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Memo of Expences from Charlestown to New York by Land from 1st to 28th April 1808 —

Stage to	Geo Town	8 " —
" "	Pee Dee	4 " —
" "	Fayetteville	10
" "	Raleigh	5 " —
" "	Warington	4 "
" "	Petersburgh	6 " 75
" "	Richmond	2 " —
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" "	Alexandria	5 " —
" "	Geo Town	1 " —
" "	Baltimore	3 " 50
Packet to	French Town	1 " 50
Stage to	New Castle	1 " 25
Packet "	Philadelphia	1 " —
Stage "	New York	8 " 50
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Amt of Stages Brot over	64 " 50
Bill at Lumberton	5 " 25
Fayetteville	6 " 50
Raleigh	5 " 50
Petersburgh	3 " —
Richmond	10 " 37
Geo Town	2 " 75
Baltimore	4 " 50
Philadelphia	5 " —
	$ 107 " 37
Sundry small expences on the road	21 " 93
Dolls	129 " 30

Amt for Dinners Ch. [illegible]	75 @ 1.50
" Breakfasts & Suppers	50 —
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Adam Vanbibber, Miriah J. Hutchins
Steamer Imperial Chehalis sinking

Sunday 29th Novr 1807 –

Sailed in Brig Friendship Captain Don for New Orleans, left Town at 10 A M and at 12 the Pilot took his leave. it was not however before he solicited and obtained some Brandy Rum and Gin – in the Afternoon began to grow sick, which continued all night my fellow Passengers were

* Mr Rice — Ch. Indian (Ancient of a better town) of the Mahalis
* Mr Munson of Canada — provisions
* Mr Jose Bogert — N York — pistols
* S Fields — Providence — backgammon
* F Marriner — Ancient of Ancient — Spy-glass
Midt Schmidt — Merchant of N Orleans
Spotty Slattery — Johnstown — Jamestown
Darnal Dr Darnal — Troy — flute & surgeon
F Miss Slattery — Johnstown — Jamestown

Novr 30th

In the morning still sick but in Afternoon able to take a glass of Madeira which made me feel much better but dar'd no go into the cabin for fear of its returning

Might have been the merchant of Venice, [illegible] 25 [illegible] another [illegible]

Dec 1st

This day a moderate, favourable, breeze, with fine weather, which restored us all to health and good humour most of us were employd in arranging our articles for future convenience All hoping for a continuance of fair weather and looking fearfully at every cloud that appears

Dec 2d

Strong Head winds, with consider=able Sea which again brought us below par - M Schmidt excep=ted (who was accustomd to the Sea) not one of the Passengers could join at table - All Night very squally

Dec 3d

This day in Gulf Stream with a very high Sea, was surprised at the warmth of the water, but am too sick to say more

Dec 4th

A Heavy Gale from the S. W.
Brig laying to under Fore & Aft
main Sheet, All Passengers Sick
Saw many Portuguese Men of War
the bodies of which are from
two to six inches in length, along
the back runs a fin like it may be
called such which resembles very
much the plaited frill of a Shirt
The Body is oval when in the
water appears purple, when out
as the wind would frequently
capsize them of a Sea green

Dec 5th

Gale still continues, Brig
still laying too — This day not-
-withstanding my own sickness
I was amused by the scene
around me — Ten Passengers unac-
-customed to the motion of the Vessel
crowded in a small Cabin — utter-
-ing Groan for Groan and Sigh

for Sigh - first one then the other rushing on Deck to relieve his stomach, where before his return a Sea was sure to wet him to the Skin & compel him to return to his companions, Not however without many curses on his way

The frolic pencil of Hogarth could not have imagin'd a group more ludicrous - I felt much however for our female passenger who sufferd severely from indispo=sition and must have felt her situation extremely unpleasant among so many rude fellows, without any of her sex to share her troubles

Dec 6

Tho very high The Wind this Morning permitted us to set some sail; A very high sea which still keeps us all sick

Dec 7th

Wind has considerably abated but weather is cold and unpleasant - Getting better of sickness

Dec 8th

A very pleasant day has restored us all to life and spirits - regardless of a contrary wind all appear in glee and the evening was passed on deck by singing and playing on the flute in which I regretted I could not join - at 12 o'clock Tea Cake Biscuit & Cheese & having drank to our absent Friends in a Cup of Brown Stout, retired for the Night

Dec 9

Pleasant Weather and all well - This day we were overtaken and passed by Brig Mary of

