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Dear Robert,

This is written Longitude 29°W and Latitude 19° S, about 85 miles North of Trinidad Island. As I did not meet any ship since the Canaries Islands and could not approach any there, I hope this few lines will join you.

Life is still beautiful at sea... what else to say? I do not know! At sea, life is so different than on shore, that it is difficult to write about it: the sun rises, the sun culminates, then the sun sets, and one day pushes the other nicely and softly.

My physical (healthy) condition is OK and I don't think I lost any weath ("poids" in french). Here are my weakly positions, so that you can plot them in the charts:

29 <sup>th</sup> August:	Latitude 35°39'	Longitude 14°10'
5 September	Latitude 20°52'	Longitude 19°17'
12 September	" " 11°31'North	" " 20°09'
19 September	" " 0°54' South	" " 20°44'
26 September	" " 14°43'	" " 27°36'

I met very variable and light winds since the 26<sup>th</sup> of September and that is why my position is not far today. I also met long periods of light and variable winds between 16° and 5° North.

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My 2 best week runs (from noon to noon) was 1.024 miles between the 22 and 29<sup>th</sup> August, and 1.064 miles between the 20<sup>th</sup> and the 26<sup>th</sup> September.

The other week runs were:

951 miles between 30<sup>th</sup> August and 5 September

718 miles " 6 September and 12<sup>th</sup> September

880 miles " 13 and 19 September

(every week is 7 days of course) from Friday to Thursday

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I am reading lots of very good books, that is one good thing at sea, you have time to read well and to think about what you read. I read again the Jungle book from Kipling (that is about the 50<sup>th</sup> time I read this book since I am a little boy) and every time I like it more. This probably means that "je retombe en enfance" (I don't know how to translate this in English).

I will try to drop this to some fishing boat in the vicinity of Trinidad Island.

Regards

Bernard.