

Question.—If the wind came from the Southward and carried you off, why when the wind came from the Eastward would it not carry you back ?

Answer.—I was so far off before I could get near the shore the land breeze would head me off.

Question.—I see by the log that the wind on the 6th of June, at 2 p.m., was E.S.E.; at 5 p.m., was S.S.E.; at 9 p.m., it was N.E. If you had attempted to steer the vessel into Matanzas would not those winds have carried you in, and I see the log makes the breeze as freshening, and the weather fine, so you had a steady, easterly breeze for over 10 hours before you ran the vessel ashore. Do you pretend to say if you had steered your vessel for Matanzas Harbor, those winds would not have carried you in ?

Answer.—I was so far off the land, and the current so strong, I could not get in. The rate of the current varies from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 knots. It was about 3 knots then.

Question.—Why is not the current marked on the log ?

Answer.—Some mark it, and some don't. It was the neglect of the Mate.

Question.—Did you ever attempt to put the head of your vessel to the Westward, and when ?

Answer.—I did ; about 16 hours before she went ashore—that is about 12 o'clock the night before ; she was off Mantanzas, in the stream ; the wind came from the southward, and shoved me off again.

Question.—I see an entry in the log book on the 4th June, "Found the leak forward on the starboard side, and aft on the port side, but could not stop it. The wind S.S.E., and the position of the vessel a short distance out of Havana, what was to hinder you with that wind, from running back to Havana ?

Answer.—I could not get back on account of the current.

Question.—How is it that when you want to account for the vessel having sprung a leak you state there was strong wind, and when you come to account for not running her to leeward against the current, you make the wind light ?

Answer.—We did not think of trying the pumps till 8 o'clock in the morning ; when I found the vessel had made water, then we had got out of sight of land, in the stream, and could not get back. I cannot tell how many miles we were from land.

Question.—I see by the log book that you had sailed at that time thirty miles, what was to hinder you, with the wind that way, sailing back this thirty miles ?

Answer.—I kept her on her course, and tried to pump her out. I don't know if I had tried and sailed for Havana, whether she would have gone there or not.

Question.—Do you think you were justified with a vessel in ballast, proceeding on your voyage, with the vessel making so much water, that with all her pumps constantly going she had three feet of water over her ceiling at one end, and two feet at the other ?

Answer.—Not if I could get into port.

Question.—I see by the log at 8 o'clock, 4th June, fresh breeze ; wind S.S.E. ; tacked ship ; commenced to make more water ; keeping the pumps going constantly ; 2 feet of water fore side of ballast, 3 feet after. Was not that just eight hours after you left Havana ?

Answer.—It was by the log book.

Question.—As this vessel, just 8 hours after leaving Havana, leaked in this way, is it not perfectly clear you were mistaken about her receiving no damage on the Silver Cay Ledge ?

Answer.—I don't think I am mistaken.

(Signed,)

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