Philadelphia bound for New Orleans — Altho somewhat mor=
=tifyd to see her pass us very quickly, The Novelty afforded us pleasure

Decr 10th

This Morning two Rainbows of the most vivid colours I ever saw predicted the squalls which prevailed during the day — Saw many flying fish was surprised at the distance they flew — They are about 6 in=
=ches in length and White — Passengers all employd in pre=
=paring Lines to fish for Dol=
=phins — Not well all this day

Decr 11th

Cloudy weather and quite warm — All well

Decr 12th

Fine pleasant weather, so warm that all are cloathed in summer dresses –

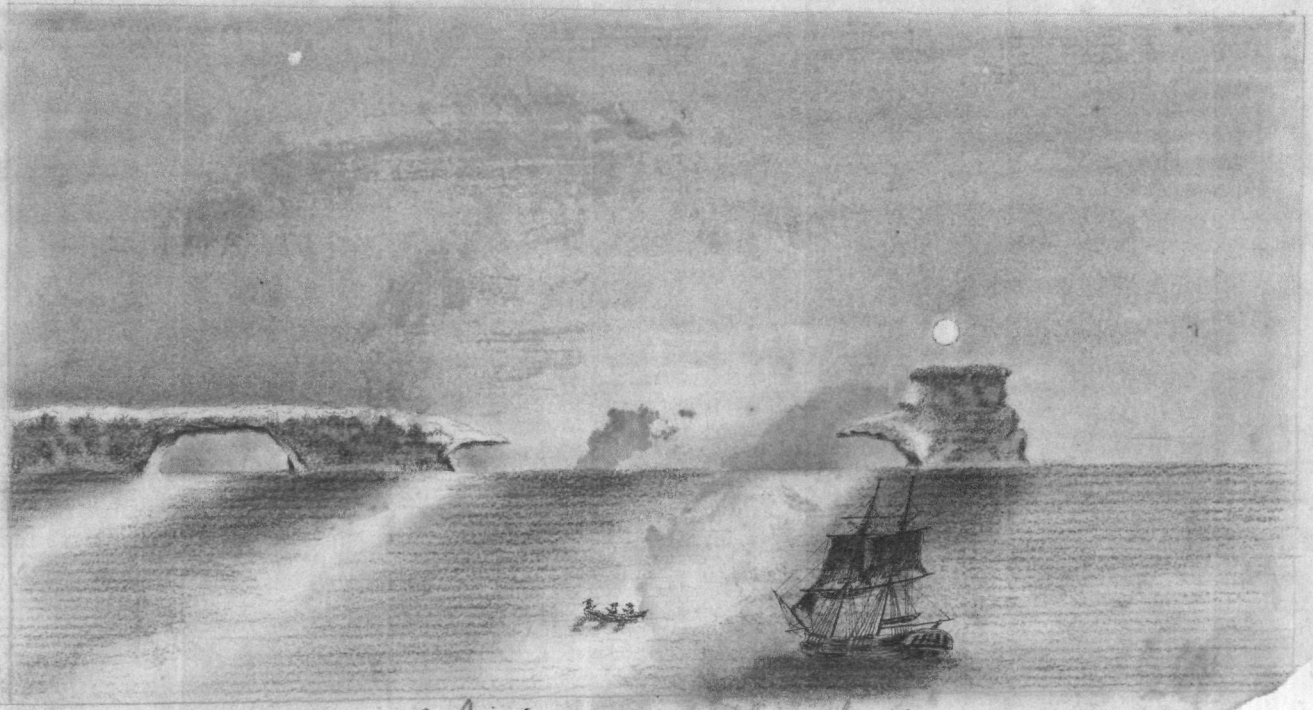
Decr 13th

Clear weather, and very warm. The fore part of this day was passd anxiously looking out for the Islands of Abaco which we made about 4 P.M. – Overtaken and passd by Br Happy Couple Capt Lovell bound for New Orleans

Decr 14th

Sailing with a light Breeze along Abaco – About 4 P.M. saw the Hole in the Wall, a very curious passage through the solid Rock and sufficiently spacious to allow a Vessel to pass through, Mr

View of the "Hole in the ~~Rock~~, Wall"
in the Island of Abaco; drawn
on board the Brig Friendship while
passing, by Mr Schmidt of New Orleans
Decr 14th 1807



Drawn by Thos. Schmidt [illegible] Dec. 14. 18[illegible]

