

December Sunday the 16th

This Day began with a Strong Wind from W.S.W. Thermometer 31 below in the afternoon the wind went down and the Evening was very fine I was on Board the Fearless untill ten O'clock So Ends

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Monday the 17th

This Day began with a Gale from N.E. middle and latter Part Fine Thermometer 20 below last night Mr Beake Chief Engineer of the Jerry Freeman died with Heart Disease the weather is good and needs to be as the Digging of the Grave is very tedious it is frozen mud and it seems like cutting stone, to cut it out they use axes and make very slow work they have dug down two feet I expect he will be buried tomorrow I spent the Evening on Board the Fearless So Ends &c.

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Tuesday the 18th

This Day began with Fine weather & S.W. Wind Thermometer 13 below at 130 P.M. the Funeral of Mr Beake the Ceremony was masonic but of course curtailed on account of the Inclemency of the weather, for as far as they used a Greenish Vine that grows all over the Island there is not any leaves on it the Pioneer here call it a willow but the only thing I have seen that looks like at home is a Beach Plum Bush only the Plum Bush is much thicker wooded at Dark it began to blow hard at 10.00 O'clock a regular Blizzard was under way so ends

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Wednesday the 19th

This Day began with a Strong Gale from the W.S.W. the Thermometer stood 13 below I was on Board the Freeman to see Capt Porter who is Sick of a Cold nothing of Interest has occurred So this I End with Fine weather

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Thursday the 20th

This Day began with Fine weather the Wind Light from W.S.W. Thermometer Reading only 3 below in the middle of the Day it rose at Zero latter Part visited Capt Porter who is Sick So Ends this Day

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Friday the 21st

This Day began with fine weather and calm Thermometer 8 above Zero the Sun will start back tomorrow this is the longest night we have got Daylight for three hours of course there is not any Sun but it is light enough at 8 A.M. untill 4 P.M. to work at any common work out of Doors. nothing of importance transpired one of Capt George Porters He unobscured came in and brought in 4000 one of Capt Lewis Hunters is Reported with 30. & native Child died and was buried So Ends &c.

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Saturday the 22nd

This Day began with fine weather Thermometer 8 above at 12 A.M. Blowing a Gale at Dark Fine weather & calm nothing of note my Hunter brought two White Fox Skins So Ends

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Sunday the 23rd

This Day began with Fine weather Wind N.E. Thermometer at Dark 17 above Zero visited Capt Wm Porter who is Sick and took Dinner and I spent the Evening on Board of the Fearless a Fine Night So Ends &c.

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Monday the 24th

This Day began with Fine weather Wind S.W. Thermometer 23 above. everything is melting around the Ship where the fire warms up above the Boilings is all falling down around me it is something exceptional about this weather Capt Porter is getting some better and the man that had the Amputation performed on him is doing well his fingers are healing up nicely and his toes all but all of the Tendons cords &c on his Right heel are all exposed and the most of them are destroyed leaving the Bone exposed but I think that the Flesh will cover the Bone but the heel will