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We had a new preacher at the seamen's meeting to day the cousin of Elder Lewis absence I do not know. But do not care the one that was there to day is a well spoken preacher & just as I have just returned from a temperance meeting at Washington hall I did know the name of the speaker he is plain spoken and one that appears to take great interest in the cause he is labouring for the pledge was offered but no one offered but his name down perhaps they had done so before the better way would be to of passed the pledge round for first would have courage to go to the head of the hall when all the crowd

Monday this has been a beautiful day for the time of year saw one of my ship mate that was in the Columbus

Tuesday we have beautiful weather and have had all of this week and the prospect is good for it to continue for some time to come

We have had the most good weather this fall of any season I can remember with is not a great many but over 20 and divide that by 2 I think would come somewhere near the number that are in my knowledge but

Wednesday We have had a very pleasant day but I think we shall have a change for the worst shortly. I received a letter from home this afternoon which brought me very good news from old and young

Thursday all of the fore noon rained very hard the afternoon we did not have much this Sabbath I did not attend church

Friday This morning went over to Fairhaven to have a look at the ship the second mate came on from Boston to day all of the officers are here at the present time and the boatsteers and cooper are all here and ready to go

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and I wish we were ready to go but we must have patience for a few weeks longer we shall get started after a while

Tuesday 14 This day I have finished getting my outfit which will cost me 125 dollars rather to much for a third mate

Wednesday 15 fine weather but rather cool for comfort I have shipped on board the Columbus for the 45 days and 50 dollars money the money I took to use before I go the pay is rather small for to live in those days but it is better than I ever had before

Thursday 16 we have very pleasant weather for the time of year I have just returned from a pleasant ride in the country and through the beautiful village of Dartmouth and passed Smith's mills and this is the principal part of my day's work which is more than I do most of the days I have been here I have almost forgot all about work but I think shall soon remember all I have lost of the great art

Friday 17 beautiful weather clear and pleasant we should have known so much good weather in one season as we have had this fall I hope it will hold out for 10 days longer then I shall be clear of the ugly coast for the next 30 months or more but I hope no more than 30 months which will be brought for one voyage

Saturday 18 I just returned from a ride in the country I am some what disappointed at not getting news from the fleet the wind is blowing fresh from the N.E. and before we are morning hours over we shall have a storm one week from today is the time set for our leaving this part of the world for a part that will pay us better for our labour after we have gathered to the value of a few dollars we will return and spend it with the ladies in the country