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middle part strong winds from the northward steering S.W. under top sails and fore sail latter part the same top gallant sails set had some

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commenced with strong breeze from west steering by the wind to the southward under all sail the weather thick and foggy saw nothing abedle part calm and foggy latter part caught a turtle saw grasshoppers had light air from all points of the compass

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Monday

commenced with light winds from the starboard steering S.W. & S under all sail and this is the first sabbath in the new year and how have I passed my time some what after this manner first 2 hours at the mast head then took breakfast and then sleep for some 3 hours then ate dinner went to the mast head for 2 hours more came down and finished the day at reading Byron

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And thus the holy day is gone never more to return the first passed at looking out for whale the rest at sleeping and reading by some takes abedle part fine breeze from the starboard steering S.W. & S under all sail latter part strong winds from S.W. steering by the wind on the starboard tack stowed some spars over the stern

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Wednesday

commenced with strong winds from starboard steering by the wind heading S.E. under all sail bent a new main sail the captain gave me cloth for a skin bootsuit at 12 o'clock at 10 went to the mast head and had the pleasure of hearing my own dinner which consisted of pork and beans we had the trouble for dinner but we dare not eat dinner for fear of poison and we did not care about risking our precious lives when there was the necessity we had plenty of pork and beans and we were sure that we could them with safety for our

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forepart were reared on them fresh potatoes with a few vegetables abedle part blowing a gale from west latter part by the wind on the starboard tack under reefed main and close reefed mizen top sail and fore and main spencer and fore topmast stay sail latter set reefed fore sail some few squin the grovets took the old ones for fore reefed the old ship makes good weather of it although the wind blows strong and a heavy sea running her deck has been dry most of the day the air is quite cool for this latitude at this season of the year

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Friday

commenced with a heavy gale from S.W. lay in by the wind on the starboard tack under close reefed main top sail and spencers and close mizen set the fore topmast but it to much for her bent to close mizen turned up the main boat secured the hatches made all safe for the night as for a lay in our power we have heavy squalls of wind and rain we have a clearing sight before us but it is my good fortune to have about 8 hours below deck if anything happens we are always sure of our watches on deck but there is a certainty about our watches below they depend on circumstances middle part more moderate and less squally set the reefed foresail mizen top sail we had a total eclipse of the moon the first one I ever saw latter part light winds S.W. & S steering by the wind heading south under all sail sent down the mizen top gallant yard and sail then sail had to be shortened saw a brig steer the same as we are we have little more than the coat burnt her deck so we could not but at the Scipps send the old darkey but brought to her a hog and well be deserved the punishment if it was once

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