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Brig Empress from N Bedford towards Paraitoa
Thursday Aug 9th 1827 My Wife When we parted
this morning I really expected to see you again but Providence
saw fit otherwise to order it and I hope in his own good time
he will come us to meet with joy & rejoicing. I cannot see
an to realize that I have parted with any family. surely
the Lord has reconciled me to this dispensation of his Providence.

To my diary The Empress was standing out of the harbor
when I got on board all things regular crew appear sober
and steady. at dinner Pilot on board asked a blessing at table
at 4 PM Pilot left us - At sunset in the Vingard I am standing
to sea - Called all my crew around me read their respective
names requested that each should be called by their respective
names and each one use their exertions to perform their
duties assigned them with other necessary Instructions
respecting the Discipline and useage of the Vessel - and
kneelt down in their midst in supplication & Prayer to God
to direct us in all our ways. and bless our friends that we
had left behind us. I observed that I should allow no
swearing on board and hoped we should have a pleasant
Voyage. one of the crew replied he hoped so, said this was
a very good beginning - and all seemed to acquiesce.

Friday 11th South side of Santrucked in sight, pleasant weather
after Breakfast called all hands into my Cabin, read a
Chapter in the Bible beginning at the 31st Chap of Isaiah where I
stop at home, and prayed with them, at sunset, we again
appeared in supplication to that God who hears and answers
prayer, had much consolation in commending my Dear
Wife & Children to the Father of mercies this day. O the vast diff-
erence between this and my former Voyages to know that
we can commend each other to that friend that sticketh closer
than a brother, that he is our God & common Father.
Saturday 12th have fixed it in my mind (the Lord willing)
to read & pray with my men as I have done with my

Dear family this day found much comfort in prayer
 feel to bless God that even I was born to be born again
Sunday 12th This day being the Lords day designed
 to meet together at 2 P.M. but the weather and other
 circumstances prevented untill 4 P.M. when the Lord
 give me strength to perform my duty in Praising, reading
 and exhorting them ^{in a very} to repentance it was a very late
 season I hope the Lord will fasten conviction on their hearts
 and lead them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the
 sin of World in performing this duty I received a blessing
 to my own soul - our vessel has leaked very much to
 day which has caused me some anxiety for the Gulf Stream

Monday 13th Thanks to the Lord I am yet on praying
 ground and interceding terms with heaven. I pray God
 to protect my dear family that he may be a wall of fire
 about and the glory in their midst. My Ven this is the 3rd
 day for home, we are now more than 500 miles apart. the wind
 has favoured me since I passed Nantucket I. Shoal thank
 to the Lord we have got along so far very comfortably
 this day our dear little Babe is 8 months old by it for Pa

Tuesday 14th much rain and heavy squalls of wind with
 heavy thunder lightning, yet the good hand of the Lord has
 preserved us and enabled us to perform our stated worship
 had some considerable conversation with the watch on deck
 about drinking and the necessity of a change of hart
 Pray God it may have a good effect, tried the Pickets find
 them very nice. A Brig Standing to Eastward astern of us seen

Wednesday 15th Thanks to the Lord we are yet afloat on
 the mighty deep, and beheld a pleasant day. though much
 tossed about by a heavy sea from the N.W. the wind has continued
 to the Southward untill yesterday since I left home, its sound
 of course fair. Seems to me Cuba never tasted better than
 its snare than half gone, wish I could look in upon you for
 few hours, such wishes are vain - we must pray the Lord
 my dear to reconcile us to this dispensation of his providence

Monday 16 Pleasant weather Wind from the N.W. blowing to the S.E. 7 or 8 Miles
Per-hum Paped a Ship Schooner & Brig to day all standing more to Leeward
than we. perhaps bound to Europe. its always cheering to meet vessels on
the Sea, though they as well as we have parted from their
friends. there is something different about any leaving home this time
than ever I experienced before. I feel some times to beat myself with
regard to my affections. but one moments reflection quiet my mind
in that Score for I know if I do not love my Wife there is nothing
else here that I do. and our dear Children. may God preserve us
all to meet again, no my Dear I feel to bless God that he has
reconciled you to this dispensation of his providence. I have long pro-
ved & still do that we both may be reconciled and wait the event
patiently, one thing I feel that I never did before that is to trust
you in the hands of that God who governs all things wisely. -
I have read the life of Newton again it reminds me of my own mis-
erent life hope the Lord will enable me to live and die as devoted a
life as I think he did, have also read Oboskiah I how weak and
frail is man that they should contend with the Almighty, here
we see the poor Ignorant Savage as we would term them, after tasting
redeeming Grace & dying love wonders how men in this Christian
land should remain so stupid to their eternal ill, and not praise
that God that made them, and so do I wonder but more at myself
when I look back and behold what a wonder of wonders I am. I feel
to praise that kind Benefactor for his goodness & mercy to me. O Lord
I desire to give thee all the glory, my Dear let us pray without ceasing
and one thing we may ever have in view that if we are not permitted to
meet here again (if we serve god faithfully here) we shall have an election
to spend together, bless the Lord & my soul and all that within me
bless his holy name for this comfortable assurance, one week from
home. I did not see the few when I left home hope she will be a good
girl & mind her man and try to love the Lord all the time, our dear little
Eliza I suppose begins to crawl ^{at last} O Lord help us all to live to thine
honor & glory and thine shall be the praise forever Amen

Tuesday 17 Remarkable pleasant weather spoke with the Brig Amity 17
6 days from Boston by 5 1/2. a.W. bound to Perra (River Amazon) Enjoining
us of a Brig fitting out and Ready to sail for Salem to Parailia. I hope that
I feel gratefull for the favourable wind we have had. we are now
more than one thousand miles on our passage. O Lord I feel to put my
trust in the realizing my own weakness and insufficiency to do any
of myself, I found to day that the Cake had begun to mould but its most
gone. wish I had more. the Preserves are very nice. dident think I
should care so much about these things. I find my relish doubled for the
when I say these was made by the hands of my Prudy. O my Dear the
Lord surely has reconciled me far more than I expected to this seper-
ation to his holy name

Saturday 18 Wind & weather still the same. It is nothing to be seen today but sky & water the work of God's hands. Here we be held his word in the depths deep have had much comfort this day in prayer (private and public) looking over the old Log book last night. I read this a committed Christophers Christ put to the deep the funeral service by ones prayers (this I had never seen before) but it reminded me of the Lord's when received from the Lord. Thanks to his great & holy name for what his presence caused me to see and hear, in ascribing praises to him I can do with Newton - *My grace how sweet the sound that would a wretch like me - I once was lost but now am found was blind but now I see*

Thanks be to God that ^{gave us the Victory through our Lord Jesus} on the 10th dist gave each of my men & officers the Swearers prayer & Schick at Sea. I enquired of them to day they said they had read them. Hoped they would profit by them. gave them Col Gardners & the Evils of Intemperance being them to read them with Choolish, and I would furnish them with more. I pray God that these may have a good effect on them around that they may be brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, I have been led lately to plead much with my heavenly father to enable to walk so before my fellow clay that they may be constrained to glorify him in heaven. Lord teach my heart thy laws.

Sunday 19th Pleasant day. have just discharged my little apprentice 3 Bells commenced at 2. Read one of Doddridges addresses out of the Piece of Progress of Religion in the Land. Prayed & talked with them. I hope without some good effect they appeared to listen with attention. O Lord I pray thee to lead and guide us by thine unerring hand. I have been reading Mr Grayhorns believes he was one of Gods dear children. I feel daily to renew my Covenant with God. Suppose you have a meeting to day hope you have a Minister and one that will not say what man may say. = Monday - we are still blessed with fair weather & fair wind though not much of it. found that the Paper left in the Box. I believe that I have not heard the name of God ten in vain since we sailed. this is some thing or are amongst seamen but I hope & trust the Lord will show us greater things than these ever by leading these men to see them selves as they are. for he has the power and will do far more for us than we can conceive of or ever think device.

Tuesday 21st Almost Calm I ought to be thankful that I have got so far. which is about 1400 Miles in 12 days in Lat 30. or N. Long 46. it seems a long time from home home I wish I could hear from you this afternoon. hope you are all well. suppose I should see a great alteration in 10 short time, all these pleasures I must forgo for being a sailor. how I have learnt one thing by that is how to prize the privilege of being with my dear family. which without the seal of life would be no life. how doth to ones feelings to know that they have friends that feels interested in all their concerns though they be far distant from each other. this I feel to be my happiness which is worth more to me than the riches of India. I feel to thank

God - the dear partner of all my joys & sorrows. my daily prayer to
our heavenly Father that he will still grant unto us such blessings as he
shall see fit - with hearts & consciences to his will & overflowing with gratitude
him as our preserver & Benefactor from whom cometh every good and
perfect gift. after living happy in each others affections in this world
we have the promise of spending an eternity together if we are true faithful
to God. This offer to me far more than we are deserving especially, one
who have sinned against so much light and knowledge. Surely God is good &
for this I must have been lifting up my eye in torments & my soul I thank
you for the many times ye have borne me to God in the arms of faith
and constrains to believe that he heard & answered you, as well as my Father
and Mother &c - and gave me to hope in his rich mercy. O Lord keep
me and preserve me from the snare and vanities of this world and the
Praise shall be thine forever -

Wednesday 22^d Another beautiful day -
most Calm, our morning service appeared to be very solemn this day
what precious promises we find in the Prophet Isaiah 57: 1-15 for thus
saith the High & lofty one that inhabiteth eternities, whose name is holy. I
dwell in the high & holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humbled spirit
to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite ones,
and again 18th I have seen his ways and will heal him I am O the condescen-
sion of an all merciful God that he should ever take so much notice of every man
and especially such a vile wretch as one who have so often set himself at defiance
to his name that I am yet spared to plead his precious promises (those
that come unto me I will in no wise cast out) Lord I believe help thou mine
unbelief. Blessed Jesus I come by thine invitation and feel to rejoice
that thou art my Advocate with the Father O teach me to follow thee
through evil as well as good report. I feel to bless thee for the hope which
thou hast given me of immortality beyond this vale of tears, I bless thee
for the Dear Woman which thou hast given me for my helpmate and
for the many petitions thou hast been pleased to grant her when pleading for
such a worthless worm as one, I bless thee for a dear Father & Mother that have
so many times borne me to the throne of grace, O Father & Sister that have
often prayed for me O God I adore thee that in answer to all these
Petitions that thou didst lead me in a way that I knew not and give
me to see that unless thou hadst been pleased to give me these friends
to plead my Cause with thee my case would ended have been otherwise
but thou canst do as thou pleasest for thou has laugh'd at me that thy
ways are not mans ways our thoughts are not thy thoughts but as far
above them as the Heavens are above the Earth. I must finish myself for

Thursday 23^d Pleasant weather & head wind thank the Lord we have every
thing good enough and far better than we deserve, my earnest prayers
that I may have a grateful heart to praise him for my benefits, one last
night to day since I parted with my dear wife & Children O Lord the prayers
that I then offered by their dear Side is before thee heard and answer in thy
own good time that we may have cause to rejoice together in the world to come.

Thursday 30th August 3 weeks this morning sense I parted
my dear family, I shall not forget that morning. All morning
I had often thought of the approaching hour of separation, and had
the Lord have given me strength I know that I should not have
been able to commend my dear Wife & Children to his care in the manner
that I did. Oh God my that prayer & supplication be precious
thy sight & bring us once more together laden with the rich ex-
perience of thy Love that we may join our mutual voices in praise
& thanksgiving to thee that has raised us for each other & has watched
over us from our infantile moments even to this time, and has led
us with such strong and mutual affections for each other that nothing
but Death can separate us, & even in this I rather let us add
thee for thy goodness for that good hope thou hast given us through
Jesus Christ thy dear Son of meeting beyond the vale, to join
songs of praise to him that has loved us, through an endless eter-
nal and the dear little babes which thou hast given us O Lord
made heirs of that Rich inheritance that is incorruptible un-
dying and that fade not away = have made but little progress since
away to head winds but I have no right to murmur or despair or
express - that the Lord will change the wind to suite my convenience
it is enough for me to know that he does all things well. Oh my teacher
hast thou saving my will be done. Oh Lord I praise thee to
incite me to thee O dispensation of thy providence. The Sun rises
about 2 hours earlier here than Soth which after deprives one of a
great privilege, that is of meeting at the throne of God's grace with
my dear Wife & Christian friends, what much consoles me is that I am
in the Land a God at hand and not afar off.

Friday 31st - Squally weather but going on course the most of
time this is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes
he that causes the sea to rise & the winds to howl, but in a moment
can say peace be still, and it is calmy. Oh the wonders that God
display in the mighty deep here we are gliding over the great
Ocean with no other but the thickness of a plank that separates
us from eternity - where have I been all my life time that
I did not reflect more deeply on my situation. I remember
now of one of my friends telling me once that he would not go
to sea without an interest in Christ on one consideration, now
I believe what he said came from the heart. Amen.

Saturday September 1st 1827 This day we have escaped the latitudes
where we buried Christophan which was also Saturday afternoon
surely it is a day that I shall never forget in my opinion is was
of the most conspicuous in my life its now 2 years & 11 months
I then promise the Lord that I would serve him the remainder
my life Oh how far shall I have come of this and how little have

Friday the delightfull weather in the no wind last (29. 000) to day
weire not to overcome at the dispensations of Divine Providence but
the Lords own good time for surely he has been better to one than
we deserve. Oh Lord grant me a greatfull heart to praise thee
as I been reading in your book of letters which I found in my chest
the bottom of one of them after speaking very affectionately of your
dear Husband and to you his interesting situation, your Exclam
ation & closer walk with God. Amen say I, we never shall have
efficient time allotted us here to praise him as we ought, but surely
will not hinder us from endeavouring to serve him with all our
powers & strength for surely he has been very kind to us, as
present help in every time of need, Oh Lord, grant that we may
spend our days with usefullness in thy cause, I spend the most of
my day I deem not so profitable as I ought to rise about six Prayer Pand
meditation ^{until breakfast} without something intervene untasted from half past 7. Breakfast
Public Prayer after reading a Chapter in the Bible, part of the time
unless Ships duty calls 12 O'clk Dinner Private Prayer, afternoon
doe now except writing, Supper 6 O'clk then Public Prayers
we are walking Deck I write & Ch. then read till nine or ten as
been engaged close with a Chapter in the Bible & secret Pray
ers (my self & my family) & judge with those that have thus let
it with me) to that God that made us feeling that I can trust in his
my near feeling portion in this world and that which is to come

~~Monday 25th~~ Last night more powerfull air no wind to
beck of for a number of days therefore we move very slowly, have
new truck but expect but little trying again. have been reading
Book titled a Defence of the Trinitarianism in 24 Sermons
well wrote thing I have no opinion of the Unitarianism which
brings to light, hope I shall not be left to err, but satisfy my
self by a diligent search of the Scriptures. have been some affliction
with Permetrium lately in my left Shoulder - its now in my back
some easey this is the cause of my exposing myself when cast away

Sunday 26th 3 O'clk our little company have just separated it has
been an interesting season to me we held it about 3/4 of an hour, seven who
have had sweet communion with Jesus, yearned peace possessed my
mind I can say with the Psalmist bless the Lord O my soul & let
his love a closer walk with God = A calm & heavenly flame
& light to shine upon the road = That leads me to the Lamb
I'll be with you each night at the usual Prayer meeting I want
in interest in all their prayers, hope you have good meeting today
hope God will bless all my Brethren & Sisters in the Land, I begin to
realize the privilege thus enjoy, but I pray God to reconcile me
his will & know that all places are alike to him & to me

Monday 27 August 1827 Another day has past and gone may this
of that great day that's appointed for all men that I may be prepa-
meet my Judge in peace how necessary and important it is that
I should obey the Commands of the Lord, have been Reading a host
five Volumes on the Sabbath by Seth Willson (Durham) did not
that there was so much Scripture relating to it, from this it appears
it is a Divine command since the Seventh day of the Creation was
rested the Seventh day and sanctified it, which was altered to the
day of the week and that ever to be remembered day that our
arose triumphant from the grave; how many times have I
this sacred day, if God had done with me as I deserved he would
cut me down in the midst of my folly, all blessing and honor
and glory to his sacred name for suffering me to live as a monument
of his mercy - have been thinking much of home & my dear little
I return the Resemblance of all but Eliza it seems strange that I
not recalled her looks except she has altered considerably I embrace
all in anticipation but I hope it will not be long before we shall
in reality - we have had some squally weather with a fair wind
God we are now seeing the mighty deep again, with a fair wind
full & flowing sails have not seen a vessel since the Army this
month do I expect to ^{soon} reach beyond the Cape de Verdes - So

Tuesday 28 ~~Wednesday~~ Lat 27° 00' entered the N E trade wind
light & scant to day but we have entered much further north than
I have done before, have just been taking a Lunar Observation
measuring the distance between the sun & Moon find myself in Long
41° 40' West just 29° 13' Eastward of New Bedford my Lat is 25° 40'
what a blessed thing it is that the Lord has enabled man to work
such inventions, by the aid of his Instruments & knowledge in one
moment he can ascertain his situation on the mighty deep after
being a long time from the Land and from thence bend his course
known part of the world the satisfaction of knowing our situation
the fathomless deep is ever a source of Comfort - This reminds
of how necessary it is for me to strive to ascertain from time to time
my true state & standing before God, I think the Rule according
weak understanding may be thus, to find the true distance between
our own souls we must read the scripture diligently & pray earnestly
to God and the unerring spirit will ever lead us to see for ourselves

Wednesday 29 Pleasant weather but light winds inclining to
among my Books have 2 Volumes of the Guardian A monthly pu-
cation for the Improvement of the rising generation, I find it very
interesting & instructive feel however I have not time to peruse
little library of books, I do not relish & delight take in a reading
appears to me at times ^{that I should} feel inconsolable - I may add were it not
the consolation of Religion which can and will always console us if
renewed

Saturday 8th Another week past into eternity. Lord help
to prepare to meet the in judgement, have been much en-
week reading the numbers of the Herald for Dec^r & January
sider it to be a more valuable paper. I would not exchange
feelings that I have enjoyed in the perusal of them for all the
vanities of this fleeting world, I suppose many people
take I was taking leave of my senses if I should give full vent
feelings while reading the many pious & pathetic pieces
culated to strengthen & build up any Pedagogue came here on
I felt the Spirit of Methodism to shout Glory to God. In
all alia. ever blessed be the name of God the Father of our
Christ who has followed us with mercy & long benedict
lives long and has prepared for those that love & obey him
will never fade, Lord help me to serve & obey thee with all my

power & strength — Sunday 9th One month since I left home
in much larger it seems. My mind has been agitated
gloomy to day, I know not how to account for it except I
not feel well in body for we have had a very squally temper
with much rain which always makes it disagreeable in
warm weather & a small vessel this morning is the first that
have neglected to med around the family altar. had Prayer
& Reading at 2^o o'Clock. hope the Lord will bless whatever was done
agreeable to his will and if any thing will enquire us it seems so
therein from the last Sabbath that I can't help reflecting upon it

Monday 10th Pleasant weather wind somewhat unfavorable
if we are progressing toward the Equator, it seems like a great
while since I parted with my dear family wish I could know
if they were well this afternoon, I may just as well wish to see
which would please me better, have no doubt but my wife feels
of loneliness and at times much tried about this dispensation of
the Providence, but its no doubt all for the best and we shall be
led to acknowledge it, I must confess it looks like a trial to me
when I look a head and see no time fixed for my return again
my family, my hopes are that I shall wind up my business, so as to be
at home this Winter if it be the will of the Lord if not I will try to visit

Tuesday 11th Wind & weather as yesterday trying to subdue my
passions & curb my unruly members the tongue, I see
necessity for this more than ever, having men under me that
me to require much watching to keep them in their place
that these are the worst that I ever had by any means but
all want watching Lord help me to do my duty in thy fear

Wednesday 12th Stormy weather we are slowly approaching the Equator
at 6^o over the weather is generally squally with much rain
very gloomy appearance in these latitudes, & generally has effect on
mind with depression of spirits. Lord teach me Perseverance

I have in the cause then exposed it - is with shame that I ac-
cept it - but hope it may be the means of stirring me up to more dili-
gent watchfulness to keep my promise with God for against thee
only have I sinned & committed all this wickedness, O
give me I pray thee and enable me to watch over & sub-
due unruly passions & bridle this unruly member my tongue
the weather is pleasant (Trade Winds) going along our course at
rate of 5 miles per hour - thought much of home to day
wish I could be at your prayer meeting to night

Sunday Sept 2^d Weather Pleasant much as yesterday - now
standing to the North some distance from us -
we had much more comfort in my mind to day than yesterday
have just dismissed my family, it has been a very interest-
lesson and if I have a judge Heman to the hearer, after
and Dr. Toddry as usual & making some remarks on the
necessity of repentance I related part of my experience
here it was the scene was acted, & cited them to the place where
Poor Christopher died, his burial, my feelings on the occasion
my prayer & supplication to God for mercy, and how
lost I had reason to hope that he had pardoned my trans-
gressions and lead me to praise him for his goodness & mercy to
them looked concerned & alarmed & I hope that God will
bring it home to their souls that they may at last be brought
to saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. I think with
the whole (settling friends aside) that I have enjoyed my meeting
of the fruits of it as well as I could a meeting of - I share
I wish then had done great things for me, where of I am glad
and I feel to say with the same rejoicing write again bless
Lord Oh my soul and all that's within - one bless his holy or
Monday, I how necessary it is to watch & pray all the time
been much tempted to day, have felt my unruly passion and
several times & for very trivial causes, too, but thanks be to
he has so far enabled me in a great measure to surmount them
this shows some how necessary it is to keep full possession of our
mind & govern our temper in trifles, for from these great evils
produced, but in many cases to live above trouble & trials in
world, there that do have no promise of the one to come
I do really feel that I am blessed of God in every thing and
other than that since my vessels have changed that I did not
with all the difficulties & trials that I justly deserved

can I say or what more can I ask of the Lord after all these
blessings as follows which his liberal bounty has granted
an affectionate wife who is ever ready to share with me
in the instrument in the hands of God of turning my soul from naught
to his service tonight three dear little Children one of the
is housed in the Ark of Safety a comfortable & convenient habi-
tation to live & enjoy each other & our friends society in every one
our friends living near & all around us born & settle in a Land of
freedom setting under our own vine & fig tree with full liberty to serve
according to the dictates of our own consciences with as much of this
world's goods as places us above the storms of the world and some to
employ Charitable purposes, and ten thousand other blessings which
I continually receive from that merciful & kind Parent whom
I adore & adore so often set at naught, Gracious God
more blessing I feel earnestly to petition for at this time than
I can express & thankfull hearts events praise & adore thee
for all thy benefits

Tuesday 4th Bless the Lord he still con-
tinues to grant us pleasant weather and a fine breeze we are now
making at the rate of about 130 miles per 24 hours are now passing
the westward of the Cape De Verde with our Port of destination about
100 miles South of us - yesterday looking over my things my attention
was attracted by the file of Lions Herald since which time I have
been devouring some of the first numbers (which I had not read) with
much eagerness as I should a good meals & rituals when hungry
with this is a most valuable paper I feel to regret that I have not
more of them - This morning when we assembled in the cabin for public
worship I observed to my men that I had some valuable paper
presented them with the first number of Lions Herald observing
they should receive them regularly twice a week Tuesday & Friday
I hoped would have a good effect, it will give them an idea
of many things relating to Christianity &c. &c. that they have in their
hands, they seem pleased, really hope & pray God that they may
to some use them that any great their objections have occurred
about Tracts & Lent their books since we sailed, they appear at times
very serious Oh that God would grant them to see themselves as they are
Friday night 31. Just I think it was that in a dream I saw Mr
preparing himself to be removed to another part of the house, perhaps
to his last home God grant that he may have been prepared
was the case, In life is the hour that God has given to escape from
hell and flee to heaven (Balm) I hope I feel gratefull to my God for
many blessings that I enjoy from his beneficent hand especially for the
peace & now feel in my soul & the satisfaction I take in meditating
his mercies - also for death food & aiment. I see

Monday 5 We are now to the southward of Cape St. Verde
Lat 14:00 North. I used to think after a person had once
with a change of heart they were then safe enough, but experience
teaches me a different lesson, even it teaches me if I will live
in Christ Jesus, that I must be girded in with the whole armour
of God and fight manfully the battles of the Lord even having an
eye single to his glory, and not stop to listen to what the enemies of
Cros of my In Master may have to advance but our corrupt
will add up and say who is sufficient for these things, nothing but
rich free & sovereign grace of God will carry us through, and to
we have the promise of he will not trust in the Lord.

