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On Board the Confederacy Frigate.

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Remarks &c. on Board the Confederacy Frigate. —
now at St. Pierr's. —

Monday 20th Decem.r 1779

I returned on Board this Morning from Town. – The Governor of this Island, several Gentlemen of distinction and a few Offices of the Army and Navy came on Board this morning to Breakfast and view the Ship. – Ships Crew employed about Sundries. – went ashore again in the afternoon & returned in the Evening without any thing particular happening. —

Tuesday 21st. Employed myself all this day on Board writing home. – the Weather very warm notwithstanding it's very agreeable and cool on board the Ship having the advantage of the Seabreezes. Cleaned Ship fore and Aft &c. —

Wednesday 22. At 4 this Morning Mr. Gerard went in our Barge accompani'd with Mr. Jay and Bingham to Fort Royal. – as he passed the Ship he was Saluted with 21 Guns as a farewell. One of the French Frigates in this Harbour sailed this forenoon soon after a Sloop of War and several Merchant Ships arrived from Fort Royal. – At Meridian 4 large Ships supposed to be English in Chace of three french Frigates from Granada they were some distance to Seeward. – This afternoon being in Town had good information from several Gentlemen of Character that D.—. from whom I bought my Bills had formerly lived here and runaway to America greatly in debt after defrauding a number of Gentlemen and otherwise bears a most Villianous Character. From other circumstances

and all I can collect, I too much fear my Bills is not worth a Shilling. a disagreeable piece of News to find myself here a Stranger, Moneyless, Friendless and Bills not even Saleable! too severe a stroke on me after escaping the late misfortunes. —

Thursday 23d. This Morning met Mr P— in town who acted the part of a polite Friend in respect to my private business. — Dined with Capt.n Daniels on board his Brig lately from Boston in company with the Doctor & Purser. — after dinner went a shore and took a little Exercise — at 6 PM. went in company with all our Officers to the Playhouse; The Piece that was performed is an English Farce called the Deserter and much esteemed by Europeans but in the French is much altered from the English Mode and ruined with a multiplicity of Singing it was uncommonly short beginning and concluding the Evenings entertainment without any addition The Sloop Hancock Capt.n Leister, Schooner Dean Capt.n P Richards and another Sloop arrived this Evening from Statia and lately from N London in Connecticut. —

Friday 24th. A Dispute having happened a few Nights ago in a Bagnio, between Mr P. of our Ship and an Acting Lieut.t of one of the French Frigates in this Harbor, ~~upon which~~ a Challenge ensued. in consequence thereof the Parties with their proper attendents was this morning at 6 O'Clock conducted in our Barge to the Northward of the Town where they Landed and exchanged two Shot without either party's receiving injury after which the Enmity subsided

and the Partys became Friends. It may be easily judged what was the cause of this Dispute from the place where it happened, but it is too frequently the cause of Strife and promoter of Bloodshed. — Mr. Gerard and Jay returned this morning from Fort Royal and ensured our being fitted there with all expedition, but as it will take a considerable time to compleat us the French Admiral has favored them with a Frigate to carry them to France, so that we shall return to America from hence except orders to the contrary from Congress. — The Iphigena Frigate of 32 Guns and the Sloop of War Series of 18. — Sailed this forenoon on a Cruize. — Unmoored Ship this Evening in order to go to Fort-Royal tomorrow. —

Saturday 25th. Hove up this morning and dropt outside of the French Frigates in order to come to Sail. — Dined on board with the Officers tho' it was Christmas Day after which we went to Town. — This Day is highly celebrated here by the Inhabitants in their Churches, some amusing themselves at various Entertainments, whilst others of the World are carrying on their usual Business and grasping at every glittering Bauble they can see. — Spent the Evening and Supp'd at Mr. Binghams with Mr. Jay and Lady, of whom I took a final leave and returned onboard. — Light Winds and Shore business prevented our Sailing to day. —

Sunday 26. At Daybreak this morning hove up and got under way with a light breeze off Shore, kept along shore to the Southward with Winds very variable, pased several neat Villages

and small Batteries. — at 12 O'Clock got into the mouth of Fort Royal Bay. — at 1 the Town and Shipping in sight about four Leagues distance. — The Wind being down the Bay obliges us to Work the Ship up Tack & Tack which she performs beyond expectation. — The Land about Fort Royal appears more even than at St. Pierrs and some well cultivated Plantations. — about halfway this Bay on a small Island called Pigeon Island near the South shore is a very formidable Fort with a number of heavy Cannon and Mortars. — On the North side of the Bay another small Fort situated on Point Negro about four Miles below the Town. — another opposite Fort Royal on the S. shore with Fort Borboun the back of Fort Royal appearing very large and spacious. — at 5 PM a Pilot or Harbor-master came onboard and at 8 came to Anchor above the Ships. —

Monday 27th The Pilot came onboard this morning got the Ship underway and run into the Carnage*. it's a small Bason but deep where all the Kings Ships heaves down, situated on the East side of the Fort. Admrl. Sal Not Piquet lays off in the Harbor with 6 Sail of the Line, whom we Saluted as we passed which was returned with Eleven Guns. also Saluted the Fort Royal which was returned in the same manner. at 12 Moored Ship head and Stern close under the Walls of the Fort all hands employed in the afternoon striking Yards & Topmasts. — went ashore in the Evening to view the Town of Fort Royal found it to be a very uniform Built place situated

* Carenage.

on a perfect Level it's about half as large as St. Piers but the Buildings not so good in general there are several good Walks and Malls about the Town. The greatest part of the Inhabitants here are Mustees* very little Trade here tho' the Seat of Government. —

Tuesday 28th. Having private business at St. Piers went ashore this morning with Mr. V. at 10 took passage in a Canoe from Town. These Canoes will carry 6 or 7 Hhds Sugar and ply with Freight or Passengers from here to St. Piers. they are rowed by five or six Negroes whose Lives appears to be as wretched as any part of the Human race. some of them are chained by one leg to the Boat and others shews the stripes of cruelty on their Body's in this manner these unhappy Mortals row in these Boats for Weeks without 10 hours intermission and as Naked as the moment of their Birth not even the Galley Slaves in Barbary is more miserable. It is not only these that feels the stripes of inhumanity but many on shore are to be seen with a heavy Iron ring round his Neck from which leads a heavy chain to another ring round his Waist and from that to another Ring round his Ankle. and others dragging by one foot 50 or 60 lb. of Chain and in this Situation are obliged to go thro' their usual Services. But to return to our Passage we arrived at St. 3 P.M. but contrary to expectation found that Mr. Jay and Lady with Mr. Gerard, Carmichel Penet and Livingston had that Morning Sailed for Europe in the Aurora French Frigate. which frustrated our intentions. spent there at sundry places. —

* Offspring of white person and quadroon: a contraction of Mestizo.

Wednesday 29th December. Several Vessels arrived to day at St. Pierr's from Statia. Dined & spent the afternoon with Mr. Bingham the Continental Agent. - in the Evening at the Dancing School where the Young Ladies and Gentlemen of the Town, practice twice or thrice a Week they Dance extraordinary well particularly Cotillions, afterwards Supt at with Mr. Byrne at his Lodgings and retired to our own s.

Thursday 30th The forenoon spent in transacting a little trifling Business. - after Dinner procured a passage in a small wherry Boat - at 4 PM set off with the addition of Mr. W. in company - on our passage saw a French Frigate beating up Fort Royal Bay. - at 9 O'Clock arrived safe at the Ship and found all well but in low Spirits having but an indifferent prospect of getting Spars to fit us. - since my absence the Powder and Guns sent a Shore. - and the Admiral has demanded and taken on board his Fleet all our Frenchmen to the amount of 40 or 50 a good riddence of Subbers. - The French Fleet is going out on a short Cruize and being in want of Men the Admiral has borrowed 30 Men from us for 20 days amongst which is a Serjt. & 15 Marines

Friday 31st. Intelligence received here yesterday from St. Lucie that 15 Sail of the British Fleet had Sailed from thence their destination unknown. a Crew employed rigging the Cutter sent a number of water Casks a Shore. - Admiral Sa & Mr Piquet aboard this afternoon viewing the Ship - no Spars procured yet. - at Sundown the Amphitrite French Frigate came to Anchor

in the Fleet having carried away her Foretopmast and Maintopgallant mast, in a Flaw of Wind at the mouth of this Bay in the Forenoon. These Flaws of wind comes off the Land unexpected and are very common. — Working the Chainpumps this Evening one of the Men had his Arm caught between the Crank and Stantion which tore great part of the Flesh off his Arm is feared it will cause an Amputation. he sent a shore immediatly to the Hospital. —

Saturday 1st January 1780. The Gunners Crew employed carrying Shot ashore &c Mr Bingham came to Town. — spent the afternoon ashore being Newyears day — in the Evening returned on board. — at 7 in the Evening the Centry on the Larboard Gangway fired on a Man swimming away from the Ship without injuring him. the Jolly Boat pursued him alongside the 74 laying along side of us: he proved to be one of her Men which had Swam on board our Ship in the evening and was returning back. but not answering the Centry when hailed he was obligated to Fire on him. —

Sunday 2d Several Gentlemen on board this morning viewing the Ship. also Mr B. our Agent. ~~he~~ who informs us he cannot procure Spars to fit us immediatly, therefore must wait the arrival of a Spar Ship which is expected here, so that from appearances at present there is no probability of our leaving here this several Months. Rigged the Cutter this afternoon Sloop fashion. nothing more particular. —

Monday 3d January Rainy Foggy Weather this morning, the French Fleet, & Sail of the Line & 2 Frigates hove up came to Sail and run out to Sea their destination unknown. at 9 O'Clock the Capt. 2d Lieut. & Purser Sailed in the Cutter for St. Piers got two Spars from shore to take out the Mizenmast. employed myself all day writing home. The Cutter returned in the Night with the 2d Lieut.

Tuesday 4th Early this morning appeared in the Mouth of this Bay an English Fleet of 14 Sail having intelligence I suppose that Monsieur Piquet was going to Sail, but they were a Day too late the Bird they seek'd had flown. at 11 they made Sail and stood to the Southward. as soon as this Fleet was discovered all the Ships in the Bay was ordered into the Carnage. In the morn I went with M.N. in the Cutter to the other side of the Bay. hauled the Seine several Times but without success, which obliged us to purchase a few Fish at a Neighbouring House which we had cooked and served for a very good repast. at 1 made Sail again into another Bay where we made another attempt attended with the usual success. We then throwed by our Nets and went up to an adjacent Planters house where we were received and treated with great politeness we found the Master of the House to be a Man of good property. after regaleing us with a Bottle of Wine and Fruit he conducted us thro' his Gardens, where I found all kinds of Sallads in great perfection with a variety of West-India fruits such as Cocoa nuts, Bennania's, Plantain

Oranges and the Garden surrounded with a hedge of Lime trees growing about as high and thick as the Thorn hedge the Trees are full of small thorns and the leaves much like the American Laurel always Green. – at 5 we parted with him after receiving many pressing invations to renew the Visit. – got to the Ship at Sundown and found the Mizenmast and stump of the Bowsprit taken out.

Wednesday 5. Got up all our Sails to dry. – the Cutter sent to water this morning early to Camapuire Bay; on their return the Wind blowed so fresh they could not get here before 2 P.M. myself a shore on Ship buiness in the Morning. – Carpenters at work ashore on the Mizenmast the Cutter with the 2d. Lieut. went to our former Fishing Ground. – went to Town in the Evng.

Thursday 6th. Very warm Weather. all Hands employed about Sundries. the Cutter went to St. Piers this morning for the Captain. spent the Evening ashore nothing further particular.

Friday 7th. The Carpenters ashore Tongueing the Mizenmast; others preparing to Caulk the Ship in the Evening the Capt.a & Purser returned in the Cutter from St. Piers and brought with them a quantity of Sauce and Coffee for the Ships use. came round in the Cutter a French Lieut. taken in one of the 3 Frigates (the 3 being taken) that saw chased by 4 – 74's whilst we lay at St. P. – The Officers had every thing plundered from them when taken ~~about~~ except the Cloaths they had on, and in many other respects treated Cruelly.

Saturday 8th Carpenters caulking the Ships sides. Riggd the Forey and Fore and aft on the Fore Mast in order to get in the Bowsprit (when we get one). Captn Harding ashore all day endeavoring to procure Spars for the Ship but can get no satisfaction from the Intendant. here we have been three Weeks and no nearer being fitted than the Hour we arrived. the inattention that we have been treated with here as a Vessel in distress and an Ally calls loudly to his Christian Majesty for Redress as it is most undoubtedly a breach of the Treaty of Alliance. After Meridian a French frigate came into the Carnage to heave down.

Sunday 9th Spent the day on board. a Sermon Preached on board in the Forenoon. Dined with the Captain. the 3d Lieut went to St Piers on Ships business. Mr Minot a Merchr from Boston spent the day on board. a Flagg from St Lucie but last from St Piers came up the Bay and Landed several Prisoners. came on board in the Forenoon 3 Americans just made their escape from St Lucie, they bring no intillegence of certainty.

