

# Journal on board Sp. Brig

1830 February 22<sup>d</sup> Awoke to a beautiful day, and on casting my eyes o'er the harbor, was just in remembrance by the display of my country's flag, the bright "Star Spangled Banner", from the numerous shipping of the Sons of Freedom, that this is the natal day of our immortal Washington, and although his mortal remains have long since been consigned to the house appointed for all living, the remembrance of his virtues and devotion to his Country's Good is engraven on the hearts of every True Son of Columbia and their imaginations will view with fond delight to the day that ushered so great and good a man into existence. At 9 A.M. my Cousin Eben Wade and Capt. Barton of Warren R.P. came to my boarding house at the Regla (Cavana), for to accompany me on board the Brig which I am to take passage in, with my friend Don Andres Fernandez for Africa. The Brig having gone outside the Moro, took my baggage on board Capt. Barton's Brig Tophan, where it remained until 5 P.M. at which time W. Wade returned, and I went with him to the Quay, where I joined my friend Don Andres, and we shortly embarked in the Harbor Master's Boat, to go on board. At 6 P.M. came on board Sp. Brig, Barbarita, Don Salvador Felix, Commander, mounting 4 Carriage Guns, sixes, and a tender on a first rate ship. Bid adieu to my friend and cousin, who returned in the boat, and the vessel was filled on her course, by the wind, for the Gulf Passage, with the wind from the Eastward. At 8 P.M. the Moro Light bore S 4 E. At the same hour I begin by Nautical computation being

Tuesday 23<sup>d</sup> Fair weather and moderate breezes. I find the decks and cabin lumbered up, the things not having as yet, been properly stowed, so have to bundle on the benches of the cabin, until we can make more room.  
Latitude Obs. 24° 17'

# Barbarita passage to Africa.

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Feb 24<sup>th</sup> Light winds and pleasant weather. Saw the Florida shore, and the Light House on Key West. Wind from E.S.E. This is indeed a new situation to be placed in, among 26, the whole number of souls on board, there is only Don Andres, who can converse with me in English, but I feel quite at home, by the politeness and respect of all, toward me.  
Lat. 24° 50' S

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes and pleasant weather during the day, and at night occasional squalls of wind and rain. At 2 A.M. kept away North. At 7 A.M. saw Great Bahama Island bearing E 1/2 S 2 leagues distant from which I take my departure.  
Variation 4° 30' E. Lat. Obs. 28° 04' Long. 79°

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> First and Middle part strong breezes. Carried away the J.T. & Yards in the blings. Had it down on deck. Latter part more moderate and pleasant. Wind variable True Course S.S.W. Variation 4° E. Lat. Obs. 29° 27' Long. 77° 11'

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> First part wind decreasing and during the night showers of rain with calms, and wind blowing at times in puffs from different quarters. Latter part more pleasant and the wind from the Northward and Eastward. True Course East Variation 3° E. Lat. Obs. 29° 27' Long. 75° 59'

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> First part dark clouds and squalls of rain. Latter part cloudy and Easterly winds. N. Latitude 29° 39'

March 1<sup>st</sup> True Course North Variation 3° E. W. Longitude 75° 59'

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Fresh gales and stormy weather. Wind from E.S.E. True Course N.E. Variation 3° E. Lat. N. 29° 54' Long. 75° 44'

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Fresh breezes from the Westward and clear weather. True Course N.W. Variation 3° E. Lat. N. 30° 13' Long. 75° 57'

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from W.N.W. to N.N.W. and pleasant weather. True Course S.W. Variation 3° E. Lat. N. 29° 59' Long. 71° 57'

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Fresh gales from N.N.W. and pleasant weather. The Brig sails from 7 to 9 knots per hour which is the best of her going owing to being out of trim, and having much dead weight aboard having rice stowed in bulk under the cabin floor. True Course E.S.E. Variation 3° E. Lat. N. 29° 15' Long. 68° 17'