Thursday 6 4 four weeks from home to day thank the Lord
for sparing our lives & for the progress he has enabled us to make
on our passage, to day we have a head wind & squally weather
the old proverb says that it is an ill wind that blows no body
good, there may be vessels not far from us that are suffering the
of this wind, I also find it good for me to contemplate that it
that holds the winds in his fist, and at his command they blow
from whence & where he pleases, thought much of my dear family
to day, it would give me great pleasure to know that they were
one thing consoles me much I know that they are in the hands
Lord & I have en found him to be my best friend in prosperity
adversity, I feel the praise him for the soul refreshing seasons
has granted me since I parted with them, and feel a comfort
hope that we shall all meet again in his own good time & place
em, so Land to day with the rich experience of thy love, I find
that writing daily becomes a pleasure instead of a task especially
I anticipate that my Wife will have the pleasure of sharing
me, I should write much more but few I shall make my package

Friday 7 Thank the Lord for pleasant weather and fair wind
day, - adverse wind & squally weather creates our greatest disquietude
at sea, especially the masters, never easy until we have a fair
wind & then perhaps too much or too little & little or no gratitude
expressed for it, In this I feel that I have acted my part, I hope
Lord will forgive me and enable me for the future to put my trust
in him and wait his own good will & pleasure, this morning was
day the men appear to be eager to devour its contents, hope they will
find something in them that will reach their case, so far this voyage
has proved the pleasantest of any of my voyages, not even small Port
me of you
Send me left the land, Oh that I could see how much
of them are with out it, I hope & pray the all mighty to arouse the
habitants of America to a just sense of this dreadful evil, & that
St. Augustin Society will be vigilant & their members not to be
of men but to be known as him that seeth all things & upreth the

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Sunday 23 another holy and blessed Sabbath. O Lord I
earnestly thank thee for the joy & peace thou has granted me
in believing, O grant me a thankful heart to praise thee
for all my blessings and meet with all thy true worshiping
people this day, grant thy watchmen rightly to divide the word
of truth to the people, that it may prove a savor of life unto
many. I have felt this day rather an unusual spirit of prayer, we
had a solemn meeting for nearly an hour and thank God after
leaving the service and being left alone, for enabling me to relieve
my overburdened heart by a flow of tears, not tears of sorrow
but of joy, not of grief, but a trust of joy not unmixed with compunction
for my fellow beings, I do hope, and have some faith to believe
that the Lord is working by his holy
spirit on the hearts of some of my men, may their conversion be
like a nail fastened in a sure place by the master of assemblies
we are still blest with a fair wind our distance run 170 miles since yesterday

Monday 24 In about 4 hours more I expect to see the Brazil
coast, near Paraiha, the wind is still fair we are running to the
westward about 7 miles per hour, passed a vessel 10 or 12 miles
off, this is the first we have seen since we parted with the
fleet 38 days ago, it is a long time to be on such a paper
with seeing a solitary vessel, but still we have not
been alone, he that commands the winds and the waves has
been our constant companion, and at times has appeared
the chiefest among ten thousand and the one all together loudly
blessed God I thank for conducting us thus far in safety across
the trackless ocean, I thank thee that thou has permitted us for
day to day to call on thy name, and put ourselves under thy
protection, and now O Lord I pray thee to keep us from the evil
which is to come, that we may prove an acceptable sacrifice to thee

To-morrow my little daughter Helena is 5 years old
I thank the Heavenly Father for this precious gift and again I
thank thee for another Ten have, which thou has granted to thy
servant & handmaid, and now O Lord grant us wisdom to train
them for heaven, that they may know the Lord in their youthfull
days and love serve and obey him with all their mind might & strength

Tuesday 25 at about 3 o'clock P.M. we anchored off the
Fort Cabo Delo, 9 miles below the town of Paraiha at 11
o'clock last night we sounded in 19 fathoms water before we
saw the land about the time mentioned above, much anxiety
about getting in to port, in mind full of my uneasy passions feel grew
in scolding, a guard of soldiers to take me on shore to show my
respect, permitted to proceed up to town in my boat to try the market

13 Thursday Sept 13th 1782 Pleasant weather with strong head wind
no doubt but its all for the best, hope I shall feel more reconciled
to the dispensations of Providence and be willing that the Lord of
the earth should do as he pleases, create in me a clean heart
and renew a right spirit within me, that I may live to thank him
this day my dear little Eliza is living is nine months old no doubt - is
to keep the name of Paul & Mary the Daughters may the Lord preserve
and create you an heir of his Kingdom & your sister Helen, I begin
feel impatient to see my dear family again, more but the Lord know
how & when that will take place, hope we shall be enabled to wait
patience his good time & pleasure may it be with joy & rejoicing

Friday 14th Remarkable pleasant weather for these low latitudes
the wind still continues SW the very course I want to steer
but its dying away now hope it will fall to the Eastward
if it be the will of the Lord, if not hope I shall not be left
complain, for we still have enough to eat & drink thanks to
Lord for his loving kindness and our prospect is not half so
bad as it may be or might be, a few Dolphins playing around
these and a few fish of other descriptions are all the company we
had for many days, God grant me I pray the obedience
& sanctification; whatever else thou shall do with me -

Saturday 15th Squally weather & diverse winds, I hope this week
is over altogether but on one though I have been for the most of the
time reconciled to the dispensations of Gods Providence & have had
little or no enjoyment in my mind but I believe I have not neglected
the means, and even feel to cry earnestly to the Lord to search
me & try me for and restore unto me the joys of his salvation;
is all for some wise purpose of my dear Redeemer or any earnest prayer
is that I may feel reconciliatory to his will and even feel to
praise him in adversity as well as prosperity - This is hard work
but notwithstanding I believe it is a believers duty -

Sunday 16th Pleasant weather with a head wind but bless Lord for
the heavenly Gale which he has granted unto me to waite
a Sabbath days journey towards the new Jerusalem it
now 3 O'Clock P.M. suppose the Forenoon Service at Trinham
about closing, have just dismissed my little congregation
which commenced at two, commenced with reading a hymn
then a Chapter in the Bible, Prayer; hymn, one Chapter in Psalms
and progress, Exhortation Thanks my audience appeared very solemn
the Lord granted me strength to speak to them peace
and I hope the solemn truths will sink with deep weight

...souls, have been reading, & I feel de-
sire to read, truly that
a blessed book & god grant that I may drink deep into the
spirit of it. Thanks to god for the tears of joy he has permitted
me to shed this day for it has much relieved my aching heart
and revived my desponding spirits, he has done great things
for me whereof I am glad, the Lord reigneth let the ear-
th rejoice. — The heavens declare his righteousness, and all
the people see his glory, then let us praise him for his won-
derfull works to the children of men. —

Monday 17th unpleasant weather & head wind this day
I hope I shall ever remember, never since my conversion
that I recollect of have I ever felt to plead so earnestly & fre-
quently with the Lord to grant me a reconciliation to the dispen-
sation of his Providence, I felt to meriment & feel dissatisfied
because the wind & weather prevailed against me, at the
same time convinced that it was all for the best and believing
would come in his own good time, it appears to me that I never
felt more completely possessed by the evil spirit, but thanks
be to my Redeemer he gave me grace to overcome, for I feel
much more calm & resigned, yet I feel that he hears & answers
prayer. Lord help me to love serve & obey thee with all my mind, my

Tuesday 18th We are now standing to the Westward more directly
towards our destined port, very squally weather, at times the
wind inclines to favour us, when I think of yesterday it scares
me especially when I realize what an agony I was in when
pleading with the Lord, I wanted to feel different but it
appeared that the old adversary was determined to hold his
sway but I left the Lord he appeared for my deliverance and
set me free now I ever have a burst of gratitude to proclaim

Wednesday 19th Strong breeze & pleasant weather at
noon observed in Latitude 14° 46' 44" miles north of the Sun
now 3000 miles about under the Sun, & 100 miles north of the Equator
and, strange as it may appear to some thick clothing feels
comfortable, the man that's now at the helm has his Pea-
jacket on, though I am quite comfortable without a
jacket, 2000 miles south of this and so along our shores have
felt quite uncomfortable on us, we have now within a few
hours been enabled to steer our course S.W. the wind incli-
ning to S.E. Trades. One of my men told me last night that he
is troubled with many serious thoughts reads much in the Bible
wants to try to leave of some of his evil practices, blessed be God
for this I hope they will all scratch the infection and be brought to
know to the mild spirit of King Jesus, I feel some faith to believe
that the Lord will help us, Lord Revive us in the midst of these years

15 Thursday Sept 20th Six weeks from home this day at noon
by our Observation we was one mile north of the Equator so
that we are now in South Latitude with fair wind, SE Trade
and Pleasant weather steering to the SW, skimming the surface
the deep blue wave, and approaching the Brazilian Coast
here in the center between the Poles we discover ~~nothing~~ over our
our heads the blue vaulted sky interspersed with flying clouds, and
the mighty deep as far as the eye can extend around to the horizon,
with now and then a solitary bird, and then a flock, and
then a fish leap from its element, and dumbly mean the power
of God. Thus is the works of our Creator displayed to our
astonished view: here the contemplative mind that loves to dwell
on the being and attributes of the Eternal God, may find good
for reflection, but the carnal heart sees no beauty here to
arouse its abhorrence against God, blessed be the God & Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ for his tender mercy and loving kindness
to the sons of men, in opening a new and living way of Salvation
that is to be purchased without money & without price, that
whereas many that are now blind may be made to see —

Friday 21 Pleasant weather & fair wind since yesterday at noon
our distance run^d about 160 miles, the flying fish appears skimming
& flying in most all directions, two last nights quite a number had
flown on board, they are small but very sweet fish, thus it is the
Lord has furnished us with fresh fish, which reminds me of the
maracelus manner of the Israelites being supplied with manna
from heaven, and still they murmured as we do at this day, at the
dispensations of Gods providence, & that we could be wiser for our
eyes while the day lasts, for surely the night will come and if we
are found with our accounts unsettled, sorrow and harrow will
awful even to think of, will siege upon our never dying souls —
While walking the deck this morning reflecting on the ways of men
I thought that if men would use their utmost exertions to suppress
their evil passions & bridle that unruly member their tongue, we
should all become friends instead of Enemies, for one I feel to bless
the Lord for enabling me to overcome mine so much as I have —

22^d Saturday another week past unto eternity for which
I am to give an acct of for myself, & Lord I feel that I am a
unpious man but spare me a little longer I pray that
that I may bring forth fruit meet for Repentance —
we are rapidly progressing to the westward 163 miles since
yesterday, this is about the time for the line gale we are favoured
with pleasant weather, while many of my brother Sailors are
tending with the furious unrelenting storm —

American Brig, where are you from, Paraiaba, where do
you say Paraiaba, where are you from, Bahia
Ile send my boat on board of yours, very
well, boat comes with an officer Captain take all your
papers and go on board the ship, on board the ship ha, yes Mr,
very well, Ile be ready for you in a moment, I stop on board
our vessel untill you return, what ship is this she is a Brazil
Man of War, what her name the Tragua, how, here
the Captain of here how do you do sir, how do you do sir when
do you say you was from, Paraiaba, ah, how long since you
left the U States, 5 1/2 days, please to walk down below deck
let me see your papers, Brig Empress, the party from Republic
do you know the ship Parcia of New Bedford, yes she is ahead
you gone down to Rio Janeiro, he told me that there was
Brig getting out of Bedford to carry fire arms to Buenos Ayres
do you know of such a vessel, I do not, well Captain, looking
over my papers, I don't know what to do with you if I was
have you had not these fire arms on board, well Sir if you
will take my word there is no such article on board my vessel,
yes but how do I know, let me see you have not got a full
cargo, surprising that that there was arms on board, what other
papers is there you have there, list of crew medeteranean paper
after much more unnecessary conversation of about an hour
he gave me a Danloun for a Box of Sperm Candles and a Bar
rel of Soyed apples, and told me his boat was ready to put me
on board (half past nine at night - heavy sea on) and after deliv
ing the above I may proceed on to Bahai, glad to quit se, he told me
that there was 3 Buenos Ayres Privateers off Bahai (to night on
tomorrow I expect to meet with them, for I am in hopes to arrive
of these by morning) I am pretty well perswaded that he was also a
Buenos Ayres Privateer in disguise, for he had two Portuguese
Prizes with him, however I think he gained nothing by disguising
himself to me, made all sail again and parted from him. O Lord
I thank the that I am not doomed to such a wretched life as these poor
wretches experience were there is none there on the Lords side.

Wednesday 3 Oct after raining all night at daylight this
morning the Sock, and soon after the Bay of Sant Salvador was all
open to our view. Steering up for the Gipping called all my men
after seeing in the 28 Chapt of Mathew I gave ~~my~~ them to unde
stand that I should not allow them to buy any Liquor on board under
my pretence, ^{and they prayed with them} ~~and~~ wished that I should perswade them
never to drink any more, that I should not allow any of them to go
on shore Sunday for they would be kept as we had endeavored to
keep them at sea, and on Saturday instead of sending one half of them
should be allowed to go on shore for what they would think God is made
accursed.

Wednesday Sept 26th yesterday after permission was granted me
to return to my vessel and proceed up to town if I wished, return
back alone in a grove of bushes concealed from the soldiers at the
Fort, an opportunity offered to return thanks to Almighty God
for preserving us and guiding in safety and health across the
tracely Ocean and bring us to our destined Port in safety. I then
felt some gratitude to my heavenly Father, but my mind was not
in a right frame to see in blessing because I had not sufficient
guarded my passions by being too anxious. At 4 PM left my vessel
in the boat for Paraitia quite unpleasant sailing against the wind
at 7 landed on a well known spot, found the place considerably al-
tered since I last left here found Mr. Waterman here for a while
to whom I declared my business, one place for secret prayer, up to bed.

Thursday 27th Delightful morning the birds and insects singing de-
lightfully. Started for a morning meditation around the suburbs
of the town. Observed the inhabitants far more to be pitied than
the heathens of the Sandwich Islands, because they have not the liberty
of serving God only as they are instructed by the Priest, or they tra-
ditionally pretend they have the right way here in their little straw
mud houses some not larger than a Pig sty, I observe them crawl
out, one here leaning on the lower part of the door, perhaps musing on
his hard fate, and envying his neighbour who has a better dwelling
or in better circumstances, yonder a motley group of three or four
women gossiping & smoking, and for the most part some naked other
half dressed yawning & stretching their selves and hallowing to
their neighbours. The whole appearing absolutely regardless of any
thing but the present, how many times the happy land of my fore-
father passed across my mind, although I had seen these scenes before
they appeared almost new to me now, I thought if my wife with some
of her delicate females at The Haven could enjoy this privilege they
would acknowledge it far beyond description, I soon found a place
in the bushes for retirement, and here I gave vent to my feelings
endeavouring to thank the Lord for the many mercies and priviledges (unde-
served) which he permitted me to enjoy, when here men people
indeed wretched and miserable grouping their way in a most wretched
manner to the regions of despair with out our interest in the
Parson blessed God than last few years past visited them in judgement
with pestilence and famine, and now they are begging as it appears
to bless them with health and abundance of food, may we please
the also to grant unto them the knowledge of thy ways, and the pro-
and everlasting gospel preached among them. Found I could not
sell my cargo to advantage after laying the matter before the Lord
concluded to clear out for another port wrote letter to my owners & Mr.

be forwarded by post conveyance hope they will reach home. I shall
we been glad and intended to have sent so much of my Diary as was written
opportunity perhaps conveyance offered, however I know that my Dear Wife
I little family with joy without it, when they hear that I am
two far in safety, and with one feel to bless God for his goodness
and mercy to me and them as I hope they are in health
and down to my vessel & with much exertion we are once more
in the mighty deep, after supper we returned thanks to the Lord
and offered our selves up to him to direct us to another port in safety

28 Friday Pleasant weather wind ahead we have gained perhaps
60 miles on to the southward and have about determined to proceed
to St Salvador about 500 miles south last night I dreamed that
Elen fell through the top of a house into the cellar, I was close by
we could not save her, it was a high and dangerous place to
appearance, I permed in breathless anxiety, while her mother ore
remained above the hole, I found her at the bottom apparently
dead, raised her in my arms and attempted to ascend with
her to her mother with sensations undecriable, but to my
astonishment she began to move and finally appeared to be but
little injured, I hope nothing has befallen her, or the family
for them indeed lies all my earthly treasure my affectionate family.

29 Saturday Remarkable pleasant weather beating up al
ing the land progressing about one mile per hour, wind and current
against us, the land here is fertile and looks delightful
but the Inhabitants know not how to appreciate this blessing
I put as much confidence in dreams as some people I should
feel alarmed for my Dear family, last night I saw my
Dear Wife with her face muffled with plasters a person desired
me to feel her pulse it beat high & quick. I asked how long
she had been sick he said about three months, my presence
appeared to comfort her considerably, I hope all is well with
those for whom I toil, the greatest consolation that I have is
that they are in the hands of my best friend our Indulgent
Heavenly Father who does all things well and grants us far more
and greater blessings than we deserve. O how present my Dear
family, he is wall of fire round about them and the glory in
them midst. may we all be so happy after thou has done with us
here as to meet together around thy throne and join in singing
the song of Moses and the Lamb in a world without end

Sunday 30th Pleasant weather and fair wind now passing Peon
ambuco. have just dismissed my little meeting, did not feel
much liberty to day but blessed be God he enabled me to

19) Take up any cross and do as I had heretofore need pray
and exert them to Repentance, though I did not feel much
liberty yet they appeared solemn, and sorry to see them
so flighty the smallest trifle of a worldly nature attracts
their attention and still I have much reason to believe that
they at times are seriously impressed with the necessity of a
Change of heart & Lead us in the way ever lasting -
I begin to feel alarmed for the safety of some of my family
or friends last night I dreamed of going to meeting and find-
ing my wife returning with my mother had just parted with
Mary Ann were all in tears I enquired the cause my wife
said that Brother Franklin was dead I immediately felt
condemnation for not going to see him before to point him to
my Saviour all was haste and confusion within the hour
I hope and pray that you are all in good health and that
Franklin has died unto sin that he may live unto righteousness

Monday Oct 1st 1827 Remarkable pleasant & warm
sunning along the land, very pleasant sailing last night
we pass Pernambuco we are now 120 miles from it towards
Salvador skimming and dashing along through the liquid
stream. Something quite remarkable I have not had a
sick man on board since we started, my medicine chest has
so far been useless, and hope it may continue to the end of the voyage
Oh how it would rejoice my heart to know that my
Wife & Children were well and that I could also inform them
of my situation it appears to me that I do not feel so much
reconciled to a separation from them as I did at first, I feel
very sensible that the Lord supported me then and I trust
he is still my stay and staff when I look back to that hour and
even before I left home when endeavouring to alleviate the
rending emotions that my dearer Wife was struggling with in view
of our separations I can hardly believe that I could struggle through
a similar scene but the Lord does all things well bless his holy

Tuesday 2^d Strong breezes and pleasant weather sunning down the
coast the land has the appearance here of white spots like linen
out to bleach it looks delightfull but what does it all amount to
while the Inhabitants thereof are in bondage and perhaps will
be for many years. O how lift upon them the light of thy holy and
reconciled countenance & grant them the joys of thy salvation
last night at 8 P.M. saw a large ship very near sailing direct
for us fires a gun a signal for us to heave too, all hands take
Sail, brace the head yards aback here he comes dashing up under
our lee quarter, Oh how shallow, what ship is that, it is a

24 Thursday 11th Still squally weather but bless the Lord
he still continues to favour us with a fair wind, we are 113 miles
south of where we were yesterday. I think I can say (and speak
truly) that I rejoice in the hands of the Lord, for surely mans arm
is not sufficient to preserve us here on God's boundless ocean he
only can support protect & guide us to our destined haven. O that he
may of his being me into his haven of rest where sand & snow
and stormy seas will never more trouble my weary breast
but here I shall bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest
and not a wave of trouble shall about my peacefull breast
so far I think the Lord has lead me I believe it is his will that
I should go to St. Catharines I pray that I may have wisdom from
on high to guide me, and trust in the Lord, for I am sensible that
my own Judgement is insufficient, the Lord has said cursed is he
that trusteth in man and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart
departeth from the Lord. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the
Lord and whose hope the Lord is, may I ever trust in his name
my dear family always upon me in my thoughts, oh Lord I
thank thee for the affection which thou has granted me for thee
and feel happy in believing that it is appreciated, I pray that we
may not forget the given and worship the gift but next to
the may our affections mingle for each other, and we be prepared
for thy kingdom

Friday 12th Oct to day we are blessed with
the pleasant weather and fair wind this morning we passed over
the Abrolhos Banks 18:00 South Latitude, these banks furnish
the Brazils with a great stock of fish, and some times our
ships take Sperm Whales here we are now sailing down
from Cape Espio to the Eastward of Rio Janeiro, The last two days
I have troubled my self to much about temporal things (which
I did not feel so cold & lukewarm about) my eternal state
create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right
frame of mind within me that I may follow on to know
the whom to know a right is life eternal, saw one small
sail yesterday and one today are now about 360 miles
of Saint Salvador.

Saturday 13th The first part of
the 24 hours pleasant, at noon the wind came down ahead
with rain, we Lat 20:16 South, this I expect is the terminal
of the Trade winds; Some times they reach as far as 28° South
Some dolphin playing around us to day, O I wish I did not
feel so stupid about eternal things, it does not seem to be
faith that I lack so much as it does spiritual vigor to
arouse me from this lukewarm state of Lethargy in which
I feel my self sinking, O Lord I desire still to put my trust
in thee, let come life or death, if I cannot enjoy thy love in my
heart I do not want to enjoy any earthly blessing whatever

21st Oct 4th 1827 Thursday I have been endeavouring to see what I could do
with my cargo, find the markets. had, think I shall have to
go south. Yesterday I was escorted to the Palace to inform the
President of my arrival, its a stately and magnificent building
I saw two doctors here vaccinating men women & Children
for the kind Pox, was told it was repeated once a week. gratis
after waiting a couple of hours received our document to proceed
to our business. Dined with my merchant, at his Table a number
of my Countrymen in like capacity with myself, some shew
about professors of Religion which I did not like took my
leave of them and retired on board my vessel to write letters.
Friday 5 this day made up my mind to go South to Santa
Catharina, sent to the Custom house to Clear, the Collector said
my papers were not in order must apply to the President. Did
so but he was not to be seen till tomorrow, applied to him that
is able to help the needy, to direct one night in these things
and to grant one submission to his holy will —

Saturday 6 A new President arrived last night from
Rio and there is such a stir about it that my business cannot
be attended to have therefore given it up till Monday
afternoon, in preference to dining with my countrymen
took a solitary walk to see the city on the back of which
is a very Commodious establishment, what we should call
a slaughter house. I suppose all the Beef is killed here in the
city (which I am told amounts 150,000 Inhabitants) for
this I strolled to the back of an old fort back of the town where
is a delightful prospect of the surrounding Country, here
the side of a few bushes just screened from the eye of the world
I found my dearest friend, who is the Chiefest among ten thousand
and the one all together lovely, Oh how precious did he appear
to me in this lonely place far distant from my native land and
friends, in a land where the people are grovelling their way thro
the superstitious idolatry of Priests to a land of darkness & despair
and also where I have not one to communicate my feelings to
but he is ever present to hear our cries, Lord I thank the God that
I have seen to my souls hope I shall have it. Long in remembrance
O thoughtless ye sons of vanity that know not my dear Redeemer
ye know not what pleasure is in me you never will till you have

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anted Redeeming grace and trying love, let some of my people go on
here to day that die may keep the Sabbath holy on board, & study might
Sunday 7th A beautifull pleasant day had an Invitation to dine
with the American Consul thanked him and gave him my sea-
mons, and tried to impress on his mind the necessity of preparing to
change worlds, and afraid he is hardened, is 68 year old and not gene-
rally of mercies if thou dost not save us we must perish —
Communion commenced to day at half past one the Lord was
with us he enabled me to pray stout and read to my people and
they attend solemn but I fear there is not much depth to it
tried to show them how much better it was & would be for us
to endeavor to keep the Sabbath holy by waiting upon the Lord
in the way he had directed in his holy word than it would to prose-
cute as Sailors usually do, (and even men of high standing in soci-
ety) that we could find no excuse for not keeping the day wholly
here as at home even if we are alone, and I presume we were
for I suspect the Instance never happened here before on board
an American vessel and I know not that it ever did on board
any other, on any shore, not that I wish to boast but give God all
the glory and pray that I may hold out faithfully to the end.
Wrote another letter to my Beloved wife, Lord grant to bless her
with much of thy holy spirit, and give her wisdom from on
high to train up the dear dear Children which thou has been
pleased to grant us as mutual pledges of our love and constancy.
Monday 8th ~~Here~~ here yet but I have the promise
of being cleared tomorrow have against a gain spread my
case before the Lord to direct me, and feel to trust him —
the government seems to through impediments in my way
because they say my Manifest is not right every is so
and they have no right to detain me an hour, but per-
haps its of the Lord, if so I pray that I may not resist but
submit to his holy will. have been again this afternoon
to meet my friend and state my case to him here I found
a more convenient place to appear in supplication. thanked to
his holy name he did not disappoint me but gave me to feel
that my petition was heard and gave me more faith in his
blessed promises so that I think I feel more calm & resigned to
the dispensations of his providence and pray that I may await
his own good time and not be left to murmur or complain.

Wednesday 9th After much anxiety and trouble we have
the Lighthouse Astern of us 7 O'Clock P.M. and apparently a
very stormy night are not clear of the Shoals yet. Besides
the wind is somewhat against us, notwithstanding all these
things am glad we are clear of the Custom House, the officer
of which that is the Collector has endeavoured to lay obstacles
in our way because he says we come here without a manifest
with an Intention to Smuggle. perhaps I am the only person
here now but what would I smuggle if an opportunity offered
so that we know not always how to judge of things as we
see them, but there is one that judges and his judgement is
true, the more I see of the world and mankind the more
exalted opinion I have of that Land of Liberty which gave our
birth, O ye virtuous and happy females of my Country, you
do not realize the blessings & privileges you enjoy need
can you unless you are deprived of them, which I pray God
you never may be, unless it be for a season only that you may
know how to value such blessings, even the training of your
offspring and guiding them in the paths of Virtue and Knowledge
of the wise disposal of all events, for surely the greatest earthly
blessing that we can ever receive from the hands of the Lord
is virtuous and affectionate Mothers, vice versa we soon
become polluted and abandoned to all the temptations laid in
our way, as I have frequently seen in this Country more than an
other that I am acquainted with bid adieu to Bahia without seeing
and now pray the Lord to guide me in the way he would have
me go that I may not be left to stumble or fall out by the way.

Thursday 10th Squally weather with rain at noon we
observed in Latth 14: 50th 77 miles south of Bahia make
the best of our way for St Catharines the weather has been
very squally with much thunder & lightning. O ye morbid
deists what think ye causes the lightning to shine from
the east unto the west, and the thunder to roarl in such tremen-
dous peals over our heads, is there not a God in this, surely you
cannot dispute it, and be aware that you do not, least one
of his thunder-bolts dash you to atoms, and send you howling
to the bottom of pit where hope nor mercy can never reach
you, O that men would be wise and chuse that good part which
many chuse, now while it is an exceptable time and day
I feel to praise & adore him for his goodness & mercy to

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with thy blessing and jeems formed in my soul the hope of glory
I shall then know how to prize earthly blessings -

Sunday 14th This has been a very stormy day and night
with a head wind which makes us all uncomfortable
a sudden squall over-took us last night at the time of
evening prayers, but the Lord tempered it that it did us
no harm only to warn us of what was to come notwithstanding
ending all this storm which continue the Lord has enable
ed us to meet as usual morning at 2 P.M. and evening
to return him our gratefull thanks for preserving our lives
through the night and bringing us to behold another of
the days of the Son of man. I do not see that alteration in
my men which I expected, they appear like the stony ground
and hearers. appear to listen with attention but bring forth
no fruit - This no doubt is all right the Lord's own time
is the best and I pray him to grant some patience to hold
out & serve him to the end. I have much reason to bless his
holy name he pays me my wages as I earn them, and I
know that he is my best friend my all in all my Lord and
my God. Conversing with my Steward after meeting, he
tells me that he has been in the habit of Praying every night
for more than a year. do you pray here, yes Sir, where
sometimes in the Caboose house & sometimes in the Fore cast
le, what do you pray for? pray for mercy, have you any
reason to think your heart is changed? no Sir, do you ever
think what will become of you if you die, yes Sir shall go
to that wicked place, then you must pray the Lord to give
you a new heart. I do Sir. pray Lord the ones shall be
one a Sinner and pray earnestly and your prayer will be heard

Monday 15th - At noon to day weather cleared of so that
we have very pleasant weather and the wind so we can lay
our course, N.W. for Cape Horn. 60 miles East of Pue de Janeiro
at noon in Lat 21.35 South at 2 P.M. in 14 fathoms of water
no land in sight are on the edge of that shall grow which
the Lord in mercy granted us a safe deliverance from
on the night of the 26 of August 1825 on my last voyage
for two hours we were in most awfull suspense expecting
every moment our little vessel might strike the bottom
the sea and wind both high. suppose we must have been 30
miles from the land when we gained deeper water, some
where about where we are now passing, therefore I approach
with caution. A ship to leeward to appearance a miff was

Tuesday 16th The above named ship appeared to be in
chase of us but whatever her intention were the darkness

26 of the night and our good sailing prevented any further
communications, running down the Land all night. the
wind light. at noon Cape Frio bore West of us distant
about 6 Leagues. if the wind continues we shall pass Rio
Janeiro before morning. I fear that I have brought to dis-
honor and the cause of my master-to day by letting my vile
evil passion get the better of my judgement, this I had
felt frankling in my breast. since morning I had se-
veral times thought during the day, what meaneth
this, what is going to take place, let me watch & pray
and put a double guard on my tongue, but things seem
more and more to work against me untill I was left
to make good with one of my men that discheyed me.
the man deserved checking, but surely I had no right
to show temper about it. but so it is and I have had a
bitter season on geed of it, hope the Lord has forgiven
me, and pray that it may be sanctified to the good of my
soul, that I may in future be more guarded, O Lord thou
knowest my secret thoughts, grant me I pray the recon-
ciliation of thy holy will that I may be preserved from evil.

