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From St. Johns (Porto Rico) for Bermuda (in dispatch)

Monday 13th December. Commenced fresh breeze and pleasant weather. At 4 P.M. got the M.S.G. Yard and Sails aloft and set it in lieu of a Main Top-sail. At 8 P.M. took in all sail but close reefed Fore Top-sail and reefed Tropsail and hauled on a wind to the Northward. At Midnight were to the South and West. At 7 A.M. set all the Stry Sails and Steered East with the wind W.S.W. and at 9:30 A.M. saw the land bearing E.N.E. being Bermuda Islands. Bent the small lower cable. Rigged a Spar up to the Fore topmast head and set the colors for a Pilot. Lat N. 32° 09'. Bermuda E.N.E. 10 miles.

Tuesday 14th Continues fresh breeze and pleasant weather. At 2 past Meridian came on colored water and at 1 P.M. took a Bermudian Pilot on board who is to take the Breeze into Georgetown. Steered to the South East to go to the Southward of the Islands then hauled on a wind to the Eastward within a mile of the shore and stood up as far as St. David's Head, and after making two tacks off fetched in to the mouth of the Harbor and anchored in 3 or 4 fathoms water. A Gentleman by the name of Robinson boarded us and offered his services to Capt. Sater. Through the night pleasant weather. At daylight commenced warping up to the town, and at Meridian was near the wharves. I continued by civil computation and make 36 hours in this day account. At 2 P.M. let go the best lower anchor and dropped her stem in and lay off the East side of Shedden's wharf, with fasts to the wharf and a stage from the gangway to it. Latter part pleasant weather and wind N.W.

Wednesday 15th Moderate breeze from N.W. and pleasant weather. The crew have been employed in getting the vessel stripped and fragmets and torn sails ashore.

At Georgetown, Bermuda.

Thursday 16th First part clear weather. Latter part cloudy with rain. Took a walk with Capt. Sater and visited the tanks which are made to catch rain water for the use of the garrison. It is a stone and mortar floor laid on the side of a hill, from which the water runs off when it rains, into the tanks, which are square cisterns under a large shed and the whole will contain 250 or 300 Hhls.

Friday 17th Variable winds from S.W. to N.W. and cloudy, attended with showers of rain. The town of Georgetown is a small place, and I should not suppose it contained over 1500 inhabitants exclusive of the military force stationed here.

Saturday 18th Moderate breeze from N.E. and cloudy weather. Made acquaintance with Mr. Henry W. Dransford who tells me he graduated at Brown University, Providence in 1811. Walked with him round the shores and through the town. He is well acquainted with several of my friends and I find him a very agreeable gentleman.

Sunday 19th Southerly winds and the weather quite warm and pleasant. Took a walk with Capt. Sater and Capt. Cottrell, a gentleman who says he was mate of the Private Ship *Arctica* sent into Providence during the war by the Privateer *Holkman*. Went to the Tanks and the 21st Regt Barracks &c. Dined with Mr. Francis Sater Robinson at his house on his Island near the mouth of the harbor. Spent the evening at Capt. Cottrell's.

Monday 20th Cloudy weather and showers of rain with the wind S.E. Took a walk with Mr. Dransford and Capt. Cottrell.

Tuesday 21th First part fair weather and latter part cloudy with rain. The Spar makers have got the Spar in the wharf at work making topmast yards &c. and the crew are at work on the rigging and I hope we shall not be detained long at this place.

Wednesday 22th Light variable winds and pleasant weather. I have nothing to do now but walk round and make observations and the time passes tedious away.