

and healthy state saying that the heart must be steeled to all the purest and best affection that would suffer without reluctance an object of so much importance to our company to delay without making at least one effort towards its recovery. They then cited their opponents to our last gale during which this thing of so much pity and commiseration remained tolerably composed although others were constantly moving appearing restless and uneasy proving they said, the wonderful strength of its constitution though by a serious accident sadly impaired. They finally concluded by conjuring them to remember that the battle was not always to the strong nor the race to the swift but according to the value and good order of the craft the skill of the director and the manner in which the canvas was spread to the breeze if there happened to be any that is the wind itself was thought to have an important bearing inasmuch as when it increased its effect was sensibly felt. It is perhaps not difficult to imagine the effects produced on those who were compelled to listen to these eloquent pleadings in the right cause only a small part of which is recorded. It was indeed astonishing and when at length the one chosen for the investigation of the affair arose and presented the result of the debate only one was found against while six were in favor of the amendment which provided that one be chosen to prescribe the necessary ingredients and another to apply the same unto the object of our general sympathy be resurrected

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to its former state of material capacity. The meeting adjourned has since met and now I find myself appointed to administer according to the best of my ability and knowledge all the necessary articles such as cedar bark and iron the great dissiderata for broken boats.

Thus far my work has been fraught with good results and I have had the satisfaction of seeing several doses of this valuable remedy applied with good effect and we now have the strongest hopes of ere long restoring to our house one of a noble and illustrious though unfortunate family.

Lat.  $32^{\circ}10'$  Lon.  $32^{\circ}34'$ .

Dec. 27

Course still west with wind from E. and pleasant. Repairing boat continued. Thus far we have had a fine run towards the River where we are bound for Sp. Hope our favourable wind will continue to waft us on a little longer. Lat.  $31^{\circ}57'$  Lon.  $34^{\circ}40'$ .

Dec. 28.

The wind has hauled a little to the South but we are on the same course. Has been a remarkably warm day with not a single cloud to be seen. But signs of a change are at hand the barometer within a few hours has fallen considerably which is a sure precursor of wind or rain. The only thing seen for some days were porpoises these to day round in large numbers but none. Still mending the boat. It progresses finely. Lat.  $31^{\circ}46'$  Lon.  $37^{\circ}31'$ .