

At Sea 1779

20 Sunday May 30. — This 24 hours begins with a small breeze at abt WSW — we have more wind than for a week past — Lat ob. $37^{\circ} 33' N$ W. V. $\frac{1}{2}$ p.

Course — $N 6^{\circ} E$
 dist . . . 98 miles
 X Lat N. . . 97° miles
 Dep. E . . . 10 miles
 Lat ob. . . $37^{\circ} 33' N$
 Long made . . $0^{\circ} 30' W$
 Long. in . . $63^{\circ} 5' W$

This 24 hours ends with very pleasant weather & a fine brisk gale at abt SW — we have now all sails set & going at a fine rate — Our sensations are very different from what they have been for these 10 days or a fortnight, ^{past} all which time we have been crawling along at a very slow rate with small winds & those rather scant than otherways — We are now ^{swiftly} flying on the wing of a fair Propitious Gale — just the Course we wish to steer — We have now no murmuring at Heaven's dispensation of Winds — before we could not help thinking that so much (alm) so many Contrary Winds was rather hard Resignation to the Will of Heaven is a very easy duty when our Inclinations are gratified — Last night at midnight a total Eclipse of the Moon — The sight was rather dismal &

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20 ~~incommodious~~ than other ways — & tho I have no superstitious fears on such Occasions — yet I could not avoid having a ^{very} disagreeable Feeling I believe it is natural — Our Seamen, tho they ^{not} openly acknowledge it — yet, I could easily perceive, by their enquiries, & observations, were made rather uneasy by the appearance —

21 Monday May 31. — Lat ob. $39^{\circ} 55' N$

Course — $N 6^{\circ} E$ Var. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ point —
 dist . . . miles . . 143
 X Lat . miles . 142 N
 Dep. E. miles . 15
 Lat ob. . . $39^{\circ} 55' N$
 Long. made . $0^{\circ} 11' W$
 Long. in . . $62^{\circ} 46' W$

This 24 hours a fine gale at W & WSW — ^{is} still continues — fair weather Smooth Sea — all sails set

22 Tuesday June 1. — N. ob. Run & Log. 139 miles

Course . . . N.
 dist . . . 139 miles
 X Lat N. . 139 miles
 Lat ob. . . $42^{\circ} 14' N$
 Long. made . $0^{\circ} 11' W$
 Long. in . . $62^{\circ} 46' W$

a fine breeze this 24 h. from SW. to S — latter part foggy —
 V. W. 1 point —