

1831 At Georgetown, Bermuda.

January 1st This day has been a faithful representation
 Saturday 3rd of human life, with its clouds, its Sunshines and
 its rains. Altho not so cold as I presume it is
 with my dear Parents and friends in Providence,
 Rhode-Island, I hope Almighty Providence has
 enabled them to enjoy all the happiness and comfort
 the first mentioned one could bestow upon them.
 May the Year we have entered upon find us united
 in the enjoyment of all the blessings of this transitory
 and uncertain existence.

Our time is passing quickly on, and soon our voyage is o'er,
 The Old Year flees away from us, and new ones on us pour,
 May the one we have just now begun, find us still sincere & true,
 And always have an honest heart, and an honest aim in view.
 May Virtue be our turnpike road, by which we shall advance
 Then mount on the steed of Truth, how gaily may we pass
 The Star of Hope will glittering shine, still brighter, year to year,
 As 't enable us to journey, through the scenes of this New Year.

Sunday 2nd Fair weather and fresh breezes from the Northward,
 Went to Church in the evening which is small & they
 have a fine toned organ, the sounds of which from
 their similarity, remind me of the old Organ that
 used to be in Mr Eder's Meeting House Providence.

Monday 3 Some light rain squalls but mostly fair weather
 Visited the 37th Regt Barracks, where the same order
 and neatness prevailed as at the 21st. Spent the
 evening with some of the Officers and Mr Carlow.

Tuesday 4 Light winds and pleasant weather. The Spar
 makes finishing off the spars. The topmasts both an end.

Wednesday 5 Moderate breeze and clear weather. Employing myself
 on board writing, reading and music. The Capt.
 goes to the Dock Yard and Hamilton.

Thursday 6 Pleasant weather with the wind from the Southward
 Capt. Sales returned from the Dock Yard.

Friday 7 Clear pleasant weather and the wind W & N.

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Saturday 7th January Pleasant weather with westerly winds.
 On board the Brig endeavoring to pass away the time
 while the Brig is refitting which advances very slowly.

Sunday 9th Fresh breezes from W & N and first part pleasant
 weather. Employed myself on board in reading &c.

Monday 10th Fair weather in the morning but occasional squalls
 during the day and rain at night. The Topmasts &
 Top G. Masts an aloft and Fore and Fore Topmast &
 Main Topmast Yards across and I am in hopes we may
 sail from here in 3 or 40 days having as I think been
 detained longer already, than we reasonably ought to
 have been. I have often heard tell of being muddgined,
 and I think I have seen the manner of performing
 the ceremony to an iota, to an American in distress.

Tuesday 11 Moderate westerly winds and cloudy weather and
 some showers of rain. The Thermometer generally ranges betwixt

Wednesday 12 Northerly winds. Part of the day fair and part
 cloudy with showers of rain. Crew at work on rigging.

Thursday 13 Northerly winds and most of the day fair weather
 Still staying on board as I have seen all there is in
 this part of the Bermudas worthy of notice.

Friday 14 Fair weather and a hot Sun. At 8 A.M. the Ther-
 mometer was 61° in the shade and at Meridian it had
 risen to 76°. At Sunset it fell to 70° and a small breeze
 sprung up from S.E. At Midnight the wind increased
 to a gale. Got the Cable to the wharf & made fast.

Saturday 15 A severe Gale of wind from S.E. and driving rain.
 At 8 A.M. hauled to S.W. still continuing to blow heavy.
 At noon cleared away and the Sun came out pleasant.

At 1 P.M. had another hard squall of wind and rain
 the wind then parted to West and blew still a severe
 gale, but the weather was now pleasant. Thermometer has
 been stationary since the last Sunset. At 2 P.M. the wind
 increased with violent gusts of driving rain and sleet &
 continued the same through the night of this day.