Schmidt took a handsome view of it while passing which he gave me — This Island on account of its sterility I presume, is uninha=bited — It affords a plenty of fine water with which vessels can supply themselves with very little trouble — It is pleasing prospect to the A passenger unaccustomed to be from the sight of land and he leaves it with regret — in the evening a fresh Breeze sprung up which continued through the Night —

Decr 15th

Very Pleasant weather — This day pass'd over the Bahama Banks, The water on them is from 3 to 6 fathoms deep and so clear as to admit the bottom to be seen very plainly, The White Sand below gives the

water a light green colour which the sun reflecting in, has a very trying effect on the eyes – Sat over the Banks at 8 P.M.

Decr 16th

Pleasant weather and all well and cheerful, this evening made the double Leaded Ca.

Decr 17th

Pleasant weather, fair wind and all well

Decr 18th

This morning made the Islands of Cuba – at sunrise opposite the Town of Havana which had a beautiful appearance from the distance at which we saw it – The sun reflecting on the forts which are situate on the high ground with the gloomy appearance

of Moro Castle on the Verge of the Sea formed a contrast striking and interesting, I regret the Capt had reasons for not going nearer and should have been pleased had circumstances rendered it necessary to stop —

A fresh favourable Wind is sending us along — All well and in good Humour — Weather extremely warm —

Dec 19 16

Recrossing Gulf Stream with a strong Winds and high Sea — All sick again — Past the Tortugas

Dec 20

Favourable Winds with pleasant weather, but Sea very Rough — Night very squally —

Dec 21st

Frequent and heavy Squalls from S.E. myriads of Porpoises all around - Very tempestuous all Night

Dec 22

Very unpleasant weather and many Squalls during the day - Sea running very high in the evening more moderate

Dec 23

Pleasant weather, and No an adverse wind We are all pleased at getting rid of the Storms We for several days have had to encounter

Dec 24

Until this day We have indulged the expectation of reaching the Balise by Christmas, but a perfect calm bids us to wait with patience the pleasure of the Winds

Dec 25th

The Heat of the Cabin compelled me to rise this morning before the Sun - There was not a breath of air to ruffle the sea which appeared like one immense mirror. Notwithstanding our disappointment at not reaching the Balise within 10 hours sail of which the Cabin is retaining us - the day has past pleasantly - Reading and Backgammon employed the morning, at dinner I drew the cork of my last bottle of Madeira to the health of my Friends who I flatter myself have not let the day go by without thinking of me - In the afternoon heard many wonderful stories related and singing and the flute wore away the evening.

Mr. R who occupies the birth adjacent mine and is a constant annoyance to us all has

this day been particularly disagreeable - Ill health has induced him to try the Voyage - but I think him beyond remedy - His disgusting rude=ness frequently drives us from our meals to bite a biscuit on Deck. which tho he cannot but observe gives him no uneasiness, and his situation prevents our upbraiding him - I have shudder at his wickedness - nearly exhausted with coughing it often appears doubtful if he will recover his breath, which once in his body only serves to utter the bitterest execrations against his complaints, which will shortly bear him to account for his Horrid blasphemies -

Capt quite in the doldrums because the Plumb Pudding was spoilt in boiling -

Dec 26th

Calm still continues Nothing particular occuring — All lounging about in quest of amusement which terminates in some Reading some playing Back Gammon and some Fox & Geese, The adventures of Pickle commanding the attention of Esqr

Dec 27

Still calms — This day saw several Whales — many Dolphins and other Fish — In the Afternoon a favourable wind springing up made soundings in 46 fa water —

Went to bed with the pleasing expectation of awaking at Calais

Dec 28

At 3 o Clock a.m. a Violent Gale arose from W.N.W & the Vessel put before it

Dec 29th

The Gale having continued with violence all night has driven us off soundings which we had at 26 fa. At 3 pm again got soundings at 50 fa – Winds gradually abating a moderate breeze in the evening – Still ahead

Dec. 30

Pleasant weather & fresh Breeze but still contrary – All well and notwithstanding a little vexed at being kept from the land the day passed with good humour and pleasure – The Passengers this day purchased from the Cabin a dine cheese and a Barrel excellent Apples on opening which we had a frolic in scrabbling for the largest

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Sant 11th at Night

Once more the Shrouds the Tar ascends,
And to the Top Mast flies;
An eager look afar he sends,
And distant Lands descries.

