giving him ~~[illegible]~~ our inspection of the working of freedom in the Islands visited by us. I hope the interview answered some good purpose; & I left a similar report in writing with our friend Lacerte for Lieut Van Schalkwyk the Gov. Lieut. on his return to the Island. After interesting leave-taking visits from many of our friends we loaded us with kindness & presents, we left at sail last Third day afn with a fair breeze, & calm & satisfied minds - having this morning met with clear evidence that our return to Santa Cruz had been timely & right.

We have been favoured with so far with a remarkably fine voyage, having for the most part a favorable wind; & having passed along under the Southern Coasts of Porto Rico & "P." Domingo - the latter in parts of wild & romantic beauty. The latter coast being strange to every body on board & our calculations of landfall being little more than guesswork, we have been put to some difficulty. The spring uprises of Alto Vela & Beata, 60 miles ahead of our calculation, on 6th day afn was very apparent. We then turned N. W. with a view of landing at Jacmel harbour; but the next morning fresh winds became before a part of the Coast which we were wholly unable to ascertain.

In the evening we moved Westward

& at night fall came to a wild romantic spot, which so far corresponded with my apprehensions of Jacmel that I determined, unless a fair wind for proceeding to stay the vessel in its course until morning. The appearance gave me much deep feeling & even conflict - which was heightened this morning when on a further inspection of the Coast I became clearly convinced that we were before our proposed harbour (a most wild desolate looking spot). The Captain mate & all the rest of the party were of a different judgment, & I gave leave for the vessel to be turned to her Westward course, a fair wind blowing gently. Soon as I felt that we had missed our course for; & had thus lost the advantage of the visit to Hayti, I felt deeply tried & even afflicted for a time; but very soon, an entire calm was most graciously wrought in my mind, & I became convinced that it was best for me to proceed without delay towards Jamaica. Since then we have had a splendid voyage, through the day, along the remaining magnificent coast of Hayti, & one now on the shoreless ocean on our way to Jamaica. We three were favored in the morning with a quiet consoling meeting - peculiarly so, I think - for it is First day - a Sentimate calm & easy in mind. I trust I feel no small measure of gratitude for this favor. I have no doubt that all is for the best.

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