Monday 10th This morning Capn Harding with the first Lieut went in the Cutter to St P. in order if possible to expidite our refitting. at 11 I went a shore to the Fort and Town on Ships business amongst other things waited on the Intendent for a few Articles for the Ship but to no effect. Dined on board after dinner went in company with some of the Officers up to Fort Borboun situated about a Mile to the N. & E. of the Town on a high Mountain and very

Commanding piece of Ground its the largest and most extensive piece of work of the kind I ever saw the Walls is upwards of 50 feet high surrounded with a very wide Ditch which we avere informd can be filled in a few minutes on occasion from Water works in the Fort. but the Commanding Officer not being in the Fort we could not view the Water works or many other curosities. I imagine the whole Works comprehending Redoubts &c extends a Mile and half the whole looks down into Fort Royal.- It was this hill the English availed themselves of last War unknown to the French and beat down the Walls of Fort Royal and obliged the Island to Capitulate. since the French has taken the hint and fortified it themselves.- returned onboard in the Evening.

Tuesday 18th. This Morning took a view of Fort Royal. its situated on the South side of the Town on a Penninsula the greatest part of it surrounded by the Bay. it's large and very strong composed of a great number of Batteries mounting in the whole to upwards of 130 pieces of heavy Cannon & 6 large Mortars with very large Barracks suffiuent to contain 6 or 7000 Troops - also several large Magazines well fitted. in this Fort there is a large Cavity cut out of a Rock suffiuent to contain all the Inhabitants of the Town secure in case of a Seige. — Latter part of the day waited on the Marquis de Bouille the General. to demand two Marines who had lately deserted and Listed into their Service upon which he immediatly released them. - Tho' seemingly against the inclination of the Officer that Listed them who amongst the rest endeavoured to add to our distress by wishing to detain them

Wednesday 12th. Rainy thick weather all day. the Captn returned in the Cutter from St P.
Mr Byrne came onboard with him. the three Men which I retrieved yesterday was brought on
board under Guard and confined in Irons. — Several of the Seamen having Liberty to go ashore
in the afternoon returned onboard much intoxicated with Liquor and in consequence of it like all
Sailors began to grumble at their usage and insisted on being sent to St Lucie to be exchanged these
were joined by several who was taken out of English Privateers and in a few minutes the whole
Ship appeared in a flame of Mutiny. the Ringleaders were immediatly confined in Irons hands
and feet and some of the most obstropolous were Gagged, which soon cooled them down. however
they were kept in confinement all Night. —

Thursday 13th. Released all the Prisoners from confinement under promise of good behaviour
prevented all Bombboats from coming alongside which was a great means of our Crews getting
so much Liquor. The Captain has agreed with the Officer of the Flag to exchange these Men
for Americans. imployed myself all day writing home. — The Flag sailed after dark for
St Lucie she is to return in a few days with Americans for us. — The Officer of this Flag has
the most Liberty of any Officer of the kind I ever saw. being under no restrictions going thro' the
Ships Forts &c wherever he pleases he'll be able to give a good representation of the state of affairs
there. the Ifand States of America would not allow themselves to be dupe'd in this manner. —

Friday 14 January Nothing particular this morning. all Hands employed picking Oakum making Sunnet and fitting the Mizen rigging &c

Saturday 15th. Took down the Sheers which is wanted on board the French Ships. — Our Friends here have at last granted us what Spars they have to spare being only two or three Pieces to Tongue the Mizenmast and Bowsprit and two Spars for lower Yards having none for a Mainmast or Foremast, but they have granted us as much Rigging as we want

Sunday 16th This morning Signals displayed for a great number of Ships off the South part of the Island. — arrived here a Brig from Dartmouth in America Loaded with Lumber Our Chaplain delivered an extraordinary good Discourse. — after Dinner went a Sailing with the Officers spent the afternoon aboard of an American Ship.

Monday 17th The Capt. and first Lieut. went to St. Pierre this morning in the Cutter the Master ashore picking suitable Rigging for the Ship — got a Spar on board to Tongue the Mizenmast which we are under the necessity of making it serve for a Mainmast. — arrived here this afternoon a French Flag of Truce which had been sent from here to Barbadoes some time ago for a number of French Prisoners which is due the French, but they would not permit the Officer to go ashore or pay any attention to his demands and during the time he lay there

a strong Guard was kept on Board the Ship. Treatment far different to what the English Flag recived when here the other day.

Tuesday 18th. I was taken this Morning very ill with a Fever which confined me to my Bed all day.

Wednesday 19th. Found myself much better this morning so as to be able to go upon deck the Cutter returned this afternoon with the Captain they took up the Armorers Mate whilst at St. Piers. - got part of the Rigging on board yesterday. Carpenters caulking the Ship and working a shore on the Mizenmast.

Thursday 20th. Several people sent to the Hospital sick and others taking sick daily - got the Rigging on board. - Our polite Planter on the South side of the Bay with whom we spent the afternoon when last a Fishing spent the forenoon and dined with us. the Carpenters Tonguing the Mizenmast. all hands employed working up Junk &c.

Friday 21st. Seamen employed fitting the Mainrigging. - Cutter taking the Shingle ballast ashore. got off from Shore two Spars to make lower Yards and two Spars for Sheers to get in the Mainmast.

Saturday 22d. Raised the Sheers and got out the Jurymainmast. The first Lieutenant went in the Barge to St Piers to send round a number of Spars for the Ship. carrying Ballast a shore all day. The 74 alongside of us this Evening hauled off to heave down. a heavy Firing was heard the day before yesterday from the South part of the Island at St Lucie. the reason of it is not yet known.

Sunday 23d. The Cutter returned this morning from St Piers with a Sloop's mainmast to make us a Foremast. very pleasant day, squally with a good deal of Rain in the afternoon nothing further particular. it being the Sabbath day staid on board all day.

Monday 24th. This morning the Barge sent to St Piers. for more Spars. our Carpenters employed making the lower Yards. one hand Caulking the Ship. Employed myself the Forenoon writing home. in the Evening in Town with some of our Officers. amongst many passing Scenes one presented to my view this afternoon which I was before totally ignorant of a Lady was passing along Street dressed in a brown riding Habit and Petticoat. it was cried out she was Booted. I looked more narrowly and greatly to my surprize found it so as her Petticoats was short they were easily perceived with high Cork heels. I don't know how high they drew up. but I suppose to her I look under her Umbrello to satisfy myself whether it was Man or Woman & there I beheld a face all bedaubed with paint and head as big as a bushel. she was an Original she had been riding with a whip in her hand.

Tuesday 25th January. Heavy Rains with smart Squalls of Wind. employed four French Carpenters at work on the lower Yards. — procured a Spar this afternoon to Splice the Foremast. The Barge returned in the Evening from St. Pierr's with two large Spars. haveing left our Purser there, very Sick with a fever. we are informed a Philadelphia Brig arrived at St. P. yesterday in distress. having met with severe Weather on the Coast of America from where she was drove off and lost her Topmasts she was last from Calais. — two of our People taken with severe fits this Evening. the fifer tumbled over Board and had near being Drowned a Man tumbled into the Mainhold without receiving much injury. and one of the Centrys tumbled off the Ganguay in upon Deck. I believe the D-l got aboard to Night the whole Ship seemed to be in a Tumult all the Evening. —

Wednesday 26th. The Boat returned to St. Pierrs this morning. — Squally weather the forenoon - the Carpenters at work ashore on the Spars. - fixing the Main rigging aboard. sending the Shingle Ballast a shore. - very heavy Squalls of wind with Rain all the Evening. — Signals displayed about Sundown up at Fort-Borboun for a Fleet being seen off. not more particular.

Thursday 27th. January. — Fresh Breezes this Day from the S.E. — piece of Timber which we got to splice the Foremast we have concluded to make a Bowsprit of it by joining the heel of the old one to it. got on shore this afternoon for that purpose. — Signals display, at different times to day for a Fleet being seen off. — Yesterday application was made formally to the Intendant for (only) Canvas sufficient to make our Courses but he preremptorily refused it at the same time we were certainly assured of their being a large Quantity of it in the Public Stores. Thus is our refitting wantonly retarded by this Man until we can be redressed by the General, who is at present out of Town. and owing to nothing more than a difference in Public Party affairs subsisting between the General and Intendant. —

Friday 28th. Late last Night the 1st Lieuten. returned in the Barge from St. Pierrs but without any Spars the Continental Agent there having not Money to purchase any more. — this morning 13 or 14 Sail of the English Fleet in sight. — several Seamen entered on board to day having left some American Vessels at St. Piers. — Ebenezer Tanner one of the Cooks Mates sleping on deck last Night was accidently trod on the Belly by some Person in the dark from which he died this afternoon it's supposed some of his Entrails was broke. — heavy squalls with rain this afternoon a Ship arr. from St. P. with public Stores. — 6 Sail of the English fleet in the mouth of this bay this Evening. — several of our Officers taken sick also the People. —

Saturday 29th January. This morning the Barge and Cutter went to St. Piers for Provisions &c. the Capt.n & 2 Lieut.s went in them. — Seven Sail of the Admiral Parkers Fleet off the mouth of the Bay this forenoon. — Carpenters at work a shore on the Masts. Seamen fixing rigging &c. .

Sunday 30th — Last Night the Series Sloop of War came up the Bay. the English Fleet in sight this morning. — no busines Transacting to day it being the Sabbath. after Dinner took a walk about a Mile in the Country with my 2d Lieutenant. saw several good Country Seats and fine Plantations covered mostly with the Sugar Cane. but for want of Linguister return.d early in the afternoon. ——

Monday 31st. At 3 O'Clock this morning the Barge returned from St. Piers with four small Spars. by which we learn that the British Fleet being off St. P. yesterday under French Colours one of them took an American Brig bound into St. P. close under one of the French Batteries which fired on the Ship and was returned from her but without any injury on either side. — at 9 A.M. the Barge went to St. Piers again. two of my Marines died to day at the Hospital Viz.t John Wainright Fifer, & Enoch Bretts. — Carpenters at work on Sundrys sawing Paunches for the Masts and Tonguing the Bowsprit. —

Tuesday 1st February. At 11. AM. set off from the Ship in the Cutter for St. Piers in company with several of our Officers on our way round saw eight Sail of the English to the Southward of this Island. being calm made our Passage very tedious at 6 PM got aboard of Capt. Thompsons Brig from Philadelphia saw an old acquaintance Capt. Mullet who I delivered Letters for Phila. went to Town about Dark and met Capt. Dt. - spent the Evening at the American Coffee - House with several Gentlemen from America &c.

Wednesday 2d. - Set off this morning at 6. O'clock in the Cutter, also the Barge with Capt. Harding and Mr. Bingham. Breakfasted with Captain Thompson on board his Brig - afterwards made the best of our way to the Ships and arrived about three O'Clock. The Carpent. at work on the Spars. &c.

Thursday 3d. - Pleasant agreable Weather all this Day. Carpenters finishing off the Mainmast. - Cutter employed all Day carrying Shingle Ballast a shore. - a Crew fixing the Rigging &c. nothing more worthy of Remark.

Friday 4th. Went a shore this forenoon on business with Mr. Bingham. He has made a fresh demand of Spars &c to fit us which at last is complied with thro' the assistance of the General. - at 2 PM. the 2d. Lieut. went to St. Pins in the Barge to employ a &c.

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Saturday 5th February. Launched the Mainmast this morning at 11 got it in its place and before Night got the Mainrigging overhead and Seized in the Dead Eyes. finished the Bowsprit also ready to take in. and two Topmasts. Purchased two Caps ashore for the Mainmast and Foremast. Our Sailmakers employed altering the Sails. procured Canvas from the Kings Stores for our Courses and Sixteen Barrels of Provisions Sailmakers employed ashore to make the Courses. the rest of our Sails making in St. Piers the weather very pleasant and favorable for our Work. ——

Sunday 6th The Lieutenant returned this morning from St. Piers without effecting the business he went on. Yesterday ten Sail of the English Fleet being to the Northward of the Island chaced in a Brig and Schooner under a three Gun Battery which the Ships engaged for some time and Landed upwards of 200 Men upon which the few Troops that was in the Battery abandoned it after Spiking up the Guns. The Enemy burnt the two Vessels in this grand acquisition One of the Ships lost her Bowsprit another a Topgt Mast Cross jack Yard and two Boats Sunk in landing the Troops. — The great necessity of getting the Ship fitted with all Expedition obliged us to keep the Ship Crew at work to Day tho' it is the Sabbath. Notwithstanding our Chaplin delivered us ab.t 11 O'Clk an excellent well adapted.

