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# His Majesty's Ship Comus at Sea

[[7 Columned Table]]

H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Friday 17th Feb'y 1815 |

1	4	"	E.S.E.	N.W.		AM/ Mod'te & fine
2	4	"				
3	3	4				3 Up foresail & down Jib
4	3	"				4 Mod'te & fine
5	2	6				
6	2	2				at 7 Crossed royal yards
7	3	4	East.	N.W.		7:30 set fore sail & out 2'd reefs
8	3	"				8 Light breezes fine W'r. Convoy in Co.
9	3	6				Punished 2 Men for Drunkeness & neglect of Duty.
10						
11						
12						Noon Light breezes & fine Convoy in Co.

[[5 Columned Table]]

Course | Dist'ce | Lat in | Long in | Bearings and distance at Noon |  
 | | 5°02 N. | 5°28 W't | Jack Lahou N27°E't 16 Miles |

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1	3	4	East.	W.N.W.		PM/ Mod'te & hazy.
2	3	4				at 3 trimmed sails
3	4	4				
4	4	2				4 Mod'te & hazy W'r.
5	3	2	E.S.E.			at 5 Pickeniny Bassam N b E.
6	2	4	SE b E.	SW B W.		Grand Bassam NE B E. 5:20 in 2'd reefs
7	"	}				at 8 Calm & fine
8	"	}				at 9 light airs
9	1		S b E.	East.		trimmed sails occasionally.
10	1	2	E.S.E.	South.		
11	1	2				Mid't. light airs. Convoy in Co.
12	1	6				

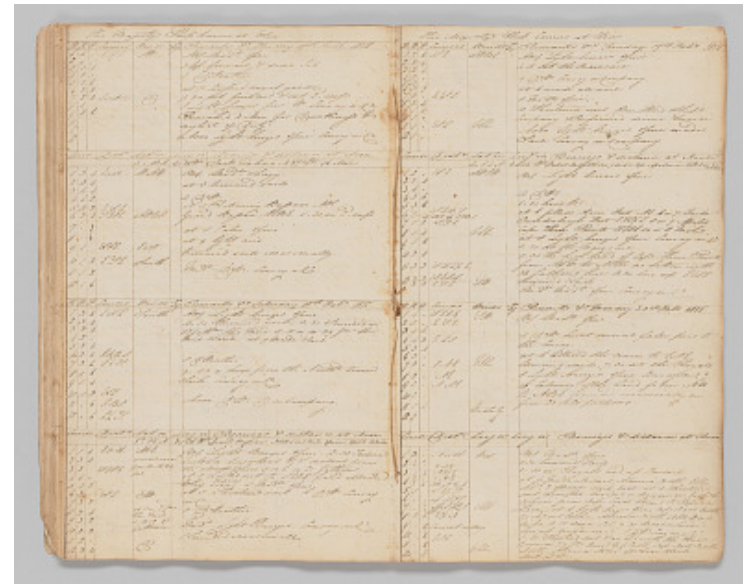
[[7 Columned Table]]

H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Saturday 18th Feb'y 1815 |

1	3	4	E.S.E.	South.		AM/ Light breezes & fine
2	3	4				12:50 Trimmed sails. 3:30 Sounded in
3	2	4				52 fathom blue mud. 5:15 in in 39 fathoms
4	2	"				mud & sand. at 7 Made Sail
5	2	4				
6	2	4	E b S ½ S.			
7	2	6	E ½ S.			8 Light breezes & fine Weather
8	1	6				9:40 a breeze from the North'd. trimmed
9	1	4				Sails. Convoy in Co.
10	1	2	SE.			
11	"	6	E B S.			Noon Light breezes & fine W'r. Convoy in Company.
12	"	6	E ½ S.			

[[5 Columned Table]]

Course | Dist'ce | Lat in | Long in | Bearings and distance at Noon |



|---|---|---|---|---|  
 | | | 5° 05 N | 3° 38 W't | Grand Bassam N b W 5 or 6 Miles Assinia E  
 b N ½ N 14 Miles |

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1	1	4	E ½ S.	N b E.	PM/. Light Breezes & fine. 12:50 Trimmed
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| 2 | 3 | 4 | | sounded occas'ly | | Sails. a long shoal E ½ S. distant  
from

| 3 | 3 | .. | SE b E. | from 20 to 24 | | the closest shore 5 or 6. in 20 fathoms|

4	4	"	fm's	at 2 hauled out to SE B E. Land appeared
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5	4	2				to lay ESE $\frac{1}{2}$ S. 4 Mod'te & fine.
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6	3	..	S.E.	SW.	at 5 Shortened sail. 6 Mod'te & fine W'r.
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# Convoy

| 7 | 3 | 2 | | | | in Co. |

8	3	4		at 8 in 27 fm blue mud.		8 Mod'te & fine W'r.
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9	3	2	8 to 12 27 fathoms.	Mid't. Light Breezes. Convoy in Co.
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10	2	2					
11	2	"				Sounded occasionally.	