Wednesday 17th Oct. A strong N E wind and plea-
sant weather progressing at the rate of 7 miles per hour
towards St Catharines, last night I took up the life of
Elias Smith got much engaged in it, can't help be-
setting the fall of this intellgent and to all appearance
once a very usefull man, the ways of the Lord are
marvelous and often to us dark and mysterious and
past finding out. O then grant me that faith which
works by love and purifies the heart and overcome
the world, that I may ever love serve and adore a
dying savior jesus, that I be not left to believe that there
is any other way nor name given under heaven whereby
we may be saved, but jesus of Nazareth - Mr Smith
in the course of his narative talks much against people
& especially Ministers of the Gospel for injuring the cause
of Christ by undoing all that they ever did in denying
their master, or words to this import, and he further says
that is more generally with those, that have passed the
middle age, it appears that he afterward proved this
by sad experience in turning Universalists, O how
necessary for all to observe and obey our Saviors commands
name &c. What I say unto you I say unto all. watch.

Thursday 18th Remarkable pleasant weather the
wind still continues fair but light one days sun like
the last will bring us to our destined port St Catharine

Lord grant me a gratefull and thankfull heart to
praise thee for all my blessings. I know that I am not deserv-
ing of them. Our blessed master has said ask and it shall
be given you seek and ye shall find knock and it shall
be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth
Lord I believe help thou mine unbelief.

I feel very stupid and unconcerned, I try to pray but
my prayers seem to rise, not above my head. Still my
faith is strong that the Lord hears & answers prayer. Then
why this heavy & my soul say why dost thou still
trust thou in God that sees thee naked as thou art.

Friday Oct 19th eight o'clock in the evening just
anchored off Santa Cruz, 6 miles below Santa
Catharines so we have performed our passage in
10 days a distance of about 1100 miles. Our good Lord
has preserved watched over and directed us here in
safety. O that our hearts may expand with gratitude
to him for all our blessings and especially for this
how strange that ever a mortal should think to cross
the mighty ocean on the presumption of his own skill
not even acknowledging the hand of the Lord in it
an evidence of this in part, I need go no further
but put my hand on my mouth & mouth in the dust
Lord I desire to thank thee & praise thee for
opening my blind eyes - when we left Bahia I said
to myself we will have about 10 day passage and so it
has proved, and now my Lord grant that I may know
thy will concerning me in this place as I believe it
was thy will that I should come here and may I await
thy event with patience and run the race set before me.

Saturday Oct 20th At half past 12 anchored
at S. Catharines, and before we got finally secured the
wind comes on to blow from the South, so that we just saved
ourselves from another hanging beside having to wait
a shift of wind, think we have been highly blessed
and favoured of the Lord and hope we shall have
hearts to praise him, here I think I already foresee
that I am destined for another port before I can sell all
my Cargo and no alternative but make a sacrifice,
if it be the will of the Lord hope I shall be reconciled
and willing to obey, one consolation I have, the Summer
is coming on here and I cannot go much further South
unless I go round the Heads this I really hope I shall
not have to do for I want to be with my dear family.

28 Sunday 21st Oct This is the second Sabbath we have spent in port. Since leaving home, we have an addition of one to day that is a Soldier put on board as a guard. he seemed to be attentive though its probable he did not understand one word. I have had no liberty to day my mind is too much occupied in temporals, have thought some considerable to drive the buyers & sellers out of my mind, feeling that it was my privilege to keep the Sabbath day holy, and acceptable unto the Lord, in so doing I know the Lords blessing will follow for he has promised it, but a curse awaits such as profane and pollute the holy Sabbath. Lord create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.

Monday 22nd This has been a rainy day, being endeavouring to sell my cargo, the people seem willing enough for me to have all the trouble of bring the goods here for them to have the profits, I feel willing to share with them but fear my share will be small. I shall have to go further, I trust and trust the Lord will open the way for me, and grant me resignation to his will that I may not be left to murmur or complain at the dispensation of his providence. This evening one of my men broke out in a volley of oaths I told him there was the land, if he could not comply with my orders we must separate, he said it was the first vessel that he was ever on board of where he was not allowed to swear, well I told him that he should not be allowed to do it here he merited and said it was hard and thought it strange after this he attended prayers, think he was sorry for what he had said, hope the Lord will forgive him & me to —

Tuesday 23rd This afternoon wandered out back of the town and far from where I had spent many happy moments in my former Voyages, here again I found the same friend, him that sticketh closer than a brother and had a happy meeting and hope to many more. The wind blew so hard last evening that I was obliged to stop on board a Swedish vessel until after tea both here I was deprived the privilege of prayer —

Wednesday To day I have Loaded & Landed 50 barrels of Flour have had a very strong wind good deal of business on my mind wish I could give it all up and serve the Lord. Some of my Country men here living on shore have had some conversation with them and lent them some books and given them tracks. Thursday 25th Good deal perplexed to day about my cargo all is not right but my friend whom I found this morning in the grove has promised to assist me, & to

are not where it is our privilege to be, Other may we ever have
reconciliation and peace with God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ
our meeting held about 3/4 of an hour to day the Lord knows
whether it was for the better or worse, for myself I feel much
better satisfied for I feel relieved and more composed in my
mind Lord have mercy on me and preserve me from evil.

Monday 29th Bless the Lord he has preserved me throu-
gh another day which makes my numbers one the less.
Our patience & resignation to His will, I know that I do
not feel right but I believe I strive to wait with patience
have done nothing to day and soon have to go from
this to another port to sell my cargo. two opens to view but
I have made no choice yet. Pray the Lord to open the
way for me and may I be willing to obey, for four or five
days past I have suffered much from anxiety about my
business wish my mind was not so ployed with it, Three
of my Countrymen living on Shore here waiting an oppor-
tunity to go home, are in the gaul of bitterness & bonds of
Iniquity, have had considerable conversation with them and
especially to day, related some of my experience lent them
books and gave them Tracts. They feel disinclined to obey the
commands of God notwithstanding they believe they are
accountable to him for their transgressions, I asked for their bible
to day to a Capt. Peas a passage which he desputed it was found
he said that he was sorry to say that he had not seen the inside of
it since he left home before which is more than one year - his
wife he says is a good Methodist on the Vineyard, I hope she
will pray to God for him as earnestly as my wife did for one
that he may have mercy on his soul, and may the others also
be brought to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Wednesday 30th Blowing a Gale of wind to day much
trouble to get on Shore was obliged to remain on Shore all
night, an act of the Gale this is the first time that ever I slept
on Shore in St. Catharines in my three voyages here believe I
added not to my spiritual blessings from the company I was
in set up late relating some of my adventures.

Thursday Wednesday 31st moderate, glad to get on board
again feel barren no spirit of Prayers. yesterday I enjoyed
two precious seasons felt better after, to day have been much
engaged in my business and once out of humor with my
men. O Lord forgive me Create in me a clean heart and
renew a right spirit within me - - I see that I am ever
prone to wander from the that which would do good evil is
Present with me - my business troubles me much I feel
like a person fettered know not which way to turn, hope
and trust the the Lord will provide a way for me.

Thursday Nov 1st 1827 This has been a very stormy day detained on shore the most of the day and feel that I have gained in neither my spiritual nor temporal concerns, from the company I keep, O that I had or could find one person here to converse with about the realities of another world if he or she were a believer in Jesus, how much I should be comforted, as I have not must endeavour to live nearer the Lord who giveth freely and withholdeth not, we have always been enabled to meet morning and evening to supplicate a throne of Grace since we left home, except three times and two days that I was absent from my vessel at Paraiso. bad weather was the cause of the former. This is even more than I at first expected, this morning and evening we have had an English mate and four sailors to meet with us, that has been detained here on board on acct of bad weather, hope they will reflect on their evil ways and turn to the Lord.

Friday Nov 2nd, went on shore after breakfast and could not get off again until the 3rd Inst. on acct of the wind &c., lost another opportunity this evening waiting on the Lord enjoyed a precious season in the woods this afternoon, had considerable conversation with my country men. They acknowledge that religion is a good thing but say they cant live conformable to it, Lord help them to know the and enable thy servants to walk humbly before thee.

Saturday 3rd Better weather was glad to get on board this morning for here and no where else in this country do I feel at home, Sold some of my cargo yesterday feel better to day, and so it is my spirits seem to arise and fall as I am prospered in my business surely this is not right, hope the Lord will grant me patience always to wait his own good time and pleasure, this afternoon traveled part the way up an high mountain which was familiar to me in a former voyage here the blessed Jesus met with me and granted me ^{Christ} communion, that I could say he is the chiefest among ten thousand, and the one all together, I checked one of my acquaintance (a German Gentleman) for wearing did not appear to be well pleased for he was in a passion the time.

Sunday 4th How much I do long to hear some good preaching this I do not expect in this country from man but from the Lord, who preaches as man never preached, this I pray that some seek do with all my heart soul and strength, Our meeting as usual to day felt pretty serious and somewhat discouraged, but expect this arises from my own wicked heart in doubting the goodness of God, it appears to me that my men are growing worse instead of better which brings a trial on my mind, hope the Lord will forgive me and grant me wisdom and discretion to govern them so that it will be for his declarative glory.

Monday Nov 5 This morning I felt a turbulent spirit
working within me, I felt to make a particular request to
the Lord to enable me to suppress it, and watch over my un-
only member the tongue, that I may not bring dishonour to his
holy cause, I feel to bless his name for his kind assistance in
granting me patience which has enabled me to get through
with my business so well to day hope and pray that I may ever
have in heart of gratitude to praise him for all my benefits.
O Lord I feel to rejoice that I have no where else to go but unto
thee for thou hast the words of eternal life.

Tuesday 6th Bless the Lord O my soul and all that
within thee bless his holy name, for the manifestations of his
love to me this day, I felt to say with Thomas my Lord & my God
after getting on shore this morning I felt as though I wanted
to retire to one of my favourite places for I have a number here
back of the town, to converse awhile with him who is styled the
divine friend, after reading in ^{the new} testament I bowed myself before
the Lord, and truly I can say (fulfill the Lord's will) that I enjoyed
a heavenly melting season for about half an hour precious to
my soul, how earnestly I felt to pray & plead with the Lord
for the dear woman which he was pleased to grant me from Mr
and the dear little children which he has also granted us as mutual
tokens of our undivided love that they may be preserved from the evil
to come and at last housed in the ark of safety, and also for my
dear Parents Brothers & Sisters and a world lying in wickedness
this afternoon I also enjoyed a comfortable season at another place
but I how undeserving I am of these favours, I mix again w
ith the world and seem almost to forget what I first I am of
and how I have been favoured by the King of Heaven. O my
Lord grant I pray thee that I may walk humbly before thee
begin to day to take in Charge for another year.

Wednesday 7th This day I have had much comfort in
believing likewise in praying reading & in the woods &
mountains, but O how lamentable, when I again mingle
with Society it would appear that what I have related was but
a dream, but the Lord who knows all things and what is
for our good sees fit to disappoint us to bring in again to a remem-
brance of his goodness to us ward, as it is with me this evening
have lost considerable of my Carg by leakage and this evening
I find that in consequence of the Oil leaking some of the flour
is damaged. It is the Lord's yet the Earth is his and the full-
ness thereof, why therefore should I complain O Lord grant
me reconciliation to thy righteous will, and a gratefull
and thankfull heart to praise thee for all my blessings that I
may love serve and obey thee with all my mind might and strength,

29 Oct 1827 Friday 26th O Dear wish I was not so much perplexed about my business it seems to occupy the most of my mind. I find my Cargos in a bad state much leakage and some damage but the Lord is able to make all good and I have no doubt but he will in his own good time; but my wicked heart says now. O Lord grant me a conciliant to the dispensations of thy Providence that I may submit with a cheery and thankful heart. When I see & hear of the wretched existence of the generality of those in the moried state here, I feel to thank and bless my Lord for granting me a virtuous and an affectionate wife, and dear Children that we are enabled to train up in the paths of virtue, even this while deprived of their dear Society affords me more pleasure than I can describe, when compared to the people of this place.

Saturday 27 This has been a day of trial & comfort have been much perplexed about my business, realizing that there was no help in man I appealed to the Lord to grant me patience and submission, and I bless his holy name for the heavenly seasons I enjoyed alone with him in the woods, and did feel that I could trust him surely he is the friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Permitted part of my men to go on shore this afternoon that they should have one excuse for polluting the holy Sabbath. They got to drinking and finally departing, and I am glad to get on board one hour later than usual leaving one man on shore not to be grieved, such things as these teaches one that ering on mortals like myself cannot always know when we are to fast or to slow. Then let us listen to what the Lord says Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh the flesh his arm & blessed be the man that trusteth in the Lord thus this week is ended with many troubles anxieties & trials but not without many spiritual comforts. Bless the Lord

Sunday 28th I know not what the Lord is preparing me for, or why I have such conflicts in my mind (no doubt the foundation is sin inbred sin) but I feel some times such a spirit within me that it frightens me for fear I shall be left to commit some dreadful sin, for which I know I must suffer. I have been striving & praying to drive the thoughts of my business out of my mind so day that I might keep the Sabbath holy, but I find it still cloging my mind and my men has yet behaved themselves as they ought, they were all on board this morning. O Lord grant me wisdom and descreption to follow the and do thy will and lead me not into temptation, Why is it that the disappointments of things here should always deprive us of spiritual comfort. I believe it to be because we

(33) Thursday Nov 8th 1827 O the ups and downs in this life how much necessity there is in trusting in God who is able to help us. Yesterday I enjoyed much of the fruits of the spirit and some to day, but am down again this evening the cause of it is my business seems to work against me, when perhaps its operating to the contrary even mortals cannot see far ahead I begin to find that my spiritual frame is much dependent on an any natural joy when the world goes well I feel comfortable (with this difference that I grow careless) when disappointments and anxiety comes then I am brought low again. so when I enjoy a spiritual frame its with fear & trembling, perhaps this is what the Apostle meant by the expression working out your salvation with fear and trembling, upon the whole I think that we have much more reason to rejoice than to mourn. The Bro. Sarah of D from New York left 28th tugue arrived here to day with four passengers one a lady wife of a passenger I understand they intend settling some where in this country. O Lord if it be thy will let thy servant settle in his own native land for life.

Friday 9th Three months to day since I parted with my dear Wife & Children, wish I knew how it fared with them but this is hid from me, no doubt it, but it should be, perhaps some of them are sick, my knowing this would only be an aggravation for I could not help them. hope & trust that the Lord will spare us to meet again in his own due time. may we until then strive to wait patiently and submit with cheerfulness. Strong Gale from the South to day, this and urgent business kept me on board all day, I believe this is the first days work that I have done since I left home. I mean with my hands. my flow is in a bad situation from the leaking of the bil. but I hope to get through with all these things by and by.

Saturday 10th I think I have enjoyed some peace of mind this day especially my secret devotion on shore, mankind in general seems fond of variety and this perhaps is one reason why I enjoy my secret devotions in retirement on shore better than on board because its something new, though I would not pretend to limit the holy one of Israel, who does as seemeth him good and surely such a good and gracious being can never I hope and pray that I may ever feel to trust him with all my cares. In the way of my business was at a gentlemen house back of the town this afternoon as far as I am able to judge him and his wife alone (with their slaves) appear to live happy I gazed in broken longons to picture to them the blessings they enjoyed in each others society. The man observed jeerously that men had many wives and therefore could not be very true to one. his wife & myself opposed him, I told him that I had but one and we were true to each other.

34^u Sunday Nov 11th This has so far been a delightful & pleasant day, what a contrast between it and my mind which is always clogged with the affairs of the world, that I could devote at least one day in a week to my benefactors preserved to whom all my praise and adoration is due, but my wicked heart like the goat's eyes is coveting to the ends of the earth, Lord help me to stay my mind on the spot. I long to enjoy a meeting with some of God's dear children, the last that I conversed with and enjoyed social prayer was my dear wife, heavens best earthly gift, that we may be spared to meet again and join our mutual praises and adorations to our kind and benevolent master, Lord grant us patience & resignation. It's now about 3 o'clock afternoon about half past one at home people about preparing to go to meeting. Ours is dismissed held about 40 minutes at usual one stranger (English) joined with us to day from the shore, after meeting gave him some tracts which he promised to read, and said he should like to come again next Sunday if we were here I invited him to do so, hope our meeting will prove for the better and not for the worse -

Monday Nov 12 I am still a monument of mercy blessed be God for his goodness, have been selling delivering buying and receiving cargoes to day, hope I shall not have to remain much longer here, I find my Countrymen when they get into these countries are too apt to fall in with the bad habits of the inhabitants Lord I feel to bless & praise thee for the strength and steadiness of mind thou hast granted thy servants to withstand those some unusual lureing temptations, and pray thee still to grant me wisdom from on high to preserve and save me in hours of trial, and unite us O Lord with thy great name be all the glory now & forever.

Tuesday 13 This day my little daughter Eliza, if living is eleven months old, how much I want to see her, but it's useless for me to wish for impossibilities, I left her with my dear wife and Helen all in the hands of the Lord, hope we may never distrust his goodness and his power to save us and preserve us in health, wish I was not so fickle minded for I know that I too often distrust his goodness and feel to say my will and not thine be done - create in me a clean heart O God and renew a right spirit within me, for I am a sinful man O Lord.

Wednesday 14 Last night much disturbed in my sleep with dreams thought I saw my wife in black, as usual it's now blowing a gale of wind though the fore part of the day was most delightful weather I am detained on board this afternoon by the weather yesterday I enjoyed my mind in retirement, one of my acquaintances said he should like to know where I went, said that I was frequently walking out back of the Town alone, yes said I that's true and I receive much pleasure from

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these walks alone, I suppose this appeared like foolishness to him for he soon drop the subject, and one at full liberty to choose my own way - at present I am lying still here I feel as if I ought not to leave yet - hope I shall in this as well as every thing else be willing to be guided by the good hand of the Lord.

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Thursday 15 Another day is passed away, consequently I have one the less to live, may I then strive to live as I could wish I had men I come to die, as regards my business I seem to be doing little or nothing, ~~to me~~ & pray that I may feel reconciled and wait the Lord's good time, without murmuring, some times I feel to trust him in all things but how soon I begin to doubt his goodness & mercy to me, I have had quite a trial on my mind to day a number of men wants me to go to Rio Janeiro to land them there, this way has never been open for me yet but if the Lord makes it plain for me hope I shall be enabled to take up my cross and follow him, this will be quite an undertaking to have my Cabin filled with passengers, American, English, Brazilians &c. I will try to do that which I see for the best.

Friday 16 This has been a day of trials, darkness still seems to prevail, but still I know that I have no right to complain but rather praise the Lord for his goodness & mercy to me in permitting me to live, that has no claim on his bounty, I think some times if I am to undergo such conflicts in my spirit as I have sometimes realized since my arrival here that I shall by and by get discouraged and let things go at loose ends, I do hope and pray that patience may be granted me to hold out to the end - last night we did not meet to return our thanks, in consequence of my coming late on board hindered by the wind & weather.

Saturday 17th Still pleading with the Lord to grant me patience, if it shall please him to disappoint me, I find it takes but a trifle to raise or depress my spirits, and as my business goes so am I, this I fear is not the right way to get to heaven which has for some time been my determination, I hope & pray that this may be my last voyage - that I may never be separated from my dear family again while the Lord shall permit us to live, not that I expect by this to get rid of trouble and trial in the flesh, for this I may expect but that I may not be obliged as it were to have so many cares of a worldly nature bearing on my mind, besides the allurements & temptations of an ungodly world, even raising or depressing our spirits, since I left home have never met with a person to whom that he was a professed follower of the Lamb, but perhaps this leads one a little to a throne of Grace and here I desire to bless and praise the Lord for the many precious seasons I have enjoyed from his presence.

36) Sunday 18th Nov Here I am blessed with the privilege of another holy Sabbath, as I have just told my men which privilege, as little as we think of it we shall have to give an account of, for the Lord has said six days shall thou labour and do all thy work but the Seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, therefore we are commanded to keep it holy - part of my men have had liberty every Saturday afternoon to go on shore, the other part to mend and wash their clothes instead of doing the same on the Sabbath, which is customary on board of vessels, one of them told me last night (who had abused this liberty by getting intoxicated) that he had rather work all the week and go on shore Sunday but this is not my wish, at the close of our meeting just now I told them that as they were under my charge I feel accountable to the Lord (in as duty required) for the manner they spend their Sabbaths, as the Lord had commanded us to keep the day holy it was our duty to do so, and we ought rather to obey the Lord than man &c. which I hope will have a good effect; how hard to get rid of all prejudices my men will hardly be willing to believe that I do this out of a sense of duty and for their good, but perhaps the time will come when they will be made sensible of it, and acknowledge it may the Lord direct us all and may the way in the manner of our meeting together on the Sabbath to worship God be acceptable to him, and sanctified to our own souls. Reading over my last week's diary find that I had some spiritual conflicts with my own temptations, may I begin this week anew and strive to bring more honor & glory to my Master.

Monday 19th One month hence my arrival here hoped shall not have to remain longer here than one week more when I think about going, it appears as if there was no way open for me and till I have sold out this for the last week it appears just as if I was tied and what to do I don't know, I trust that I have presented my case before the Lord but whether I have done it in a proper manner I know not, but this I believe that he hears and answers prayer, therefore if he shall see fit to cause darkness to prevail for a season I hope he will grant me patience and faith to trust in his promises, this afternoon I have concerted to go to Rio Janeiro provided I can obtain passages enough to make it an object. I here I feel another trial coming, for Lord let me

Tuesday 20th Have been pretty busy to day, landing flour. &c. this morning I had considerable conversation with two of my countrymen about attending to the one thing needful, they are careless and to all appearances hardened, but the Lord can soften their hearts and bring them to bow the knee to the mild yoke of King Jesus and acknowledge him Lord to the glory of God the Father, sin and iniquity doth abound here I am often laugh'd at for moralizing and meddling, agreeing with those with whom I am as it were obliged to associate

Wednesday Nov 21st 1827. The Lord still sees fit to disappoint
 one in the things of this world, but he does all things for thy best
 and will finally work for my good. In coming down to the lower
 tier of my floor this morning I find a great number of barrels
 damaged by the sea leaking. The Lord has taught me and is
 endeavouring to teach me not to place any affections too much on
 the Vanities of this world but to lay up treasure in heaven. I do
 feel to acknowledge that my mind is too much clogged with this wo
 rld's goods with I did not feel so anxious but leave the event
 with the Lord who does all things well. yea he is the over-warden
 of all that doth diligently seek him and has said those that
 wait upon him shall renew their strength amount up as to be

Thursday Nov 22nd. This morning we had much thunder &
 lightning with rain. This evening the weather is calm and pleas
 ant. So is the ups & downs of life. Sometimes we are distressed &
 put out with mere trifles, yea it is but little trifles that most
 generally desquick us, but if we glance beyond this life with
 a hope of immortality and that hope well anchored within the
 veil, we shall count all but dung for the excellency there is in
 Christ Jesus our Lord. I am convinced that I have much cause
 to praise & bless God for his goodness & mercy to me. then why do
 I still murmur and complain because things do not quite as
 I see no prospect of winding up this voyage directly and yet I
 mourn to be with my dear family. Lord bless them & prosper

Friday Nov 23rd. We have much bad weather here, this
 morning we have had much thunder & lightning with rain
 now all is quiet - again weather pleasant. To day we have taken
 on board 800 bushels of Saxonia which is the cargo that
 we are loading with for Rio Janeiro, if it be the Lords will shall
 be ready to sail in a few days

Saturday 24th Another week
 past into eternity. This morning commenced with heavy
 thunder lightning & rain, now blowing heavy Gale of wind
 let part of my crew go on shore this after-noon, some of this eve
 ning leaving one behind (and a offender) one of the other boats
 fixated so that I had much difficulty getting on board and
 much danger of upsetting the boat if we had I fear there
 would have been but a small chance god give lives for if
 was too dark for any one to have descended in ^{lost my hat & opened} so much for in
 indulging my men the going that which is customary, and still it
 does not seem right to keep them on board like prisoners
 I cannot permit them to profane God's holy Sabbath, therefore
 I grant them this indulgence. Hope & pray the Lord to
 grant me wisdom & discretion in this thing. also

(38) Sunday 25 Nov How little monks, or the people of
America realize their Sabbath privileges, perhaps it would be
better for me to speak of myself as I now realize the privation
and hope to trust have known some of the privileges. Surely it is a
great privation to me to be deprived of these blessings even in our
meeting with one a regenerate person since I left my home, in this
to I hope to be patient and wait the good pleasure of the Lord believ-
ing what he has said, that those that put their trust in him shall en-
joy their strength, we have just closed our meeting for the first
Sabbath one of our numbers absent (the one that was left on shore last
night) have been reading the Pilgrims Progress to day, how clearly
the Iniquity of the heart is laid open and our inbred sins brought
to view as also the walk of the Christian in this valuable Book
I hope & pray that I may get knowledge and instruction therefrom

Monday 26th This has been a very busy day taking in
Cargo Paul being & our Vessel is now nearly loaded and
seven passengers engaged to go to Rio Janeiro. I find this quite
a cross but still there is but one road for me to travel in to find
peace in believing & joy in the holy Ghost, and that is out to show
my duty, and ever be ashamed to own and confess Jesus before
men, not that I have any thing to boast of but on the cross of
Christ in this I hope I may ever boast —

Tuesday 27th Riding squally day ^{the weather} prevented from retiring
to my secret places on shore yesterday morning I felt more
than usually depressed (though no particular outward cause
was manifest) I fled on to my only refuge and in pleading
the promises therein I found some peace to my troubled mind.
Thanks to the gift of every good and perfect gift for granting
me such a privilege and deigning to hear such an unworthy
worm of the dust as I am. Lord help me to receive thee —

Wednesday 28th This day have been preparing for sea
the Lord willing shall sail tomorrow, seven passengers enga-
ged to go to Rio de Janeiro, now I feel a trial coming an inner
mind but I trust the Lord will strengthen me and enable me
to stand steady to my post, and not step aside from my duty
when it is made plain to me, Oh how easy it is for mortals
to err even when they think that they stand firm. Lord help us —

Thursday Nov 29th This day I suppose is thanksgiv-
ing day in Mass. I also have much to thank the Lord
for. In the many mercies which I have received for the
last year with my dear family - this morning the wind was
ahead but by the time the Vessel was ready it came fair
so that I only had to wait a few hours for my passengers
Eight in number 2 of them Americans one the Captain and

the other the Supercargo of an A Schooner, the ^{other} six Brazils ³⁹
at sunset we cleared the port, when we came to the Tea
table I said it is my custom to ask a blessing before eating
to which they all readily assented; and now I felt as though
I had gained one point which strengthened in the Lord
for another, after the table was cleared away the vessel
standing out to sea with a fine breeze I informed them
that it was my custom to attend prayers morning & evening
on board my vessel with my people, and if they would attend
in the cabin at this service I should feel much gratified and
gratefully obliged to them, they very cheerfully assented to this
and I feel to thank the Lord my helper for granting me
strength to proceed before these strangers and pray that it may
redound to the honor & glory of the Lord whom I have every
reason to praise and adore for his goodness and mercy to me
this no doubt (from what I observed) was new to them all and
passing strange, though the six probably understood more
of the reading & prayers than the manners, however I hope the
blessed spirit of the Lord will set it home to their hearts.