The welcome sound flies through the ship
Joy sparkles in each eye,
The sparkling glass salutes each lip,
Congratulations fly.

But who is he of pensive mein,
Apart from all the rest?
Why on his face is sorrow seen?
And wherefore the swelling breast?

Decr 31st

All below par owing to the continuance of contrary winds and being kept from land — Weather fine — Passd several logs from the River —

Jany 1st

A favourable wind this Morning has raised the spirits of all and we are in hopes of anchoring at Balise before Night, at 12 drank a Happy New Year to my friends in a Glass of Capt Marriners excellent Raspberry Brandy, I regret I cannot share their pleasures on this day — At 12 discover'd the Land and at ½ past 3 took on board a Pilot who carried us thro S. E. Passage within 2½ miles of the Block House when Br run aground,

'Tis Henry who dejected views
4 The rising Lands appear,
It tells him he must shortly loose,
The Maide his heart holds dear.

Young Ellens innocence and grace,
Her disposition Kinde,
The beauties of her Angel face,
Are graven on his minde.

When tempests rag'd, his constant care
6 Her rising fears to sooth,
Soon won the friendship of the fair,
Which ripen'd into Love.

But while secure he thought his heart,
7 The little God lurk'd by,
And sending Cupids fatal dart,
The Youth return'd his sigh.

Now mutual passions fill each breast
Unchecked by doubt or fear,
5 The sweet Delights of Love confess'd,
Their happy bosoms share.

At Night while others yield to sleep,
And silence deep prevails,
9 While wary Watch their vigils keep,
And Steersman eyes the Sails.

Jany 1

Having dress'd for the purpose of supping on shore this was a great dis-appointment, but thank God for having got so far in safety.

Jany 2^d.

Brig still ashore - This Morning after breakfast a small boat came alongside with fish and oysters - Mr Bogert and myself return'd in her to the Block House - This Building was erected by the Spaniards about 22 Years ago, on it is an obser=vatory carried to a considerable height for the purpose of descrying Vessels at Sea that want pilots

Here is likewise a decent House occupy'd by the principal Pilot, one for Custom House Officer and some Barracks for the under pilots, all of which are situated

While Cynthia "Queen of Silver bow"
10 Begems the dimpled main,
And gentle zephyrs breathing low
Sport oer the azure plain.

—

Then on the deck the happy pair
11 Would loiter to and fro.
The middle watch oft found him there,
Reluctant still to go.

—

Unthinking Youth while on thy tongue
12 To please the artless maid,
The silver strain of flattery hung,
In varnish'd garb array'd,

—

Coulst thou forget each different view
13 Each aim that sway'd thy mind?
And with ungenrous ardour woo
Her love. to prove unkind?

—

Coulst thou forget how keen the pang.
14 Which virgin love doth bear,
If he on whom its wishes hang,
Prove basely, insincere.

—

Oh No! amid thy treachrous smiles
15 Did honor bid thee cease,
Thy too delusive, specious guiles,
To rob her breast of peace.

Jan 1st 2d on a piece of made grounds about 400 by 40 feet – Mr Johnson the chief Pilot treated us with great civility and gave us a very good diner after which we returned to the Brig securing to ourselves a welcome by taking with us a supply of Brandy and Gin being out of both on board – On account of the anxiety of the Passengers to get to town an offer was made to take them for $20 each which was declined –

Appearances here are very gloomy – in front nothing to be seen but low marshy grounds coverd with reeds, on each side old trees and stumps, using above the water & back the sea, Pelicans, Wild Geese and Ducks abound here and would have afforded much sport, but we had no Fowling Piece on board

Ambition bade thee seek a Bride,
Who greater wealth possess'd,
And one cried false unfeeling pride
Of higher birth confess'd.

Then sordid youth neer suffer less,
But bitter anguish feel;
Since by conferring happiness,
Those sorrows you might heal.

And mourn unpity'd, still let joy
At her remembrance fly;
Her wrongs let, every bless destroy,
And still create the sigh.

The Rose becomes the female breast,
But Man should have a care;
To strip it of its thorny vest,
Before he places it there.