Sermon on the abominable Practice of Swearing – afterwards turned all Hands to work raising Sheers and getting ready to take the Bowsprit in. – after Dinner launched the Bowsprit brot. it alongside and fixed it in its proper place. – Carpenters at work a shore on the Topmasts finished taking out the Shingle Ballast. –

Monday 7th. Raised Sheers this morning on the Forecastle and got the Jury Foremast we are obliged to make a Mizenmast of our two old Topmasts by tonguing and fishing them together Carpenters at work on them. – got out the Stump of the Foremast. – Seamen at work on the Bowsprit fixing the Bobstays, Gammoning &c. – Went in the Cutter this afternoon over the other side of the Bay to Bath in Salt Water returned on board early. – The Magnifique 74. compleated Graving this Evening having in days hove both sides keel out Corked and and Graved them.

Tuesday 8th. The Cutter went this morning to St P. with the 1st Lieut. – set up the Main rigging and maintop fixed. Carpenters making Spars &c. – This being Shrove Tuesday and a great Holidays or what is called Carnival time amongst the French just before the Commencement of Lent is kept and celebrated with all kinds of diversions amongst which is a celebrated one the Inhabitants of the town dressed in odd figures and masked parading the Streets with 100 negroes all spattered with Paint following them others carrying Images of the Betrayer Judas Iscariot as it said it was on this day he was betrayed, and on board the Ships they have the same Effigies hung up to their Bowsprits which duck spelt and shute at all day & finally drown it – in this ignorant stupid manner this day is spent and all the holidays as ridiculous which is not equalled by the natural Savage Indian

a Number of Carpenters. - M.r B. returned in the Barge. This Evening got from the Kings Yard a number of Spars for Topmasts, Top-gallant masts, Steering Sail Booms &c. Carpenters finished the Mainmast this Evening all ready to take in ~~this~~ tomorrow Morning, so that we shall soon begin to appear a little formidable it really Animates us the sudden change and prospect we have to day of getting refitted. tho' we might now been much forwarder in getting had it not been for the Intendants ungenerous and Villanous conduct in denying those Articles which he had in his Power to serve us with

Wednesday 9.th February. — Very dry warm weather blowing fresh Trade winds. Rattled down the Main Shrouds. got the Main-cap up in his place. Rigged the Main-yard and got him a tho't. — Carpenters at work onboard making large Wedges for the mainmast out of the Stumps of the old Masts. got a quantity of Oak Plank and Pine Boards from the Kings Yard. —

Thursday 10.th — Nothing very remarkable the forenoon all Hands busily employed about Sundries, - at 3 P.M. the Cutter returned from St. Pierrs with the Lieut.t and M.r P. Richards, Brother to our Purser who spent the Evening with us the Cutter brot round some Slops &c.

Friday 11th. This forenoon the Cutter returned with the Captain and Mr. Richards the Purser and Doctor to St. Piers. — after Meridian S'd of the British Fleet passed this Bay standing to the Southward. — Carpenters finishing the Mizen mast &c. ——

Saturday 12th. The Lévis Sloop of War got underway and went down the Bay. the British fleet in sight. — Ships Crew fixing the rigging. Carpenters finished the Mizen mast ready to get in tommorow. — Gunners Crew painting the Gun Carriages &c. — Day warm wiather. ——

Sunday 13th. Notwithstanding it being the Sabbath necessities of the Ship obligated the Officers to keep all Hands on board & the french Carpenters at how to Work at 8 A.M. got the Mizen mast in its place and that rigging up took the small Sheers down off the Forecastle and the Sheers from the Quarter Deck and moved them on the forecastle. — a Sloops Mast taken to make the foremast Carpenters at work on it fixing the Cheeks &c. its to be tongued with one of our old Topmasts. — In the Evening at 8 O'Clk the Cutter returned from St. Piers with a few Quoils of rigging. ——

Monday 14th. This Morning got the Maintopmast thro the Cap and rigging on it went in the Pinnace to Carnavizer River to water there a small Town there where a number of Fishermen lives I saw them hauling Seines in the Bay but no fish caught the Seins is upwards of 400 fathom long and depth proportionable they take above thirty Negroes to Work them. On our way up the Bay saw a small Whale or Grampus assaulted by the Sword fish and Thrasher the conflict was so sharp it obliged the Grampus to forsake his Element several times jumping out of water his whole length this continued about fifteen Minutes being some considerable distance could discover in whose favor it terminated. — very squally with rain this afternoon. Savayed the Mizentopmast thro' the Cap before dark. the Cutter went to S.P. for the Captain. ——

Tuesday 15th. Seamen employed fitting Maintop Gallant rigging the afternoon savayed the Maintop Gallant mast up and rigged it. Mizentopmast rigged. Carpenters at work on the Foremast and making light Spars. Calm and very Sultry warm weather. the Evening pleasant Breze and Rain. —

Wednesday 16th – Early this morning the Tandange 74. arrive from Chesapeak Bay in America she was closely pursued and fired on by the English Fleet at the Mouth of this Bay. – at 4 O'Clock this morning M.R. sent in the Pinnace watering to Casnavier as usual with a Crew of six Men. after filling the water and on their return it's supposed the Crew mutined and took the Boat as she was afterwards seen standing for the English Fleet. the Enemy will now have a particular detail of our situation. Rattled down the Maintopmasts Shrouds. got the Crosjack up into its place and rigged. Heavy Rains this afternoon. – Cutter returned from S.P. with a load of Rigging –

Thursday 17th – Cutting sent to Casnavier for water. the English Fleet off the mouth of the Bay. – Very warm weather Trade wind fresh at N.E. In the afternoon arrived here safe a Letter of Marque Ship of 18 Guns in 23 days from Boston Loaded with Provision for the French Government. – Late last Night the Captain returned from St. Piers. Carpenters at work on the Foremast. – setting up the Main and Main topmast Rigging. – Crew employed at Sundry other necessary Duties.

Friday 18th. February. Received thirty Barrels of Provisions on board from the King's Stores. Rigged the Spritsail Yard athwart. several employed Reeving Topsail Sies and Hallyards and other running rigging. Swayed up the Mainyard in its proper place. Cutter made two turns to Camavier watering filling water for ~~---~~ a Cruize. Carpenters busily employed. &c. —

Saturday 19th. At 6 O'Clock this morning the Captain and Purser went to St. Piers in a Passage Boat. The Cutter on her return from Camavier this forenoon oversat in a sudden Squall of wind she lost her rudder by the assistance of a Schooner she was righted without the loss of a Man. — The British fleet in sight all day. — Reeved the running rigging and otherwise employed about the Rigging. —

Sunday 20th. All Hands kept at work to day as usual. The English off this Harbor in the Morning and having intelligence of the French Fleet's being near the Island the made the best of their way into St. Pierre. Carpenters at work ashore got 4 Stages alongside in order to finish Caulking the Ship. Blacked all the Yards Mastheads &c. —

Monday 21st February. — The French Fleet early this morning beat up the Bay having been joined by three of Mons. De Grasse's Fleet who now commands this Fleet during their Cruize they took six Prizes, two English Frigates off this Bay reconnitering. The 50 Gunn Ship which lately hove down hauled out of the Carnage and joined the Fleet which makes a Fleet of Eleven Sail of double Deckers and two Frigates ready for Sea. got a large piece of a Timber for a rudder Post. 20 Caulkers employed this morning Caulking the Ship Carpenters at work on the Foremast and Foretop &c. Seamen fixing the Fore rigging &c. Made a demand of our men which was sent Mons. Piquets Fleet.

Tuesday 22d. — The Cockers at work heeling the Ship in order to Caulk under the Wale Sixteen Sail of British Ships amongst which is four or five Frigates Cruizing to day in the Channel between St. Lucie and this Island it's reported the French fleet here, is going out to Tommorow to meet them. — very Warm dry weather winds S.E. — Carpenters at work a shore on the foremast. — Seamen fixing fore rigging. — Cutter filling water Took up the Main Shrouds seized in the dead Eyes and set them up. — Sailmakers employed on board altering our Former Topsails &c.

Wednesday 24th. Employed all Hands at Sundry duties such as filling Water rigging the Fore and foretopsail Yard and compleating the forerigging. — about 300 Troops Embarked on board the French fleet in the afternoon with Intrenching Tools &c. which seem to indicate which seemed to indicate a Land interprize — but a strong report is propogated that they are determined to meet the British Fleet — more especially as to day they went into St. Lucee — but if the Britons has enqual force I make no doubt but they will meet the French and by the superior sway should it be the case I shall be very uneasy for our dear Allies.

Thursday 25th. The General of the Island this morning sent on board of us three Americans taken up by the Guards. two of which had made their escape from a British Man of War at St. Lucee one of them M.R. belonging to Philad.a taken a Prisoner about Eight Months ago. he brings certain intillegence of Admiral Rodneys arriving at Barbadoes with eight Sail of the Line. — Capt. Harding arrived last Night from St. Piers — this morning he waited on Admiral De Grasse and demanded our Men which was complied with and sent on board in the afternoon. — Corkers Caulking the Waterways of the Main deck Carpenters finishing the Foremast &c.

Friday 26th February. — A Midshipman sent in the Cutter this morning to St. Pierrs for Provisions, Slops &c. — Signals displayed for the English Fleet being in the South Channel, upon which the French Admiral sent out their Tender and the Series Sloop of War to Reconnitre. Carpenters compleated the foremast at last. — Ships Crew employed about sundry Duties. — at 9 in the Evening one of the Centinals on the Gangways fired on a Man attempting to Swim away from the Ship and narrowly escaped being Killed he was brought on board and confined with five others who had consulted with him to make their escape.

Saturday 27th. The Manifique 74. hauled from the Head of the Carnage ~~to~~ along Side of us in her usuale Birth. — The Cutter late last Night returned from St. Pierrs with Provisions Slops &c. — After Dinner Launched the Foremast and got it in its proper place got all the rigging over the Mast head before Night. — Signals displayed this afternoon for the English Fleet being in the South Channel. at Meridian the Man who last Night attempted to runaway and being the Ringleader of this Scheme was publickly Whiped at the Gangway by order of the Capt. this first regular Punishment that has been inflicted on any this Ships crew for this common crime which will have a good effect provided there is continuance of it — the rest are confined yet in Irons.

Sunday 28th February. — This morning got the fore top up (having kept all hands to work) Seized in the Dead Eyes and set the fore Shrouds up before Night got the foretop mast up and rigg'd. Carpenters at work on the Rudder — took in a number of Casks of water to bring the Ship by the head in order to find out the Leak. went a shore in the afternoon for a few hours and visited Mr. G. who is Sick in the Hospital. at 9 AM a Signal was made in the fleet upon which one of the Frigates got under way and run down the Bay. —

Monday ~~29~~ the 29 Feby ~~1st March~~. — Two or three french Ships arrived from Chesapeak Bay Loaded with Tobacco. the Prisoners discharged out of Irons. — All Hands employed rigging the Foremast. got the fore and foretopsail Yard athwart. took in and water Shot &c to bring the Ship by the Head, very fresh Trade winds and warm weather. —

Tuesday 1st March. — The English fleet consisting of twenty two laying off and on the Mouth of this Bay it is suppos'd they are reinforced. The french Fleet has declined going out to meet their Enemies now because their force is inferior, but it's what was expected as they might have a few days ago met their Antagonists

on equal Terms. — the Ship brought by the Head got a Hauser out a Stern and hauled her Stern a Shore at high water. in the afternoon at low water examined for the Leak but could not reach it. secured the Rudder braces. and hauled the Ship off at Night. Caulkers employed Caulking the water ways of the Main deck. Carpenters at work on the Rudder. which is ordered to made two feet narrower than the former one being now only five Feet. — Swayed up the Foretop Gallant Mast and rigged it. — ashore this Evening on business nothing very material Transpired.

Wednesday 2. March. Employed this day reeving running rigging. preparing to Careen tommorow. taking in water &c. — The British Fleet in sight from this Island. — at Meridian W. I. C. of Providence in Rhode Island. came on board having about four days ago made his Escape from the Island of Antigua he has been a Prisoner Eight Months. he brings Letters of intelligence to the Governor here that there is a very Secret expedition now on foot at Antigua it is thought to be ag.t some of the French Islands ab.t 5 or 6000 Troops had embarked the day he came away and was to proceed ~~the~~ to S.t Kitts there to be joined by more Ships &c and all to rendezvous at St. Lucie — Cap.a C. was assisted to make his escape to bring this interesting intelligence. this News seems confirmed by the appearance of the

the British Fleet being strongly augmented. Should the Britains make an attempt upon one of the French Islands they have a competant force here to instantly retalliate by making a descent on Antigua which Mr C. assures us is now almost defenceless not having two hundred troops on the Island.—

Thursday 3. March.— Careened this Ship down to her Ballast port. Scraped her bottom to the Keel with Hogs and Brushes in the afternoon Payed about five feet under her Vale with white Lead and Tallow. in the Evening righted the Ship. Signals this afternoon displayed for the English Fleet being in the South Channel. Three Magnifique alongside of us fitting with the greatest expedition to join Count De Grafs's Fleet now lying in the Bay.—

Friday 4th.— Several Gentlemen this morning visited us from St Pierrs. amongst whom is Mr B.— Capt Forsdyke who lately lost his Brig on this Island by the Enemy and Mr C—y. a Merchant lately from Boston. they dined with us afterwards went ashore & embarked for St Pierr's.— compleated Careening and hogging the Ship. Ryan died very suddenly to day he was carried out into the middle of the Bay it being a custom here when dies so sudden tho' by the Laws of this Island there is a fine of Five hundred pounds if a Man is permitted to die on board a Vessel in this harbor. except in the abovement'd case.