Friday 30th. Thank the Lord for the blessing of a fine
wind all night and we all in safety on the mighty deep only
three of the passengers could eat breakfast this morning the
others sea sick and these only attended prayers, surely the
Lord did and has supported me in this trial which I never hope
to remember for good - a few years ago what or who but him
that is Almighty would have prevailed on me to have done
the same duty, this brings to mind the scripture, all things
are passed away and all things become new, and again, when
needs I was once blind I now see. O Lord I pray thee to enable
me to know more & more of the way to love and serve thee

Saturday December 1st The weather still pleasant
but looks threatening my passengers quite smart today
and apparently contented, hope the Lord will be pleased
to grant us a safe and prosperous passage - and enable
me to live so before them as shall bring honor to his name,
they began to play cards today told them that I should
not allow them to play for money but for diversion only,
almost 4 months since I left home how much I want
to see my dear wife and family O Lord preserve them in health
altho I pray thee and may they be objects of thy peculiar care

Sunday 2nd Although I have been deprived of a blessed
privilege which no doubt many of my friends have enjoyed
this day in waiting upon the Lord in his earthly courts below

(40) yet all places are alike to him - for he has said that he is no respecter of persons but all that wait upon him shall renew their strength. This day I can testify this promise verified to me in granting me strength and confidence to testify to these on board my vessel that he is able to save to the uttermost all them that call upon ^{him} and Jesus has said those that come I will in no wise cast out -

At about 2 o'clock we all meet in the Cabin except three of the Passengers which was sea sick on Deck. after praying and reading as usual I felt to exhort them to flee the wrath to come, telling them that I felt it my duty to do so even as I had been warned myself of the Lord, and hoped the Lord by his Spirit would teach each one of us our state and standing as it was, - a few weeks ago this would have been a dreadful trial to me. I now think that the Lord has been preparing me for it. indeed I am convinced that I could not have done this in my own strength - and still I hope not to be deceived but even to wait upon him and remember the covenant that he once permitted me to make with him wherein I gave him all that I am and have and promised to obey his commands.

Monday Dec 3rd Remarkable pleasant weather going along slowly, this morning saw the Island of San Sabastien about 100 miles from Piso Janeiro. saw a Brig under the land standing off the passengers some alarmed fearing it is a Privateer, in that case they are subject to the calamities of War of being Robed & imprisoned. I hope for their sakes that she is one of their own country vessels, Convoicing with the American Supercargo this morning, he said that last night he said his prayers for the first time this great while, told him I was much pleased to hear him say so. hope the Lord will enable him to pray that effectual fervent prayer that shall avail much with him, tomorrow by the blessing of the Lord hope to be in Piso - where I hope to have an opportunity to write my dear Wife

Tuesday 4th How liable we are to be deceived in our own judgement and disappointed, yesterday appearances were that we might be in our port by to day but the Lord has seen proper to deprive us of the gulf breeze we anticipated and behold a Buenos Ayres Privateer in Chase of us sweeping with large Cars fires a gun for me to bring too seeing it was useless to attempt to get away without wind, consulted the passengers who thought best to make short work of it and run down to him we did so, when we arrived within hail he in a very pompous manner desired me to beave

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leave too and hoist my boat out and come on board with
all my papers. This was soon complied with but I little thought
of the company that I was to meet with. The moment I stepped
on his deck my men were hurried out of the boat on board the
Privateer or Pirate and made prisoners of and manned out with
their men & officers as they said for the purpose of searching
me for Enemies property, on coming on board they ordered
and sent all the passengers & all the men into the boat
except the Mate & Cook. that they may plunder indeed
inimately. here we were all cramped up among a set of
men that looked more like human butchers & desperadoes
than the human species. Captain Henderson (this was his
name) what was the reason you did not run down for me
the first time I fired, I was below and was not aware that you
fired, but within ten minutes of the time after ascertaining
that you was a vessel of war I bore up for you, I in your
eyes you gave us a good sign of trouble and if you had
been a Portuguese I would have shot you the moment that
you come on my deck, I am very sorry Sir if I gave
you any trouble I did not intend to, to which he replied
with every abusive language saying he would sink him
the my vessel for I had enemies property on board, said I
the property is banafide American, he knew better, hails
the Brig (Mr. Antonio) brake open the Brigs hatchway
and see what she has got there. I will leave all your
cargo overboard &c. Sir. I am in your power you can do
as you please but if you throw that cargo overboard you
will take the vessel also and myself in. I will not leave
you once more I tell you that the property is my own with
others that concerned with me in the United States and I have
reason to believe that I am an American. my papers also
will satisfy you, well said he I shall satisfy myself
have you any money on board, yes Sir, how much better
mine & ten hundred dollars, Officer from the Brig hails
We have broken open the Hatches and find nothing but
farincha No said I and if you dig down to the keelson
you will find nothing else. however you will not take my
word for it, no, why Sir I would not tell you a lie for
that vessel & cargo & yours with it, At this the people
around us began to stare, one of his officers replied I would
tell a hundred lies for less --- you can do as you please
Sir what I tell you is the truth, the Captain he expected
to go to Hell, and that we should all meet there and that
he had a good berth picked out there, said I hope not Sir it
is the very place I am endeavouring to flee from and hope
we shall all arrive at a better place and said he I am shure

(42) of going there. During this time part of his crew was plundering our Vessel our boat with their men buying what things they could find that suited them. That is my Spy Glass that your officer has got with other things belonging to the Brig, well you shall have them again now he holds a Consultation with his officers what he shall do with us (after detaining us about four hours & now the Sun setting) after a while he calls me to him and says well I will let you go but I shall keep your passengers because they are my enemies, Sir said I you will not keep these poor fellows will you that's done you no harm, yes he'd do this & that, I told him that I did not feel concerned respecting my Vessel & Cargo for if he sent me in to the River La Platte he would be disappointed for I could prove that all the property was American, but I felt under an obligation to take these men to Rio Janeiro as they had paid me their passages, finally after much persuasion he granted my request, I ever felt gratefull to a Robber it was to this man I took him by the hand and said Captain Handerson I thank you and let me assure you that I feel gratefull to you for liberating these men, this appeared like the old saying, Honor among thieves, I told the passengers they were at liberty to go on board, the boat would take them back again, we were all soon on board myself the last I remained to recover back what I could for I see the Capt. began to soften down, when I took my leave of him and his crew said I I hope Sir that none of us will be so unhappy as to get to that place you spoke of. he did not know of me, I believe by mutual consent made sail from each other I now began to enquire how things had gone on board during my absence for the Mate & Stewart were all that was allowed to stay on board except one man to steer, & one American passenger returned with the keys of my Trunks & I to prevent them being broke open, as for the Brazilian Passengers they plundered them of the principal part of their Clothing found in their Trunks, took a number of articles from the Vessel & some of my Clothing & some Trunks (as I was told) which they are well come to hope the sending of them will prove beneficial to them, they threatened to shoot my Stewart if he did not tell where my money was, this they wanted to plunder without the knowledge of the Captain but the Stewart did not know where it was. we also found that they had eaten part of our Dinner, but we found enough to satisfy ourselves we then all met in the Cabin to offer up thanks to Almighty God for our safe deliverance, I felt to pray the Lord to forgive these men & show them the error of their ways, hope if I am permitted to live, never to witness another such a scene as this

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we were up till late at night each one in turn telling what
what he heard saw & lost & still anxious about his returning
to us in the night for a second plunder but we were favoured with a

Wednesday Dec 5th No vessel in sight this morning, the
wind which was ahead last night is now fair & I hope soon
to be in Piso each one over-hauling to day to ascertain what
they have lost and much taken up in conversing upon the
subject this evening we see the land about Piso and are running
for it with all sail out may we have hearts of Gratitude to
praise the Lord for all his benefits -

Thursday 6th Thank the Lord for bringing us all here
in safety about 3 this afternoon after waiting for the different
Departments to visit us to ascertain where from & if we were
permitted to go on shore & see our friends and transact our
business here I found a letter directed to me, he holds my Des-
appointment to find it from Bahia upon business now I
have parted with part of my family and three more added
as officers & Soldiers called them into the Cabin with the rest
when we met for prayers

Friday 7th Find it is excessive
warm here - I understand from people on shore that I
shall not be permitted to land my cargo of farinha here
if so here comes trouble again, well this I may expect
since our Lord & master has told us so, I have endeavoured to
trust in the Lord so far and will try still to lean upon him
I trust I taught him to direct me & therefore I believe he will
open a way for my escape I pray that I may not be left to
disturb his goodness & murmur & complain at the dispensati-
ons of his providence but wait the event patiently -

Saturday 8th This is a what is call a holiday (conception
of V. Mary) saw the Emperor & his Suite at Church to day
while viewing their costly robes & splendored appearance I
thought how different their feelings & situation after death, for
then comes the judgement there we shall not be respected
for glittering robes & gold lace with many other appendages
which they appeared in to day, but be judged according to
the deeds done in the body. I hear these people have very
little Religion but the form. O Lord grow them the Light
of this holy vision that the veil may be taken from their eyes.
Two of my men & both mates on Shore on liberty and now
its dark, they returned before eight o'clock in decent order -
one of my Crew is sick under the Doctors Care. I don't know
the day when I have been so overcome with the heat we have
had a heavy thunder shower which has cooled the air a little

4th Sunday Dec 9th This day makes four Months since I parted
with my affectionate family, by this I expect that they have read
my last letters from Paraná & Bahia which announced my
safe arrival, by the time four months the Lord willing I
hope to be in their dear Society and with them to spend the
remainder of my days, if it be the will of our heavenly Father,
and may we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of
our Lord & Master. It would much revive my drooping
spirits to hear that they were all well. At now Three o'clock
my meeting is dismissed, my Custom^r officer was all the addition
time had to day. I feel a good deal troubled in my mind at times
~~about~~ about keeping my men on board on the Sabbath but when
I look into the word of God I feel justified notwithstanding they
may think it hard, the last voyage my mind was much exercised
on this subject allowing my men to go on shore where
they carouse drink & profane God's holy Sabbath & I had thought
that if it ever be in my power again I would suppress it and
grant them liberty on a week day, this I have tried & they have
abused their trust, and still I can't feel to keep them from it
hope the Lord will direct ^{me} how to act in this thing,
The Privateers men too great liking to my books the other
day. the Passenger that showed them the inside of my Trunks
says that he had much struggle with them - to keep them safe
and finally when they were going away he took from one of
them my Testament & gilt hymn Books, I feel most sorry
since they were led to steal them that they did not get away
safe with them, perhaps the Lord would finally have blessed it
to their souls or some others that may have read them

Since writing the above two new officers have been put on
board. Suppose this is to prevent my Smuggling, well -
Monday 10th I have suffered very much with the heat
to day. Dined with Mr. Birchhead & a number of my
countrymen, the conversation I suppose was what I had formerly
been used to, but it appeared to me insipid & disgusting
nothing but nonsense & profanity - I felt as though I wanted
to put in a word for my master, but fear kept me back
& perhaps it would have been like casting pearls before
swine. I soon left them to enjoy themselves and started alone
to gain the outskirts of the City, I felt to repent on account
of the heat a number of times, but still I persevered & after an
hours walk gained the summit of a mountain at one end of the
City, while traveling up this mountain my mind was much occupied
about the shadow of a great Rock in a every land, and here a little
further on I found something that resembled it a comfortable shade
and sat here after reading some in my Testament had a good season

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and Mr Thornton after dinner Mr Thornton's business called him away and Mr Thornton & myself left by our selves, our conversation turned upon Religious Subjects much to my edification she is a Methodist, Her husband has joined our Church they both appear to be humble Christians have been living here about 10 years I then visited Mr Mac Kay at his store he gave me a sad full acct. of the state of Society here he is at the Expence of the Bethel Society here and says he still feels to persevere although he does not expect to realize any fruits from it in this world, though I hope he may & be blessed of the Lord for his Labours of Love as well as the others

Tuesday 18th To day I have felt very much tried in my mind not knowing which way to turn myself. I visited the Prison on Shore in company with Mr Thornton one old American Sailor Put in here for insulting the Consul appeared to be penitent Mr T gave him a Tract said he liked it it was very good. This afternoon I started again for my secret place but the owners as I suppose would not permit me to pass over his land, therefore I had to retire but I searched another place though not so convenient and shaded from the Sun here I felt to plead with the Lord as for the last time in this place. Think I felt more comfortable after Mr Mackay came on board, took tea and joined in prayer with us has just left us for the Shore he is a man that has passed through much affliction.

Wednesday 19th December 1827 This has been quite a busy day getting my vessel cleared & settling all my little accounts. And now I have seated myself on board my vessel expecting to be employed till midnight writing Letter Duplicates for Respecting my voyage and to my family for at the breaking day we shall be moving for Santa Catharines again. If the Lord will, this I believe is as the Lord would have me go, this has been a great trial to my mind to have to come here and not be permitted to sell my Cargo, and return as I came but I submit & I hope to without murmuring for we read that these light afflictions work out for us a far more exceeding and an eternal weight of glory - and now I go not knowing what will befall me affliction I may expect in the flesh. Let me put my trust in God who has promised to ease us of our heavy Burdens. Grant O Lord to sanctify this affliction by thine unwearied service and may be ever realizing that in thee is all his help. Took leave of my friends Thornton & Mackay just now perhaps shall never see them again in this world.

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Bless the Lord I here enjoyed more real pleasure in one half hour in prayer & meditation with reading than perhaps they would believe if I were to tell them.

Tuesday 11th The fore part of the day very sultry & uncomfortable. the after part squally with showers. here I am still in trouble the cargo that I brought here from St Catharine is produce of the Country & notwithstanding liberty has been granted (as I have been informed) for foreigners to take it coast wise. yet now they deny it, so which way to go I know not. have petitioned to the Government hope the Lord will bless the means I have also laid my case before him. that I trust has led & brought me here and feel some faith to believe he will make the path of duty plain for me by opening a way for my escape -
this evening 12 months I was made happy in the bosom of my dear dear family after an absence of about 3 weeks. Oh that I may find all things well with them when I return of this voyage if it be the will of the Lord to spare me

Wednesday 12th Another stormy day, a brig arrived fifty days from Baltimore, things fell quiet there, what a treat to have had a letter from home, this I did not expect for I have but little hopes of hearing from home during this voyage, but if it please the Lord hope never to be separated from my dear family
In conversation with Mr Birbeck to day he observed when I become a Commission Merchant as himself I should not mind much about conscience, told him that I neither wished to be a Com^r merchant nor Captain any longer than this voyage for I now felt satisfied and if I could make out to stay at home if ever I reached there I should try hard for it. This I hope & pray the Lord will enable me to do.

Thursday 13th If my little Daughter Eliza is living she is this day 12 months old how much I want to see the little prattler I hardly dare indulge my thoughts on these subjects for when I do I fear I anticipate more than I ever shall realize, we are all in the hands of the Lord & that is a comfortable thought for he will do his pleasure with us if we serve him. - This afternoon I went on shore and started to visit my kind friends, where I was on Monday, its a long walk but after reaching the place I was led to go much further almost to the Summit of the mount in this station a delightful prospect presented itself, the Grand City of San la Bahia or Rio Janeiro with its Suburbs, besides the spacious Harbour diversified with Islands & Rocks, as far as the eye can extend, on the East & North side of the City a great number of Vessels of many nations besides the Brazilian English & French men of war & ferry boats crossing in various directions and the numerous Forts dotted in various directions for the protection

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of the harbour the Mountains also presented a delightful
Scenery. Peak on toping peak, as far as the eye could reach. The
form varied, then on the South the entrance of the Harbour
with its white surf dashing against the Rocks & Vessels in the
sing directing their course in the Harbour or sea as they were blown
This scene to a contemplative beholder must truly be delightful
that afforded me pleasure. Is it possible that all this sprang into
existence of itself. No, reason itself teaches us better & Religion says
this is Gods handy work. then let sinfull man fall prostrate
before such a good & gracious being & adore him as their
benefactor & preserver. here I spent about 3/4 of an hour in
reading singing & Praying & I Bless God for the happy season
I engaged, hope I shall long have it in Remembrance from
thence I returned immediately on board, absent 3 hours.

Thursday 14th I still remain here waiting an answer to my
Petition whether they will allow me to discharge here or not.
Should I not be allowed this privilege, I am not prepared
to say what I shall do, for the Lord does not see fit to show
me any other way, I hope he will grant me patience to wait
his own good time, for I cant help thinking but all will come
right ere long. To day I found a Mr. Thornton & Mr. Mackay
two English merchants here who take the lead of the Bethel
meetings, on board whatever Ship or Vessel they are invited
to hoist their flagg, Mr. Thornton appeared much pleased
when I said that I much approved of them, & invited me
with as many of my crew to attend on the Sabbath as could
come. If I can make it convenient shall have it on board
the Empress before she leaves. (she is rather small) this afternoon
I took some Tracks to Mr. Thornton Store for the purpose of
taking them on board the Prison Ship where there are many
confined taken in the Buenosarian Service, if they did treat
me ill the other day, we are commanded to do good for evil
this afternoon another B. tyssen Privateer brought in to be
Prisoners on board this Ship Chained two & two except the officer.
Saturday 15th yesterday I was waiting a reply to my
petition to day they have answered that they will not allow
me to discharge here. therefore I am in a strait and
knowing what to do, I trust the Lord knows all my affairs
but I am still in the dark, but hope and trust that the way
will be opened for me by Monday morn. I have spent part of
the afternoon on the ground that I visited the Bth. I felt to plead
the promises hope the Lord will grant me patience to wait
his own good time. took part of the Tracks on board the prison
Ship this morning. & gave them to two Americans that had been
Officers in Privateers they have the liberty of the Ship but the men
are Chained together by twos by the legs they promised me after

47 ~~that~~ after they had read them to distribute them among
the men about 400 in number & officers 40, then the ship is filled
up with convicts for murder & making in all they tell me
about 1400 souls crowded together into one ship this is misery but
I forbear as it brings to mind former days. but if ones will
go Privateering for other nations they must expect the custom of war.

Sunday 16th At the time of morning Prayer I desired my
Crew to clean themselves and be ready to go with me to the
Bethel meeting at half past ten, the Second Mate also accompan-
ied, we soon discovered the Bethel flag flying on board an English
Brig lately arrived. The Captain had taken some pairs to shelter us
from the sun by erecting awnings over his decks under which
on deck the Seats were placed. I was sorry to see so few in attendance
Perhaps about 40 Masters of Vessels & Sailors with a few gentlemen.
From the Shore, although so many Americans here none appeared
Mr. Mackey commenced the worship of God by reading a very
appropriate hymn in which we all joined in singing after which he
made a very able prayer, not however before he read the 6th Chap-
ter of Genesis. We then sang again he then took a Book from
29th Ch^{ap} 1st Verse, He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck
shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. I thought the Lord
is here, and ready to bless us, after this we again sang where

Mr. Thornton closed the meeting by Prayer & Pronouncing the blessing.
This is the first meeting that I have been to since the 5th of August last
and the first time that I have left my Vessel on the Sabbath since I sailed
from home I bless the Lord for this privilege thank I enjoyed it much
better on account of my privations. They also have an evening meeting
every Sabbath at Mr. Thorntons commencing at 7 o'clock. I am truly
of the latter gentleman that the English (by Treaty) have a very beauti-
ful little Church in the city but its poorly attended, Sunday being
a day of visiting and amusement & also that the Parson is not a good
man, no other nation has such a privilege as this here, where no religion
is tolerated but Catholic - how much good might be done where
where its is their power, I really hope they may get an experimental
man to fill this ones place, that will not be ashamed to own & confess
Jesus before men, then & not before man some good be expected -
we had our little meeting as usual & hope the Lord will bless and
sanctify it to us for our good as well as the other one man. Rich

Monday 17th This day commenced clearing again for
St. Catharines after repeatedly laying my case before the
Lord I can see no other way open for me and when I get
there I have to seek for another port to sell, notwithstanding
these trials I have much reason to bless the Lord for the good
company that I have been blessed with to day I dined with Mr.

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Friday 28th. This morning we got underway with a favourable wind but it soon left us close to the Island here we had to anchor again. O the hardness & vileness of the human heart, and especially mine for feeling so impatient and unwilling to submit to the dispensations of Gods providence and feel to say not my will but thine be done O Lord. and still I feel that these disappointments & trials will work for my spiritual good, but this voyage which I want to see the termination of (with the many difficulties attending it) weighs much on my mind & destroys much of my happiness. I think I can say with good old Paul of old troubles & trials await me in every place - and still I have no right to complain for I also enjoy many blessings which I hope and pray that I may be thankful for - And especially this one, a favourable & fine breeze from East, weighed & sailed again at 1 o'clock P.M. am now sailing down the land which looks delightful, this being the first month of summer here 1500 miles south of the Equator - our latitude under the Island was 27° 56 South - have felt low spirited to day while reflecting on the disappointments which I meet with, hope the Lord will sanctify them to me for good & enable me to shed tears of joy as abundantly as I have this day tears of grief. Amen

Saturday 29th We are now gliding along with the wind at N.E. (right aft) at the rate of 8 miles per hour - should it continue and nothing happen to us more than we are aware of shall run our distance before morning. O how great our hearts of gratitude to praise the Lord for all our blessings - lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Sunday 30th What a contrast between yesterday & to day yesterday the furious winds and yawning billows were dashing up and the mighty Ocean, to day beholds an almost calm sea and the ocean apparently as undisturbed as if it had never been in motion. This truly is the work of an Omnipotent & Omnipresent God who does all things well, then may we his creatures adore & praise him. We have enjoyed another privilege of meeting to worship God, I think a rather more solemn than usual hope it will be sanctified to each one of our souls ^{one} of them told me the other day that he felt dreadfully, hope the Lord will create in him a new heart. Reading over my Covenant with God which has ever been my practice every Sabbath afternoon, with perhaps a few exceptions (dated 4th October 1824 at sea on board this vessel) I find much cause of lamentation for paying so little regard to it when if it had been with man long ere this I should have suffered severely - blessed be God for his tender mercy & loving kindness to such an unworthy worm of the dust as I am

49 Thursday December 20th We are now steering for
Santa Catharines. left Rio this morning with one passenger
(Mr. Pedrick) the same that came up with me. was engaged
untill one o'clock this morning writing my letters to go to dinner
large Convoy of Brazilian Vessels in sight bound in to
Port, this is the way with the world some gain one way some
another some are rejoicing some mourning. O Lord if thou do
not have mercy we shall all mourn in the next world

Friday 21st The wind is still fair, we are now about
130 miles from Rio, but I do not feel reconciled to have
to return in this way when it appears so much against
my Interest, hope I shall not be left to complain on one but
wait the will of the Lord concerning me, this dispensation
was no doubt to humble me under the mighty hand of the
Lord, and I hope it may have its sanctifying effect: the Lord
knows what a poor feeble worm of the dust I am and what
is best for me -

Saturday 22nd We are still gliding
towards Santa Catharines, if the ^{wind} holds where it is hope
to see the land in the morning, I hope we shall not be
deprived the privilege of keeping and spending Gods holy
Sabbath in a way that will be profitable to us all, Mr.
Pedrick & myself have been conversing upon Religious
Subjects he now appears to be more satisfied and convinced
of the realities and importance of divine truths than when
we first commenced, he is a guiding young man full of
the Vanities and follies of this world, may the Lord bless him

Sunday 23rd As I anticipated, we were blessed with the
sight of the Land this morning, but some distance from our port.
Thick rainy weather, much anxiety about ascertaining the Land
the wind has favoured us, at about midday we ascertained the entrance
of our Port, at about 7 P.M. anchored once more in safety
(blessed be God) at St. Catharines. on this account we were deprived
the privilege of waiting upon the Lord untill 10 P.M. hope the
Lord will bless the means, though they were feeble ones, to
waste upon him, in this manner, I felt it my duty & therefore
I felt better after, felt sorry that we should be so much disturbed
on this day, this is the first Sabbath that ever I arrived at a Port
since I have known the Lord, I have never in all that time sailed
on that day out of Port, I hope I shall never have to, after getting
to anchor we again met in the Cabin & offered him our unfeigned
thanks for his goodness & mercy to us in guiding us in
safety thus far and prayed that he would further show us what
he would further have us do. one Soldier added to our little
family this evening to prevent us from Smuggling.

50¹² Monday 24th Decemb. This morning pleasant at
an early hour we breakfasted & after attending prayers Mr.
John C. Pedrick myself & 3 men started for town about 8 miles
of had a pleasant time found our acquaintances well, surprised
that I should return with my cargo, thought I ought
to have disposed of it if I smuggled it, this I would not do,
in about four hours time the President granted me an
open letter to the President of Rio Grande and allowed me
to be cleared for that place saying that the Inhabitants were
in want of my cargo. This I believe is of the Lord I now trust
that he has led me better for this purpose. If this business had
not have taken place in this time I know not when it could have
been done for tomorrow the Christmas holidays set in which
continues without much alleviation for about 10 days I was
afterwards informed that I could not have cleared the vessel
for some days left town about dark found so much sea
that we pulled the boat on shore about 1/2 mile from where
we started to wait for moderate weather here we found an
house belonging to my Consignee where we were accommodated
with a good supper & toward midnight I had an opportunity
for prayer being left alone blessed the Lord we were no worse
of, thank upon the whole I enjoyed a comfortable season
here and on the Beach by myself.

Tuesday 25th A day light we left for our vessel and aft-
er much toiling and resting, and stopping on a small Island
for water (where I again had another opportunity for
prayer & praise) what a blessed privilege that all places
are alike to him who sees as man does not, we reached
our vessel in safety, half past eight, four hours & half on our
way - I know not what to do with some of my men, two
of them are in the practice of getting drunk when an opportu-
nity offers, which was the case yesterday, this morning I decided
revelly but I fear it will not stop, then I even told one that
I would set him on shore if he did not do better, but it appeared
to have no good effect. O Lord teach me by thy holy spirit how
to govern them in a proper manner, & may all the praise redound
to thy glory - At 11. o'clock blowing and raining with the wind
ahead therefore we do not go to sea to day.

This is the anniversary of a day above all others to be had in remem-
brance - by sinfull man, At Saron born, ye the son of God
to suffer & die - the ignominious death of the cross as a propiti-
tion for our sins, O the condescension and mercy of God, to give
his dear son to ransom such guilty creatures - may I ever have
these things in remembrance and ever have a realizing sense
of my state and standing with such a holy & good being.

