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 I hope he will see the wrong he is doing himself and family and before it is too late. But there is but one way for him he must leave the dreadful vice at once or he never can. It grows on him daily at the present he has no controul over himself and unless he swears off altogether he will fill a drunkards grave. The thoughts of the end of such a course do enough to keep me from the sin without any other inducement. I almost believe in predestination that man has a course laid down for him when he first enters the world. Some come in to the world with a course of happiness before them. If it was not so why am I here no inducement could persuade me to stay at home where there is every thing that man could wish for. but it seemed as if I must leave. I felt as if I was doing wrong. But go I must certainly it was not of my own good will. And it seems to be the same with my room mate. I know he wants to do better but his passions are too strong for his good resolutions. He wants to turn from some source that we poor worms of the earth are not likely to get. Latter and middle part light winds from all points of the compass employed at breaking out for lumber and water.
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10 Commenced with light winds from South steering by the wind to the Eastward. Employed at breaking out for water at Seem down saw blackfish we have just figured how much meat we eat per month we eat better than 4 barrels per month or one pound 13 ounces each man per day and in the Navy the allowance is one pound fish day. So we are clear double what we eat. Saw all kinds of men. Middle part calm latter part light winds from South with heavy rain saw a brig steering
 Got no observations

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11 Commenced with light winds from the Southward steering South under all sail the rain has been falling faithful for the last 12 hours we have caught 4 casks of water which will be used to wash with the captain at the present time is wondering where came got his wife and I think it must be a mistake to the most learned men of the present day we have no other record but the bible and that says that came was the first born and Abel was the second and now where did Cain's wife come from had she been Adams daughter she must of been Cain's sister and God allows no inter course of that nature. but the bible tells us that Cain had a wife and I suppose it is some of our business where he found her. But religion is the darkest thing of nature is knotted with Middle part light winds from the South and steering South under all sail latter part light winds saw 5 built ships to the Southward had some rain
 44 Got no observation

12 Commenced with calms and squalls of rain the 5 sails still in sight misery loves company I think we have our share the captain has broke his barometer tube and the quicksilver has got in one end and it seems to be impossible to start it out Middle part calm and clear 3 forenoon hands sick off duty the captain gave one a heavy dose of salts in few hours after he inquired after his health the answer was it's better he was called aft to take another portion of salts but he had lost his appetite for that article and wished to be excused from taking any more the captain gave him his choice to take the salts or go to his duty of the to come he chose the least we found him on deck and heard no further complaint we have at great deal of this