Saturday 5th March. All Hands employed to day taking in water and stowing it away. took in a Canoe Load of Wood and stowed it away. fresh Trade winds weather very dry and warm. Carpenters at work on the Rudder &c. nothing more remarkable. —

Sunday 6th. This morning borrowed the Admirals Launch to get our Guns off he politely sent thirty Men with his Gunner in her to assist us. his Boat would have been of much more Servic to us without the men than with them for during the whole Day they got but Eight Guns off. Kept all hands at work notwithstanding it being the Sabbath. continued stowing Water in the Hold. One of the French Frigates in the Harbour went out this Morning. Carpenters and Caulkers at work as usual. —

Monday 7th. But little work going on this morning having discharged the Launch being unfit for the Service and waiting for the Magnifique Stage to get our Guns off took on board all the Water we had fitted. likewise all the Gun Carriages. — the 3d Lieut. and Purser returned from St Piers with a number of Sails and a few Slops. Signals displayed this afternoon for the English Fleet being in the South Channel. it is a something extraordinary that the Bold Britains has not ventured as far as this Bay since Admiral D'Grass arrived here notwithstanding their superior force.

Tuesday 8th March. — Employed the forenoon fitting Sails ready to bent. Bent the Jibb fore and Main Staysail. after Dinner got the Stage and took off the remainder of our Guns. — Launched the Rudder and hung it in its place. One of the French Ships Launches and Crew assisting us brought on Board one Load of Shingle Ballast Several Sail of Merchantmen came round here this afternoon from St. Pierrs. Cutter watering to Casnavier. Carpenters making Partners to the Mainmast on the Quarter Deck &c. — Fresh Trade wind to day very pleasant.

Wednesday 9th. — All Hands employed bending Sails. bent the Courses Topsails Top G. Sails &c. a Canoe employed taking off Shingle Ballast. Washed and Scraped the Maindeck this morning. — afternoon several of the Ships Launches taking from Fort Royal a variety of Military Stores amongst which is Travelling Artillery Carriages Scaling Ladders Shot &c. from which appears an Expedition to be in agitation against some of the Islands. In the Evening a Negro Man was Executed on the Parade in Town for Robbery. Last Monday Morning arrived here three Americans who made their escape from the British Fleet at St. Lucee in a Yawl which they took from a Transport on their way over they were drove to Leward of the Island & fortunatly taken up a by a Statia Vessel. they inform us of Mr. R. being carried in there in our Pinnace.

Thursday 10th March. — This morning M. D. — an intimate acquaintance in Philadelphia came on board to see me, he came here Passenger in the Fondonge 74. — at 10 AM John Griffin departed this Life of a very short illness. — Finished taking in Shingle Ballast this Morning. after Meredian took on Board part of our Powder. set up all the Shrouds and Stays. Sailmakers employed altering the Mizen. — Finished the Partners of the Mainmast and all the Spars. discharged the french Carpenters.

Friday 11th Rain and Squally Weather. three Sail of Merchantmen arrived here from Granada. employed taking on board all the empty Water Casks. Light Spars &c. fixed in the Tiller and putting the running Rigging in order for Sailing. — Admiral D'Grass honored our Captain with a Visit this afternoon he is endeavouring to Negotiate an exchange of American Prisoners before we leave this Island. —

Saturday 12th. — Very heavy Rain this Morning. received on board a Boat load of Wood. English Fleet in sight all day. — took every thing on board this forenoon — Afternoon employed clearing and getting the Ship in order to Sail tomorrow morning for St. Piers. — took two Men, Americans, out of the French Fleet. ——

Sunday 13th March. — Break of Day this Morning hove the Ship a head to her Anchor. took a Pilot on board at 8 AM Warped out of the Carnage and made Sail with a light Breeze of wind. passed under the Admirals Stern and Saluted him with Thirteen Guns and returned from him with Nine, afterwards made Sail, weather growing Squally, with Rain, obliged us to take in the Topg. Sails and double Reif the Topsails the Rigging being new and unstretched. — Beat into St. Piers and at 3 PM. came to Anchor off the South part of the Town. hoisted out the Yawl Capt. went ashore. — employed the afternoon Mooring Ship in 33 Fathom Water. — At 4 PM. Simon Ashbow a Marine died suddenly having but a few days ago been discharged from the Hospital at Fort-Royal after a severe illness. — In the Evening sent three Sick Men to the Hospital at St. Piers

Monday 14th. This morning Unship'd the Round house and sent it a shore: unbent the foresail and sent it to the Sailmakers to be altered. Cutter watering at the Fountain. received on board One hundred and Eleven Barrels of Beef. a Quantity of Cheese Rice Butter &c. a Crew employed Scraping the Quarter deck. at Sundown a Fleet of 20 Sail of Merchantmen with 4 Ships of the Line came out of Fort Royal Bay and stood the Northward.

Tuesday 15th Went a shore this Morning on Publick busines with the Agent. return'd on board before Dinner. received on Board a Quantity of Provisions of different kinds. continued taking on board Water. sent on board this afternoon by an Officer of the Ship W.G.- twenty Hhds. of Rum in a Clandestine manner supposed to be on freight this extraordinary Proceeding has caused no small contentions in the Ship. soon after the Capt.a in a Letter to G. prohibited any thing being taken in the Ship on Freight but tomorrow must produce the Consequences arising from this unwarrantable transaction

Wednesday 16th The Rum mentioned Yesterday to be taken on board was ordered out this Morning by the Captain it was accordingly done but before it went from alongside thirteen Hhds of it was purchased for the use of the Ship and hoisted in again.- The Resolution Frigate arrived here this afternoon. took on board Sundry Provisions.- Crew employed Stowing the Hold.- others fixing Rigging.- altering Sails.- and Marines making Musket Cartridges.- a shore at St. Piers a short time on busines in the Evening.

Thursday 16th.- The Capt.a and Agent came on board this forenoon. bent the Foresail Setting Steering sail Booms. Mates stowing the Hold. took on board a Quantity of Pees. arrived a brig this Evening from Salem 24 days out No News.

Friday 17.th March.— All Hands engaged about Sundry Ships Duties.
Mates Stowing the Hold. at 11 AM went ashore and Dined with Mr. B
spent the remainder of the Day in Town; returned on board in the Evening. This
being St. Patricks day the Ships Crew endeavour to Celebrate it in their way among
others one of the Centinals was found drunk laying down on the Gangway he was
immediatly confined in Irons. ———

Saturday 18.th — Early this morning two large English Ships and a Snow to
Leward Standing to the Northward: took on board a Scow load of Bread this
forenoon. at 11 AM went ashore and dined with Mr.s T — spent the afternoon
in Town. — The Embargo being taken off to day a number of Vessels sailed this
Evening for different Ports. — received on board this Evening 21 Hhds. of
Sugar on Account of the Continent. to Reimburse a Sum of Money belonging
to a Private Gentleman in America which has been expended by Capt.a Harding
for the use of the Ship ——

Sunday 19th Captr. Billings in a Pilot Boat sailed for Statia, by whom I forwarded Letters to Philadelphia. went ashore about 11 AM. Dined and spent the afternoon with Mr. Ns. in St. Pierrs. very rainy Squally Weather all this day Several Vessels sailed out of this Port in the Evening. nothing more worthy Remark.

Monday 20th. This forenoon continual Rain and very Sultry. at 11 AM went ashore with some of the Officers on private business. Dined with Captn. H. at Mr. Binghams who is gone to Fort Royal to make a final Settlement of his Publick business as he designs to leave the Island and go Passenger with us to America. returned on board in the Evening. All Hands employed about sundry necessary Dutys fitting the Ship. took a quantity of Bread on board about Noon. filling water Stowing the Hold &c.

Tuesday 21st. At 1 O'Clock this morning an Officer came on board from the Resolution French Frigate with a request from the Governor to take on board Troops and proceed to Dominique in order to join the long expected Fleet. the Request was refered to the Captain who, in a proper Manner Answered it in the

Negative.- at Daylight Count D'Grass Fleet in sight standing to the Northward in order to join the Grand Fleet.- Almost all the Vessels in the Harbour this forenoon is Pressed as Transports in the Kings Service to carry Troops to join the Fleets.- from which it appears there is already an Expedition going forward against some of the English Islands.- It is reported that the English Fleet went into St. Lucie to Day.- the Resolution at daylight joined the other Ships.- All Hands employed about Sundry Duties such as Scraping the Ships sides in order for Painting. Gunners Crew getting Stearing Sail Booms aloft fixing Rigging. Marines filling Musket and Pistol Cartridges and Sailmakers altering Sails &c.

Wednesday 22. at 9 O'Clock this Morning the long expected Fleet appeared coming from the Northward having being joined by Admiral D'Grass making in the whole upwards of 25 Sail of the Line exclusive of 8 or 10 Frigates having under their Convoy about 50 Sail of Transports, Merchantmen &c amounting in the whole to upwards of 100 Sail making a very grand appearance- at 12 when abreast of this place about 30 Sail left them and beat up into this Harbour

Several others stood for Fort Royal - immediatly afterwards the Ships of the Line made all Sail and stood over for St. Lucee in order to Besiege that Island its said they have about 13-000 Troops in this fleet. besides the Troops of this Island a Regiment of which embarked this fornoon on board Transports and followed the Fleet. Ashore this forenoon on business our Commander has concluded to join this Fleet therefore the Ship is getting ready with all expedition Paying the Ships sides with Lampblack and Tar. took on hhds. of Sugar being the remainder of the Sugar taken on account of the Continent.

Thursday 23d March, Very wet Weather winds variable all the forpart of the Day - One of the french Ships which arrived Yesterday in Warping in like Frenchmen and Men unacquainted with the Management of a Ship came on board of us & carryed away our Driver Boom - Last Night a Schooner arrived Express from Gl. Lincoln in S. Carolina requesting a Naval reinforcement being lately Invaded by a a Body of Sea and Land Forces - Two Boats with a Lieut. in each Pressing thro' all the Vessels in the Harbor for Americans. got but 5 Men.

Friday 24th March. This morning the Captain sent off orders to Unmoor Ship and get ready for Sailing in order to join the French Fleet at Royal going on an Expedition Against the Island of St. Lucee. at 11 AM the Captain came on board soon after the Ship was under way. standing under her Topsails alongshore at half past twelve boarded by a Boat with an Express from Mr. Bingham to return to St. Pierrs upon which the Captn. went to Town. at 1 O Clock wore Ship and worked into our Usual Birth. before we put about saw the french Fleet coming out of the Bay and standing over for St Lucee. we are now to return to America as soon as possible

Saturday 25th March. — Shifted all the Guns on one side the Deck and heeled the Ship and Boutoped her both sides. at the same time scraped the Gun deck. at 10 AM. being the Anniversary of the Resurrection all the Ships colours for two days past being hoisted half Mast on discharge of a Gun from one the Ships were hoisted in their proper places and every Vessel in the Harbor fired a Salute at the same instant the shore being crouded with Negroes on the firing of the first Gun they all Leaped into the Sea and Bathed this strange Custom prevails I'm informed thro' all the Roman Catholick Countrys spent the Day in Town dined with Messrs. B-t & M-t — No certain acct. from the Fleet

Sunday 26th March. - The Ships Crew on board employed all the forenoon cleaning Ship between Decks fore and Aft - very warm Sultry Weather with frequent Showers of Rain. - a strong Press ashore to day for Men for the French fleet an instance not common and I believe unprecedented before in the French Navy. reports prevails of a long and heavy Fire being heard yesterday at St. Lucie but no particulars Authenticated. - Ashore after Dinner Walked a few Miles out of Town with an acquaintance to a very fine Sugar Plantation upon which is very good Improvements and well Stock'd on our return took a turn thro' one of the Holy Fathers Gardens in the invirons of the Town found it a large plain Garden well planted with Sallads & some West-India fruits in the Orange appeared a Ship to Leward having lost some of her principal Spars.

Monday 27th. - Two Merchantmen arrived this Morning from Fort Royal Stationed our Quarters our Men this forenoon. ashore all day on business. Dined at Mr. Binghams. - Signals displayed ashore for a fleet of 20 Sail being in the South Channel its reported an English Frigate is taken at St. Lucie Mr. Pr- & his Lady with three others in company came on board in the afternoon to view an American Frigate.

Tuesday 28th March. In the forenoon received on board a large quantity of Cocoa Ship'd by Mr. Bingham. ashore the greatest part of the Day on private business. several Sail of Transport Sloops with Troops which Sailed from here on an Expedition under the Convoy of the Resolution Frigate. Hoisted the Cutter on board in the Evening. cleared Ship in order for Sailing.

