

1731 At Georgetown Bermuda.

January 1st This day has been a faithful representation
Saturday 3rd of human life, with its clouds, its Sunshines and
its rains. Altho not so cold as I presume it is
with my dear Parents and friends in Providence,
Rhode-Island, I hope Almighty Providence has
enabled them to enjoy all the happiness and comfort
the first mentioned one could bestow upon them.
May the Year we have entered upon find us united
in the enjoyment of all the blessings of this transitory
and uncertain Existence.

Our time is passing quickly, and soon our voyage will
The Old Year flee away from us, and a new one be
May the one we have just now begun, find us still sincere & true,
And always have an honest heart, and an honest aim in view.
May Virtue be our turnpike road, by which we shall advance
Thou mountain on the head of Truth, how gladly may we place
The Star of Hope will glittering shine, still brighter, yea, so clear
As t' enable us to journey, through the scenes of this New Year.

Sunday 2nd Fair weather and fresh breezes from the Northward.
Went to church in the evening which is small & they
have a fine toned organ, the sounds of which from
their similarity, remind me of the old organ that
used to be in Mr Edes Meeting House Providence.

Monday 3rd Some light rain squalls but mostly fair weather.
Visited the 37th Regt Barracks, where the same order
and neatness prevailed as at the 21st. Spent the
evening with some of the Officers and Mr Carlow.

Tuesday 4th Light winds and pleasant weather. The Spar
makers finishing off the spars. The topmasts both an end.

Wednesday 5th Moderate breezes and clear weather. Employing myself
on board writing, reading and music. The Capt.
went to the Dock Yard and Hamilton.

Thursday 6th Pleasant weather with the wind from the Southward.
Capt. Fales returned from the Dock Yard.

Friday 7th Clear pleasant weather and the wind N.E.

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Saturday 8th January Pleasant weather with westerly winds.
On board the Brig endeavoring to pass away the time
while the Brig is refitting which advances very slowly.

Sunday 9th Fresh breezes from N.E. and first part pleasant
weather. Employed myself on board in reading &c.

Monday 10th Fair weather in the morning but occasional squalls
during the day and rain at night. The Topmasts &
Top G. Masts are aloft and the Fore and Fore Topmasts &
Main Topmasts Yards across and I am in hopes we may
sail from here in 8 or 10 days having as I think been
detained longer already, than we reasonably ought to
have been. I have often heard tell of being muddled
and I think I have seen the manner of performing
the ceremony to an iota, to an American in distress.

Tuesday 11th Moderate westerly winds and cloudy weather and
some showers of rain. The Thermometer generally ranges high.

Wednesday 12th Northerly winds. Part of the day fair and part
cloudy with showers of rain. Crew at work on rigging.

Thursday 13th Northerly winds and most of the day fair weather.
Still staying on board as I have seen all there is in
this part of the Bermudas worthy of notice.

Friday 14th Fair weather and a hot Sun. At 8 A.M. the Ther-
mometer was 61° in the shade and at Meridian it had
risen to 76°. At Sunset it fell to 70° and a small breeze
sprang up from S.E. At Midnight the wind increased
to a gale. Got the Cable to the wharf & made fast.

Saturday 15th A severe Gale of wind from S.E. and driving rain.
At 8 A.M. hauled to S.W. still continuing to blow heavy.
At noon cleared away and the Sun came out pleasant.
At 1 P.M. had another hard squall of wind and rain
the wind then calmed to West and blew still a severe
gale, but the weather was more pleasant. Thermometer has
been stationary since the last Sunset. At 2 P.M. the wind
increased with violent gusts of driving rain and sleet &
continued the same through the night of this day.