

starboard side. The land seen during the day appeared to consist of three fairly large islands, with smaller islands in between, all very barren.

Very hot & oppressive on deck. Slept in the mids; too hot even then. Passed a light-house on starboard side about 9.30 P.M.

Friday, 17th. Oct.

Up at 5.30 A.M. Sea like glass. Cold water bath was warm. Sky cloudless. Travelling slightly west of North. Two other transports out of sight. This ship travelling at over 20 knots.

Passed barren island on port side at 7.30 A.M.

Saw other steamers in sight. At 10 A.M. while looking over ship's rail, saw a big sea-bird swoop down upon a small bird, seized it in its claws & flew up to cross-trees or bow mast. Then it plucked the small bird & ate it.