Wednesday 29th. At Sunrise this Morning unmoored Ship and hove short to one Anchor in order for Sailing: in Town the fore part of the Day on private business. The Captain came on board in the forenoon. The Wind being a head all Day prevented our Sailing. The Capt.s of four American Vessels on board receiving Signals and Orders who is going under our Convoy. In the Evening four or five Sail of Small Ships with a 74 beating into the Harbor from Fort Royal. Mr. Bingham sent on board the greatest part of his Baggage this Evening. at 9 O'Clock the abovement.d 74 coming in hove in Stays alongside of us and run from on against our Mizen Chains carried away her Gibb Boom we cleared her with any other loss or damage than one of our Mizen Shrouds.

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on Board the

Confederacy Frigate

Continued.

J. H. C.

Remark's &c. onboard the Confederacy Frigate at Sea.

Thursday 30th March 1780.

Signal for Sailing displayed early this Morning, got under way at St. Pierr at 10. AM. with 3 Brigs. 1 Schooner and Sloop under our Convoy bound to America. - stretched under easy Sail along the Town, past Eleven We. Bingham came onboard who is going Passenger with us to America. - at 12. Saluted the Ships and Town with 13. Guns the Commodore returned it with Eleven. bore away and set Top G. Sails. - two of the Brigs Sailing very dull obliged us to shorten Sail at Sundown under double reifted Topsails Brigs a stern with all Sail set - at Sunset the ~~middle~~ North end of Martinique bore E. - distance 7 Leagues. Dominica NEby N distance 8 Leagues moderate weather Course NW.

Friday 31st. - All the Convoy in company this day. - Two of the Ships company taken this Morning with the small Pocks. built an Awning over the Cutter on the Booms for them to prevent it spreading in the Ship as there is a number of the

Crew

Crew that have not had it, who is preparing by a course of Diet and Medicine in case they should catch it. – Light Trad Winds Steering this last 12 hours W.N.W. under the three Topsails and Foresail, the Brigs a stern with all Sail set Steering sails &c. – Exercised the Great Guns and small Arms after Dinner. – at 3 PM. a small Sail in sight on the Weather Quarter. – Latitude by Observation at Meredian 15° 27' N. at Sunset the Island of Dominica in sight bearing N by E. distance 15 or 16 Leagues. Nevis)

Saturday 1st April. – Pleasant moderate weather Wind S.E. Course N W by W. set the Foresail and Main T.G. Sail. Fleet close up with us in the Forenoon. Some of the Islands in sight to the N. Westward. – in the afternoon dropt the Fleet a stern took in the Foresail & Main T.G. Sail. – in the first part of the Night small Showers of Rain. – Lat. by Observ. at Meridian 16° 04' N. – Nevis bearing N E by N. distance 16 or 17 Leagues.

Sunday 2d. This morning light Squalls of Rain thick and cloudy all the Forenoon at 12 saw a Sail on our weather Bow standing for us supposed to be a Brig or Schooner almost Calm made all Sail set Steering Sails &c. and gave Chase very little Head way

at half past twelve the weathering clearing away discovered the Island St. Croix right a head bearing NNW continued in Chace coarse NNW. sent the 2d Lieut. with 20 Men on board the fast Sailing Brig in order to give Chace but the wind being light & the Sail a great distance gave over Chace. took in Sail and kept away for the West end of the Island Course NW. Lattitude at Meredian by Observation 17° 12' South. at 12 at Night ran close up with the Land saw several Lights ashore. kept away West running for the West end of the Island S.

Monday 3d. At 5 O'Clock this morning passing the West end of St Croix with a light Breze of wind hauled up N. the Convoy in company. This Island is much more low and level than Martinique extremely well Cultivated with the common produce a small Town in sight at the W. end where 7 or 8 Sail of large Ships lay. at 6. O'Clk a Schooner some distance a Stern supposed to be a Cruizer. at 9 the Island of St. Thomas's in sight ahead and other of the Virgin Islands. the same time saw a large Brig to windward between the two Islands appearing to be a Cruizer by her action. at 5 PM. past the Sail Rock it happears very much like a large Sail when you first make it as its very white. run between it and the Island of St. Thomas on our right with a great number of small Islands. unin habited a very heavy swell heaving

Heaving from the Northward. Course NWW. Wind East, after Sunset the Island of St. Thomas bore Eby S. distance 6 Leagues. The Said Rock ..... distance .....
all the Fleet in company. Lat. by Obs. at Meredian 17.° " 57." North.

Tuesday 4th April. — Light Winds and very Variable all day with a heavy head Swell from the Northward. Course NWW. The Ship being out of Trim and light Winds & the Fleet run a head of us. in the Evening the fleet joined us. Latt. by Observation at Meredian 19.° " 07." N.

Wednesday 5th — This morning before Sunrise a Sail discovered from the Masthead three points on the Lee bow. light wind made all Sail and gave Chace at 8 O'Clk. lost sight of the Chace in the haize. two of our Convoy left us and kept their Course during the Chace. the others following on. at ½ past nine could not perceive the Sail gave up the Chace and took in light Sails kept our former Course again NWW. with a pleasant Breze but a Tumbling Sea under ffore sail two Topsails and Top G. Sails. After Meridian the wind very light and Ship rolling very heavy. — at 4 P.M. the Maintopmast discovered to be badly sprung in two different places occasioned its supposed by the immoderate Rolling of the Ship. this may be ~~said~~ called a very unfortunate accident for

Us in our present Situation as we have but a very indifferent and only spare one to replace it with. but when we recollect the Distresses and and disagreable events of our late Passage we can or ought to look upon this as a trifling circumstance. Sent the Main T. G. mast and Yard down. - at 5 PM all our Convoy joined us again. - hauled the Ship up NE. to ease her. - in the Forenoon Crews employed shifting Ballast out of the after hold, forward, to bring the Ship in better Trim. - The Commander has concluded to fish* the Topmast. Carpenters preparing a Fish for it - stood our course again in the Evening NNW. almost Calm. double reefed the M T Sail. ——

Lattitude by Observation at Meredian 20° N.

Thursday 6th April. - Lights Airs almost Calm the Forepart of the Day. afternoon entire Calm, Ships head around the Compass no headway. Fished the Topmast in the Evening. Latt. by Observation 21°. 19'. N.

Friday 7th. - Entire Calm all the Forenoon Ships head all round the Compass. the Convoy all in sight. got up the Main T. Gmast and Yard. set up the Rigging fore and aft. After Meredian took a fresh Breeze from the Northward made Sail Course NW. by W. - breeze freshens in the middle of the Afternoon at Sundown two of

* To strengthen with strips of wood.

two of the Brigs. a great distance a Stern. the French Brig. Sloop and Schooner in Company all Night. very Squally in the Night. Lattitude by Observation at Meredian 25°. 33'. N. Longitude 65°. 19". W. — St. Thomas's bearing S. 22°. E. distance 231 Miles. — Cape Hatteras N 36°. W. distance 1013 Miles. —

Saturday 8th. April. — This morning Capt.a Coolidge and the Salem Brig out of sight. the French Brig. Schooner and Sloop in company. Fresh Breezes under easy Sail. Wind hauled to the Eastward last Night Course NW. — in the after part of the Day breez lighter. saw a mall Sail from the Masthead to windward. being late in the day did not Chace. — Latt. at Meredian

Sunday 9th. — Light moderate Breezes from the with a tumbling Sea. under all Sail with the Convoy in company. in the forenoon our Chaplain delivered a short discourse to the Ships Company. in the Evening the Wind hauled to the blowing a fresh Breez. all Night. — double reefed the Topsails under the three Topsails and Forsail Course NW by N. — Latt. by Observation.

Monday 10th. April.— Fresh Breges and Cloudy the forepart of the day. at Meridian a heavy Squall of Rain Thunder & Lightening took us from the Westward weathered it very well having taken in all Sail but Foresail and Forestaysail. at 2 PM. cleared away Light winds hauling to the Northward made Sail Course In the Evening the Brig and Sloop in company the Schooner almost out of sight astern. the Wind continues hauling to the Eastward. No Observation to Day.—

Tuesday 11th.— Last Night George Reynolds one of the Men who had the Small Pox died of it. the other is perfectly recovered. very pleasant moderat Weather Wind Course under all Sail. D. O Bryan. received Corporal Punishment this Morning at the Gangway for Stealing Cloaths.— Fresh Breges in the afternoon at 3 PM. saw a Sail from the Masthead to windward on the Beam standing before the Wind at ½ past four saw her off Deck when she hauled her Wind to the Southward she was a large Schooner she was judged too far to Windward to Chace at this time of day the Brig Schooner and Sloop in company Latitude at Meredian by Observation

Wednesday 12th April.— All this day Calm very little head way Course NNE.— no particular Transactions this 24 hours dead Calm all Night all Sail set with the Brig Schooner and Sloop in company. Lat by Obs. 28° 05" North

Thursday 13th.— This morning the Sailmakers Mate died of a Dissentry. Calm all the forepart of the day. Exercised the Men at the Great Guns and the Marines with Powder. Light Air of wind in the afternoon from the N.° Course Wby S. at 4 pm. saw a Sail right ahead nearing us past made all Sail displayed Signal for the Brig to Chace. the Chace at ½ past four past about and stood from us and perceived her to be a Cutter continued the Chace untill Sundown when we lost sight of her. gave over Chace, almost Calm throwed out Signals for the Brig to give over Chace. Lattitude by Observation at Meredian 28° 05" N. Long.

Friday 14th.— At break of day this morning discovered the abovementioned Sloop or Cutter under our Lee bearing NW distance Seagues. bore away made all Sail & gave Chace with a light wind at NE— th Chace bore away and made all Sail— the French Brig gave Chace continued it some time without gaining at 10 finding the

she gained from us fast gave over Chase ~~at~~ and hauld our Wind. Reift the Topsails. a Breeze freshens Course NNW. Last Night a Southerly Grinnell one of the Marines departed this Life. in the afternoon blows a fresh a Breeze double Reifd the Topsails very thick Cloudy weather. Sat at Meredian 28°. 09' N. Long. 72°. 13' 10". Cape Henlopen N16°W. distance 670 Miles. ——

Saturday 15th. — One of this Ships company taken this Morning with the small Pox. — Fresh Breezes at East in the forenoon under all Sail with the Brig and Sloop in company. after a Meredian the Wind freshens and very variable took in Sail. in the Evening blows fresh at SE and by S. with Squalls. close Reifd the Topsails sent down the Top G. Yards. Sat by Obs. 30°. 05'. N. Long. 72°. 13'. W. Cape Henlopen bearing N. 14° W. distance 538 Miles.

Sunday 16th. Fresh Breezes this Morning but variable under Snug Sail Wind Course at 10, AM. wore Ship with our head. — the Sloop Capt. Munroe out of sight. a Stern. afternoon the Wind moderates rears and hauls. split the Mizen Topsail got it down and mended it by 12 at Night and bent it again. — at 6. PM. wore Ship with the Brig in company. Sat by Obs. at N. 31°. 45'. North.

Monday 17th. – Fresh Breezes all the forepart of the Day Course under easy Sail with the Brig in company after Meredian almost Calm. in the Evening frequent Squalls of wind and heavy rains attended with Thunder and Lightening No Observation to Day. —

Tuesday 18th. – Constant heavy Squalls of wind and Rain. handed the Topsails under snug Sail Winds SW Course variable – at Meredian weather more moderate made Sail – at 2 PM heavy Squalls of Wind and Rain again took in Sail Wind SW – Course in general NNW. – No Observation to day very thick and Cloudy.

Wednesday 19th. – At six Oclock this morning heavy Squall of Wind carried away our Mizen Gaff got him down Carpenters employed fishing him – at Meredian fresh Gales of wind at NW. Course NbyE. with a rough Sea being in the Gulf Stream. at 2 PM continues blowing fresh in foresail Lay the Ship too under ~~under~~ her fore-Main and Mizenstaysails head up NbyE off NE. the Brig in Company. at 7 – weather moderates made Sail and got up the Mizen Gaff – at 11 brot. too again under Staysails and lay all night Lat by poor Obs. 35°. – 09. – Long. 72°. – 53'. W. Hatteras N. 84°. W. dist 166 miles. Cape Henlopen N 24° W. dist 242 Miles. —

Thursday 20th April. — Early this morning made sail Wind WNW. Course N. at 7 perceived the Water coloured. Sounded with 138 fathom of Line no bottom found — At Meridian fresh Gales and clear weather took in Sail under the foresail and Staysails Blows fresh at the afternoon Wind Course towards Sunset the Wind moderates made Sail again with the Brig in company. — Lattitude by Observation at Meridian 36°. 38" N. — Long. 72°. 22" W. — Cape Hatteras S. 69°. 15" W. distance 206 Miles. Cape Henlopen N. 40°. 58 W. distance 175 Miles.

