

wai bearing by compass from S. 5. E. to S. 30 W. 10 or 11 leagues distant. In the afternoon all the sails were furled on the main-mast, and we were employed until six in the evening in fixing the fish, and securing the head of the mast; when the sails were again set, and we proceeded to the E. N. E. The wind was generally to the westward of north, with cool and pleasant, though generally cloudy weather, attended by a great swell from the N. W. which indicated the wind having blown with much violence in that direction. The main-mast, after a trial of some days in a fresh gale with a heavy sea, not seeming to complain, the top-gallant-mast was on Friday the 23d got up, and the usual quantity of sail carried. The N. W. swell had now almost subsided, and the wind veered round to N. E. with which we stood to the N. N. W. The weather continuing dark and gloomy prevented our making any observations on the solar eclipse this morning; but at noon our observed latitude was $24^{\circ} 43'$, longitude $209^{\circ} 0'$; and in the afternoon the variation was found to be $11^{\circ} 5'$ eastwardly.

Our course was directed to the eastward or northward as the wind veered, which was mostly on the northern board, blowing a moderate breeze with pleasant weather. On Thursday the 29th, in latitude 27° , I got five sets of distances of the moon and sun; the mean result gave the longi-