

down into theuddy and cigars with brandy and other nice drinkables put upon the table, we had rather a difficulty in making ourselves understood as none of us could speak much French but altogether we managed very well. after we had had some music we persuaded some of the passengers to return with us on board the "Randolph". the Captain of the "Active" therefore lowered two boats which were soon filled, we took two of the ladies in our boat & though we were the last to leave we were first alongside the "Randolph" as soon as we were all on board and all the proper ceremonies of introductions gone through some bottled ale was handed round which they all appeared to enjoy, the ladies included. We pressed them

very much to dine with us the French Captain at first declined but in the end yielded to the solicitations of the the Ladies who were very anxious to stay. We had a very good dinner after which we had some singing. Our party left us about noon o'clock after spending a very pleasant day. Sept. 27th the day fine morning, still no wind. Saw the French ship in the distance, she kept waving as all the morning, towards noon we proposed going on board to which Capt Dale consented, the boat was accordingly lowered and off we went with a large party including two ladies, we took with us two pots of preserved milk one of cream and a bottle of mustard as a present for the French Captain. we were received with great cordiality. we were invited to dine with them, about 4 o'clock we sat down to a very good dinner