Friday 21st. — Pleasant Breezes at NW with smooth Sea course NNE. at 4 AM wore Ship Course W.S.W. under the Topsails and Courses. at 3 P.M. winds variable and ahead Tacked Ship course N by W. out rief in the Topsails — the weather pleasant but wind continues variable. — Lat by Obs. 37°. 19" N. Long. 72°. 04" W. C. Henlopen N 56° W. dist. 163 Miles. —

Saturday 22d. — At 7 O'Clock this morning Sounded no bottom found fresh Breezes at W by N course N. and clear weather. at 11 AM saw a sail on the Lee bow made sail and gave Chace the Chace was large Sloop at 1 PM. the Chace leaving us fast gave over Chace the Ship Sails exceeding bad. hauled our Wind Course NNW. at Sundown a fresh breeze very thick and Cloudy close rif'd the Tops'l sent down T. G. Yds. 12 at Night wore Ship in comp'y with the Brig course S by W. Lat at Meridian by Obs. 38°. 15" W. Long. 71°. 40 W. Cap H. dist 156 miles

Sunday 23d. April. — Cool, clear and pleasant weather Winds N.W. Course W.N.W. — Fresh Breezes and flying Clouds at Meredian took in Topg. Sails. — several of our People broke out with the small Pox. afternoon weather moderate and very smooth Sea Winds variable but continues ahead. At 6. Ann Sounded with 130 fathom of Line and no bottom at 7. the wind more favorable at W.N.W. wore Ship Course N.N.W. Latitude at Meredian by Obs. 38°. 15'. N. Long. 72-04 W. Cape H. bearing N. 75° W. dist 138 Miles

Monday 24th The weather moderate this forenoon — Winds W.N.W. after Meredian a Schooner discovered to windward standing down for us. hove out English Colours and fired a Lee Gun she soon answered by first hauling herwind with an English Jack at her Mainmast head — she soon afterwards hove about and stood the Southward. kept on our Course thinking it ineffectual to Chase in Light Winds The Brig hoisted English Colours over American to appear as a Prize to us but it had no effect. very moderate Weather in the Evening very little Wind Course W.N.W. under all Sail at 9 A.M. saw two Lights on the Land. Sounded in 16 fathom and wore Ship. stood off to the East. until 11. dupen. the Water to 24 and wore Ship again Course W.N.W. under easy Sail. Lat at Mered 38-11 N. Cape H. N 63° W dis 7 2 miles

Tuesday 25th April.— Light Airs of wind this Morning at 7. Wore Ship Course W by N.— at 11. AM. Calm Sounded in 23 Fathom Water at 12 very thick and Cloudy with Rain Sounded in 21 Fathom water.— at 1 PM. took a pleasant Breeze from the Southward stood our Course in for the Land. at 3. the Light house and Cape Henlopen discovered on the Lee bow immediatly made all Sail set Stering Sails &c. and stood in for the Land at 8 O'Clock came to Anchor in company with the Brig off the Light House, very dark and Squally in the Evening.

Wednesday 26th.— At Daylight this morning found ourselves within the Light-house it bearing S.E. blowing very fresh at N.E.— made Signals for a pilot by firing several Guns &c. at 6. the Ship drifted. bent a shroud hauser to the small Bower Cable as it is but indifferent and let go the small bower. at 10. hove in the best bower Cable and found the Anchor gone. bent the stream Cable to the Stream Anchor in order to let him go. At 12 the Gale increasing got down T. G. Masts. at 4 Continued making Signals for a Pilot. but no appearance of any coming off and the wind increasing with a heavy Sea accompany'd with Rain about 1 AM lowered down the lower Yards. got the Topsail Yards in the Tops and stript the Mizen. blow so heavy that we expected to go ashore on the Cape. about 3 PM.

the wind and Sea very heavy and the Ship thought in imminent danger of going ashore having no Pilot onboard in case the Ship should part her other Anchor the 2d. Lieut. at his own request went with 6 Men in the Yawl to Lewis-town by the way of the Creek for a Pilot. — continues blowing heavy all the afternoon let go all the Ground tackling we had, - at Dark no Pilot off or appearance of our Boat returning. the Brig in company riding at Anchor. —

Thursday 27th. April. The Gale moderating this morning still safe at Anchor the Weather very thick cold and Cloudy no Boat off. Fired signal Guns. very moderate at Meredian, much surprized at the delay of our boat. sent a Midshipman a shore to enquire about our Boat the barge returned onboard the Brig. - about 2. P.M. discovered Mr. Fisher launching a Boat on the Beach without any of our People - a bad Omen, my forbodeing heart tells me some unhappy unforeseen disaster has taken place

From the aforegoing Date to the present Day the Ship lay at Philad.a and Chester. – Careening, Rigging – Manning &c. being near Seven Months

Tuesday ~~November~~ December 5th 1780. – Having a pilot on board, got underway with light Wind at WSW. and dropt down below Mareus-Hook where we came to Anchor with our best Bower. –

Wednesday 6th December. pleasant moderate weather light winds, but still contrary at SW. – the Cutter returned from Philadelphia with a number of Men. – at 11 AM got underway and dropt down to the Highlands of Wilmington and came too.

Thursday 7th. – Calm thick cloudy weather. – Officers employed all day stationing and Quartering our Men. at 5 O'Clk PM. got under way with light winds from the Northward and Westward run down below Wilmington came too. in the

the Night the third Lieut.t came on board from Philadel.a accompanied by two French Gentlemen one the late Counsel the other Vice-Consel at Charles-town in S. Carolina. which indicates that we are bound on another Merchant Voyage to the West-Indies. —

Friday 8.th Sent up T.G Yards got under way at 10 am with light winds a head dropt down about a mile below N. Castles brought a Shallop alongside took out of her 5 Cords of Wood and 8 Quarters of Beef. took three Deserters out of some Merchtmen. blows very fresh at SSE. — Prest 3 Men (being the first) out of a Schooner

Saturday 9.th Took a Cutter load of Ballast on board. thick cloudy weather Winds a head. went ashore in afternoon in company with the Surgeon to Newcastle. spent the Evening very agreeably with a number of Female acquaintance. continued a shore all Night. —

Sunday 10.th The Commander of the Shallop from whom we got the Wood informed us of three Seamen being at Port Penn in Cog. juding them to be some of our Deserters. last Night the 3.d Lieut. was dispatched in the Barge to take them which effected by surprising in them Bed. and returned with them this morning

about 10 O'Clock. at the same time returned on board from N. Castle with my Companion. immediatly after Dinner accompanied the Captain a shore to Castle in order to purchase his Stock in the Evening engaged M.r Tatlow to purchase them. staid a shore all Night. spent the Evening with the Ladies. wind continues a head. —

Monday 11.th Turned out early this morning with the Captain and walked several miles along shore. gathering the Stock at the farm-houses. returned in Town about Eleven. having compleated our busines returned on board about 4 O'clock p.m. in the Evening bending the Mainsail a Man fell off the Main yard on the Gunwale of a Boat alongside which killed him by his immediatly sinking. — Winds ahead. preparing the Ship for Sea. —

Tuesday 12.th Went in the Barge this morning to Newcastle on busines for the Captain. returned on board about Eleven. Impressed seven Men out of a Schooner from Sea. a light Breeze of Wind from the North. got under way and run down and Anchored at Reedy Island. —

Wednesday 13.th Pleasant Weather this morning with the Wind to the Southward which brought up three Vessels from Sea the Brig Trooper. Randolph and Schooner

Neptune, fired several Shot and brought them to Anchor. Mann'd and Armed the Barge and Cutter, impressed seven Men out of the Brig Randolph and three out of the Schooner. - a Lieut.t in the Barge boarded the Brig Trooper, mount.g 16 Guns between Decks, close Quarters, where her Crew was Mustered amount.g to near 100 well Armed with a resolute determination not to be pressed but at the expence of Blood - after using menaces and threats of hauling the Brig alongside &c. finding it had no impression and that our Commander had no Authority to impress Men the design was given up - but had he been invested with power similar to the British Navy in such Cases, we cou'd have found methods to have taken the refusal of her Men, without endagering lives. - finally she was permitted to get under way and proceed on her passage to Ph.d - the Barge went on board the Comt D'Graffe to search for Men but found none in the afternoon exercised the Great Guns and Marines.

Thursday 14th. At 6 O'Clock AM. hove up, got under way run 6 or seven miles below Reedy Isl.d the Wind failing came to Anchor the Wind to the North.d and Westward, the Ships Company in the forenoon employed cleaning Ship the remainder of the Day employed in Exercising the great Guns and small Arms.

Friday 15th. — Thick cloudy disagreeable Weather, winds variable and a head, Cutter went to port penn Watering. — Mates employed birthing the Volunteers and Sick.

Saturday 16th. — At 5 AM the Cutter returned with a load of water. all hands employed clearing Ship, at one P.M. the wind being ahead and likely to blow fresh got the Ship under way and run back to the Island — a Man died sent him ashore to be Buried. — the Gunners Mate sent to Philad.a to the Hospital. — Exercised at the Guns and small Arms.

Sunday 17th. — Very foggy thick weather all day. — the Ship Genl. Greene just Built at Morris-River, went up the River to be fitted. — Winds very light and variable cleaned Ship, with other Duty's took up the Day.

Monday 18th. — at 10 AM. the Sloop of War Saratoga, came down and Anchored at Reedy Island. foggy weather wind to the Southward, Mates employed in Birthing the people — Capt.n Young of the Saratoga paid us a visit this afternoon he is bound on a Cruize and designs to go out with us. in the Evening exercised the Cannon and Marines.

Tuesday 19th December. - Cloudy weather warm pleasant Winds from the Westward at 10 o'Clock A.M. the Schooner Fame from St. Croix came up, brought her too & presed 6 Men out of her. — the Barge went to Portpenn & returned in the Evening. - loosed Sails to dry. in the afternoon Officers employed. Mustering the Men correcting the Watch and Quarter bills &c. — Exercised the Marines with Powder for the first time performed beyond expectations. - We now Muster near 260 Men. -

Wednesday 20th Lights winds from the North. & Westward, got under way in company with the Saratoga and 13 Sail of Merchantmen run down about 2 leagues being Calm the fleet came too, - at 10 A.M. sprung up a fresh Breeze at NW the fleet got under way and stood down the Bay as low as Bombo-hook when the Weather growing very squally and Tide almost spent the Pilot thinking it dangerous to run in such weather came to Anchor again. the remainder of the fleet with the Saratoga stood down the Bay. - Continued squally all day.

Thursday 21st This morning clear weather with a fresh breeze at NW. by W. got under way, stood down the Bay, spoke with the Minerva Capt. Earle from the Havannah at Anchor in the Bay. at 1 P.M. abreast the light house hoisted the

Barge out, set the Pilot a shore with two Women and a Sick Man - at 2 the Barge returned hoisted her in, and made Sail Course S.E. - at 4 PM. the light House bore N.W by W. distance by estimation 4 leagues. - at Sundown two Brigs in Company that joined us at Cape Henlopen the weather moderate -

Friday 22. - Pleasant moderate Weather this forenoon under easy Sail Winds light at S.E. steering E by N. - in the afternoon let a Reef out of the Topsails & set Stay sails light Winds from S. to S.W. steering S.E. the Brigs in Company. quite Calm at dark No Observation to day -

Saturday 23. Light Winds at NNW. Course S.E. in the morning. - at ½ past six saw a Sail on the Larboard bow - growing entirely Calm could not Chace. at 9 a very light breeze from the Southward made Sail and gave Chace - out Reefs in the Topsails set the Mainsail and Staysails fore and aft at 11 set all Sail, breeze at 1 PM freshens under all Sail in Chace - at 2 PM finding we did not gain much on the Chace gave it up and took in all light Sails - during the Chace Winds S.W. Chaced E. NE. and N.E by E. - Latitude by Observation at Meridian 39°. - 30" N. Longitude in 72°. - 29" W.

Sunday 24th December. — Moderate pleasent weather under easy Sail. Winds at North: Steering S.E. in the Morning saw a Sail to the Southward take her to be the Brig that came out with us. — the other Brig parted from us during the Chace yesterday. got up T. G. Yards this morning. Lat by Observation at Meridian 37° 40' N. —

Monday 25th — at 7 AM. made a Sail distance three four Leagues a head. gave Chace, at 8 made Sail by the wind Steering from E.S.E. to S.S.E. with a fresh breeze at S.W. at 10. AM came up with the Chace, proved to be the brig our Convoy. shortned Sail. at 1 PM the wind freshens. hand the fore & Mizen topsails. — a Crew employed taking in the slack of the Lee rigging. at 4 close reifed the foretopsail. at 6 blowing very fresh handed the Maintopsail and set Storm Mizen staysail. — blowed fresh all Night with a heavy Sea from W.S.W. Ship Labours excessively. Main rigging being very bad stretches greatly. — Latt. by Observ. at Meridian. 36° 41. N. —

Thursday 26th. The Main rigging during last Night stretched amingly being my morning Watch on Deck, at 6 O'Clock blowing heavy and ship roling immoderatly. Sprung the Mainmast about 15 foot above Deck. lowered down the Main Yard immediatly to ease the Mast. — all hands imployed taking in the Slack of the Main rigging. and

Securing the Mast by preventer Shrouds, Runners & Tackles &c. . at 1 p.m. fresh Gails at WNW Course S.E. Ship under her foresail and Storm Staysails, labours exceedingly at p.m. all hands employed securing the Mainmast. — the Main rigging continues stretching, took in the slack of it again as well as the Weather would admit. set up the forerigging also. and topmast back stays. continues blowing with a heavy Sea. Lat by Obs. 35°. 09" N.