## His Majesty's Ship Comus at Sea

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H	K	F	Courses	Winds	No Sig'l	Remarks &c
1815						Sunday. 19th Feb'y

1	2	6	SE.	SW	B	S	AM/. Light breezes & fine
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2	2	6				1:15 set the mainsail
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3	2	6				
---	---	---	--	--	--	--

4	3	"			4 Light breezes & fine W'r. Convoy in Company.
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5	3						
---	---	--	--	--	--	--	--

6	3	2				at 6 made all sail
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7	3	"	E.S.E.			
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8	2	6			8 Mod'te & fine.
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9	1	4				10 Shortened sail Mustered Ships
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10	1	"			Company & Performed divine Service
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11	1	"	S.E.	Vble.	Noon light breezes & fine made
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12	1	"			Sail. Convoy in Company.
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Course	Dist'ce	Lat'de in	Long'de in	Bearings and distance at Noon
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4° 54 N. | 3° 44 W't | [[P?tish]] Fort NNE. 8 or 9 miles. Cape

Apolonia N $\frac{1}{2}$ W 8 or 9 miles

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1	2	"	S.E.	SWbW.	PM/. Light breezes & fine
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2	3	4				
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3	4	"					
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4	3	6			4 Light breezes & fine.
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5	3	6				5:30 have too.	
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6	1	"	SE B S		at 6 filled. Axim Fort NE. 6 or 7 Miles
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Three Points SE b E 10 or 11 Miles |  
 8 | 1 | 4 | | Vble. | | at 8 Light breezes & fine Convoy in Co. |  
 9 | 1 | 6 | | | | 8:30 set the Mainsail |  
 10 | 2 | 4 | | | | 11:30 The high land of Cape Three Points |  
 11 | 3 | 2 | S.S.E. ½ E. | | | from N ½ W. to NE b N. no bottom with 32  
 fathoms line. 11:30 bore up ESE |  
 12 | 2 | 2 | S.E.b.S | SW. | | trimmed Sails |  
 | 2 | 4 | E.S.E. | | | Mid't. Mod'te & fine Convoy in Co. |

[[7 Columned Table]]

H | K | F | Courses | Winds | No Sig'l | Remarks &c Monday 20th Feb'y  
 1815 |  
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 1 | 4 | " | S.E.b.E. | SW | | AM/. Mod'te & fine |  
 2 | 5 | " | E.S.E. | | | |  
 3 | 4 | 6 | | | | |  
 4 | 4 | 2 | E.b.S. | | | 4 Mod'te & fine. burnt several false fires to |  
 5 | 3 | 4 | | | | the Convoy. |  
 6 | 3 | " | | | | at 6 altered the course to ENE. |  
 7 | 2 | " | ENE | Vble. | | trimming sails. 7:30 set the Royals |  
 8 | 2 | " | NE. | | | 8 Light breezes & fine. Convoy in Co. |  
 9 | 2 | " | N.N.E. | | | 10 Extremes of the land from NW |  
 10 | 2 | " | | | | to N B E. Sounded occasionally in |  
 11 | 1 | 6 | | | | from 20 to 30 fathoms. |  
 12 | 2 | .. | | | | Westerly | |

[[5 Columned Table]]

Course	Dist'ce	Lat in	Long in	Bearings and distance at Noon

[[7 Columned Table]]

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 1 | 3 | " | North. | West | | PM/ Mod'te & fine |  
 2 | 1 | 6 | | | | 1:30 trimmed Sails |  
 | 2 | .. | ENE | | | 2:10 in Royals and up Foresail |  
 3 | 1 | 6 | NE b E | | | |  
 4 | 2 | " | ENE. | | | at 4 Made all sail. Almina Castle E b N |  
 | 3 | 6 | E B N ¾ N. | | | obs'd 2 strange sail East. at 5 Shortened |  
 5 | 5 | .. | SE ½ S. | | | sail & hove too. boarded a Brig under English |  
 6 | " | . } | up SSE | | | Colours from Cape Coast bound to Sierra |  
 7 | . | } | off SE b S. | SW. | | Leon. at 6 Light breezes & fine Cape  
 Coast Castle |  
 8 | 2 | 6 | E ¼ S | | | E ½ N 7 or 8 Miles. Almina Castle S b W 3 or 4 |  
 9 | " | 6 | Current setting | | | miles. 6:15 down Jib. 7:30 Boat  
 returned bore up & made sail. 8 Light breezes & fine W'r. Convoy in Co. |  
 10 | " | 6 | ESE | | | 8:20 Shortened sail & anch'd with the Best |  
 11 | " | 6 | | | | Bower in 7½ fms. Veered to ½ Cable. Cape Coast  
 Castle |  
 12 | " | 4 | | | | Vble. | | North. Almina NE ¾ E. Offshore 1½ Mile Mid't  
 Light breezes & fine W'r. |

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