

There was one at the consul's, recently imported from the Foolah district in Africa, who was purchased by him for one hundred and fifty dollars.

The costumes here are so various that it scarcely can be said that any one of them is peculiar to the island. The men generally wear a white shirt and trousers, with a dark vest, principally the cast-off clothing of the whites. Others go quite naked, excepting a straw hat; others again are in loose shirts. The women have a shawl fastened around them, with occasionally another thrown over them, covering the mouth and bust, and crossing behind. The children for the most part go naked.

The Relief not having arrived, I deemed it an unnecessary detention to await her here. There was great necessity of reaching Rio de Janeiro as soon as possible, in order to complete our outfits, and put the vessels in fit condition to meet the Antarctic cruising as soon as possible. I therefore determined to proceed thither forthwith. The store-ship did not reach Porto Praya until the 18th, after a passage from Hampton Roads of sixty days. Nothing more truly illustrates the necessity of navigating in the prevailing winds, than this passage of the Relief compared with that of the squadron. We took the route by Madeira, over one thousand miles greater in distance, remained there a week, and yet we arrived at Porto Praya eleven days sooner. The Relief, pursuing the direct route, had light baffling winds during her whole passage. Although something is undoubtedly due to her dull sailing, yet the difference is too great to be entirely attributed to that cause. The winds were generally found by her from the northward and eastward, and southward and eastward, whilst we, in a higher latitude, had them from the southwest, and the westward.

On the 7th of October, we left Porto Praya, and stood for Patty's Overfalls, as laid down on the chart, in latitude 11° N., and longitude $24^{\circ} 25'$ W. In the afternoon we spoke the Danish brig Lion, from Rio de Janeiro. She had crossed the line in longitude 27° W., and had brought the trades to $6^{\circ} 30'$ N. We lost the trade winds the day after we left Porto Praya, the 8th of October, in latitude 12° N., and longitude $23^{\circ} 30'$ W. The winds then became variable, and squalls of rain ensued. The upper clouds had still a quick motion to the westward. On the same day we spoke the Crusader, seventy-five days from Bombay, which vessel was in want of medical aid. I sent the surgeon on board, and administered to their wants every thing that was in our power. It afforded us no small pleasure to supply