51st Wednesday Decr=26th This morning at Daylight
got underway for Sea & at mid day clear of the Harbours
with a head wind & rainy weather. I have felt my mind
much stayed on the Lord to day, a cheering ray from the son
of Righteousness has many times to day brighten'd up my benighted
mind and gladden'd my soul with the prospect of another
world, where all troubles and trials will end, this instead of exciting
my utmost gratitude to my benefactor & preserver, has brought
my timid soul to fear some new trial at hand. Lord disarm
me of this & prepare my mind for every dispensation of thy Providence.
One thing I do hope & pray for that the Lord will restore me to
my dear family by the month of April coming, and if it be
his will grant the petition of my dear Wife that I may hereafter
be enabled to obtain any living in this world and support my
family without going to Sea. For if, for this I also pray
I was just now thinking how wonderfully the Lord has inspired me
at parting with my dear family, and now I can hardly bear
to think of home with the Idea of three or four months longer
separation, Who that ever was blessed with the affection of a
dear Wife & Children as I have been, would ever want to again
begin to feel that this Voyage will satisfy my curiosity and
hope it will reconcile me to live on shore, if it be the Lords
will. Last evening was looking over & reading a Remarkable
Dream that occupied my mind three years ago to night, which
I had copied, Respecting two Rolls or Letters that had been
detained for some time in the post office superscribed the
Ladder & Jerusha Bartlett, I still preserve an Idea of
them, but it occurred to me last evening, that this Dream was
intended (as the whole of it runs) to show me that I had met
with a change of heart which I was earnestly praying for
and knew not that it had taken place, but upon mature consi-
deration I think if ever I did meet with a change of heart it
was some time in October or about the first of November previous -
how mysterious are the ways of Providence & just finding out.

Thursday 27th After another days contending with
adverse winds, we have this evening anchored under an
Island on the coast, about 40 miles from where we
sailed at the north end of the Island, at a long distance
in the entrance of a harbour lies one solitary Sail, so
it is with the Christian some times alone, and then when he
sees even one steering the same course with him it cheers
him on his way and he will thank God & take courage
have felt rather gloomy to day, perhaps its owing to the
weather and some other little trials with my crew, hope
I shall not feel unconsoled to the Departure of God's Providence.

Monday 31st Last night we had just wind enough to take us over the bar of Rio Grande which is shoal & dangerous and here we had to anchor for the night with should a bra kees howling around us but the Lord tempered the winds that we rode it out until morning when we got underway to come to our anchorage about 10 miles here hard by landy thing but a dreary waste of low land covered with sand banks - in due time we came to our anchorage in safety and after being visited by the several departments Customs & S^t. I was permitted to go on shore to transact my business

Tuesday January 1st 1828 - Thank the Lord I am yet the spared monument of his mercy, but I have one year the less to live. I left my vessel yesterday & did not return until a short time since (This is twice again that we have been prevented from meeting together at a throne of grace and twice while at St Catharines this last time) last evening I was up until 12 O'clk conversing with Mr. Carroll a very Consignee he insisted upon it that the truth was not to be spoken at all times and that there was no harm in lying once in a while (he is what some call a moral man) but I cannot believe in his doctrine finally we separated for the night - here in my private room I embraced the opportunity given me by the new year by Prayers & reading God's holy word - I have felt a degree of satisfaction which the world could not give me from this consideration that at this hour many of God's dear children were in supplication at the throne of God's grace and that God hears & answers prayer, again in the morning I enjoyed a good season felt to pray the Lord to enable me to commence this year in his cause & be preserved from temptation to the end - but O how hard to preserve a good train of thoughts for any length of time difficulties begin to arise about my business troubles await one wherever I go the vexations there are in this business at times sickens my heart & makes me wish to put an immediate end to the voyage found my letters here which I forwarded from St Catharines to be sent home by first conveyance

Wednesday 2^d 1828 This day three Brigs arrived here two from Boston, one from Salem, from one of them I have obtained a few papers & some new tracks which I have not had time to read yet, but hope to find some instructions. have been pretty busy to day entering my vessel & I feel myself alone here but still I feel determined to serve the Lord & follow on God that hope there is before me ever having an eye single to his glory I am pretty well convinced that there is no ^{out} joy happiness with ^{out} it

34 Thursday 3^d The weather is now very pleasant. Left my
Vessel this morning for the town about 2 miles off where the prin-
cipal part of the Inhabitants live & business transacted. Dined
with Mr. Carroll after Dinner had much conversation with him
& Capt Roberts of Salem. he is too self. Wth to believe in
regeneration. Said he felt sorry for me to think I should be
so enthras'd wth it, we conversed for some time and I hope it will
have a good effect. I hope the Lord will convince him of his er-
rors the Capt was more willing to acknowledge that he was wrong.

Friday 4th Remained all night with Mr. Carroll this
morning he began with me again and finally acknowledge
to me that he did not like to converse with professed
Religion on ~~the~~ subjects if he did he must either acknowledge
himself an hypocrite or offend the person with whom he was
talking. all this appears true enough, I have been reading
Salem Providence & Papers but find no news or tidings about
home. I Lord preserve my dear family from all harm.

Saturday 5th I have now closed another week, I fear
I have been making but little progress in Religion's point of
view, have been absent two nights this week. it puts me
out of my bias to sleep out of my vessel. hope I shall not have
to do it often untill my Voyage is ended, we arrived here Monday
are still in the same state have sold my Cargo but its not been
sent for. hope on Monday Morning to Commence & make despatch
it's after 8 P.M. & 4 of my crew on shore. hope they will come
of sober & not be left to break Gods holy Sabbath as Sailors are
in the habit of doing. Lord help us to obey thy commands.

Sunday 6th 3 Oct. our little meeting just now
dismissed, and I feel some relieved. I hope to pray the Lord
will bless the feeble means of his unworthy servant to the
good of Soul here on board, one thing encourages me still
to hope that is the Promises in the Gospel for the Lord has
himself said that his arm is not shortened that he cannot see
neither his ear heavy that it can not hear, I find that I come
far short in trusting in the promises of the Lord. O what
depravity in the human heart man is ever ready to rebel
against his maker for a trifling cause but the condescension
of our heavenly father is still more to be wondered at in granting
us pardon. — My C. H. Officer has never been with us before
to day at prayers, I see him every morning & asked him
if he would not stay below to prayer, said our Religion was different
& besides he did not understand, told him it was the Religion
of Jesus Christ we followed & hoped he would consent to stay with
us he did so. perhaps the Lord will open his eyes as with his
countrymen whose Religion appears in name only.

55 Have been Reading the Life of our Saviour by Philip Doddridge. how many times my mind has wandered like the fools eye to the ends of the Earth. & now I can recollect but very little of what I have been reading. How enable me to stay my mind on the.

Monday 7th. So one day passes away after another and we poor mortals are passing away also, how little do we realize that we are probationers for eternity, and permitted to live while others die, may such thoughts as these beget new desires in my soul to follow on to know the Lord whom to know is life eternal, but I how much easier to think than act. I resolve & Perseverance and still go on in folly. This morning I began to feel anxious about my business & many other worldly things which appeared not to please me I felt to plead with the Lord to grant me patience & submission and I think I can say that I have felt its influences through the day, especially when I was crossed - to morrow I am in hopes to commence discharging my cargo & if it please the Lord to return to Saint Catharines & there prepare for home, what a pleasing thought that my mind will be lightened of these troubles & trials that have been so attendant on this voyage, though I do not expect to be clear of trials while I remain here, but one advantage I expect which I have not realized, & that is sympathizing friends in the bosom of my dear family. - Since I have begun to arrive the passing scenes of my life more particularly since I have commanded a vessel something new & different has turned up every voyage so much so that I have said to myself well what will it be the next voyage, the first voyage I commanded the vessel only, the next was entrusted with the cargo, the next voyage I owned some of the cargo and had the command of all the property to do with it as I thought best this was as it has proved a very profitable voyage to both my spiritual & temporal welfare. The next I owned in this vessel (the Empress) & cargo, and on this the first voyage is the early part of it I have a reason to hope that I found the Pearl of great price which was more riches than any vessel could contain, yea I have since found by experience that this Pearl is worth more than all the vessels & cargoes that I have ever commanded - and here let me ascribe all the praise & thanks giving to that God & Saviour that granted me this rich treasure without money & without price. - This present voyage in temporals as the last, I'm keeping the Sabbath & family worship, its different and many trials which will all work for my good so that I see this will teach me the greater lesson of all any voyage put together

56 Tuesday 8th This has been a day of trials, instead of discharging my largo as I expected behold a counter order this morning prohibiting me from delivering what I had already sold, went to Rio Grande South (about 4 miles from my vessel) to see what was to be done in this case, could get no satisfaction, but to write and petition the President who lives in Parte Sagro, which I caused to be done and make up my mind to wait as patiently as I can for an answer which will take 10 or 12 days - This I have no doubt will teach me patience - if it is the will of the Lord may I be willing to submit -

Wednesday 9th Blowing a gale of wind attempted to get on board my vessel but without effect I spread my case before the Lord as yesterday. think I feel little more reconciled, I see no other way for me but to submit as cheerfully as possible and leave the event with the Lord

Thursday 10th Still blowing so as to prevent one from going on board, here I am in the society of men (my country men) who appears to have no fear of God before their eyes, Gambling and almost any amusement to pass away the time, was solicited to join them, I chose rather to leave them and retire to my room to implore the Lord to open their eyes, may he teach them their state & standing - although I have had no friends to seclude myself in here yet I have found convenient places for secret prayer & hope and trust the Lord was with me, here I know not if one soul stands on the Lords side, I stand alone, & yet am not alone for I trust the Lord is yet with me and will uphold me by his mighty power.

Friday 11th Five months have passed away and I still separate from my dear family, Lord grant that we may be permitted to meet again. Soon if it please thee a little after noon to day I was enabled to reach my vessel after an absence of three days, still the weather is bad -

Saturday 12th I have remained all day on board, have been much depressed in spirits owing to the many disappointments & trials that I meet with, but I have no right to complain for I have no doubt but all is for my good, I pray the Lord to grant me submission to his will, and faith to trust in his promises, have been reading some of the numbers of Lions herald how many useful and instructing pieces I find in it, wish I could see some of the low numbers and learn what the Lord is doing in our land -

60^{1/2} and to particular, told him that I was aware that I was redeemed
for my principles, as every other person was that professed Religion
I had another a man that Pretended to be a Minister out to be
pure & C, nothing appears easier with the unrighteous than
pointing out the road for professors of Religion, now I think
we cant be so to strictly watching over our selves therefore
let us take heed to our ways that we sin not in word thought
or deed. Capt C of the Boston Brig came on board this evening
just as we had assembled for Reading and prayer, I invited him
to remain with us he did so but took his leave soon after. I
feel to bless the Lord for supporting me at this time I know
it will not do to fear man & dishonor God -

Saturday 26th Another week ended, leaves me still here
living on the bounty of Providence have just made up a
few tracts to send Capt Goodhue that about to sail for the
havanah hope & Pray the Lord will sanctify the reading of
them to the Salvation of his Soul, Should like to know if
our Saturday night Prayer meeting was still kept up if so
may the Lord meet with them this evening & bless them. if not
I Pray the Lord to arouse them as one man that they may ne-
ver forsake the assembling themselves together, God's blessing
in & Pray - Tomorrow is God's holy Sabbath Lord help
me to keep it holy and acceptable unto the -

Sunday 27th So far very pleasant, - one of my countrymen
lying near us going on with his work as though there was
no command against it, This I have been guilty of myself
but hope I never shall again. It grieves my heart to see so
little regard paid to this holy day here. Foreigners plead they
feel licenced because its the custom of the Country if they were
at home they would probably go to Church. this is a poor excuse
and will not save them from the wrath to come. when I survey
these things around me I feel alone, but not unsupported.
yea, I feel encouraged to trust in the Lord and praise his name
for allowing us to meet together on board of our little vessel
(undisturbed by all those around us) to worship him in our poor
feeble way - whatever a scoffing world may say. For one I feel
that I have set out for heaven and am satisfied if I do not
perceive that I never shall cast anchor there, we must not
expect fair & Prosperous gales to waft us over the tempestuous
seas of time. No: to use the sailors phrase, we must beat, and
sometimes against wind and tide, but let us ever trust in the
Lord our Righteousness and he will bring us safe over all these
shoals & quicksands into that building not made with hands,
which is eternal & in the Heavens. Written a letter to my friend C -

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Have been much occ

upied to day reading the life & Experience of Harriet Livermore
the aut The genes of herself is truly interesting especially her
Baptism & Preaching. where is the Child of God that will see
this without prejudice, and with hold from her the right hand
of fellowship. She may have faults but where is the person
with them and was so ready (apparently) as she to confess
and plead for pardon, how many times while reading this
narrative have I felt condemnation cross my mind, I hope
this will teach me to be more watchfull in future, to be thank
full for mercies received and patient under Desappointments,
Our meeting to day as usual. The fore part of the day and until
after meeting have felt rather stuped and low spirited, but blessed
be the name of the Lord he has since granted to strike the Rock and
the waters have flowed, & may I ever feel to trust his gracious
promises and praise him for all my benefits.

This day My ten little daughter Elyza (if living) is 13 month old
O may she be precious in the sight of the Lord and grow up as the
calves of the stall, Grant gracious God to bless my other Daughter ^{also} may
she be thine in the days of her youth, and may their Mother be regarded
by thine Omnicient eye as their teacher and earthly guide.

Monday 14 This morning found we had parted our
Cable, it was quite fortunate for us that it was good weather,
but our anchors if we do not find it will be quite a loss to
us, here, after noon went over to the South to see any agent
nothing done, The Enemy (Patriots) are approaching this place
and its feared they will yet take it, many of the Inhabitants
apparently be meditating their escape with their property.
Stayd all night, after tea Cards were introduced to gamble
I immediately left the Room and retired to my own & began
to pray the Lord to show them the evil of their ways - this
is a dreadful country to live in here eniquity abounds
about dusk this evening retired into the field back of the
town (where I had been before) here in the presence of my God
I trust, I enjoyed a free season in prayer & supplication.

Tuesday 15 Now this month has passd away & we have
been trying Idles. hope I shall not be left to complain, the Lon
ways are not mans ways & I returned on board this afternoon
some prospect of settling my Care, but not to much adva
antage If it is the Lords will hope I shall be directed right
and lead in a plain path, felt much cast down yesterday
& to day at times, went to the Bible for relief, the first passage
that meet my eye was, Cry aloud & spare not, Lead on
& thou blessed Redeemer in a plain path.

58 Wednesday 16th Very pleasant weather. as to temporals I remain as before. I feel to loath myself at times for the feelings that I find rankling in my breast because of my disappointments when I know that I deserve not even the blessings which I enjoy. O Lord create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me -

Thursday 17th A number of Peeps have arrived and sailed today, one came in demasted. We have ground our anchor to day. I hope soon to get rid of this cargo that I may be steering toward my native land, if it be the Lord's will -

Friday 18th Ours to the Lord the delays & disappointments attendant on this cargo makes me almost sick. I want to leave it all with the Lord hope he will grant me patience to hold out to the end. Concerning this afternoon about Mr. Lanning's Dedication Sermon at New York last winter, Mr. C. asked what more was necessary and what sect I belonged to, said he wondered if he could not convert me said I hoped the Lord had already done that. Many people find fault with me, some because I do not join with them in what they call innocent swith some this & some that. This evening a Mr. C. of Philadelphia said he was sure of going to Hell therefore he meant to act as bad as he could - O Lord be merciful to us all and lead us in plain paths -

Saturday 19th This morning returned to my vessel after making an indefinite bargain for my cargo which will cause me more delay. Last night & this morning I enjoyed comfortable seasons in waiting upon the Lord, out back of the town. I suppose if the people with whom I associate was told this they would not hesitate to pronounce me Insane, but thank the Lord that would not alter the case for I believe that I am sane if ever I was & for this I thank the Lord -

Sunday 20th Another of God's holy sabbaths is passing away it is now 3 o'clock after noon, time of divine service at home, how I do long to meet with the People of God and join my prayers & praises with them in ascribing glory and honor to him that hath redeemed our souls from the pollution of sin & granted us a promise of an inheritance with the saints. I begin to think that I have suffered loss in my soul by allowing my temporal concerns to press upon me with so much weight & care. Therefore in future hope & trust I shall exercise more faith in Christ & leave my cares more with him, though I am aware that it is necessary to be careful in all things, but more especially for that good Paul which many chose. Our meeting was very solemn to day hope the Lord will sanctify it to each of our souls. I feel com-
fortable

Monday 21st just returned from the South
I. P. M. more news that the Enemy are approaching these
People seem not to realize enough. Respecting their situation
but they will be exposed to the horrors of war if the enemy
enters this place. For one I expect to have to harbor some
A Schooner arrived to day left Baltimore 6th Nov. & what
would I have given for a letter from my Dear Wife. but why
wish as it were impossibilities. of this I am satisfied that she
would have written, if she could have had conveyance, hope
they are all well. ^{my family} Lord may their lives be precious in thy
fight and we all spared to meet again this side of eternity.

Tuesday 22nd just returned from the South with some
goods which I had landed to sell. hearing they may fall into
the hands of the Patriots. There is one young man in the com-
pany with whom I have to associate a most Profane daring
retch as I am acquainted with. it makes me tremble as
it were to fear him, I have his maker I frequently leave him
to himself. I find that talking does more harm than good
or it appears so. Lord have mercy on his soul & mine.

Wednesday 23rd All day on board, felt low spirited
and almost discouraged. It appears that almost every
thing I undertake works against me. hope & pray
the Lord to grant me patience & living faith to lean upon
him who is mighty to save, and help in all troubles.
his ways are not mans ways, this it is that still comforts
me. God nothing is too hard or impossible with God. His ways
are ways of pleasantness & all his paths are paths of peace.

Thursday 24th Am again despaired, expected my
petition to the President to land my cargo, would have
been answered to day, it being the 15th day since it was pre-
sented at Postco. so I hang in suspense. I feel that this is all
just & right to curb my headstrong & hasty Passions, and
ought to be thankful to the Lord that its no worse.
I still feel willing the Lord should guide & direct.

Friday 25th Disposed of a small portion of my cargo
to day. to day I had an argument with a man who professes
to belong or die to the society of friends. he said that Preachers were
the greatest hypocrites of any Clap of People. said I show me the
person that is without it. well said he Ministers are more so be-
cause they pretend to be what they are not. I told him what I
once heard about four Clases of Ministers. that some made & that
made themselves & some that were never made & some that the
Lord made. This I believed. said he you are a Quaker
and must come to no purpose (I fear) so he says I am enthusiastic

62
Spent the night here for want of a conveyance to my vessel
bless the Lord I am yet on praying ground and interceding with
with heaven here I enjoy very comfortable praying seasons.
Wedday Feb 1st Another month commenced and finds me
here. How shortsighted I am. when I first arrived here did
not expect to be here much more than half this time. but the
Providence of God has ordered it otherwise no doubt for my
good for I read that he is ever watching over his creatures for
good, and does all things well, and its well for us that he
has not given us the power to have things to suit our present
circumstances.

Saturday Feb 2^d. Visited the prisoners
to day. and made an effort to get some of them more comfortably
situated or released. This is a high day here, celebrated to
the Saint of Navigation. what enormous Jolly, why not praise
the Almighty who rules & governs the Seas & dry Land and
grants us every blessing which we enjoy - a grand procession
through the village. The front ornamented by two Images
raised on a Canopy borne each on four mens Shoulders, men
walking on each side in straight lines with long wax candles
using them in room of steps, next - four men bearing a rich emb-
roidered canopy fastened on poles above their heads underneath
a cloth which was the Veil & two other great ones, with the
crucifix and over their heads or just before them, the Image
as big as a Child which I suppose was to represent the Saints
whose memory they were celebrating, on this occasion the streets
where they pass strewed with green branches herbs &c, the windows
of the Houses filled with well dressed Ladies & Children with
the richest Embroidery silk head Spreads. shall be hanging out
of their windows in honor to the Progress of Saint. The men
with the rest of the Rebel in the streets uncovered and bowed
all bow the knee as the procession passes them. I fear that
I have not profited by this as I augur to pray the Lord to pur-
one. & grant to enlighten the understanding of these people
that they may forsake these follies & worship the only true God
& father of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the beauty of holiness -

Sunday 3^d. A very pleasant day. how I wish I could
have the privilege of going to a spiritual meeting. but no
such meeting exists here that I know of. have felt remarkably
stupid to day have tried to pray a number of times. but it appeared
that my prayers had no good effect that they reached no higher than
my head O Lord show me my enmity and pardon my sins
our Service was short to day only half hour. hope I shall be
thankful for the Peace & joy that possessed my mind last week
and be preserved in patience the one to come -

63 I expected that I should have had to ^{have} broken over my rules to day, to carry two ladies across the River. but blessed be the Lord, he appeared for my diligence in answer to prayer in a way that I did not expect, as the appointed time drew near, behold several gentlemen came on board to see my cargo this I could not avoid, but while I was waiting on the men the Ladies took passage in another boat which has much relieved my mind on many accts, because I have said so much to my Sailors about breaking the Sabbath etc, had this taken place it might have had a bad effect & destroyed the tranquillity that we generally enjoy on board on this day besides my own conscience did not approve of it - Therefore I feel to thank the Lord.

Monday 4th Another obstacle in my way, must wait a few days longer, no doubt but this is all for the best, I pray the Lord to grant me patience & submission to his Providence, 7 PM before I got on board from the south west & superleft. A Convoy arrived from Rio Janeiro, full & stupid to day. Lord revive me -

Tuesday 5th Busy painting our Vessel &c. The Prisoners that I visited on Saturday, are to be set at liberty this afternoon - this is the copy of the note to the Consul who imprisoned them -

Rio Grande Norte 2^d Feby 1828

M^r Brown - Sir, Complaint is made by the prisoners composing part of the crew of the American Brig Pearl, that they have received no allowance for their sustenance for two days past. Hope you will pardon me for this intrusion, but I wished to give you timely notice of it as it might probably have slipped your memory, or some misunderstanding might have caused this deficiency on the part of the Prisoners -

With much Res^t I am your
Trst Servant
Edw^d Permut

To Joseph L Brown Esqr
U States Vice Consul for Rio Grande - Jos. Bates Jr

I afterwards saw M^r Brown & after some conversation respecting these men (whom he had imprisoned for about 2 months, for some disturbance on board said Brig) he said that he would liberate them as he was satisfied they had been there long enough.

Wednesday 6th - Told to the South, my friends desposed to laugh at me about my Religion, fell remarkably calm said but little, believed they talked untill they did not know how to condemn my principles. Says one I should like to know what Religion you profess. It is sin to deal with love inerecy & walk humbly before God, a person may profess Religion and not profess it, well said he very seriously I would not wish to convert you, because I believe you enjoy yourself and govern your passions, much better I suppose than any

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other way, here they were interrupted, after dinner I strolled
away from the town by the sea shore. here I spent two hours
very agreeably in prayer & praise to my Heavenly Father, remain
all night, rather against my will. Reproved Mr. C. for
using a horrid expression. this again opened the conversation, and
said he never saw so religious a person as one I believed I had the
right sort because I had a forgiving spirit. yes said another (the
person whom I reproved) If I had been a Christian and there
had been as much or half as much said to me as you I should have
swore at them — here I broke them off by leaving them
to use their flattery where it was better deserved. I thank God
for strengthening me to preserve my temper in these conflicts
if any thing I feel stronger in the Lord. these things help to show
me the weaknesses & follies of my fellow clay. They dispute the
Bible, who wrote it, & how do you know its true. &c.
Very well Sir lay aside all books and every thing but yourself
and ask this simple question who am I, how do I exist, and
to whom accountable, here they at once acknowledge, to God they
are accountable. but say they we are not required to deprive
ourselves of the pleasures of life &c. &c., no, but do whatever you
do to the honor & glory of God.

Thursday 7th This morning
was up before six (notwithstanding I was drenched & broke of my
rest by the rest of the company who was up the greater part of the
night) I again bent my course to the sea shore where it is
but little frequented. Pleased be God I here enjoyed a hea-
venly season of Prayer praise & singing hymns. I felt strong
in the Law and the power of his omniscience. At seven returned to
my vessel and shall I say after what I enjoyed this morning
that I felt cast down and a murmuring spirit within me
owing to my disappointments in my business —

Friday 8th A very pleasant day. A poor black man
that was drowned as I suppose, has been floating about here to
day - his frock pauld part the way over his head - which per-
haps was in the last struggle. I spoke to some of the inhabitants
about burying him. God he had now floated down almost to the
doors of the houses. I got no satisfaction. Poor fellow suppose he
was a slave. his service now is ended here, but where is his
damned soul - that I must leave with God who does all things
well and in his own way. his ways are as far above mans
ways as the heavens are above the earth. but he will not
out that any should perish but rather all would come to
repentance - I feel to bless the Lord for the peace of mind that
I enjoy notwithstanding my disappointed delays. I already
discover that I have gained some spiritual ground by it.

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Went over to the South, where I found an answer to my Petition granting me Permission to sell my Cargo to the troops or for the army. It is just four weeks since I arrived here and now the prospect is that I must wait another week before I can discharge. I think I can say that this disappointment, have not altogether been lost on me - and I hope I shall still profit by them - to the honour & glory of God. I find that my Countrymen does not like my manner of living I feel assured to attack me every other one. One Captain told me to day that he would give his vessel & cargo to any one that would teach him how to be saved. told him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, that Salvation was not to be bought, but all ways free, without money & without price. but why was Christians always quarreling - and persecuting each other, true this is a great stumbling block to many. but Sir their faults will never save us, our business is with the Lord. finally I believe they are much troubled about my Religion as they find it condemns theirs. Visited the Prison to day and distributed some tracts to those that read English appeared gratified to be noticed. I Thank God for the peace of mind I have enjoyed this two days. this evening had a precious season in the open fields. felt strengthened & confirmed in my belief and that God has numbered the very hairs of our head.

Tuesday 29th Glad to get on board to Dunree. deprived of my rest last night. People gambling next Room till after midnight, this is a subject I believe ^{wherein} they have not conceived me for not joining them. one reason is, I suppose they feel to much condemnation themselves. I hope the Lord will teach them better things. this morning much thunder & Lightning. had a pleasant walk by myself. contemplating the greatness & goodness of God to the human family. Pray that I may love him more & serve him better than ever I have done. In conversation yesterday a merchant told me that I was beside myself, was enthusiastic would see difference by, my reply was if I am Sir, I hope I shall be Ten Thousand times more so for its the greatest happiness I ever enjoyed & God who knows all things know that I speak the truth.

Wednesday 30th I feel to praise the Lord for the peace of mind which I have enjoyed this week so far. The vessel which I wrote by to my dear family, sailed to day. hope the Lord will favour them with a safe passage, tomorrow if the Lord will expect to know some thing more about my business.

Thursday 31st Spent at the South am encouraged to hope that I shall now meet with despatch after so long delay very heavy thunder & Lightning to day with rain.

