

1831. St. Georgetown, Bermuda

- Sunday 16th January Continues blowing a severe gale of wind from W. N. W. Thermometer stationary at 64°.
- Monday 17 Squally and blowing a gale from N. N. W. with showers of rain and hail. Passed the evening at Mr. Irvin's and on account of the storm lodged at his house.
- Tuesday 18 Continues the same as yesterday and the wind N. W. Arrived in distress, having been blown off the Coast. Sch. *Salam, Small*, from Boston for Wilmington. Put in for ballast.
- Wednesday 19 The wind again came back to W. N. W. and continues a strong gale and squalls with showers of rain.
- Thursday 20 Fair weather and fresh breezes this day, with some light sprinkling showers from passing clouds.
- Friday 21 The most of this day fine pleasant weather and the wind from the N. W. From 8 to 10 P.M. the air quite soft and mild the wind passing round to the S. E. Midnight had returned to its old quarters N. W.
- Saturday 22 Strong gale from N. N. W. & cloudy with showers of rain.
- Sunday 23 Strong gale with flying clouds and some light sprinkling showers from them, as they pass over.
- Passed the evening on board Sch. *Happy Return* of Halifax.
- Monday 24 Fair weather and winds westerly. There is some prospect of our leaving here before many days.
- Tuesday 25 Heavy passing clouds and westerly winds & occasional showers of rain. Mr. Carlow the former mate of Brig *W. 4th* who made himself acquainted with me, was drowned, from a Sail Boat on the 20th instant. He was going in company with a Lieutenant of the 37th Regt to a ship lying in the lower part of the harbor when the Boat knocked him overboard.
- Wednesday 26 Fair weather with some light sprinklings of rain occasionally. The Islands of the Bermudas or Lomes, as I am told are 365 in number which by counting all detached land, I should think was true. They lie N. E. and S. W. about 30 miles. Much Red Cedar grows here which is the principal production.

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- January 27th Fresh gales and cloudy with rain squalls at intervals. The vessel nearly completed and ready for Sea. Wind from the W. N. W.
- Friday 28 Fresh breezes and fair weather. Wind westerly.
- Saturday 29 First part pleasant with passing clouds. Latter part cloudy. Windy South westerly.
- Sunday 30 Cloudy weather and North westerly winds.
- Monday 31 Begins with mild weather, and a light air from the Northward. All hands making preparations for Sea. At 10 A.M. the Pilot on board, cast off from Shedden's Wharf, and made sail from the harbor. At Meridian being clear from Pilot gun discharged Pilot and proceeded on a S.W. course to clear the Islands. I then laid by civil computation making only 12 hours in this days remarks & commenced.
- Tuesday February 1st Commences fair weather and a Northwesterly wind declining Easterly. At 3 P.M. an English man of war Brig passed on a wind to the Eastward. At 4 P.M. Georgetown bore N. N. W. 6 leagues distant from which I take my departure for New York. Nearly a calm, and cloudy around the horizon, until midnight when a breeze sprang up from S.W. and continued increasing the latter part so as to bring us at noon under close reefed Topsails, & other storm sails reduced in proportion. Tacked at 4 A.M. to the Westward and at 7 A.M. saw the land on the lee bow, bearing N. W. W. at 8 tacked to the South and East. No observations. Latitude D R 31° 56' Longitude 64° 16' Course S 47° E
- Wednesday 2 Continues high winds from S.W. and increasing Sea, so that at 2 P.M. the vessel was hoove too when close reefed Main Topsail and reefed Spencer. Middle and Latter part strong gale which at 4 A.M. hauled to North West. Remained at noon lying too, and being cloudy had no observation. Latitude D R 31° 23' Longitude 63° 50' Course S 46°