Wednesday 27th Weather continues bad blowing at NNW, very heavy, at 9 set the Mainstaysail and close reef'd foretopsail. at 1 a.m. set M.T.M. staysail and Mizen sail. — at 2 Wore Ship Course E.NE. took in the topsails. at 4 employed getting up other preventer Shrouds under the Cheeks of the Mainmast. — ships labouring so much with the slackness of the Main rigging drawed three of the Main chain plate bolts of the weather shrouds. Carpenters employed refitting them, in the Evening very squally with rain. Lat by Obs. 33° 00" at Meridian Bermudas bearing 87°. E. distance 133 Miles.

Thursday 28th at 5 Oclock this morning wore ship S.S.E. our Course — Winds WNW — Weather moderates. but squally, set fore & Myn topsail. M.T.M. staysail & Mizen at 12. saw the Island of Bermudas bearing S.W. distance 6 or 7 leagues. Wore ship to the Eastward. fresh Breezes and Cloudy. at 2 p.m. saw a Brig standing down for us

on our Weather bow bearing N.E.N.E.. got up fore top G. Mast. the day being far advanced. the Mainyard down and Mainmast not properly secured or fished it was thought most proper not to Chase her. - at 6. p.m. Course S.E. the weather moderating. some of our people broke out with the small Pox. Lat at Meridian by Observation 32°. 37" N.

Friday 29th. - Pleasant moderate weather Winds at East - Course at Meredian South. - all the Carpenters employed fishing the Mainmast. - under moderate Sail - pleasent Breeges in the afternoon with squalls of Rain. - Lattitude by Observation at Meridian 31°. 16' N. - Bermudas bearing NWby W ½ W distance 124 Miles. - Turks Island SWby S ¼ W. distance 749 miles.

Saturday 30th. - at 5 this morning Samuel Collins a Marine departed this Life. Winds very variable general course SSby W. with squalls of Rain. - a Crew employed woulding the Mainmast. - in the afternoon squally Hazy handed the Topsails, and at 4 finished the Mainmast. - at 6. wore Ship Course WNW. Wind SEby E. - Lat. at Meridian 29°. - 43' N.

Sunday 31st December 1780. – Blowing squally weather with heavy rain. Wind S.W. laying too under the foresail and Mizen staysail. Ships head up E. S.E. off East. – at 5 in the Morning Asa Durfey a Boy departed this Life. – the weather more moderate and pleasant in the afternoon made a little Sail Course S. Wind W. – Lattitude at Meridian by Obs. 29°. 37'. N.

Monday 1st of January 1781. – at 7 A.M. made a Sail bearing West. Hauld our Wind and gave Chace. – the Main-yard being on deck swayed it up. – swayed up T.G.M. and yards, set the Mainsail M.T. sail and T.G. sails a very rough tumbling Sea. but weather pleasant fresh breezes at ~~E.S.E~~ at W steering S.W. continued the Chace untill 3 P.M. when finding we did not gain much on her took in Sail gave over Chace. – the Chace a great advantage of us before we coud make Sail our Main yard being upon deck &c or we should have come up with her. during the Chace carried away the Jaws of the derrick lower it down Carpenters employed Night mending it – in the Evening Reeft Topsails – Weather very pleasant with a Trade Wind at E. Course S by E. died of the small Pox. – Lat by Obs. 28°. – 22'. N. Bermudas bearing N 21 W. dist. 251 Miles. Turks Island S 47. W dist 611 Miles.

Tuesday January 2d. 1781. — Pleasant Weather out reefs in the Topsails, set T.G. Sails., Staysails, & fore T. M. steering sail's Wind E. Course S by W. — got up the Mizen derrick. — all hands on Deck employed cleaning Ship. — in the Evening took in light Sails. — Lattitude by Observation at Meridian 26°. 20" N. —

Wednesday 3. — This morning pleasant weather and fresh Breezes at E.N.E. Ship under fresh way, at 8 O Clock a Man dropt overboard, hove the Ship too. throwed out the Jolly boat. the Man considerable distance a Stern swimming well, Jolly got to him took him, he was expiring — took the Boat in and made Sail. Course S.W. — Ships Crew employed cleaning Hammocks, & between decks. — set up the Topmasts Rigging. — Lattitude at Meridian 23°. — 35' N. Longitude 62°. 51" W. Turks Island bearing S. 73°. W distance 432 Miles —

Thursday 4th. pleasant weather and fresh Breezes at E.N.E. Steering S.W. by W. all Night under the Topsails — all hands cleaning Ship. Lat by Obs. 21 — 39" N. Yesterday having passed the Tropick line this day was celebrated in the usual manner. —

Friday 5th January. — At 5 this morning made Sail Course W. Winds E.N.E. — at 12 O'Clock a Sail discovered from the Fore T.G. mast head distance 8 or 9 Leagues. made all Sail and gave Chace. by Sundown gained more than half the distance. kept sight of her after Night — suppose her to be a Ship — continued the Chace — got Ship clear for Action. — at 10 PM came up along side of the Chace — hailed her — she answered from Liverpool in Nova-Scotia bound to Turks Island — concluded her a prize. — sent the Barge on board of her — brought the Captn on board who finding us to be American said he was from Salem bound to the aforesd. Island and produced two sets of Papers, upon which the Captn thought proper to take her into Cape Francay for Tryal — she is loaded with Ballast — lay too all Night under the Topsails. — Lat at Meredian 21° 31' N. Turks Isl. S. 88 W. dist 170 miles

Saturday 6th — at 7 o'clock this Morning saw a Sail in the S.E. — made Sail and gave Chace Course S.S.E. — at 12 — the Chace kept away — our Course W.S.W. gaining on her. — at 4 P.M. having gained within two Miles of the Chace and making the Turks Islands a head to bring her too — fired a shot but had no effect

we continued the Chace gaining but little – at Sundown the Chace discovering the Land bore Ship and stood for it – we fired eight or ten bow Chaces at her without the desired effect and the Land being close aboard bearing W by N. distance ~~three~~ Six Leagues thought proper to give over Chace – she appeared to be an American Brig. – took in Sail reefed topsails and hauled by the Wind Course the Prize Brig in Company – Lat. by Obs. at Meridian 21° – 21' N. Long. 68° – 58' – W.t. – –

Sunday 7.th – Stood off and on last Night under the Topsails to the Northward and Southward. – at daylight made Sail Course SSW. at 9 saw the Grand Turk bearing S by W. – saw a brig to windward running along the Land – at 10 she anchored in Turks Island road – at 12 run into the road a stern of her under English Colours. hove too and sent the Barge on board of her as belonging to the British Venus Frigate. she proved to be from Nantucket. therefore quitted her. the Barge taken in made Sail. at this Harbor a Town composed of a number of small huts inhabited by Bermudians who come there to make Salt – of which we saw a sufficient to load a hundred Sail of Ships – this Island is about 5 or 6 Miles long

entirely barren being covered with Rocks and Shrubs, producing nothing but Salt which is formed by nature in large Ponds on the Island, there is six or Seven more of these Islands all in sight but very small without Inhabitants some of them has Salt Ponds. at 6 ½ O Clock passed the Sand key the Southermost & Westermost of these Islands & at Sundown it bore N.E. Course S by W. at 9 AM SW by S.

Monday Janu. 18th — At 7 this morning saw the Island of Hispanolia and the Cape Francis bearing S. 7 or 8 Leagues Wind E S E. Course ~~E.N.E.~~ SW by S. found ourselves to Leeward of the Cape. at 8 Tacked Ship stood to the E N E. Wind to the S.E. Tacked again ~~to~~ 11 and stood in for the Cape. met a number of small Vessels coming out at 2 PM up with the Cape and took on board a Pilot on the this Cape Land stands a very strong fort at ½ past 2 came to Anchor opposite the Town it appears near as large as St. Pierrs and very regularly Built situated under two very high mountains. opposite the Town over the Harbor is a small Village called Petit Anse which some years ago was laid out and intended for the Town of Cape Franceway (the present one at that time being Destroyed by fire) but they rebuilt it as at present therefore the other tho' Situated on a fine and extensive

plain did not succed in their attempts, tho' equally as advantagous as to the Harbour but the Inhabitants at the time of the Conflagration ~~thought it~~ being possessed of Ground Estates in the Town thought it less expensive to Rebuild on their Lots. — ~~at~~ the Town & Village aforemt.d being ~~three~~ Miles distance & oppasite forms the harbour in breadth ~~when~~ its about 5 Miles in length, capable of containing 300 Sail of Ships and very safe in all Weather ~~as w~~ being defended at the Mouth by several Reefs of Rocks which break off the Sea in the greatest hurricanes — at 3 O'Clock AM hoisted out the Barge the Cap.a & Passengers went a shore Moored Ship — a great number of Merchantmen in the harbor from differt. Ports — the Ship Flora arrived here about half an hour before we did — who sailed in Company with the Saratoga the day before we did —

Tuesday 9.th — Exceeding Warm here untill 10 or 11 O'Clock when the Sea Breeze generally comes in and blows fresh — Saluted the Town at Sun rise this Morning with 21 Guns, it was returned with the same number from a Battery in Town, several Vessels arrived amongst whom a Brig from N London. unbent some of the Sails &c. —

Wednesday 10th — Unbent all our Sails — Crew employed mending them — hauled a French Brig alongside — got the Yard tackle on her foremast and hoisted it out. — sent Twenty two Sick Men a shore to the Hospital. others taking Sick hour the grows very sickly. — at 10 AM. two Men swom away from the Ships Bows the French Brig laying at a small distance took them up — brought them on board and confined them in Irons. —

Thursday 11th — At 9 AM. went a shore to Town with our Commissioned Officers. who in company with our Capt. waited on the General. Intendant — Commanding Officer and several other Offiers and Principle Inhabitants of the Town. this is a Custom made use of and expected by our Allies. Dined with Mr. P—d one of our Passengers — who has treated us with every mark of politeness — in the Evening accompanied him to the play — their Playhouse is large and very neat — Superior much in every respect to the Theatre in Martinique in which is two or three good performers with an exceeding grand Orchestra of Musick this Town is much larger than I expected being superior to St. Peirs it is most regularly built in small Squares. — the Inhabitants dress very elegant — the Ladies ware most enormous large Heads. bolsters on their hips by way of hoops. —

Friday 12th. — Went a shore this morning — Dined with a large Company at Mr. Callibash, a principle Merchant in this Town. — in the afternoon took a Walk thro' the Kings Stores and Yards. Visited several elegant Seats along shore towards the Fort. — in the Evening accompanied Mr. P. and d. to a Ball at the playhouse which is converted into an Assembly Room by laying a Stage over the Pit. — the Company small but elegant. —

Saturday 13th. Accompanied the Captain and Officers this morning waiting on several Gentlemen. amongst whom was Mr. Choisel — Governor of the Southern part of the Island. — Waited on Mr. Virie and Mr. Ravy — Merchants in this Town to whom I had Letters and was received with the utmost politeness. Dined at Mr. P. — spent the afternoon viewing the Town. —

Sunday 14th. — Dined in Town to day with a large company at Mr. Denny's a Merch.t here from Boston. spent the afternoon there. in the Evening went to the Comedy being too late our seat was filled did not stay. afterwards was conducted to a Masque Ball — they dress in same taste as the white Ladies and dance tolerable well — slept a shore at Mr. D. —

Monday 15th. Returned onboard to dress this Morning at 10 AM accompd. several of the Officers out to the Of Hospital where we spent the Day most agreeably with the chief Surgeons and several other Gentlemen. these Hospitals is very spacious about a mile and half from Town, situated on a rising plain at the foot of a Mountain. the Surgeons Hall is elegant from which you have an agreeable and extensive prospect of a large Plain for many Leagues distance at the back of the house there is an elegent Garden with a varity of Fruits and a very fine Fountain which throw the Water perpendicular upwards of 20 feet. here we have 20 odd sick all recovering. — in the Evening returned on board the Ship. arrived this afternoon a small Schooner from Philo. and a Brig from Salem. —

Tuesday 16th. Spent the day on board fine cool Sea Breezes and pleasant Weather. arrived this Evening to large American Ships from France belonging to Philadelphia. —

Wednesday 17th — Went a shore this Morning with several of the Officers to the Admiralty on the Condemnation of our Prize — dined a board — afternoon a shore again — in the Evening went to the Ball where we found a very large and brilliant Company — at 9 O'Clock waited on Mr R. and his Lady home. Supped with them and returned aboard. — a Brig arrived from Connecticut. —

Thursday 18th — this Morning a small Schooner arrived from Philadelphia. — several Caulkers employed Caulking the Ship. — all Hands employed clearing Hold in order to take in our Cargo. — Dined a shore — spent the Evening at the Comedy. — and at 9 returned on board. ——

Friday 19th — Went a shore in the Morning on business. — Dined with the Marquis General and Cr in Command in this Island — after dinner the Card Tables introduced spent an hour at them. — General appears to be a very polite agreeable Gent.n — but as he did not understand English or we French rendered our Company less familiar and agreable than if we could have supported Conversation. — paid a few friendly visits in the Evening and returned on board. — Caulkers at Work. hold unstoed &c. ——

Saturday 20th — Early this Morning the Capa. went out of Town with Mr Lorey on a Visit in the Country for a few days. — at 9 O'Clock a Messenger arrived from the Governor desiring the Commanding Officer to wait on him — at 11 AM the first Lieut. sent off orders on board to bend Sails and get the Ship in order for Sailing on a short Cruize to Convoy in an expected French fleet from Martinique. at 1 AM the Lieut. returned on board and informed us the Cruize was given up as the Governor just received advice of the Fleets safe arrival at Port Louis on the S. part of the Island — spent the afternoon.

