

1731. At Georgetown, Bermuda

- Sunday 16th January Continuous blowing a severe gale of wind from W. N. W. Thermometer stationary at 64.
- Monday 17th Equally and blowing a gale from N. N. W. with showers of rain and hail. Passed the evening at Mr. Levin's and on account of the storm lodged at his house.
- Tuesday 18th Continuous the same as yesterday and the wind N. W. Arrived in distress, having been blown off the Coast Sch. Laland, Small, from Boston for Wilmington. Put in for ballast.
- Wednesday 19th The wind again came back to W. N. W. and continuing a strong gale and squalls with showers of rain.
- Thursday 20th Fair weather and fresh breezes this day, with some light sprinkling showers from passing clouds.
- Friday 21th The most of this day fine pleasant weather and the wind from the N. W. From 8 to 10 P.M. the air quite soft and mild the wind passing round to the S. E. Midnight had returned to its old quarters N. W.
- Saturday 22th Strong gale from W. N. W. & cloudy with showers of rain.
- Sunday 23th Strong gale with flying clouds and some light sprinkling showers from them, as they pass over. Passed the evening on board Sch. Happy Return of Halifax.
- Monday 24th Fair weather and winds westerly. There is some prospect of our leaving here before many days.
- Tuesday 25th Heavy passing clouds and westerly winds, & occasional showers of rain. Mr. Carter the former mate of Brig W. H. who made himself acquainted with me, was drowned, from a Sail Boat on the 20th instant. He was going in company with a Surgeon of the 37th Regt to a ship lying in the lower part of the harbor when the Boats knocked him overboard.
- Wednesday 26th Fair weather with some light sprinklings of rain occasionally. The Islands of the Bermudas or Somers, as I am told are 365 in number which by counting all detached land, I should think was true. They lie N. E. and S. W. about 30 miles. Much Red Cedar grows here which is the principal production.

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- January 27th Thursday Fresh gales and cloudy with rain squalls at intervals. The vessel nearly completed and ready for Sea. Wind from the W. N. W.
- Friday 28th Fresh breezes and fair weather. Wind westerly.
- Saturday 29th First part pleasant with passing clouds. Latter part cloudy. Windy South westerly.
- Sunday 30th Cloudy weather and North westerly winds.
- Monday 31th Begins with mild weather, and a light air from the Northward. All hands making preparations for Sea. At 10 A.M. the Pilot on board, cast off from Sheddens Wharf, and made sail from the harbor. At Meridian being clear from Pilot ground discharged Pilot and proceeded on a S.W. course to clear the Islands. Here land by civil computation making only 12 hours in this days remarks & commenced fair weather and a North westerly wind declining Easterly. At 3 P.M. an English man of war Brig passed on a wind to the Eastward. At 4 P.M. Georgetown bore N. N. W. 6 leagues distant from which I take my departure for New York. Nearly a calm, and cloudy around the horizon, until midnight when a breeze sprang up from S. W. and continued increasing the latter part of the night as to being up at midnight close reefed Topsails, & other storm sails reduced in proportion. Tacked at 4 A.M. to the Westward and at 7 A.M. saw the land on the lee bow bearing N. W. W. at 8 tacked to the South and East. No Observations Latitude D. R. 31° 56' Longitude 64° 16' Course S. by E.
- Wednesday 2nd Continues high winds from S. W. and increasing Sea, so that at 2 P.M. the vessel was hove to under close reefed Main Topsail and reefed Spruce. Middle and Latter part strong gale which at 4 A.M. hauled to North West. Remain at noon lying to, and being cloudy had no observation. Latitude D. R. 31° 23' Longitude 63° 50' Course S. by E.