 6 PM spoke the Brig Eliza a second time, she fell in with the Gulf Stream in the night, which occasional her be a stern of us to day, her Captain and ours had a long chat, among many other questions, our Captain gave us the complaint of informing him that *

Remarks, Wednesday, 15, June, 1796

*It was a parcel of Irish Slaves and that he could supply him with a wife, there was numbers of us chagrined at his answer, but there was no more of it, as it is quite customary, At 5 PM sounded in 14 fathom water. At 12 midnight, sounded in 16 fathom water. Heavy thunder, lighting with rain, at 12 midnight sounded in 13 fathom water, 2 sails in sight.

Remarks, Thursday, 16, June, 1796

Yesterday at noon, we were distant from Charleston but 197 miles. At bearing from us SW by W. The first part of this 24 hours light airs of wind. All sails set. At 6 PM tacked ship to the Eastward, at 2 AM, sounded in 28 fathom water – squally with heavy rain, at 4 AM tacked ship to the westward at Meridian sounded in 16 fathom water.

Remarks, Friday, 17, June, 1796

These 24 hours gales and clear weather. At 4 PM single the top sails, at 6 PM Captain lookout for SW distant about 5 leagues. At 10 PM sounded in 16 fathom water, at midnight sounded but found no bottom. At 6 AM we were within 2 miles of the shore, and it really has a fine fragrant smell and a beautiful appearance.

Remarks, Saturday, 18, June, 1796

These 24 hours fresh gales and clear weather, at midnight took in the main top mast stay – sail and main stay sail. At 4 AM sounded in 4 fathom of water, at 8 AM one sloop in sight; latter part more moderate set the main top gallant sail, took ship to the Eastward and West every 6 hours.

Remarks, Sunday, 19, June 1796

At 6 AM, we had a pretty general scuffle between two parties we had on board, namely, defender or Roman Catholic; and Break A Day Boys, or Protestants; it was occasioned by the former accusing the latter of a murder that was committed in Ireland; they intended going to law as soon as we arrived in America.

Remarks, Monday, 20, June, 1796

The first of these 24 hours, fresh breezes and clear weather, at 2 PM Tacked ship to the Eastward, at 5 PM Tacked ship to the Northward, at 6 PM Tacked ship to the East, Cape Waters in sight, bearing SW distant 2 leagues, at 12 midnight Tack Ship to the Westward. At 6 AM fresh gales and squally, at 8 AM Tack Ship to the East, at 10 AM Tacked Ship to the West, at noon loud thunder.

Remarks, Tuesday, 21, June, 1796

These 24 hours light breezes of wind and clear weather, at 4 PM tacked ship to the Westward all sails set. At 8 AM spoke a snow from Norfolk bound to North Carolina out 8 days. The passengers now begin to wear a serious countenance. We have none of our former funereal upon death, as we were nearer Charleston, 12 days ago, than we are at present, having nothing but contrary winds and calms.

Remarks, Wednesday, 22, June, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, south breezes and clear weather. At 2 PM spotted a ship headed for North Carolina, belonging to New York, out 20 days, some of our passengers were anxious to renew their stories by her, which are now generally expended particularly tobacco, the sloop however could not spare any, which was a great disappointment, especially to the pan consumers of tobacco.

Remarks, Thursday, 23, June, 1796

The first of these 24 hours light breezes and clear weather, the latter part cooler and cloudy, one sail in sight. The Provisions, particularly bread, butter and molasses being now mainly expended, the passengers were this day put upon half allowance, which caused much attraction and grumbling, but they were obliged to comply for their own sakes, as the passage appear to be long.

Remarks, Friday, 24, June, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours fresh gales and clear weather, the middle part calm and hazy with much thunder and exceeding heavy rain. The latter part little wind and very smooth sea, all sail set. 11 sail insight, which, from our contiguity to the coast, I suppose are America traders.

Remarks, Saturday, 25, June, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, fine favorable breezes, and clear weather. At 5 PM gined ship and shifted studding sails, 2 sails in sight. At 8 AM, an English Privateer set on Charleston bears or gave chase to us, in about 2 hours she fired a gun, we had then to ly too for her. She however gave us no further trouble, then asking the usual questions and then sheered off.

