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2 o'clock the steamer taking us as far as Georgetown the river being so narrow for a ship to sail down it is about 4 miles in length and varying from $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile to 5 miles in width some places hardly wide enough for one ship to pass another, at last we got outside having a splendid fair wind we reached New Castle light at 2 o'clock in the morning of Sunday November 27th 1870. Arrived in port at 6 o'clock in the morning fine clear day dried all our sails and furled them at 4 o'clock Monday November 28th We began to discharge our ballast in lighters having over 200 tons aboard it took us some time to discharge it On Sunday morning Dec. 4th being summer time than the second mate and 2 or 3 of us took the ship's boat and went up to the Coffin Ore works to get some Oysters and when had a first rate time when got back at 4 o'clock On Monday December 5th having near all our ballast out but 20 tons and no coal in at yet we had to stop taking any more out for fear of a strong wind coming and capsizing us There is a wind that comes all of a sudden then it called a backfitter or a southerly Breeze coming direct from the southward sometimes taking the mast right out of a ship and doing other severe damage.

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on Tuesday morning December 6th at 2 o'clock all hands was called to let go our other anchor and send down Top Gallant and Royal yards and top Gallant and Royal Masts and Order to chuck every thing to down below that we could get down to save the ship. By the time that we had got our yards ready to send down the Heaviest of the wind had struck the ship and heeled her over considerably but doing no damage several of the other ships dragged their Anchors some distance had it not been for putting every thing below as we did probably the ship would have gone over otherwise there was no damage done. We took in 100 tons of coal in lighters on 7th and 8th of December on the 9th of December we went along side the wharves to finish loading at 7 o'clock we went and washed our selves and went up town one of the young fellows and my self had made up our minds to leave the ship on account of small wages the wages being then in that port 4 pounds which is 20 dollars a month so we stopped at Hendersons boarding house all night till 5 o'clock in the morning when we arose and started on the road not daring to take the main Road for fear of being telegraphed back again therefore we took