60 Saturday 9 February. Six months since I left my dear family, how long the time seems. when shall I be with them again. I hope ere long. my way at present is heghed up. hope the Lord will make an opening for me, coming over from the South this evening where I had spent a few hours, had two masters & one supercargo in my boat one of them promised me that he would not use any bad language while in my boat. I believe he tried at times to surpris these evil propensities. to show how strong his habits were I suppose that he violated his word more than fifty times in about one hour. he hardly speaks without swearing. Says he shall work on board all day tomorrow and there is no harm in it as he is in a hurry, he knew there is no Bible on board his vessel, offered him mine if he would read it. he would not promise. the others thought it was not right to work Sundays. but should not hesitate if business pressed. O Lord have mercy on us that go down on the mighty deep to do business, enable us to be more observant of thy Commands - and glorify thee in our bodies and spirits which are thine - the wounded man was buried last evening -

Sunday 10th Another week gone into eternity and the present that now began. Reiled in fatuority. how many souls since the commencement of the former have changed worlds and forever beyond the reach of repentance. O Lord help me to live as I shall wish I had when thou shalt call me hence to exist here no more. Although this is a world where we meet troubles & trials. and the Christians life is a great warfare having many enemies to put due & overcome many Sloughs & snarey places to pass through, creeks to ford and Rivers to cross to gain their heavenly Mansion - yet blessed be God they shall be well rewarded for their troubles that reach the celestial city in safety, for God has promised to wipe away all tears from their eyes and dress them in white & clean. to join & forever sing the song of Moses & the Lamb. O then may I ever follow on to know the Lord whom to know aright is life eternal. I desire to thank & praise the Lord for the joy & Peace that has possessed my soul this day. our little meeting very solemn. hope the Lord will. much safe to bless our feeble means to the salvation of our souls. have even made it a practice to hand out book tracts & Paper or put them where our men & officers could have them to read on the Sabbath. I feel glad to see an increacing desire amongst them to read the above, even if they get no other good by it than learning to read, how much better than as the custom with sailors is to be cavousing on shore professing & breaking Gods holy day. became its a day of rest from manual labour.

Monday 11th Six weeks sence I arrived here and
my Cargo still on board, have been promised day after day
for some time (by the Purchaser) that he would receive
it, but he does not. I have been anxious & given myself
much trouble about it especially to day, but now I begin to
think its best to wait the event, as Composedly as possible
that if it is of the Lord I may not grieve his blessed spirit.
I feel to loath any self to think I allowed my passion to get
the better of my judgement this afternoon. Being to a Brasilia
Vessel getting afove of us, and giving us much trouble to get
him clear, it being his own fault, I thought he might
have exerted himself more than he did. I talked hard to him
I pray the Lord to forgive me and blot out my enicquities

Tuesday 12th All most discouraged about my
business here, O Lord if it be thy will give me to wait longer
grant me patience I pray thee, & faith to believe in thy pro
mises, may I not be left to bring reproach on the name of
my blessed master who has done so much for me; if thou hast
any thing more for me to do in this, than what I have al
eady done, grant me wisdom to see it. I pray thee that I may
know thy will concerning me. I know not whether I am
deceived or what the cause is, but I cannot help thinking that
there is something in reserve for me, that will bring things all
right in the end. the Lord's ways are not mans ways. he
does and will do all things right. O that I could feel to
make a full surrender to his hands, and lie striped of
all unrighteousness, & clothed an with the righteousness
of Jesus Christ & conformed more to his holy Image.

Wednesday 13th very windy day, as yesterday waiting,
but I know that I have no right to complain but rather
bless God that things are no worse, & also for the many blessing
that I am daily receiving, such as food & raiment & peace in
believing. believe he will grant me deliverance ere long.
O for patience, patience, and again I say patience, I am
frequently told of my patience - but how mistaken, every
heart knows its own bitterness. I thought this evening was it
possible that I could live one day without thinking of some
one or more faults which I had committed, with regret. -

O Lord help me to live to thine honor & glory
If my Dear Daughter Eliza P. B. is living she is to day 4 months
old, O Lord may she be thine in time and Eternity, how much
responsibility rests on the Parents of Children, - gracious God
grant Wisdom to thy Handmaid & I want to bring up the Dear Chi
ldren which thou hast given us, in thy fear nurture & admonition.

67 Thursday 14th - This morning felt much depressed
in mind after our family Prayers, for about an hour I gave
full vent to my feelings, which I felt was not right, for
I am sensible of it that my situation is far better than I deserve
for. If I had been judged according to my Iniquities ere this I
should have been lifting up my eyes in torments. Thanks be to God
for the unspeakable gift of his dear Son who died to ransom such
guilty wretches as myself and has made Salvation so free &
plain for a wicked world. I have had a strange feeling in my
head & limbs since the event of this morning, hope it's not a
prelude to sickness. - about Eleven O'Clock we commenced &
have delivered about 15 Part of our Cargo. so that deliverance
from this appears nearer at hand. Bless the Lord for all his benefits.

Friday 15th Ith Evening just returned from the South and
finished my supper - have been much tried in my mind to
day about my business. my patience almost wore out with
these people but it will do no good to complain. I pray
the Lord to forgive what he has seen amiss in me to day
and grant me patience & submission to his will -

Saturday 16th Remained on board delivering Cargo.
part of the day blowing a Gale of wind, this place is remarkable
for this, hope I shall soon be clear of it and on my way home.
It's now 10 years since my union with the Dear Woman
that God of his infinite mercy was pleased to give me for my
wife, may my heart ever expand with gratitude to the Giver
and flow with pure and undivided affection to the Gift.
about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of this time we have been separated, if it
please the Lord to spare us to meet again, hope we shall be
permitted to spend the remainder of our days together and
train up the dear offspring which the Lord has & may give
us, in his fear instruction & admonition. That we may be
enabled to say, (In the great day of accounts) here Lord are
thy servants and the children whom thou hast given us -

Sunday 17th 3 O'Clock I now feel more calm and resigned
to the will of God, but the fore part of the day often brought
to mind the passage in Psalms. like the unthruken horse
that rushes into battle, my mind was continually wavering,
how hard it is to preserve the mind in one train of thoughts.
and especially on religious subjects, how necessary appears
the command of our Saviour; what I say unto you I say unto
all Watch; - To day sailed Brig Hermenia for Havana
with letters from me, I pray the Lord to grant them a safe
passage & happy deliverance from their sins - our meeting as us
ual, none of my countrymen joins with us perhaps this is my
fault more than theirs, but I know not how to invite them -

68 Monday 18th Have felt very comfortable in my
mind to day for which I thank my Lord, & pray that I may
for the future be more watchfull & mindful of my spiritual
frame, have been very busy on board to day delivering
largely thank the Lord we have most finished. hope soon to
know my next destination. The Brig above mentioned is detained
below with contrary winds, to gain time they have been in the
habit of working on the Holy Sabbath, I observed that they would
gain nothing by it, & tryed to reason with them, but (apparently)
to no purpose. If they was at home they would go to Church
&c. I never knew any thing gained by breaking the Sabbath.

The young man which I have so often mentioned lately in
my Diary is the Supercargo of this Brig, I have been waiting for
a good opportunity to present him the Swearers prayer, & as I consider
that I ought to be very cautious about the time & manner of presenting
it I could think of none better than the following - which I enclosed
with one that I had written my owners, to the Captain, - and as he
was on the point of sailing I gave it to him telling him that he
could open it at his leisure when at sea, and therein he would
find my directions for reporting my vessel, ^{besides} which was inserted,
Dear friend.

I hope and trust you will pardon the liberty I have
taken, when I assure you that it is for your future well being that
I take this liberty, to enclose this little Tract praying you to
read it with a carefull and candid attention, and may God of
his infinite mercy add his blessing - Remember Dear Sir that
you are now bound for a rocky Port, where death at times
with triumphant tides cuts down small and great rich
and poor - Then how necessary it is that we should always be
prepared to meet our God in peace, - your friend & well wisher
To Mr. Lewis Carpentier - Jos. Bates Jun

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Tuesday 19th Visited the South, on a conversation on
Religious Subjects, I fear not to much profit - was conversing
till near midnight - feel me better for it - pray the Lord to lead
me in a plain path -

Wednesday 20th Return on board, prep
aring to ballast my vessel. Thrown Dice on the Carnival
is celebrated as high days in this country, commences the 16th &
ended yesterday. Any one is privileged to throw water & the
like on his neighbour without offence. Those of the higher order
and especially the Ladies stand watching at the Chamber windows
& in their balconys, with scented water prepared in wax balls the
size of an Egg to throw in the face of others of the Gentlemen that
penes from such amusements good Lord deliver me

69 Thursday 21st ^{February} Pleasant weather, am yet waiting the
movements of these people, which to me is tedious and perplexing.
Lord grant me patience & resignation to await all things -
and may I ever look unto the as the author and finisher of my faith.

Friday 22^d Its yesterday much trouble & anxiety about
my Cargo I don't know how it is nor what its do. the
these people give me so much trouble however. This afternoon
they have eased me of some of my burden by receiving the
most of my Cargo so that I hope to get rid of the rest tomorrow
and then if it be the Lords will hope to be hastning on my
page home -

Saturday 23 My mind has been so much occup-
ied about business to day that I had not untill this moment recollected
that it is the Birth day of My Dear Wife, if living she has now numbered
35 years. Lord I thank the God sparing her to me so long, if it be
thy will, may we soon meet again to join our mutual voices in
ascribing praises & adorations to the God for the many blessing that
we have received from thy hands - may we and the dear children
thou had been pleased to give us be thine in time and Eternity -
in consequence of another arrangement to day our stay here
will be prolonged five days more, but I am in hopes it will
hasten it in the next port that we shall have to stop at -

Sunday 24th 3 PM This is the eighth Sabbath we have
spent here and I hope and trust they have in some measure
been spent to the honor & glory of him that created it. ^{also} said
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy &c, here we have
come short as we do in obeying other Commands of our Lord
and master. It is true our means are feeble and efforts weak
and imperfections to be lamented, yet notwithstanding all this
I feel to believe that the Lord will bless us in many ways that
we could not ^{have} expected if we did as our neighbours around us.
It seems strange to me now, that we that profess to come from
a Christian Country and ever tenacious of our principles, Laws &
customs at home, should when from there pay so little regard
to them, how Indignant should we feel at these unbelievers as
we may term them, if they should call us heathens instead of
Christians, for it does appear if Example is necessary that the
English & Americans stand governour and especially in violating
Gods holy Sabbath, and English being lying near us have been
carrying on their work through the day thus breaking the Law
of God and his own country, here again I can see myself
Thanks be to God for his loving kindness to me in not cutting
me down as a cumbered of his ground for my transgressions,
I have much reason to praise him in time and eternally for
calling me from nature's darkness to his glorious & marvelous light,

Monday 25th This has been quite a busy day with me closing the sale of my cargo & agreeing for part of another. O Lord may I not forget that thou art my benefactor and preserver from whence all my blessings flow - - -

Tuesday 26th Over to the South much engaged with my cargo. I did not intend to involve myself so as to cause a small detention, but I find it almost unavoidable and therefore must submit to remain here a little longer. enjoyed a free season this evening waiting upon the Lord - - -

Wednesday 27th This day too much business or otherwise things did not go straight, am sorry to say at the close of this day that I have so much cause for complaint against my self for cherishing an evil fretful temper. O Lord forgive me I pray thee and enable me to watch better tomorrow - - -

Thursday 28th Thought strongly of my resolution last night, and I feel to thank the Lord (though I have nothing to boast of) for enabling me to watch & pray more care fully to day. just returned on board, been absent two nights it seems clever to get home again. although I am exceedingly well treated where I stop yet I cannot at any self besides having to hear much language that wounds my heart. O Lord forgive them - - -

Friday 29th much bustle drying & curing hides to put them in order for shipping - I think this is one of the most delightfull evenings that I have spent in Rio Grand took a lone walk into the open fields, found my best friend who is every where present, the chiefes among ten thousand and the one altogether love by the evening so pleasant & light induced me to prolong my walk & stay untill ten o'clock - O Lord I thank thee for this days privilege.

Saturday March 1st 1828 and I did not know it untill now, how the time has passed away. this evening returned on board, after an absence of one night. a man told me to day that I should or would be astonished if I knew how much pain I had given him by my daily conduct while here. hope it may be the right God that needeth not to be repented of, but he seems not easily turned from his own sandy foundation, if I am as fortunate in my business as I have been this last week hope to be at sea next Saturday night. blessed God I thank thee for all the blessing that I enjoy from thine all bountifull hand.

Sunday 2nd Our meeting held one hour to day in consequence of Preaching a long sermon from Luke XI. 22 one thing is needfull for one I felt very seriously unprepared with

The importance and necessity of attending to these things, the rest I believe could not remain unmoved with such strong language of the necessity of securing the salvation of the Soul Surely mankind generally are stupid as they must see the necessity and importance of securing their peace with God - O Lord grant us the Light of thy holy vision and lead us & uphold us by thy free spirit. Yesterday I was invited to join a party of pleasure to day on an execution in the country and was Laughed at for refusing. poor souls there are objects of my Pity did they but know the comfort and satisfaction there is in trying to spend the Sabbath agreeable to the commands of their God their Laughter would be turned upon themselves -

Monday 3^d has been a busy time ^{with} me, and still I think I have enjoyed my mind pretty well. hope I never for a moment shall forget that the great God is the Father of my body & Father of my spirit, and that its in him that I live and move and have my being O thou great author of my existence, that I may glorify thee in my body and spirit which is thine -

Tuesday 4th To day as yesterday taken up with the affairs of this world I felt this evening that I had made some representations to day that were not right have prayed and hope the Lord will forgive me and that I may be more watchfull in future -

Wednesday 5th Began this day wrong by lying in bed until after Seven o'clock - it was after midnight when I went to bed, at Mr. Carrolls here I am plainly shown that one transgression only makes way for another by setting up last night, I lost the hours of my meditation in reading & prayer in a great measure this morning O the goodness and mercy and loving kindness of God to an unworthy worm of the dust may I in future be more watchfull and care full of my framey mind -

Thursday 6th Retired on board last evening and to day attempted to go south again after getting half way forgot some papers much trouble to get back again for the wind am now spending the night at the south again endeavouring to close my business. O Lord let one not forget the hairs of my head are numbered by thee,

Friday 7th This morning I sallied forth some distance from the town by the sea shore I set down for my morning meditation before I got through he was disturbed by work men however I hope the season was not lost upon me may the Lord remember it for good -

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Saturday 8th To day we attempted to go to sea
but God in his Providence for some wise purpose has
overruled it we are at the mouth of the River of the river
nine miles from Town. finding some mistakes in my
account have sent my boat back and she will be absent
part of the night, hope I shall be thankful to the Lord
for bringing me to the close of my business here and
now so far on my journey. I have some objection
sailing on the Lord's day therefore I hope the wind will
be a head tomorrow because other vessels are waiting
to go out and if the Pilot's boat appears I must either go
or have to wait their pleasure again.

Sunday 9th 3 PM at Sea. This is what I never did
before I once appeared on the Lord's side, and all that
I have to offer in extenuation of my Crime if it be one is
that it was an extraordinary Place & time of day every
vessel has to wait until the Pilot gives the word and so
it was to day. I was ordered to go with the vessel, but still
I ought have remained, but whether in this case I did
right or wrong I cannot say, the Lord best knows and
with him I must leave it as I have already referred it
to him, one thing I know it has in a great measure des-
troyed my peace of mind and if I had remained it would
have caused much speculation but I forbear
our meeting is just closed. The last Sabbath I had finished
and got through with the Rise & Progress of Religion in
the Soul, and to day commenced reading in a book entitled
five Discourses on the Sabbath, wherein one part repre-
sented our case, leaving Post on the Sabbath. Here I observed
that I coincided with the writer, and all the excuse I can
offer was the extraordinary situation we were in & if that
were an excuse, I hope that the like may never occur
again, the weather is beautiful and pleasant with two vessels
astern that came out in company. I don't know that I
shall gain any thing by this but I hope that the Lord in
his mercy will overrule it for good and now take us into
his kind keeping and conduct us in safety over the Mighty Ocean.

Monday 10th Pleasant weather and head wind.
I think if I was where I started from yesterday should
be better off, so that I see already that I have gained one
thing by sailing on the Sabbath. My friend C at Rivington
is a very self-righteous person, I wrote him a very long
letter by the Pilot, and pray the Lord to sanctify the words
of it to the good of his immortal soul.

Tuesday March 11th 1828

This day very unwell. vomiting and not able to set up, in consequence of taking too much Laudinum to ease a severe pain in one of my limbs where a quiver had been taken out. - This is the first time this voyage that we have missed meeting together after Breakfast to thank and praise the Lord for all his mercies to us. - that is when I have been on board. this evening we meet on deck the weather being more pleasant. for we have had much rain and squalls to day, wind inclining to be favourable for us, how many times I have wished myself back to the place we started from Sabbath morning I hope this will teach me not to break the Sabbath again even if appearances are more in my favour for I have now lost two day already. O Lord forgive me this sin I pray the and grant that I may in future be more watchfull and obedient to thy commands.

Wednesday 12th Bless the Lord I feel much better to day, yes quite well, how good and helpful a person is when deprived of health, may this little lesson teach me to be more thankful to my heavenly Father for that blessing which I have so many years enjoyed as it were uninterrupted, may I realize also that he can deprive me of, and restore me to health when he please he has also changed the wind in our favour so that we are now gliding on toward our destined Port with velocity. I expected to meet with Privateers off the Harbour. we have so far escaped them and hope we shall.

Thursday 13th Pleasant weather & light winds, this morning we were blessed with the sight of high land about 30 miles distant. this appears quite different to the land hills that we have been accustomed to of late. The day I left Rio Grande numbered seven months from now. how long the time appears. I hope that two months more will nearly complete this voyage and place me once more in the bosom of my Dear family. the youngest of which if living is this day 15 months old. this to me appears almost impossible but so it is. O Lord may their lives and health be precious in thy sight and grant I pray the that we may be thine in time and Eternity.

Friday 14th Pleasant weather sailing along the Land that we passed the 28th December lat. the Island is now

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in sight about 25 miles ahead of us that we sailed from
that afternoon, have hoped that we should by the blessing of
God find anchorage there to night, if we do it will
be in the night watch, I feel glad and I hope thankful
to the good Lord for bringing us so far back again in peace,
since I passed this Cape, my mind has passed through
many conflicts but the Lord has been my front and
rear guard and present help in every time of need.
though things for a while looked dark yet he kept
his name he did not leave me to despair but upheld
me by his right hand - The Lord willing I hope to be
in St Catharines some time tomorrow, my heart
ever expands with gratitude to God for all my benefits.

Saturday 15th What a contrast between this and
yesterday, both in the weather and our situation.
Yesterday afternoon was hoping to get to anchor some
time in the night, behold how short sighted we
were, even many times when things were almost within
our reach the Lord seemed to disappoint us for our
spiritual good. The night finds us in a disagreeable
situation near Roche's and Land but in Shelter from
a storm, that now past increasing, with some consid-
erable exertions we made out to find our way out
clear of them, this morning we once more attempted
~~once more~~ to approach the Co'st but found our ex-
ertions vain and useless, and even found it necessary to
carry a piece of sail off a lee shore; this afternoon it
blowed heavy from the Eastward with heavy rain. Spent
and rendered some of our sails useless, until repaired.
Think I have never witnessed so serious a time alto-
gether, in the Empire, O what wonders the al-
mighty performs in the mighty ocean, yesterday our
little bark gliding along so smoothly, to day she is
mounting the foaming billows, and at times appears
to Labour hard to preserve her station on the surface
of this mighty and tremendous ocean. where is
the man now to help us out of this distress & trouble.
O vain foolish thought, man here may see himself
but a mere bawble, and if the Lord dose not stretch
forth his almighty arm to save us sink we must
never more rise until the last loud Trump
shall sound to call the nations to judgement.

54 Sunday 16th Forever blessed be the name of God
for preserving us through the last storm & tempestuous
night and permitting us to behold the light of another
day, with some abatement of the storm, at midnight
it was at its height it then blowed for a while furiously
but now (evening) it is pleasant with the ^{wind} South & fair
but we must wait untill towards morning to run for
our Port. - Since the last Sabbath I have felt cold
and stupid in my spiritual frame and often to lament
it before the Lord in a cold indifferent manner as it
were; Praise be the name of Jesus I have felt some
mercy drops to day which cheers my drooping spirits,
we had a very good meeting this afternoon. Read a dis-
course upon the Sabbath which I hope will be ben-
eficial to us all; I did not know as there was so many
Texts of Scripture respecting this holy day, O how let
us ever to keep the day holy unto the Lord, and may our
devotions be also attended to through the week, that we
may glorify the Lord in our bodies and spirits which are thine,
and may I present before thee my Dear family
may their lives and healths be precious in thy sight
and we blessed with the sight of each other again
this side of Eternity. - to join in praising and blessing
the our Father for the many mercies we have received from
thine all bountifull hand.

Monday 17th Thank the
Lord for bringing us here in safety, at 7 o'clock this evening
we left the Seas still raging and in commotion
outside and came in by a new passage that I was
entirely unacquainted with. I earnestly besought the
Lord to appear for me in this ~~in this~~ difficulty. blessed
be his name I believe my supplication was heard and
answered for we came in in perfect safety and apparen-
tly no trouble, and have now returned him thanks
for his kind care and safe delivery from the dangers
of the Ocean. I hear that an American Ship was cast away
not many days since near where we have passed to-
day, and now if it please the Lord I hope my
stay will be short here, and from this immediately
to my native land, once more to join my Dear family
and friends. and rest from these troubles & anxieties of the Sea.
Tuesday 18th This morning landed and seen
the most of my former acquaintance and learned the

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State of my affairs here. The ship that was lost proved to be a Sweedish ship. The acct they give was dreadful. The Captain says that hardly any part of her was to be seen in one hour & half after she struck the bottom - through a mercifull providence the people were all saved and still to hear them speak of it one would suppose that the Lord has nothing to do with it. O that men would ever acknowledge the Lord in all their ways. -

Wednesday 19th Another pleasant day I feel that I have not profited by it as I ought. and begin to learn that one of my besetting sins is in to free and unprofitable conversations. O Lord I pray the Lord give me & grant to enable me to be more watchfull for the future and not be left to bring reproach on thy cause - to day have made an agreement to receive freight on board of a New York and hope with the blessing of God to be able to leave this in a few days. -

Thursday 20th This has been quite a busy day landing my cargo to put it in order for the U. S. Stat. I begin to feel now as if I was preparing for home this morning I enjoyed a good season in the Forest and yesterday also. I trust the Lord was near. but how much reason I have to lament my short coming and backslidings, with good old Paul I can say when I would do good evil is present with me & again we are as prone to evil as the sparks that fly upwards.

Friday 21st another very busy day discharging cargo. this evening heavy Thunder & lightning with a rain. hope & trust that I feel thankful to my Lord for enabling me to get so far through my business here with so little trouble & anxiety. -

Saturday 22nd Much as yesterday. exerting myself to get away from this place. Thank the Lord tomorrow is a day of our hope it will be so to us and may we also strive for the blessing - Amen -

Sunday 23rd What a vast difference between our situations Sat. Sabbath & to day. Since then the Lord has been mercifully pleased to guide us here in safety. for one I feel that I have not rendered according to my benefits unto the Lord. even this day my mind has been full of worldly thoughts which has disturbed my

77^{1/2} piece of mind when we would do good evil is present with us. Our meeting over an hour to day longer than usual, The Mates had six men from the Swedish Ship that was lost come alongside while we were meet together. I invited them to come below which they did, the most of them understands English, hope the Lord will bless the means used that the season may not be lost on them nor us. Our discourse was about keeping the Sabbath day holy &c. and a very good one.

Monday 24 began this day wrong by finding fault and showing a peevish temper. O Lord I pray thee to forgive me and enable me to be more watchful in future and I ever strive to guard this unsuly mouth my Tongue and line to the honor & glory of God --

Tuesday 25th I begin to fear that I am losing ground when any anim is burdened with the cares of this world I lose my spiritual enjoyments and find my self in the same road with those that are my masters enemies. blessed Lord I pray thee to grant me more wisdom and knowledge to walk in the light of thy countenance.

Wednesday 26th How I have been deceived in my calculations ere this I expected to be on my way home instead of that shall probably have to waste another week to get ready which will bring it near the time that I once calculated to be at home. no doubt Providence has overuled it for my good, blessed Lord may I ever feel sub-missive to the dispensations of thy Providence and thankfull for the mercies that I am daily receiving from thy kind hand.

Thursday 27th Very busy, my time is much employed deshiping my Cargo & purchasing, as I have no one to assist me but I hope soon to get through if we are blessed with as favourable weather as we have had, have one Passenger for New York hope we shall live in peace and amity on board.

O Lord I thank thee for the blessings of this day.

Friday 28th As yesterday very busy this eve my and opened the Bible to read before Prayers and these words were presented before me. Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name. how much like Christians men would live did the like feelings ever prevade their minds. O may my heart in time be found like Davids harp of Solomons songs.

78ⁿ Saturday 29th Last night a Boiz arrived here from New York wth the freight which I have taken on board brings me no news from my D^r Family, hope they are well, I now begin to think that the End of my voyage will be better than the beginning. This is the Lord's doing thanks be to his name for his benefits how little I deserve his favours, after feeling comfortable in my mind to day I let my evil passions rise above my Command and did what I ought not to have done, Thank my Cook for contradicting me and disobeying my Commands, I pray the Lord to forgive me and hope he will him for this fault - by this I learn how easily I am lead astray and to transgress the Commands of my Lord - watch & Pray -

Sunday 30th Another day goes, thanks be to God for setting apart & sanctifying this day for the benefit of man-kind. but how lamentable that no more regard is paid to it (some as I have often done to my shame and confusion) spend it as a day of recreation and mirth. others cannot spare time even for this but continue to work seven instead of six days, and how many spend this holy day in getting drunk & glutting O Lord if thou wert Triot to mark our Iniquities against us we should sink beneath thine everlasting displeasure it is that thy loving kindness fails out, that we yet exist as monuments of thy mercy, O then may we glorify thee in our bodies and spirits which are thine - our meeting was quite solemn to day though but short my men were all on shore yesterday on liberty & did not behave themselves as they ought, which no doubt caused some compunction, hope it is the last time this voyage, my mind has also been much troubled with my transgression yesterday. hope & Pray the Lord will forgive me & I trust he has in some measure but hope I shall be more watchfull in future, -

Monday 31st March, how have I improved this month, I read over, heels in business of the world, caring for that which must perish, I have it to Lament that I have laid up no more treasure in heaven, I pray God to forgive me and enable me to be more watchfull in future that I may bring more honour and glory to his name. my passenger that was mentioned above does not go with me, has other business to detain him

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I have felt to lament
many times to day my lukewarmness and stupidity
respecting my eternal state, my business seems to
drive me as far as I can go hope I shall soon
bring it to a close and if it please the Lord be on
my way home. finished or closed my letters for home
last night, and this morning the vessel sailed without
them perhaps its all for the best. the Lord knows. -

Wednesday 2nd This is the day I had hoped to
have sailed but fear I shall hardly get away
tomorrow however I hope the next day evening will
find me at sea if it be the Lords will, if not
I pray that I may be reconciled to his Providence
this is one of the sins that does easily lead me and
another is allowing any evil passions to rule and reign
over me. O Lord help me to govern them and put
my trust in Jesus that's already done so much for me.

