

December the one the beginning of the last month in the
 Old year only 11 months and it will make half a
 Century that I have lived on this terrestrial sphere
 and the world goes on just the same as if I
 wasn't here and if I was dead it would go on
 just the same as if I was been the greatest of Philosophers
 it wonderful this morning Capt Titton had ~~quitted~~
 me that there was to be some Surgery to be
 performed on the man on Board of the Thrasher
 on the man that was frozen so I went over
 to see how it was done they amputated
 all of the Fingers on his left Hand
 (just clear of the Palm of his hand) and two of
 the Fingers on his Right the two small ones
 and three Toes on his left Foot if it was me
 I would as soon they would have administered
 a little more Chloroform because he will be
 a Burden on some one the rest of his life
 but Temper Fingers and the Day is not
 very off. upon me will all be things of the Past
 after the operation was performed I concluded
 I could do it just as well as it was done I then
 took a walk of 6 miles and after I Supped and
 on Board of the Fearless and spent the Evening
 So Ends &c

December Sunday the 2nd
 This Day began with fine weather
 wind moderate and thermometer 14 below of Times
 went over to the coasting. Hill where there was
 about a Hundred People a Pitkin and a Skating
 I managed to get down once without a Carriage
 on Skis and the rest of the times I tried
 I brought up on my Beam & set in the
 Evening I went on Board of Jerry Freeman
 weather fine so ends &c My Indian Hunter
 sent me word to Day that his Little Child
 was dead and wanted me to have a Coffin built
 and sent down to him also as he was feeling
 very Bad he would also like to have a
 Bottle of Whiskey to console him I sent the
 Coffin but kept the consolation

So Ends &c

December Monday the 3rd
 This Day began with fine weather no wind
 Thermometer 8 below I just loafed all Day there
 has nothing transpired of any moment
 this Day only bringing us one Day nearer our
 journey's end and leaving us one Day ^{less} to
 provide for so we will call this Day finished

December Tuesday the 4th
 This Day began with hazy weather and a strong
 wind from W. S. W. Thermometer 20 below I went
 on Board the Thrasher and saw them Dress the
 hands and Feet of the man that the amputation
 was performed on I stay there until ten O'clock
 the weather very Bad so ends &c

December Wednesday the 5th
 This Day began with fine weather a Gale
 from the W. S. W. the air full of Snow and
 drifting Snow Thermometer 22 below and the Park
 men is quite thick Capt Mackenna & Cogan are
 to give a Supper & Dance to night have received and
 accepted their invitation. Stay at Home this
 Evening So Ends this Day

December Thursday the 6th
 This Day began with thick Hazy weather
 blowing a Gale from W. S. W. Thermometer at
 22 below Capt Cogan's Dance and Supper was
 postponed on account of the weather I think
 they will have to postpone it again if the
 weather don't improve some the Chief Mate
 of Narvaeh and my Chief Engineer got
 back from a hunting Cruise with poor
 success having been gone 5 Days and got
 one small white Fox. I don't think they
 got much pleasure out of it I spent the
 Evening on Board of the Freeman
 so ends this Day