Sunday 21st — spent the forenoon aboard. several American Captains dined with us. — Several Seamen belonging to the Phila. Ships lately arrived here offered to Enter with us on account of the bad treatment they received from their Captains consequently the Officers of the Ship were in duty bound to receive & enter them in the Service upon the Officers going on shore met with the Capas. of the Ships who insulted the Officers and the Service despised our Authority & rejected our orders — our barge in the afternoon went aboard one of the Ships for the peoples Cloaths the Commandg officer confined the Barge Crew for some time — these Audacious

Offered to the American Flag by the Subjects of America, highly required us to punish the Offenders - for which purpose we stated the matter to the General who ordered the Commander of the Ships before him next morning. - In the Evening went to the Comedy - Supt with a friend - at 10 - went to a Masquerade Ball - but the Evening being rainy the did not assemble — slept ashore. —

Monday 22d. - Early this morning the 2d Lieut. went on board one of the Ships Capt. to demand the Mens Wages which we had entered - but the Capn treated our Lieut. with utmost disrespect and Jeurality - but it served no other purpose than an addition to his Crimes yesterday - and determined us to bring him to a Sense of his erroneous conduct - - at 8 O'Clock our Officers with the Masters of the two Merchantmen went before the General who after a long Examination offered to put them in Goal and punish them according to the Laws of the Country if we required it - but the delinquents acknowledged their errors begged every Officers pardon belonging to the Ship that they had insulted and promised for the future to pay due respect to the Officers and Flag of the United States. upon which they were discharged. - a frequent Conduct of this kind where

insults is offered wou'd bring our Flag in more respect. — at 11 Arrd arrived here the Privateer Brig Fair American belonging to Phil.a 26 days out — during which time she capt two Brigs off Carolina one Loaded with dry Goods which she sent into Phil.a the other Loaded with fish which she brought here with her — also arrived a Sloop from Connecticut — and the Brig. Neptune Capt. Burroughs from Phil.a — afternoon went a shore — with Mr. P — d — paid a visit to Mrs V — . the finest Woman I have seen in the Island — yet I cannot converse with her — a most unhappy circumstance — returned aboard in the Evening. —

Tuesday 23d. On board the greatest part of the day — the Cutter and Barges Crew ashore getting 5 Anchors down on the Wharf ready to take on board — took a Deserter out of the Fair American. — a shore in the Evening went to the Play supt ashore and returned onboard. —

Wednesday 24th. This morning a Fleet of Deans & Dutchmen Sailed from here bound to Windward. — aboard all the forenoon — blows fresh — a Schooner one of the Fleet that Sailed this morning returned having sprung a Leak Sailing in the Cutter this afternoon. —

Thursday 25th. Went a shore this afternoon on business - Capt. Harding returned from the Country. Dined aboard - at 2 P.M. arrived a Brig - Capt. Earl from Rhode Island - ashore in the afternoon went to the Comedy and Supt with a friend. - returned onboard about 10. O Clock

Friday 26th. Two Flats employed filling water - Crew clearing the hold to receive the Anchors. Dined with Mr. R-y - spent the afternoon a shore - in the Evening the Anchors came along side - arrived a Schooner from Boston - returned on board in the Evening. —

Saturday 27th. At 12 O'Clock the Saratoga Sloop of War Capt. Young arrived here with a Prize Ship Mounting 20 Guns Loaded with Turpentine the Saratoga sailed the day before us and has made three Prizes - ashore after dinner. - Went to the Play - and supt with a number of American Gentlemen and returned aboard. —

Sunday 28th. Two Gentlemen from Town breakfasted with us. - at 8 O Clock this morning the Saratoga Saluted the Town - the first Gun fired unfortunally

proved to be Loaded with a round shot and Grape supposed to be put in by the Prisoners which killed a negro Woman ashore. – and in loading one of the Guns ~~before~~ without Springing killed a Man and wounded another – Dined in Town with Mr. V. – Waited on the General at 4. O'clock respecting the misfortune attending the Saral.a Salute. – at the Comedy in the Evening – Supd with a friend at 11 went to a Masquerade Ball – but only two or three Masks – and the Assembly of Ladies but few it appered more like a Country froleck than a Masquerade at 12 the Company broke up. – slept ashore

Monday 29th – Warm weather People growing Sickly 60 at the Hospital. – filling Water and Caulking Ship. – With the Capt.a & Officers dined with Mr. Lavo the Gent.a who Transacts the Loading of the Ship. – The Goods not being ready which are to carry home – the Governor has requested to Cruize for 12 or 13 Days. – accordingly Orders sent on board to bend Sails and prepare the Ship for Sea. – at 1 pm arrived the Kings Brig Cat – who is going with us as our Tender. —

Tuesday 30th – Hauled the Prize Brig alongside and took out of her 30 Ton of Stone Ballast – all Hands employed – stowing hold – bending Sails &c. Dined with the Officers on board of Cap.a French – at 3 went ashore – Spent the Evening

Evening at the Comedy and returned aboard. —

Wednesday 31st. — Preparing Ship for Sea — taking in stone Ballast — Wrote home to Philadelphia by Capa. Burrows Brig Neptune. — A shore afternoon at 4 sent on board 31 french Troops for Marines — Unmoored Ship — Lodged a shore —

Thursday the 1st. February — Went a board this Morning at Sunrise — Calm weather. — about 8 got under way with the Land breeze soon out of the Harbour with the Brig Cat in Company having four American Vessels under our Convoy at 9 under moderate Sail standing out from the Land — employed Quartering the Men — a Ship to Windward standing down for us — made Signals and fired two Guns to Windward — it proved to be the Dean Frigate having been Cruizing on the Coast 8 or 9 Weeks without success — she parted with us after giving them directions how to run into the Cape. — a very fresh Trade Course N. — at Sundown the fleet Rief'd Topsails. the Land of Hispa. in sight bearing

Friday 2d. February — Weather moderate and Calm this Morning — the fleet in Company — in the forenoon frequent squalls of Wind and Rain Course N. & N by E. — at 3 let the

Rief out of the Topsails and set the Mainsail at ½ past three discovered the ~~the~~ ~~Western~~ West Cocos ahead - run down to it by Sundown hove the Barge out and sent Signals on board of the french Brig - and Letters on board of the other Vessels for America. - at 6 hove too and lay under the Topsails untill 12 O'Clock then made Sail Wind E by N. Course N by E. —

Saturday 3d. - pleasent Weather and fresh Breezes - at 7 AM saw the West Cocos bearing S.E. 5 or 6 Leagues - at 9 saw Maguana on the Lee bow bearing W.N.W: distance 6 Leagues. - Steering N. by E. - at 9 PM lost sight of all our Convoy the Steered more the Northward. — the Brig Cat in Company. — Lat. at Meredian by Observation ~~[illegible]~~ 22°. - 20' N. —

Sunday 4th. - fresh Breezes at E by S. - the Brig in Company - the Ship thought to be out of trim - run the four bow Guns ~~[illegible]~~ aft with all the people Sails somthing better but the Ships wants more ballast - blows frest at reffled the Topsails - at 1 Wore Ship to set up the Starboard rigging - at 4 wore Ship again Course NE by E. - Lat. by Observ. at Meredian 23 - 25" N. Maguana bearing S. 24° W. dist. 103 Miles

~~Sunday~~ Monday 5th February. – Cloudy Squally Weather in the forenoon Winds E S E. Course N E. the Cat in company – employed trimming Ship took the provision & Ballast out of the fore hold into the after hold for that purpose the Cat in company – Exercised at the Cannon and small Arms – Lat. at Meridian by Obs. 25°. – 1" N – Long. 71°. 17" W. Maguana bearing S 29° W. 185 miles

Tuesday 6th Pleasant mederate Weather the fore part of the day ~~at 1~~ Course N E by E. Wind S E by E. at 12 wore ship – Course S W by S. Wind S. E by S. – at 2 PM squally with rain – at Sundown the Cat a stern lay by for her – at 8 PM. Tacked Ship Course E. Wind S S E. and pleasant weather. Lat. by Obs. 26°. 07" N. Long. 70°. 18" W Maguana bearing at noon S. 31° W. 264 miles

Wednesday 7th – Light Winds and smooth Sea Course the fore part of the Day E by N. – afternoon Winds variable and light – in the afternoon Exercised the Cannon and Marines at small Arms with Powder. the Cat in company – Calm in the Evening – Lat by Obs. 26° 02" N. Long. 69°. 36 W. – Turks Islands bearing S. 6° W. dist 279 miles

Thursday 8th. – Light Winds almost Calm at S. – Course E S E. – Washed Ship fore and aft – Caught a Dolphin, after Meredian light Airs very variable at 5 squalls of rain took in T. G sails Wind S W Course S S E. – Lat by Ob. 26. 12" N. Long. 68. 45" W. –

Friday 9th — Light Airs of Wind At South this morning. — at 9 AM. discovered a small Sail from the T. G. mast head in the N.E. — made Signals to the Cat and both gave Chace — continued the Chace Calm at Meridian finding we did not gain much on the Chace gave it over and took in the Steering Sails at two O Clock — soon after a Brig discovered a Stern in Chace of us — almost Calm. laid the Sprit Sail Topsail a back, and trimmed the other Sails as not to make much headway in hopes to decoy her alongside — she gaining on us — at half pas three discovered another Sail on our Weather Quarter standing for us supposed to be the others Consort hauled all the Guns but 5 of a side & lowered down the Ports — at Sundown she was within about 2 Legues of us but not liking our appearance she hove about & stood to the North & West. & for the other Vessel — being Calm thought it unnecessary to Chace — after dark lay the Main Topsail to the Mast — the Cat in Company. Lat by Obs. at Meridian 26° 12 N. Long. 67° 51" W. Turks Isl. S. 24° W. dist 244 Miles. —

Saturday 10th — At 12 last Night Wore Ships head W S W. saw the two Sail bearing W by N. at 5 this morning made all Sail and gave Chace with the Cat — to the two Brigs a head — very light Winds at S S W. at 9 one of the Brigs hove about and stood to Windward of us — We hoisted our Coulors and fired a Gun to Leeward ~~of us~~ the Cat being to Windward the Brig bore down to her and spoke with her then came down to us. proved to be the fair American

the other Brig her prize which she took 8 days ago - a privateer Brig of 14 guns and 70 men belonging to N. Providence - the Fair American made Sail and stood after her prize ahead - almost Calm all day Course W.S.W. Exercised the Ships Marines with Powder in the afternoon. Philip Carney a Marine died last Night - about Sundown the Fair American got up with her prize put about & stood for us - in Company with them all Night — Lat. by Obs. 26-59" N. Long. 68° 11" W.t —

Sunday 11th. February. — pleasant Breezes at S.E. at 5 this morning discovered the Fair American ahead in Chace. made Sail and gave Chace Course S.S.W. - at 7 the Fair American brought the Chace too - Tacked and stood for us. at ½ past seven sent our barge onboard of her she was from St. Croix bound to N. Carolina: during the Chace she throwed her Boat overboard therefore our Capt.n thought proper to spare him our Jolly Boat. at 10 took in the Barge and made Sail in Company with three Brigs - Light Winds all the afternoon at S.E by S. Course S.S.W. Lat. by Obs. at Meridian 25°-09" N. Long 69°-16"-W. Turks Islands bearing S.12°.W dist. 228 Miles. —

Monday 12th. Light Airs of Wind at S.E by E. and very smooth Sea. the Lat — Fair American and her prize in Company - the afternoon Wind E. — Course S.S.E. took in the middle & T.G. stay sails at 6 O Clock P.M — Lat by Obs. at Mered. 24°-00" Long. 70°-02" W. Turks Isl.d S.2°.W dist 155 Miles. —