Thursday 3rd Thank the Lord for enabling us
to get through with our business thus far and granting
us such a favourable time we finished to day with
our cargo and am now nearly ready and should be by
tomorrow but it is a holiday and therefore we cannot
be despatched from the Custom House.

Friday 4th Good Friday. the anniversary of the
crucifixion of our blessed Saviour, wonder of wonders,
that God should give his dear Son to expiate the sins
of mankind, more wonderfull still that he still spares
us in unbelief, O my soul trust thou in God and believe
that he is able to help even to the uttermost.

This is a very strict day with the Catholics here they
have church all day and live on bread & water as I
am told. hope their souls may be fed on that spiritual
food from heaven and that the blessed Jesus might
not have suffered for them in vain, may their worship
be spiritual, heavenly. Should liked to have gone to
church to day. perhaps its better I did not. hope we
shall be permitted to sail tomorrow. may the blessing
of the Lord light upon the inhabitants of this land.

Saturday 5th Still waiting cannot get despa-
tched from the C. House it seems still holiday day
this morning is what is called Hallelujah Shew.

burning in Effigee in various parts of the town, at about 11 AM as the service closed in the Church, the Rockets were despatched in the air, and the boys Negroes & rable (to show their contempt of Judas Iscariot for betraying our blessed Saviour) down with his Effigee with a rope fast to it, dragging it through the streets while the rest are beating it with clubs and sticks untill utterly destroyed or thrown into the river. This to be sure may remind us of that awfull and yet to us blessed day, that our Saviour was betrayed into the hands of sinful men. but I think this is not the way that he has taught us to have it in remembrance but I forbear. least I judge wrongfully —

This afternoon I enjoyed a good season alone in the fields. — How prepare us to keep thy Sabbath holy —

Sunday April 6th The Anniversary of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. blessed day above all others to be remembered by sinful man. the day on which life and immortality were brought to light and a new and living way of Salvation prepared for the Children of Men, by which we are invited to partake of it without money and without price, blessed Jesus may we come by thy blessed invitation believing the promise thou dost make, saying those that come unto me I will in no wise cast out —

Our meeting was short to day and I fear not to much purpose but this the Lord knows better than we do — hope it will be sanctified to us for our good in time as eternity — The Wind is now fair but we are not permitted to go, if we were cleared by the Government I should not attempt to sail, untill after the Sabbath. Lord take us into thy kind keeping guide and conduct us in all our ways and lead us to our Port of destination in safety if seemeth the good & thine shall be the praise evermore —

Monday April 7th —

Holidays still continue. we still waiting for our clearance. losing a fine fair wind. Lord I pray the grant me patience and resignation to thy righteous will. I have to lament a fretfull disposition to day because I cannot see any way clear. no doubt this is intended for my good but my eyes cannot see it —

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The wind still fair blowing strong, this morning I felt as I had not ought to feel this I was also sensible of but it appeared to me that I could not avoid it, The old Proverb often comes true, the darkest time is just before day, and so it proved to me, The Lord ~~appeared~~ put it into the hearts of the Rulers to grant my passport and after dinner took leave of my acquaintance weighed & sailed, at sunset 18 miles from the Town and just clearing the Land with a fine breeze, before I left, an opportunity was granted me and I retired to one of my usual places where I enjoyed a soothing season of Prayers, I felt especially to pray for the Inhabitants of this Land may the Lord have mercy on them and may I feel gratefull to him for all my benefits especially this great favour, for I feel that it was in answer to prayers, thanks to his holy name.

Wednesday 9th Thanks to the Lord we are yet afloat on the mighty deep, and about 100 miles on our passage. Its now Calm, hope we shall still be favoured with a fair wind if not may we have patience to wait our Masters good time, eight months this day since I parted with my Dear Wife & family since which time have not heard one syllable from them, may the good Lord preserve them as he has unworship me, and permit us soon to meet again, I thank my God that they are ever present with at the throne of grace, here it is our privilege to meet if we where else, I hope I feel gratefull to him for the manifestations of his holy spirit to help my infirmities in many of these precious seasons. I think that I mentioned in one of my letters that I expected to be at home about this time. well the time has come and we are ably just sailed for home, a distance of between 4, & 5000 miles, how easy to be disappointed and deceived, O Lord grant us wisdom & discretion.

Thursday 10th A fine little breeze helping us on our way. 13 years ago to day I was a Prisoner in Dartmoor Prison in England, about this time our keepers committed a horrid Massacre on many of our fellow Prisoners, more than sixty killed & wounded may we forget and forgive. I think I can freely

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forgive them for this, and all other suffering and
scenes of woe that I had to pass through while under
their flag. one special reason for it is because
I believe it was a dispensation of divine Providence
to teach me (and perhaps others) submission to the
will of God. I think I can safely say that I have
profited by it and hope that I may more & more
among the Lord forgive them, and another very spe-
cial reason is because our blessed Saviour commands
us to forgive our enemies, and pray for them that des-
pitefully use us. O Lord grant that I may ever have
such feelings towards my enemies & thine shall be the pro-

Friday 12th Much occupied in closing my acco-
unts for this voyage, if it please the Lord I hope
and trust it will be the last one that I shall ever
make of this nature, not because of their unprofitableness
because so far I think I have done better for myself
than I ever did, this I hope to feel thankful for, and
hope I shall be directed to make a proper use of it
but the reason is that I am tired of this way of living
ever absent from my dear family and my mind always
in commotion about other peoples business, I mean
such as I am acting for. hope deferred makes the
heart sick, a Sailors life is one of troubles & anxieties
this is what mankind must expect to find every where
therefore I do not expect to live in ease & pleasure
any where but while I do live. I hope and pray
that my daily walk may be Zionward.

Saturday 12th We are getting along moderately
with a delightfull little breeze astern, and smooth sea.
it has been calm for about 24 hours, given us opportu-
nity to put our vessel in order to meet bad weather.
this afternoon is some like Sunday. People washing
and mending their clothes. that they may have no
excuse for doing it on the Sabbath, if there be a
difference it would seem that Sailors were under greater
obligations to serve the Lord than any other class of
people. They are suspended as it were between the
heavens and the surface of the mighty deep, by a
machine invented by man. should one nail Bolt or
Plank be removed but a few inches from its proper place
nothing but the arm of the Almighty could save them from a watery

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I desire to be thankfull to the
 God of mercies for the spiritual blessings that I have
 enjoyed this day - for I have felt so cold and stupid
 of late that it seem'd that nothing would sensibly affect
 my heart, one of my men was reading Edwards on
 Revivals this forenoon and in a few moments his
 recollection part from him, leaving him apparently
 in the agonies of death. Some thought he was dying
 his distress appeared great - but not much like that
 I had here tofore witnessed, he soon recovered & brought
 me the book to show where he was reading at the time
 says he can't think what the matter was. I have a secret
 hope that it was a great sense of his miserable condition
 that thus affected him - O Lord may it please thee to send
 conviction and conversion amongst us that we may
 have hearts to praise thee for all our benefits -
 he sent word that his head ached ~~and~~ and could not
 attend on meeting. Sat. Sabbath we began again the
 Rise & progress of Religion in the Soul. I have no sermon
 or instructions that appears so suitable for these
 occasions, O Lord grant that our hearts be suitably affe-
 cted with its contents - The wind still continues
 fair, increasing, Under the care of divine providence
 we are gliding towards our native land once more.

Monday 14th Thank God the wind still continues
 fair, progressing at the rate of 6 1/2 miles Per hour, we
 are now passing to the Eastward of Rio de Janeiro
 and hope we have got into the SE Trade Winds,
 yesterday my little daughter E was 16 months old
 how much I want to see her, but this I must wait the
 Lords time for as well as the rest of my Dear family

Tuesday 15 This morning saw the Land, it got
 in sight 40 miles off, last night in my sleep very
 pleasantly situated in company with Ladies of F. Haven
 to day surrounded with squalls of wind & rain, why
 is it so, I can not account for it, but it is the most
 sure prelude for wind that occurs to one at sea,
 Thank the Lord the wind is still fair so that we
 go on our way if we are troubled with squally
 weather. - Wednesday 16 Pleasant weather. this morning

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ed within hail of us, could not understand her name
nor where from. They wanted to know whether it was
Peace or war in the Brazils, answer (war) she appeared
to have a great number of men on board, suppose she
is a Buenos Ayres Privateer just from Baltimore, at
Breakfast time spoke with an English Brig 50 days
gone London for Rio Janeiro, another one is steering along
with us, almost calm, O may I be thankfull to the
Lord for all my benefits.

Thursday 17th Last night we had very stormy weather
to day very pleasant, running with a fair wind at the rate
of 5 or 7 miles per hour, instead of being satisfied with this
I think I feel more anxious. O Lord grant me patience
to wait thine own time which is always best, and may
I realize from whence all my blessings flow,
The Sea is smooth, the Sky serene, and gently blows
the Eastern gale, bles the Lord O my Soul and forget
not all his benefits.

Friday 18th Things do not go
on so pleasantly with us as I anticipated it would when
on our passage home, cannot give up the care of my
Vessel to my officers as I intended, one of them troubles
at times very much, O Lord keep me from out-
braking Sins or from bringing any dishonor on
the Cause of my Dear Master, may I ever watch
over my unruly passions and double guard my
tongue that I sin not against thee in word thought
or deed, grant me wisdom to govern those under my
authority in a proper manner, and thine shall be the
Praise. The wind still fair, days pleasant and nights
stormy. I hope to be thankfull that we are permitted
to continue our course - home ward.

Saturday Another week gone and no good deed
done, how cold and stubborn is my hard heart - stupid
and insensible to the numerous blessings I daily receive
from my Indulgent Heavenly Father, I may well
raise my cry with the Psalmist, If thou Lord shouldst
mark Iniquities, O Lord who shall stand, - But there
is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared,
then may I wait on the Lord and renew my
strength - very Pleasant weather and light winds.

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Sunday 27th Eighteen years ago this day what were my feelings, torn from my Loyalty & dragged on board a British Man of War there to serve and remain a Prisoner in their keeping for five long and tedious years. I know that I often used to bewail what I called my hard fate, but this was the dealing of a merciful God with an unworthy subject for if I had received my just deserts for abusing his mercy against so much light & knowledge, my situation would have been ^{perhaps} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿexorably awfull, but when I compare my present state with what I then suffered I cannot regret it for I think it has been the means in the hands of the Lord of being very beneficial to me since therefore I feel to praise him for all that's past, and pray for faith to strengthen & support me in that which is to come. We had a solemn meeting this afternoon - O Lord may our souls be made better thereby - - -

Monday 28th I feel much depressed in mind this afternoon. one cause is the weather still continues squally with calms so that we get along slowly I am often vexed with things that I had not ought to notice it convinces me that I am some different than I used to be or ere this I should have made some alteration on board my vessel, I have prayed the Lord to strengthen & guide me that I may overcome evil with good. patience patience this is what I lack most for this I think would lead to other graces - - -

Tuesday 29th Moderate weather but appearances more favourable for a leading wind at 12 ock we were within 3/4 miles of the Equator, caught a fine Large Dolphin this morning its flesh is quite a luxury to us that has been so long from the Shore, how good the Lord is in providing food for us and all other blessings which we enjoy. may our hearts ever be raised in gratitude to him for all our benefits - - -

Wednesday 30th Last night and to day have had much stormy weather so much so that I thought it best to give up our evening service. This morning I saw a ship supposed to be a Whall ship homeward bound - - -

Sunday April 20th 1828. Lat^d 12:30 South.
 This has been a very Pleasant and beautiful day.
 how I long to join with the People of God and enjoy
 some of these pleasant Sabbaths on Shore. Though I do
 not mean to murmur or complain of the situation that
 I am in, for I do have realized many times this voy-
 age that he is not confined to temples built with
 hands, but is the God of the Sea as well as the Land.
 and every where to be found where he is sought unto
 blessed be his name he is often visiting us with love
 and mercy, but we are ungrateful for our benefits.
 We had a solemn meeting this afternoon. I think the
 most of our number feels that they are sinners, Oh that
 God the Lord would show them where they stand, -
 the man mentioned last Sabbath appears very serious
 and some times sigh heavy, Lord grant him Salvation.
 Have been reading Pattin's Natural Theology and
 I think it a very valuable work, for it must lead every
 rational creature that reads it carefully and deep-
 ly to believe in the Existence of a Great &
 righteous God, & to adore him ~~as~~ as our ben-
 efactor and Preserver, as a being wonderful in all
 his ways and to be had in reverence by the whole
 human Race, high & low, Rich & poor, black & white.

Monday 21st about 11 AM saw the Land in 11:00
 South Latitude, this is the third time in this vessel that
 we have been deceived by the strong current setting us
 about this place, was in hopes to have passed farther to
 the Eastward, however I hope by the blessing of the Lord we
 shall be up with Pernam Buea some time tomorrow
 night, and then we shall have done making Easting,
 and direct our course westward for home, our Mate has
 tried my Patience to day, but I hope the Lord will enable
 me to keep my temper, and raise my mind above these
 things, that I may overcome evil with good, I desire
 to thank the Lord for granting us a sight of the Land in
 the day time as it is dangerous to approach hereabouts
 in the night, if we were to hand our own way
 some time we should soon destroy ourselves. This I see here.

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Yesterday & to day we have had very moderate weather. however we have progressed some and the prospect looks better now for a breeze about 12 miles from the Land & 100 $\frac{1}{2}$ South of Pernambuco. Should like to stop there and get my letters which I expect is deposited there but my Cargo will admit of no delay therefore we must onward if the Lord will permit. -
bless the Lord for some times strengthening ^{one} in my belief.

Wednesday 23^d Pernambuco in sight about 10 miles off. sailing down towards when the wind will permit, sometimes calm & then a squall of wind & a air. I want to hear from home so much I don't know how to pass without stopping for my letters. have not determined what I shall do yet. 15 Days from St Catharines. - Thank the Lord for bringing us so far in safety, and still I can't help feeling impatient because I get along so slow. O God Submission to the dispensation of divine Providence.

Thursday 24th It being late and the wind scant besides not feeling justified in stopping (as respects my freight) we concluded to keep on, at noon we passed in sight of Paraiba, I think I saw her Church Steeples for the last time, but perhaps the Lord may order it otherwise, I feel some attachment to the place hope the Lord will visit the Inhabitants in much mercy as he has heretofore seen fit to lay his afflictive hand on them by Drought & Sickness, nothing short of the sanctifying blood of Jesus can cleanse them from their gross errors. Saw an American Barge going in we tried hard to speak with her thinking she might be last from the U States. (to get news) but could not, let me see the last time I passed this way our passage home from here was 26 days. I can only hope for as speedy an one. but the event is with the Lord.

Last night J. P. told me that he felt determined to seek the Lord he had attempted a number of times and failed but now he was determined if he could think there was any mercy for him, I asked him what means he had used he said the Bible all his leisure time. Do you ever Pray, yes Mornny & night since we left St Catharines.

87) Just he did not know what the first cause of it was. So he had heard nor seen nothing, only the services that we had on board. I endeavoured to encourage him and point out to him the right way as well as I was able. Now the work is done and the honor & glory to, may we do what thou hast commanded us and wonder, praise and adore the for thy matchless grace.

Friday 25th Since yesterday noon we have run about 150 miles and now clear of the coast of Brazil and steering our course to the north & west, for our native land. If it please the Lord, to meet our dear families and friends once more, - animating thought - that after many trials dangers troubles & anxieties, we are permitted to anticipate a happy meeting with our friends, but how ignorant of the present and future we know not what surroads Death might have made in our families during an absence of 90 months. but we may hope for the best and this itself is a privilege - but at the same time how necessary that our minds should be prepared for every event within the dispensation of divine Providence - for Death will find us all sooner or later, no matter what country we inhabit, he respects neither, but all are alike to him, O Lord then help us to live to thine honor & glory that we may glide safely and easy out of this world into that which is to come.

Saturday 26th Approaching the Equator, surrounded with squalls of wind & rain, A large water spout attended this forenoon, they are considered very dangerous when they approach a vessel, this did not come very near us, but we could see the sheets & columns of water appearing from the sea to the clouds with as much ease apparently as the same body would fall from a catwalk - how marvelous are the ways of the Lord and fear-finding out. J. S. tells me that he has made a solemn promise to keep the Lord and therefore he dare not go back, I hope the Lord will enable him to keep his promise, and grant to take his feet from the horrible pit and mirey clay. I have been in hopes since the commencement of the voyage that the Lord would visit us in mercy.

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but we were unable to come up with her owing
to having split our main sail - she passed about 1 1/2
miles from us and we again pursued our course very
deplorable weather but it is such as the Lord sees
fit for his Government therefore we have no right
to complain but say thy will & ours be done -

Thursday May 1st 1848 The storm appears to have
abated for the present with almost a calm but the heavens
still forebode a return. we are making the best use of
our time repairing & mending & drying our sails & clothes
hope we shall be favoured with such a wind as will enable
us to go our course we have made but little progress
lately. at noon found we were but 12 miles north of
the Equator O Lord we are in thine hands despite of us
as seemeth the good and grand in Submission to thy
will for we are ev'ny mortals & prone to wander.

Friday 2^d Our storm proved a calm but since
noon a small breeze has reached us - have felt
much cast down to day, our prospects seem to portend
a longer passage than I had anticipated, I don't know
why or wherefore it is but it has appeared to me a
great many times this voyage or rather the same
thoughts have occurred, that if I exerted myself or felt
ever so anxious about closing this voyage (which I have
often) it would make no difference for if I have met
with despatch in one place or been favoured with winds
in another the time has been made up by delay
of various kinds which to me has proved unavoida-
ble, and further it has seemed that I was ever reach-
ing beyond what I have anticipated even in sober
reflections, the cause I am unable at present to de-
vise unless the Lord does it to teach me patience,
tho' I acknowledge is all just, but still I can't help
thinking ^{but} there is something else in the end that is as
a link to be added to this chain, Lord help me to wait
patiently without murmuring or complaining -

Saturday 3^d Squally & unsettled weather what
wind there is still continues in our favour. This is a

Great mercy in which I hope to be thankful.
Since we left ^{here} we had but few days without snow
or less rain, hope we have got now through with
these. It all appearing for something in God's providence
therefore we have no right to complain. I hope and
pray that I may not be found in opposition to any man's
will - his and not mine be done. O for a heart
to praise him for past & present mercies & faith to
trust him for future.

Sunday 4th This is the day
that God has made he calls the hours his own.
Then let us keep the Sabbath that the Sabbath
may keep us. We have had quite a solemn meeting
this afternoon, and I have great reason to believe
an alteration for the better if it were not for one
of our members who appears to use his influence
to destroy all serious impressions. O Lord stop him in
his wild career of folly and may his influence be
turned to praise the Lord. When I think of the church
going bell and God's earthly courts on shore I feel
a strong desire to associate myself with his dear peo-
ple to sing and praise & pray. The snow I
read & reflect on this holy day the more I am con-
vinced of the necessity of keeping it entirely holy.
Some people say live every day alike. I have no
objections to this, but if we have so much to lament
for our sins in the week days when we are providing
for our temporal wants, then let us strive to keep
this day holy wherein we are commanded to abstain
from this employment, and then if we can keep
the rest of the week as holy we shall receive our due
reward.

Monday 5th The God of mercy be adored
that calls our Souls from death and saves by his cre-
ating word and new creating breath. I think
that I have enjoyed more comfort within a few
hours than I have for a grate while before, shall
I tell the cause, yes I will. O why should I be sleep
while Angels are rejoicing for what is done, well then
I have reason to believe that James Stubb is born

again. he says he thought the change took place
yesterday, he did not tell me until this morning.
O my unbelieving heart, yesterday at this time as
appears above, I was in doubts, afraid to trust that
Good God who had already appeared for us, and at my
Private devotions this morning I felt as though I would
give them up and thought that the Lord would prob-
ably convert them hereafter. but this young mans-
case has been a special one for more than a week past.
O Lord I thank and praise thee, and as he himself says
I know not what way to ~~praise~~ praise thee enough.
his evidences are not very bright. says he thinks
that he never hated Christians, but he knows now that
he loves them, his mother - he says has often prayed for
him and now he feels contented and happy.
How true that Proverb or saying the darkest time
is always just before day, in many of my trials I
am brought to realize this, but this is the way the
Lord deals with us to show us his power to save to
the uttermost, glory be to his grate name, given does
not un-favourably him nor withholdin make him rich.
Other that this vessel may prove a Bethel to the souls
of this little company - believe we have now
Reached the N.E. Trades which are wafting us towards
our native land this I hope to feel thankful for after
the stormy weather we have had Observed in Lat 5° 11' N

Tuesday May 6th Found sweets since we left
for home, three more. I am in hopes will bring us
safe to land, we are now gliding along with a
delightfull breeze, making about 120 miles Per day
bless the Lord O my soul And forget not all his
benefits, O that a work of grace may progress among
these men, Last evening I told them what had
taken place with one of their number, though they
were aware some thing was the matter with him, yet
they looked somewhat amazed when I gave them
my opinion about him, and exhorted them to flee to
the outstretched arms of Jesus who was as willing to reach
even them, as this their Ship mate, I believe the old

Adversary is also at work. This I believe is not generally the case whenever he finds that he is likely to lose any of his subjects. But we need not fear if we fear severe in Christ is our habitation.

Since yesterday I think I can say that I have enjoyed much peace in believing and singing the praises of my Dear Redeemer.

Wednesday 7th. Quite a singular occurrence or Phenomenon which hapened to one here the last voyage has now taken place again. Some of our Sails are quite Red with fine Sand, which if it comes before the wind must come from Arabia, Distant from us 2000 miles or thereabouts. This seems almost unaccountable - but something more wonderfull than this has hapened a Soul Regenerated and born again gives pleasing evidence of the same, this is the joy and praise of Angels then may we praise and adore, I. S. has of his own accord, with the help of the Lord, written a Solemn Covenant wherein he binds himself to keep the Command of the Lord and praise him the remainder of his days. he has also declared on the same that he will never drink any more Ardent Spirits except it be for a Medicine. O Lord receive the unfeigned thanks of those unworthy Servants for crowning his wishes & desires thus far, and strengthen this young man to keep his promise with thee and may all the honor & praise redound to thy name.

Thursday 8th. Our distance 130 miles yesterday. where is the person without trials, and where shall we go that we may enjoy uninterrupted happiness, not on the sea nor on either on the Land. I believe it is not the Privilege of any one this side of Heaven to have happiness without sorrow & grief - without which we should not be prepared to serve the Lord as he has commanded us. Then let patience have its perfect work that we may overcome evil with good. A great many times this passage have I been tempted to exert my authority to suppress a growing evil in one of our numbers but have hitherto been withheld, fearing to grieve the good Spirit of the Lord to depart from us. I feel thankful

to the good Spirit & enabling one thus far to remain
 but it does appear that the person or the evil spirit
 within him endeavours at times to provoke one to
 do what perhaps I ought not to do. I hope and pray
 that I shall not be left to myself but pray God to gra
 nt me wisdom & patience to overthrust all these
 evil designs. for such they appear to me.
 I. S. appears very happy & two or three others very
 serious. O Lord perfect the good work begun -

Friday 9th O For living faith and fervent effe
 ctual ~~prayers~~ that God the Lord may raise vic
 torious here. The Spirit of the Lord appears to work
 more powerfull on the minds of some than ever
 I have seen it before. they say they will do better.
 O Lord help them to lean on thee for support and
 strength. I feel encouraged and strengthened by
 this pleasing visit of the Holy Spirit. I. S. says he never
 felt so happy in all his life. says he can't help lang
 uing out loud, he appears to be grieved very much that
 had not found this out before. now he says he will
 serve the Lord let what will come - Why says he
 (last night) you dont know how I felt the other day
 some times my old sins of ten years ago would
 come right up before me in heaps, and now
 they are all gone, again, I havent hardly thought
 of the world this ten days, and much more, he is
 about 25 years of age. During our voyage have made
 it a practice when any stranger sailors came on board
 as was sometimes the case to spend the evening to invite
 them into the Cabin with our own at every prayers
 on one occasion at St. Catherines an American and
 Porteguese Sailors was with our people, when they
 came below to prayers. I asked for the other man
 his comrade observed that he remained on Deck for
 he could not understand English, he was invited and
 came down, after wards he told them he understood
 Jesus Christ. that was Star bone (very good) again
 the American visited us and said (as I am now told)
 that this man was quite sober. often spoke about that man
 and how much he understood I. S. --- how applicable

the passage of Scripture; Low they feed in the morning
and in the evening. withheld and thus have got their
knowest and what a day may bring forth.

We are now abreast of the West Indies passing to the
Eastward of them, averaging about 130 miles per 24 hours.
This day nine months this voyage commenced from
New Bedford, now thankfull a night me to be for being
thus far protected by the good hand of the Lord. I
am very glad now that I undertook to keep a diary
this voyage for I find some consolation in reading what
has transpired, especially the Lords dealing with me.

Saturday 10. Since the last Sabbath we have
had very pleasant weather and fair winds. I desire
to feel very thankfull to the Lord for this and also for
that degree of joy & peace in believing which I have
realized.

The chief misfortunes that befall us
in life can be traced to some vices or falies which we
have committed, Converting with one of my men last
night. ^{D.R.} Said he believed his misfortunes was principally
owing to breaking the Sabbath when he lived on shore
and had seen better days. In four or five years one
misfortune after another has crowded upon him in suc-
cession, before he came here has just returned from
a Spanish Prison, where he had suffered a much. O
Lord perfect the good work thou had began in him,
and whole number is but 8 souls one would suppose
among so small a company that opposition would cease
but it is not the case. Satan's standing appears conspicuous
but I hope our prayers will prevail to check his further
progress. Saturday afternoon, how pleasant it is to see
each one about their own necessary work mending
their clothes washing shaving &c preparing for the Sab-
bath. O that we might have a new horn here to one voice
with on that Holy day that approaching - bless the Lord -

Sunday 11 Another blessed and holy day. we
introduced singing to day for the first time. D.S. has
practiced it many years to day he thinks he sang
with the Spirit indeed he is a great help to me. I find
much pleasure conversing with him. The Lord has

has manifested himself to us to day; our meeting was perhaps the most solemn of any that we have ever had. I believe there is but one amongst us but what feels inclined to serve the Lord; and that one I believe feels more than he is willing to acknowledge. Two or three are under pungent conviction. O Lord I do desire to feel very thankfull for this and what thou hast already done. may it please thee to carry on this good work to perfection untill every soul here shall be brought to praise thee, O blessed and glorious thought that each one of us may be permitted to carry the joyfull news of the Salvation of our souls to our dear families & friends. God grant this to be our happy lot for our Dear Redeemers sake. Amen.

