

very hot. A Dutch East Indianman bound from
 Amsterdam to Batavia in night. Lucy Nigra-
 lying her all morning. She passed on the left.
 She is the first vessel that has passed us
 since we sailed. Several other vessels in night.
 12 o'clock Lat. 13..20 Long 25..42 Distance 130 miles.
 Thursday 26th A Fine morning but instantly
 hot and no wind, a complete calm. A
 French bark also becalmed about two
 miles off. the Captain gave us permission
 to have one of the boats out, just as we
 were ready there was a cry of a shark
 astern, all was excitement. the boat
 was soon overboard with a piece of
 pork at the end of it. he came and
 snatched it then turned on his back
 intending to take the bait but thinking
 better of it retired. He soon however returned
 the pork proving too tempting a morsel

to be refused. he took it and was soon
 hoisted on to the deck. he was a young
 fish about 7 feet long, in the inside of
 him was found a little fish, and on
 his back a small fish called the sucker
 which is often found attached to the back
 of the Shark. as soon as we had seen enough
 of ^{the} monster we proceeded in the boat to the
 French vessel, our crew consisted of myself
 Messrs Scott the chief officer, Butterfield,
 Willcock, Flemming, Williams, and Duncan
 as we approached the bark we met
 one of their boats with some ladies, they
 asked in French if we were going on board
 to which we replied "yes" we accordingly
 went on board where we were received
 with the greatest politeness. she appeared
 to be about 350 tons with about 20
 passengers on board. He was invited