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Jan 72

In the evening the Brig got off but for want of wind cannot proceed, indeed it requires a pretty strong breeze for a dull sailing vessel to make way against the current which runs about 3 miles an hour

Jan 73 a

Pleasant weather a favourable breeze this morning enabled us to run about 3 leagues up the River where we cast Anchor at 8. In the afternoon went on board a Ship and Brig laying near us, both from Jamaica

Jan 74 b

At 2 a.clk, a fresh breeze springing up got under way, at 11 went on shore to the Fort at Planquemain, The Commandant politely furnished me with

Jany 4th

Segars, which tho indifferent were very acceptable at 12 the Captain went on shore at Phillabas plantation and returnd with plenty of very fine oranges and eggs - In the evening Thunder with very sharp lightning - at 12 P.M tyd the Vessel to a tree —

Jany 5

Remaind alonside the Bank untill 2 P.M when a breeze springing up cast off and proceeded about 2 leagues tyd

Jany 6th

At 8 A.M got under way with a strong wind, Heavy Rain Thunder and Lightning at 4 P.M got to English Turn and tyd

Here most vessels assending the river are obliged to stop as the course is ~~directly~~ contrary to that they have come, consequently the wind which brought them thus far serves no longer

Jan 6th

If the Vessel be light and well man'd she is drawn along from the shore which they term "tracking her" and some indus=trious persevering Captains if their strength is incompetent to this take the tedious method of war=ping

Jany 7th

At 9 A M the wind favour=ing cast off and got within 7 miles of the City - After dinner left the Brig in St Charle's Boat and got to town in the evening

The River Missisippi from its entrance to the City of New Orleans which is called 112 miles, owing to a Rapid current and many shoals is difficult of Navigation.

Untill you arrive at Planque=main which is 13 Leagues from the sea the ground is too low and marshy to admit of cultivation. From this to the English turn there are plantations on each side, almost all of which, from the small quantity of land improved and meanness of the Buildings give an idea of the owners being in indigent circumstances which with most of them is far from being the case and some I am told are worth 80 a 100,000 $

From this to the City the Plan=tations are much more improved and the Houses larger and better built - some of them are handsome - among which are those owned by Judge Prevost and J. M. Pintard about 7 miles from Town - The orange trees bowing beneath a weight of ripe fruit at the time of my passing, shewd the Plantations to great advantage, as few of the Houses are not almost sur=rounded by them -

The City is laid out with regu=larity and altho its front forming part of a circle appears to every advantage, it has nothing to strike the Stranger - To prevent its being overflowd by the River there is a Mound of Clay thrown up before it of about 5 feet high

and 15 or 20 Deep & 30 or 40 from
the [redacted] — On this Bank
of earth calls the Levee Vessels
Land and often dispose of their
Cargos without Storing — Here
almost every Species of Merchan=
=dize is offered on sale from the
Cargo of an European Merchan=
=man to the Trifles of a Slave

There are no wharfs, Vessels
lay within a few feet of the
Bank and Land their cargos on
stages which belong to the City
and for the use of which it receives
2 dolls pr Diem — every Vessel at
entering pays 25 Dolls which entit=
=les them to the priviledges of the
port for one month, should they
stay no more than a day the
same is exacted nor is any difference
made whether a Vessel of 30 or one
of 500 Tons in Cargos of Slaves

are always Dying Here for Sale

A raw African with common
if able body'd $500, if knowing
a trade as many of those from
Charlestown do 12 to 1500 is demanded
for them. Poor wretches I pity
them. their lives must indeed be bur
=densom. blunders the most trifling
subject them to punishment the
most severe. & these in their igno=
=rance they frequently commit—
They are Compelled to work from the
first appearance of light until
night sets in, followed by an
unfeeling driver and afterwards to
breake the corn they eat made in
a Cake — A Barrel is allowed a
Slave a month & he gets nothing
else — He knows no Day of rest, nothing
distinguishes the Sabbath, but their
whole life elapses in the same rou=
=tine of painfull Labour — No commen=
=dation no indulgence reward their exer=
=tions. but dreads & punishment keeps

Captain Boag on a Voyage from N.Y. to N Orleans was captured & carried to the West Indies, he took passage on board Flo Cato for N.Y. which vessel was wrecked on Sandy Hook & Capt B with two others unfortunately drowned — The remainder of the crew swam to shore — Novr. 11th 1808

them from inactivity - I had a Letter of Introduction for T. B. Esq but hearing he had lately cut of a Slaves ear declind delivering it - Masters averse to punishing their own Slaves send them for a time to the Calabouse, where I believe they are treated with great cruelty - During the Day a part of those in Limbo are employd cleaning the Streets, having round the waist a heavy Iron ring. connected to one on the Ankle by a thick chain - It is frequent to see them with Iron Collars having 4 points 8 or 9 inches long projecting in contrary directions in which I am at a loss to imagine how they can sleep at any rate it must be attended with great pain

