

27th The rain continued almost without intermission till 12 o'clock, and we were obliged to amuse ourselves to the best of our ability in the saloon, the majority however feeling too poorly to be capable of much enjoyment. Passed another vessel this afternoon, we made as though we would signal her but she was a foreigner and paid no attention to us. One of the sailors this evening being somewhat under the influence of drink (the sailors are not allowed any grog but in this instance a bottle of spirits had been given to the man by those who were on the boat on Sunday as he accompanied them) behaved in a very mutinous manner to his superior officer, the second mate, and there was a small scene he came afterwards to complain to the captain, and was very impertinent to him, threatening to have revenge, he denied being intoxicated and said he should not consider himself drunk till he went to the pumps to light his pipe!!

28th Several Nautili were seen to day but unfortunately they did not pass sufficiently near to enable one to see much of them, they are very pretty objects, as they sail by with the sun shining on them their sail is of an exquisite pink colour, they might easily be caught with a suitable muslin net. A much prized though tailless Suckdaw was blown overboard to day much to the grief of Mr. Prince. This evening a somewhat mysterious circumstance occurred, two open tubs were observed floating by our vessel, one on each side, and from one a faint cry was heard to issue, the doctor who was in his cabin at the time hearing the sound came rushing on deck imagining some one had gone overboard, how explanation was ever obtained.

29th It has been little else but tacking since Monday and at the end of the day so far as on our way than at the commencement, the only object gained by sailing being that we prevented ourselves being driven back some two hundred miles or so, when such is the case we usually