Monday 12th. J.R. said last night that he thought he felt more reconciled, but nothing more. Said he dont you think that its been a very solemn day, told him it had been so to me. Said he I looked up the gangway this fore noon (his watch below) and every thing around us had such a solemn appearance that I went back again immediately. J.S. spoke of it also said he I know the Lord is here. and Satan appeared also; I thank God for his grace at this time (after evening prayers) I earnestly besought the Lord to grant me wisdom and direction in this thing, leaving most of all that we should grieve his tender Spirit to depart from us; and this morning he appeared my helper. So that things are now more reconciled and I hope & pray that the good work will go on to perfection. Glory be to God on high peace on earth good will towards men.

We are now about 1800 Miles S. East of New York 34 days out and have averaged a little more than 100 miles per 24 hours. Day 3600 miles; O Lord thou had been our front and our guard hether to; still preserve us we pray the Lord & return us to our dear families & friends in thine own good time, and thine shall be the praise. My Dear Wife by this time is looking very anxiously for me I hope the good Lord will grant her some manifestation of our safety & safe return.

26) Tuesday 13 May. Five weeks out we had quite a ~~horrid~~ night - and day but thank God the winds still continual fair. Appearances among the Seamen are interesting. There is some of them I believe now but what ways more or less. O Thou blessed Spirit help their infirmities and lead them to the bleeding Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. at times I feel much drawn out in Prayer for them all and have some faith to hope for their Conversion. And now how is it with my Dear Family. I Thank the blessed Lord that I ever have them in remembrance at a throne of grace: and for the comfort and consolation which I often feel when pleading for them. That we may all be his in time and Eternity. O Lord this is a great favour and thou alone can grant it, then may we seek for it as for hidden treasures. through the Intercession & mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. - how much pleasure it would give ^{me} if my Dear Wife could know our present Situation I how fast the winds & waves are wafting us toward our native Land - I hope my Dear little Daughters are well.

Wednesday 14th. I Think it is a wise order in Providence that we only know our Situation from day to day. because I think of the two we should oftener be unhappy. Last evening we were gliding along with a fine fair wind, behold at midnight the alarm is given when all hands immediately rushed on deck to save our little bark from the furious blasts of a Tremendous Squall, which had overtaken us unexpectingly. from the quarter to which we were steering. but the good hand of the Lord was with us and enabled us to save our Sails and secure our Vessel without damage. This was no time for man. - or it was a time for him to display his worldly wisdom. could he still the howling wind. or stop the raging Seas, no. what then; why after his stock of wisdom and prudence was exhausted. he must have said Lord have mercy on me Perish. Thanks to his name he did save us and we are yet alive to praise him. - Since then we have had but little wind and much rain; we have now a gentle breeze. - O Lord leave us not nor forsake us, but carry on the good work thou hast began here. -

Thursday May 15. Almost a calm this & head winds always causes anxiety and fretting. O that the Lord would grant me Patience and resignation to his will. have been trying to submit my case to him for he knows all our wants and will no doubt provide better for us than we for ourselves could we have by asking. have felt very low spirit ed this two or three days. Lord help us.

Friday 16. When things goes wrong with us then we begin to fret and get out of Patience with everything around us. This I am sorry to say has been my case to day. it appears to me that I never had the like feeling before this voyage, I some times feel in an agony and like a person reaching forward to obtain that which is out of reach. one thing is a strong desire I feel to end this voyage, and leave for some time, and whenever the weather and winds are unfavourable it tends to prolong it, and make me feel uneasy and unhappy. The Lord knows what its for, and also knows that I need it, therefore I hope & pray that he will grant me patience & submission to his divine will. Since Monday nothing has transpired that favourable to the holy cause, have had much rain to day and now I hope the wind will increace in our favour. God if ever I longed for any thing, I do now to get home for I feel that my anxieties are often more than are beneficial to my health - but if it is the Lords will I will try to submit.

Saturday 17. Another squally day, the wind has now changed to South & West. I hope it may continue if it be the Lords will. Last Saturday I think I felt better satisfied with my weeks work than with this. have had much anxiety on many accounts, the weather has been unfavourable for our passage, besides those that were so seriously concerned for their Salvation, the Last Sabbath appears to have given way to temptation. The Power is with the Lord he can do what seemeth him good. he may yet do great things for us and make us glad. I do desire to wait patiently his own good time & pleasure. in rely on him for strength & suppo.

18 Sunday 18th. A Beautifull and pleasant day
almost calm, We held our meeting on deck to day
for the first time this Voyage, to me it appeared solemn
and pleasant, to see all our little company angel together
under an awning, on the quarter-deck with solemn and
serious countenances, to worship God ~~there~~ ^{our} makes on
the mighty-deep, we continued together singing praying
and reading for about 3/4 of an hour which I hope will
be blessed to our souls. Changing the scene may have
some good effect. J. S. continues very happy. Says he
loves the Bible so much that he fairly kisses it, and calls
it a blessed book. I think I feel more reconciled than
I did in the former-part of the day. have been looking over
my Diary where I find many things to lament and some
to be thankful for. I do not forget keeping it so far.
We hear no Church going bell here neither are our
eyes blessed with the the sight of our friends going up to
the house of God, but, blessed be God so far we have been
permitted to enjoy this Sabbath in quiet and rest.

Monday 19th Very moderate & pleasant weather
after dinner I had the pleasure of visiting the Brig Gold
Hunter (Spencer) 14 days from New Haven for Paint
Bartholomews. we bought some goods of him and
he very politely presented us with some Potatoes and
Onions which to us are a great rarity. he would not
receive any pay for them. as for news or newspapers he
had but one. what would I have given to have found
some one on board from F.H. that could have given
me some acct of my Dear family. hope they are all
well, feel some what encourag'd to hope for a speedy
voyage than we have had This vessel had 30 fine looking
horses on deck. had lost none we have now lost sight of
each other perhaps forever. Lord prepare us to meet thee
at that great and awfull day that approaching.

Tuesday 20th Moderate & Pleasant weather progressing
slowly. This afternoon we were enabled to get a distant
view between the Sun & moon, ascertained our Longitude
to be 63° 02' W Latitude 23° 51' S. placing us 1150
miles South 30° degrees East of New York. What a blessing
and how gratefull ought we to be to the Almighty

99 for this acquired knowledge - That after being driven
about on this mighty Ocean in Storms and Calms and
many days without seeing Land, by the use of the Sextant
in measuring the Distance between the Sun & Moon or the
of their Situation can be ascertained within a few
miles, The Satisfaction we receive from this knowledge
of our situation, over pays us for the trouble of acquiring
the art, Then let us be thankful to the Lord for the
invention and for all other blessings that we receive.
my men seems to be still enquiring but I fear not earnestly.

Wednesday 21st The latter part of this day has
been very tempestuous weather. The Thunder-rooling
around and over our heads, with a gale of wind to
the Westward, and much rain, Thank the Lord the
wind is still in our favour. Last night for a few
moments I was happy and very pleasantly situated
in the bosom of my ever Dear Family, found them
all well and happy to see me notwithstanding I was
soon disappointed. It has left a pleasing sensation
which has comforted me much through the storm.
I blessed Lord they are in thine hands as well as thine
unworthy servant. O grant I pray thee that we may
in thine own good time be permitted to embrace each
other in health and join our mutual and social wor-
ships in praising thee for our blessings. my anxieties
appear to increase as I draw nearer home. I suppose this
is natural to all such as have families but I have not
heard one syllable from mine. Since 5th August last
hope and trust they are all well and are not over-
anxious for me, true the time has expired which I sell
to be at home, but the Lord has seen fit to overrule it
for some wise purpose may it have its sanctifying influence.

Thursday 22nd Moderate weather progressing slowly
just got another Observation to ascertain our sit-
uation. If I could as accurately ascertain my state
and standing before my Heavenly Father, as I can
the situation of our vessel I should be perhaps, where
am glad to be, yea where it is my privilege to be
I could incline my heart to keep my law -

100 Friday 23^d The wind still continues in our favour so that we gain about 100 miles or more per 24 hours. at one time I was in great hopes ere this that we, or the greater part of our Company would have been rejoicing in the Lord. but the Lord has otherwise determined no doubt for some wise purpose, their convictions appear to be wearing of gradually. They say they strive but appearances are unfavourable they are like the stony ground hearers —

Suppose my dear Wife is now looking very anxiously for the time has expired since the 15th which I expected to be in New York. This day week I hope to be there if it be pleasing to the Lord of our! I desire to waste his will.

Saturday 24th Stormy weather but thank the Lord the wind is still favourable wafting us along towards our native land, what I wrote yesterday teaches me how liable I am to be deceived and also how an awful are the ways of the Lord and just finding out and that he often brings us to despair of his mercies before he answers our requests. Conversing with my steward this afternoon whom I have observed appeared a more cheerful for some days past than he has during the passage tells me that he feels so, says things don't trouble him as they used to, every thing goes smooth and easy. how long is it since you felt this contentment, said he Sunday fore last I felt so in a meeting I like to fall off the stool where I was sitting, my head seemed so light after meeting I went on deck laid down on deck and Prayed the Lord to have mercy on me and since then I have had these feelings. O you love Christian People yes always loved them; and love to go to meetings, do you pray yes, what do you pray for Pray for mercy — nothing else. yes he prays for his family and all People. how does the Lord appear to you — good, he gives us time to do all things. do you feel to praise him O yes sir, might you last I went down below, prayed, come up on deck see James (or many I. I.) sitting down by the hatchway I went down again and was head by + by daylight

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Light turn out & go to work (getting breakfast)
and feel sleepy tall. dident sleep all night
Why, what was you thinking about, O thinking
I go home and try to be good, and at last go to
heaven live there forever, one of the happiest places
ever was it - did you not tell me some time
ago that you & your Wife youred to pray at home
but my Wife she is very wild, I used to go away
down on the point and pray all lone by myself
much more conversation passed which I do not now
recollect. he is very ignorant, I dare not tell him
what I thought. but devised him to pray the Lord to
enlighten his understanding and give him a know-
ledge of himself and encouraged him to press onward
talking with S.R (yesterday) said he for some day past
I have felt as I never did before, have felt propelled to
do evil it seemed as though I could not help it I
say he one thing I have done I have made up my mind
that I never will drink Lign again - O Lord I thank
thee and pray the to strengthen the resolutions of these men
to overcome their evil propencities.

Sunday 25th May. Our meeting is over, to me
it was a very solemn season. There is no time that
I read the Bible, or other good books so understand-
gly. herein I have gained, but this is not all, my Sab-
baths are by far my happiest days. the Sun of
Righteousness some times breaks into to my soul and
permits me to rejoice with that joy which is unspeak-
able and full of glory. just now when I was
left alone, a hymn came into my mind which I felt
desirous to sing. The chorus was a flood of tears which
overpowered any melody, but they were tears of joy
and not of grief. This morning while walking the
Deck was attacked with a severe pain on my right
side like cramp or Rheumatism. was doubtfull one
shell whether I should be enabled to read this afternoon
It, but blessed be the Lord in answer to prayer blessed the
means, and for the time we were together I suffered no
inconvenience and hardly felt a pain. our Lord is a
present help in every time of need. this was manifest

to us last night. A very sudden gust of wind with very powerfull rain sheeted us last night and for a while we were as it were at our wits end, but God was near with his arm of mercy stretched out to say to the raging wind and towering sea, thus far shall thou go and no farther and preserved us through the storm which is now abated with very pleasant weather. wind N. East - our Sabbath are considerably different from what they were the former part of the voyage - go on deck and most all are engaged in reading the bible or some other good book furnished out of my library, among all the Sailors there was not an English Bible. the Mate was the only person furnished with one, when we sailed. One I took from the Society is much read by them, here is encouragement to bible Societies, one of them says he shall feel to bless God for them as long as he lives, for from this bible he learnt his true situation has read it once or twice through -

Monday 26th moderate weather but thank God the wind is so now that we lay our course, we are now about abreast of Savannah, and I should think our passage could be equally as good as from there, although we are about 600 miles to the Eastward of it, I feel better of the pain in my back, six weeks ago I could have been more patient with a head wind than now. the nearer I approach my home the more anxious I feel to hasten the time, I make much dependence on meeting my Dear family, and some times I hardly dare trust myself with my feelings, fearing a disappointment. Our heavenly Father knows best what is good for us, may we wait patiently and trust him with all. People appear quite serious, some of them seem to have their heads full of the Trinity, sprinkling, & Baptism and Predestination, this I suppose is natural enough in people of Liners, that is endeavouring to Recommend themselves to Jesus, or striving to find some other road that will lead them to heaven. I have some hopes of my Steward but more of this hereafter.

Tuesday 27th just seven weeks from St Catharines, we are now bearing under

a strong Gale from the westward: the sea is high. we are taking all the liberty we dare, to drive our little Barque through it, bless the Lord so far he has enabled us to come without damage. Since yesterday we have come nearly 150 miles on our way we are now in the Lat of $34^{\circ}30'$ and Longitude of New Bedford. how much I long to be there, my family & friends must by this be quite anxious. How I wish it was in my power to relieve their troubled minds. Especially my ever dear wife - much troubled with the pain in my side to day another of my men thinks that he has felt different since that joyful Sabbath of the 11th which we were favoured with since then says he delights in prayer the more he prays the more he wants to foreading I & say he feels determined to serve the Lord. I know not exactly what to think of these things yet besides all this both of them tells me they are determined not to drink any more strong drink - O Lord I hope I shall ever feel grateful to thee for putting these things into the hearts of these men - enable them O blessed Saviour to follow thee through evil as well as good a report -

Wednesday 28th How early, and some times how suddenly we are deprived of the enjoyments of this life. - God Example yesterday soon after writing the above the wind suddenly shifted immediately against us, and still continues. So that instead of running a great distance as we anticipated, have had to lay by all night in the Gale, its now more moderate doing a little. Our blessed Lord would have us place our affections where there is more solid enjoyment and not on things of this transitory life. at prayer time yesterday morning our vessel called for our assistance therefore we had to omit it. O Lord lead us to our destined Port in safety and thine shall be the praise, 50 day out all our little stores and necessaries are becoming short, besides being out of wood to cook with, Beef and bread we are in no want at present, think we could make out for 8 or 10 days longer tolerable well.

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Thursday 29th Almost Calm, all day looking for
a fair wind, believe its now coming. This is the
first head wind we have had, lasted two days -
have felt very low spirited since yesterday. the
old one is trying again to tempt me, by one of his
emissaries that still remains here, I hope I shall
not be left to do any thing wrong, I try to get two
good for evil, I have tried to convince him how
much these things are against him but he takes little
heed, I know that I never have bore ^{me} half so much
from any man under my command before more
especially an Officer, but I for bear and pray the
Lord to forgive him & me & all my Enemies -

Friday 30th Well the wind that we were looking for
has at length reached us, and helped us much on our
way through the night, but how shall I describe the
scene that followed to day, its beyond any feeble powers
to do it justice, but will try to give an outline of it.
As the Sun arose this morning the wind increased which
had been blowing strong from the SW. through the night,
I supposed ourselves approaching the Gulf Stream - where
the weather is most generally unsettled, and was willing to
attribute the appearance of the weather in a great measure
to this, The vessel however to take in some of our sail to
prepare for the worst, helped be the Lord God granting
us time (though but short for what was to follow) to get
our sails furled - by 10 ock AM. A tremendous
Gale of wind was blowing from the SSW, our little vessel
was dashing before it under very short sail, we also
ascertained by the warmth of the water that we were
in the Gulf Stream, and was willing to hope that the Gale
was at its height, in this we were disappointed for before
noon it had increased to an alarming height, the waves
had also rose to an astonishing ~~height~~ pitch, which called
for our exertions to manage our vessel through them.
with all the skill and seamanship we were possessed of
and truely it was astonishing (at times) to observe her
travelling through & over some of the tremendous seas
which she had to encounter, for they were quite irregular.

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(caused by the current's running across them) for about
eight hours (with little intermission) I placed myself
(as the Poet says) on the dreadful post of observation.
I had but those intervals for Reflection. for I had staid
myself to cunn the helmsman, which is almost one
continued series of Post your helm... Steady... Stations,
had a Post, here's a dreadful sea coming on the qu
arter, Steady again, mind and watch the sea, & in
all which I believe are acquainted with and perhaps
reflected a little after such series as these as a Landsman
after a Thunder Storm. I frequently thought well, if it
be the Lords will, we must go, but I am far from being pre
sided to meet my judge, but still I felt some what re
signed and cherished a hope that it would be well with
me - but when I thought of my dear affectionate Wife
and dear little Children, that were anxiously looking
for me, it would make me cling to life for their sake
and ejaculate Lord have mercy on us and preserve us
and bless his name he had reached over us for
good. I know that I have experienced more dreadful
gales than this but then it was thoughtless and had no hopes
of mercy, but this has happened many years since -
about 4 P.M. we supposed ourselves across the Gulf and
the sea less dangerous, but still it was awful and yet
grand and sublime, to behold such vast Calams of white
rolling and heaving their foaming tops, so high above the
surface of the Ocean, this truly thought I is a grand
and yet awful display of Almighty power, and
where but his arm alone can preserve us, though
where is the Person, were they to witness this that would
dare deny the existence of God, or where is that timid
Soul that believes, and is yet ashamed to acknowledge
him before men - reflecting on the scene before us I
retired below for a short respite. (for I was not aware
that the Gale was abating) and after composing my
anxious mind, I enjoyed a special season of prayer and
praise, yea I felt to wonder praise and adore that great
& holy Being God what he had performed & God preserving us
thus far in safety and now felt more resigned to his will
God who can exert his power when he calls we must go

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Thought if my dear wife, could but just have a glimpse
of us, driving before this awfull storm with such rapidity
towards our destined Port, that she would for a little cease
importuning the throne of Grace for winds to waft us home
at 6 PM the weather quite pleasant which enable us
to put more Sails on our vessel all hearts seemed to rejoice
at the prospect of a pleasant night, but we were surrounded
with very vivid lightning the fore part of the night which
is another display of almighty power (caused most probably
by the vapours which had been drove over- and of the Gulf
that we had just passed we were enabled to meet twice
as usual to day to offer up praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

Saturday 31st The wind still blowing a fresh Gale
but we are enable to make some progress towards our
destined Port. Suppose ourselves about 150 miles SE of
New York. Shall have to spend another Sabbath on the
Beacon, that the Lord would make bare his arm and
save some of these souls, and grant to continue unto us
a favourable wind to enter our port. have felt very
comfortable to day hope we shall have a good day
this morning some of the wreck of a vessel perhaps she
foundered in this Gale if so her crew might now be in
eternity - how thankfull we ought to be to our gracious
Lord for preserving us when perhaps many around us
sunk to rise no more until the Resurrection day.

Sunday 1st June about 100 miles South of New
Bedford the coldest day I have experienced since I left
home, the wind ahead, thick fog part of the day -
This forenoon about the time of commencing divine service
at home I felt much drawn out in prayer a weeping
Season. I thought who knows but our friends have their
prayers for us in the Congregation. as they begin to feel
anxious for our safety, and perhaps my dear wife was
at this time supplicating the throne of Gods Grace pleading
for our safety. I felt to cry Lord hear & answer their
prayers if it please thee and relieve us and them from
this suspense. Our meeting nearly an hour to day
felt my mind much stay on the Lord, and as I told
my hearers, hoped that our meetings would prove the

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07 better and not for the worse. I have some hopes that
three are converted from the error of their ways, and
the rest but one enquiring. O Lord assist their feeble
efforts and grant to strengthen them and enable them
to persevere untill they find the to their joy - we are
on Landings & hope we shall be enabled by the good
help of the Lord to get in tomorrow as the wind appears
to come more favourable.

Monday June 2^d. Almost Calm no prospect of getting
in before tomorrow. at Sun rising caught two Porpoises
which is quite a treat, & enough for our Company for
or five days. poor fellows they came skipping & dancing
about our Vessel in their watery element, in all the pride
of life, but it was their last day - but such is the common
lot of all mortals and how little we reflect on the
hurry of the world must be pursued with all the eager-
ness we possess, as if we were to live here forever -
how much I wish I could ease the anxiety of my S. Wife
but this is not in my power, if the Lord will I hope to have
that pleasure ere many days, on this account my own
inclines to sympathize with her. O Lord grant us patience
I pray the Lord and enable us to trust in the God we have
where else to go for help, and thou hast the words of eternal
life - One vessel not far from us coming up -
This proves to be the Brig La Plate 32 days from Gib-
ralter for New York.

Tuesday 3^d very stormy
weather & rain find our selves farther to the Eastward
than we expected all the afternoon looking for land
Disappointed. I have felt to day as I ought not to
because of my anxiety to get to have tried hard to
leave any care with the Lord, he knows how anxious
I am to end this voyage and all my other wants, but
my unbleviny hart is afraid to trust him for patience.

Wednesday 4th Last night from blowing a strong
Gale on Shore it became calm with a heavy tem-
pest, and then a thick fog so here we remain like
bewildered travelers or not quite so bad because we
can go by our Lead & line. Since dinner the breeze

has increased some when it clears up we expect to see
 the highlands of never sink; my old complaints fall
 me hard to day. So many things this passage has turned
 out contrary to our expectations, that I can't help thin-
 king it was so ordered at times when we sailed it was
 about the right season for Easterly winds the most of our
 way home. Instead of this we have had light wind much
 rain and a great deal of squally weather. after getting
 through with this was in hopes to have had pleasant weather
 here but in this we are disappointed also. on the first
 day of June we trembled with the cold. I merely
 write these things not intending to complain for I
 am fully sensible that its all good enough for us, and
 hope it may have its sanctifying influences on each
 one of our hearts

Thursday 5th Last night and this
 morning has been a trying time close in with the
 Land in a thick fog. he calmed. but deliverance
 was at hand. before noon it cleared away and we
 found ourselves close in with the Hook. Took a Pilot
 on board for New York, am now half way up with
 the quarantine ground where we have to stop a few
 days. this has been for the last three or four days the most
 trying time to my mind that I have experienced this passage
 I hope the Lord will sanctify it to me for good -
 and now the time is fast approaching for me to hear
 from my dear family & that I may learn that they are
 well as well as the rest of my friends

Friday 6th This morning arrived in Town and to soon
 found ~~learned~~ there was some just ground for my apprehen-
 sion, yes I here learnt to my sorrow that my dear
 honored Father was no more. that he left the world in
 Peace about six weeks since. is it possible that he is
 gone, I do not realize it even now although tears of grief
 have flowed amain. O what would I have given to have
~~received~~ been near him before he took his final exit
 to the realms of eternal bliss. for he is now no doubt
 praising that God in heaven whom he so long worshipped here
 below. that I might have received his final blessing & forgiveness
 drop my pen grief fills up the mighty void. The Lord be good

Saturday
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Aten Island in quarantine. I went
last evening went out to find a meeting and was
led to a Presbyterian ^{church} where I for the first time
saw a home. Entered the walls of Zion here I heard the
wheel sound which was pleasing to my ears. The
words were in Isaiah 12th 3rd. Therefore with joy shall
ye draw water out of the wells of Salvation.

Sunday 8th Blessed be God we have this day enjoyed
the privilege of Gospel Preaching, in a small Church for
and here called, I believe the Presbyterian Dutch reformed
Seamen have also enjoyed the privilege with one, how
pleasing to see Sailors going to the house of God on the Sabbath
and particularly when we are aware that this day above all
others is one in which they often debauch themselves below the
deck with some pleasing acquaintance, have visited the Sunday
School twice to day was much gratified with the improvement
this Institution. Still there is a deficiency of male Teachers
hardly dare think of home, because I know I cannot go. There
present, am obliged to put it from me, but the time will soon
be round I hope when I shall once more enjoy this great blessing.
God help us, we are poor and needy.

Monday 9th Much engaged about getting my cargo
that we may be released from quarantine and
acquainted with Mr. Brown Pastor of the Mariners Church
Charleston much pleased with him as also Mr. Mellers of
Aten Island I pray the Lord to bless their labours that they
be labouring for the Cause of Christ.

Tuesday 10th This afternoon was enabled to get our vessel
to the City. This Evening had the pleasure of attending a
other meeting on board the Ship Calhoun of New York was
much gratified among the vessel an aged man arose after prayer
and said I have a word to speak for

my master I have been as wicked a sailor as any here
 I have been through all the grades Cook Sailer Mate and
 and Officer and God converted me on the mighty deep
 and my sole object in vision is to invite Heaven and
 all Commanders to come to Christ. The meeting was so
 at that I believe we missed of many good Exhortations and
 prayers for the good Spirit seemed to prevail. It should be
 to have said a word for my master. P. Lord bless the
 means that are used for the salvation of Sailors

Wednesday 11th To day I have had good news a letter
 from Mr. Dem. W. the first since we parted, how happy
 I am to learn that the wish our dear little Children have
 preserved by our heavenly Father, and are yet in health
 and that we can now anticipate a happy meeting
 but the Lord is ever pleased in his providence to mix a
 cup with bitters as well as sweets. The death of my dear
 Honored Father excites such sensations as I cannot express
 I cannot visit him here again because I have no doubt
 but he is with his Father praising God in heaven. His
 my loss must be his Eternal gain. P. Lord preserve one
 of my dear family & friends to join him when they
 have come with us here below - Amen

Thursday 12th how good the Lord is after passing
 away the day ~~feverently~~ in a stupid manner. He has
 blessed my soul this evening by leading me to the
Armed Church where we have truly had a repre-
 senting from his holy presence - one after another would
 rise to declare what the Lord had done for them - I
 made three attempts before the way was clear for
 me to tell them what the Lord had done for us -
 there was a goodly number present - one said I had
 been a horse man seaman Man a war man, and was
 permitted to go on shore would go and get drunk

and make myself wiser than the brute beasts. its only
handfull of months since I commenced in this good
cause. and here he most feelingly invited Seamen
and all to come to Christ - during the meeting we
had eight Exhortations & 7 prayers which appeared to
rejoice the hearts of Gods Children present & especially
one who had been Labouring in this good cause. Capt
Pence an old Soldier & Fellow in this cause said
I did not know the time when he had been se aff
cted the Pastor desired us all to go home and as soon
practicable retire & pray God that these good feelings
shd be lod on us Christian or Sinner

Friday 13. A very busy day, once or twice out of
patience. How necessary it is to watch always and
especially over our unruly tongue. To day my little
nephew is 18 months old, how much I want to see
my Dear family. Lord anay its please the to permit
me ere long, how knowest I am long want & thought

Saturday 14 June. Bless the Lord, we are now on our way
we, passing Long Island Sound how delightfull and
pleasant the country seats and farms appear. hope I
shall feel thankfull to our heavenly Father for these ble
ssings. in going out & returning, one so far in safety

Sunday 15. This truly has been a delightfull
pleasant day, but very warm & hardly any wind but
now we have a fine breeze which I hope will soon
bring me to my Dear family. Meeting is now about over.
Home. how much I have wished to be with my Brethren
in to day. God be blessed he knows what is best for us
we have had a meeting here which I hope will do us
all good and not evil. our Pilot attended with us, he seem
to be a careless gray headed Sinner. Lord have mercy on us

Monday 16th Thick fog most all day but we
have a little wind which helps us along - we are now passing
Block Island and by this time to morrow if it please the
Lord I hope to be with my dear family and leave behind
me these anxieties and troubles. Suppose my wife is now
looking out for us how I wish we could give her an answer
by the light of the Empress. but the Lord's time is the best
and he knows when that will be.

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