1808
April 24th

Left Baltimore at 9 A.M. in the Old
Line of Packet Boats got to French Town
at 7 in the evening immediately took the Stage
and rode over a good road to New Castle
18 miles distant where we got at 12 P.M.
and got to Philadelphia at 11 A.M. on 25th
Remained here until Wednesday 27th when
at 2 P.M. taking the mail Stage on 28th
at 2 A.M. found myself at Paulus Hook

The Buildings are all very low and tho some of them may have been built with taste, an entire neglect of their exterior appearance gives an impression of poverty in the people Inside I think them extremely inconvenient and ill contrived - They are finished in a very rough way and few of them are plastered over head -

The Capitol or Court House and The Catholic Church were originally handsome but owing to the want of repair have a ruinous and gloomy appearance - There are no other Buildings worth mentioning, That occupied by the Governor is not superior to some of private Gentlemen but in a much more neglected state 2000 have been appropriated for erecting a Custom House which at present is kept in a private Building

A Canal, a Nunnery & the Garrison

at the Garrison & after dinner walkd with him through the Navy Yard seeing the Monu=ment intended to be erected to the Memory of the Officers who fell before Tripoli and the New Machine for Rope Making

21 April

Left George Town at 6 in the Morning and got to Baltimore in the evening, where lodged at Globe Inn, kept by Fulton.

"Memo. Not to stay there again —

are generally pointed out to Strangers but C. saw nothing remarkable in either — Rain here renders the walking intolerably bad. The middle of the Street being entire Clay, which brought on the Banquet or Side Walks renders it so slippery that it requires the utmost caution to walk without falling. Even these walks have been made since its cession to America, before which it must have been impossible to step out the door in wet weather without sinking 5 or 6 inches in mud

The inhabitants drink the River water which they suffer to remain in Large Jars some time to settle, as when taken up it is very muddy

I am told this muddiness comes from the River Missouri above which the Mississippi is remarkably clear

Some families clear it by means of a filtering Stone and a Sprinkler

1808
April 19

Left Fredericksburgh last Nigh at 12 — Breakfasted at Dumfries & got to Alexandria at 3/2 where having eat a cracker and piece of cheese again set off and got to George Town in the evening & put up at Union Inn —

20th —

Remained this day at Washington, passd the greater part of the morning in the Hall of congress — Dined with Dr Fenwick

all do not as for a good reason
it appears to me very necessary
when I could procure Fresh Rain
Water I always preferd it, for exclu-
sive of the idea of its impurity
it has violent effects on the Bowels
of those unaccustomd to it and on
this account is considerd very healthy
Probably the Almighty in his wise
dispensation has so ordered it to
counteract the effects of the climate

Bent on gain which is pursue-
ed in various ways, the people
seem to have no spare time to bestow
on Strangers - The N. C. Merchants
if Landed a Letter of Introduction
makes an offer of Services which I
doubt would be granted for less than
5 Dft and considers every attention
paid - There are I allow exceptions, but
no general observation has fewer, and
Could civilities be shewn this only to those
from whom they expect to receive business

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of the Servants was left by the Stage and compelled to remain two days longer than I wished.

1808.
April 18th

Left Richmond at 3 A.M. Breakfasted at the Merry Oaks, Dined at the Bowling Green and got to Fredericksburgh in the evening cursedly tired —

Mothers here place very little confi=
=dence in the discretion of their Daughters
and mistrust any attention shewn them
by the Men — This Suspicion arises
from a recollection of former times!

No Gentleman is left for a moment
alone with an unmarried Lady nor
can he pay many visits without having
his motives questioned by the Mother. If
he does not reply to her satisfaction
his Visits are discountenanced nor is
any further intimacy allowed, For they
have no idea of a disinterested friend=
=ship existing between unmarried people
of contrary sexes — Marriages are rare
The Newly married man is pointed
at as an enamoured Fool who publickly
consents to join the Antlered Crew, and
to gratify his Suspicion burdens himself
with a Wife for the Benefit of his
affectionate Friends, who lose no time
in paying court

