

1830
At Georgetown Bermuda.

Thursday 23^d December Fresh breezes from North & N.E. and cloudy weather with showers of rain.

Friday 24th The weather much the same as yesterday and wind from N.E. There has been an arrival within a few days of the English Brig Williamth, from New York.

Saturday 25th Christmas Day. Fair weather and moderate Easterly winds. Went up to the Parade Ground with Capt. Faler, behind the 81st Regiment barracks and saw the two regiments stationed here viz the 81st and 37th go through their evolutions and firing which surpassed any thing of military manoeuvres I ever saw. The Niggers have this also as a holiday and are parading the streets with fiddles, whistles, and dragging round an old fegun head of a ship, resembling an old Turk. There is church service performed to day for the Church followers.

Sunday 26th Fair weather, wind from the S.E. and tolerably warm. In the afternoon a man came and made himself acquainted with me, who says he is a naturalized citizen of New York and is mate of the Brig W^m 4th. Took a walk with him in the afternoon and from his conversation is acquainted with many Providence people both at home and abroad. Says he was in a Schooner with a Mr. Wiley and is acquainted with Stephen Richardson in Omoas in the Bay of Honduras. His name is William Brown Carlow.

Monday 27th Variable winds moderate breezes and clear weather. Took a walk with Mr. Carlow, and at 9 P.M. he went on board his vessel lying off in the harbor.

Tuesday 28th Light Southerly winds and pleasant weather. Mr. Carlow took his discharge from his vessel and went to Mr. John Lucas to board & invited me with him. Spent the evening in company with some officers of the Regt. at Mr. Lucas.

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Wednesday 29th December. Light winds and variable and clear weather. Spent the evening with some of the officers of the 81st Regt. and heard some fine singing.

Thursday 30th Light air and calm throughout these 24 hours. Visited the 81st Barracks and find the rules and regulations of a Soldiers life to correspond with the idea I had conceived of it. Every thing looked in the most perfect order and neatness and there is as much system in the Soldiers trade, as in any piece of Machinery. Many of the Soldiers have their wives with them and they take care to make their husbands attend to their duty. But to me it appears a slavish life.

Friday 31st Fresh breezes and clear weather with the winds Easterly. This has been a Year of much interest to which I was a stranger in uncivilized Africa. Farewell then closing Year, which great Events hasten. While distant desert lands I stray, in these things was passing on. And now unto Almighty God, a thankful heart I'll show. Who knows its inmost feelings, its sorrow, joy and woe. To Him, all glorious praise be given, is still my ancient prayer. For every gift He's daily giving, and his kind watchful care. Religion true is inwardly, and when we shall appear. Our God will judge the hypocrite and he that has no fear. 'Twill not be by the actions done that outwardly we view. But by good virtuous principles in honest souls and true. And while our hearts are well inclined, Oh! may we never fear. But stand to meet our fate and die like this by your side. Expiration of the Year 1830.