Remarks, Sunday, 26, June, 1796

These 24 hours fresh breezes, and clear warm weather. At 4 PM spoke the Brig, Nancy Captain Dabison from New York, bound to Charleston, out 14 days, we thought to have get a supply of Provisions but she could spare us nothing, but 10 barrels of bread and some salmon, therefore the distressed tobacco slaves have to substitute rope yarn now, instead of their dear weed.

Remarks, Monday, 27, June, 1796

What pleasing, what grand ideas does the contemplated of the Starry Firmament at Sea, convey to a mind that has any taste for astronomy. The most apparent salvation to an ordinary observer is, the depression of the North Pole, and all the stars in the Northern Hemisphere, and the gradual elevation of the stars in the Southern Hemisphere, as we sail to the Southward, and the discovery of other Stars before imperceptible. When you contemplate upon the best opaque bodies that role and revolve, by immutable laws in *

Remarks, Tuesday, 28, June, 1796

Almost unmeasured orbits, round our sun, as their common center, and when at the same time we take in the rational idea of each Star, we see besides numberless Stars. Imperceptible to Human Sight, being a Sun, having Worlds revolving round each of them, similar to our system; and when we also consider that all these do probably compose but the first Heaven, having other Heavens, or Canopy of Stars and their attending Plants, scattered far and wide into the Illimitable womb of Space, what a grand, what a Sublime Idea does

Remarks, Wednesday, 29, June 1796

This gives us, of the Sublime Wisdom and Infinite Power, of the Almighty Architect, who at first commanded those innumerable Globes into being, and impressed upon them those laws, which preserved the whole in the most beautiful order of Harmony. We have now every appearance of a long voyage as we have to our great dismay, been driven back to Cape Hatteras; the cause of this was standing too far to the east, which brought us into the Gulf stream, this together with the wind, hemied us backward.

Remarks, Thursday, 30, June, 1796.

The first part of these 24 hours, fresh gales and clear weather, several sails in sight. At 11 PM, the horizon seemed all in a blaze with electric fire; about half an hour after, it thundered in a most tremendous manner, accompanied with a very heavy squall which in an instant broke our fore reef and split our main stay – sail; the sailors with great difficulty got the top sails handed which freed us from danger at the hazard of their own*

Remarks, Friday, 1, July, 1796

*Lives as some of the fore sail very convenient to the quarter deck. At 2 AM sighted a Brig bound from Philadelphia to Charleston, Captain Strong, Commander, who offered us a yard, but we could not possibly get it on board, the sea ran so high – as the thunder squall came from the NW, it has brought a favorable gale, which is some comfort to us after our imminent danger. These 24 hours fresh breezes and clear weather.

Remarks, Saturday, 2, July, 1796

At 6 PM got down the fore-yard that was broke, and fished it. At 8 PM got up the fore-yard and bent the fore sail. At 4 PM set studding sails, 3 sails in sight, founded in 16 fathom water. These 24 hours calm sultry weather; at 10 AM, we had another passenger added to our number, which completed the number of souls that first came on board, which was 18.

Remarks, Sunday 3, July, 1796

The first part of these 24 hours, light breezes and clear weather. The Prudence and utility of bringing Sea Stores, independent of the ship allowance is now clearly evident; as those who have nothing to depend upon but the ships half allowance, now given out, are in a very disagreeable situation; and do really hang a miserable Jew.

Remarks, Monday and Tuesday, 4 and 5, July 1796

These 2 days, we have had a dead calm for the most part, which together with a disagreeable situation, and bad prospect of getting to Charleston, endued a few of the passengers, myself included; to enter into a resolutions of going ashore, which is now but ½ mile distant and so proceed from Wilmington to our respective destination in North Carolina; but the wind a little after springing up favorable baffled our resolution.*

Remarks, Wednesday, 6, July, 1796

And gave us a convincing proof of the passengers this day begin to wear again the face of joy, as we have got around the principal Barrier in our way, namely the Frying-Pan-Shoals; which lie 23 miles off Cape Lookout, from which they bear L24 East, Charleston bears from us L66 W. and distant at meridian this day 111 miles.

Remarks, Thursday, 7, July, !796

These 24 hours, light Breezes of wind and clear weather. All sails set, one Brig in sight and 1 sloop, both standing the same way we are. The passengers are this day bringing up bundles of their clothes – departure to our entrance into Charleston, which we expect to do tomorrow as Charleston bears 88W distance only 47 miles.