

W. George Clarke to the Asst. Secretary

Mr Board the Herms left Bristol

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Rio de Janeiro South America

Ans. Feb. 15/23

June 24. 1829

Rev. G. D. Esq

Com. Feb. 18/23

T. M. Hoelken.

Our Captain having occasion to put

in at Rio de Janeiro for fresh water; gives me an opportunity of acquainting you with some of the particulars of the voyage to this place, the ship being about leaving the port for England.

We sailed from Gravesend on the 28 of April and arrived at Rio de Janeiro on the 20th of June being a passage of 53 days during the voyage I have had about fortnight's sea sickness and Mrs Clarke has been sick all the voyage but is now far recovered on the first of May we entered the bay of Bahia on the 14th came in sight of Pernambuco on the 15 we had Ferris and Homero in crew, and on the 20 came in sight of the Cape Verde Islands here we began to feel the heat oppressive and many of the passengers are complaining from the 2^d of May to the 20th of June we were becalmed within about three degrees