April 14th

which being much broken occasions the River to fall in many places and gives it a beautiful appearance - Vessels of a larger size remain about a Mile below the Town while the smaller pass this part of the River by the Canal which extends 3 or 4 miles - On the opposite side of the river is a small Village called Manchester - Owing to the negligence

in the course of these falls or more properly rapids there is a descent of about 80 feet

rendering the navigation complete to the Blue Mountains

Females appear to marry without affec-
tion and solely to divest themselves
of the restraint under which a single
life lays them - Having passed the
form of matrimony they consider them-
selves at liberty to start with any
one whose assiduity may render
them convenient to their purposes -
Most Frenchmen Lovers only Kiss to
tell and their treachery would damn
her in any other Society than that
of N.O. Here it brings her into
notice and gratifies her vanity at
the offence of an indulgent Husband
It is natural to suppose they would
prefer the more vigorous and silent
American to these babbling Frogeaters
but then her infamy as it term it would
not be proclaimed nor would she
be classed among the femmes d'esprit

The Lower Orders have no
further regards for the Virtue of their

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prospect and vessels may be seen a con=
=siderable distance down the river — The
Penitentiary is a spacious building but
without elegance, The Armoury is generally
visited by Strangers I am told gives pleasure
it is situated within a few yards of the canal
and its machinery is kept in motion by a
stream cut from it — Opposite the Town
the river runs over a bed of Rocks

Daughters, than as they can dis=
=pose of it to their own emolument

Mrs B a Quateroon with a
beautiful daughter of 16 or 17 frequen
=tly visited the house at which
I boarded — Argus himself could not
have better guarded the Virtue of the
Pool than did her mother — Never
were they a moment asunder — Mr
Lado long watched an opportunity
to seize the forbidden fruit but found
his endeavours ineffectual without
the concurrence of the mother
to gain which he offered a Note
of $100 — The Old Woman replyd her
Daughter was the fruit of 7 Years
expence — That she was then
growing old and wanted a Slave to
wait on Her — which were the only
terms on which Her Daughter could
be Lado — I fancy however the Old
Lady will save her Long on Land, for
I strongly doubt there is another Ma-

1808
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Richmond a considerable Town pleasantly situated at the Head of James River on very high ground - it consists principally of one Street on which are many good buildings - The Capitol is a handsome edifice & situate on an eminence appears to great advantage - In the Hall is a handsome Statue of Washington cut in Marble & enclosed in a neat Iron Balu=trade - from the Piazza is an extensive

=teroon in the City Young or Old
but is come-atable for 1/5 the Money

The same Miss B was one day
in the dining Room when a Gentle=
=man offerd a Doublain, for 5 Kisses
and to feel her breasts - She consented
and in the presence of all stood
with indifference and composure
during the ceremony.

Religion seems quite out of the
question but to a few ancient
Devotees, Far from considering the
Sabbath as a Day appointed by the
Supreme himself for the purpose
of his worship - they devote it
entirely to Amusement - The most
industrious of them distinguish it
no way, but attend to Business
or ply their trades as usual -

By others tis passd in quest
of Pleasure - The Morning affords
leisure for Shooting or Riding, From
diner they Herd at the Billiard

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and was shewn the House in which
Jefferson was born, formerly large parties
both from No Carolina & Virginia met annually
at this place for the purpose of fighting Cocks, and
how the united power of both states then
contending for superiority it would not
perhaps have seemed of greater consequence
to these Buckskins than the bloody
contest between the Fowls

Cards - Plays - Lotto - Bank or Rouge et Noir Table and the Evening if not here, is passed either at the Theatre or Ball, most usual at Both as the latter does not commence until the former is closed - there is an Episcopal Church but notwithstanding the many American & European Settlers the Congregation is always small and even then composed of Strangers led there either by curiosity or a sense of duty on their arrival from Sea - A few weeks residence however obliterates ideas of this kind and they fall into the Habits of the place & their Rector Mr Chase discouraged by their inattention or more probably by a want of support intends retiring to a plantation [illegible] the River

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is situate in a Valley surrounded by very high Hills and I think professes nothing to amuse or interest the traveller – Powells Rests the Principal Inn, which is at present but much crouded to allow comfort to any one,

April 14th – Left Petersburg at 1 o Clock dined at the half way House which is very good and got to Richmond 25 miles distant, in the evening, in our way passed through a small town called Osborn

Dancing is a favourite Amusement
in which they have the power
to gratify themselves almost every
Evening - The Tea Assembly held
at the Exchange every Friday is
I believe the most Respectable

The Subscribers are generally
Men advanced in Life too far to
enjoy the Pleasure of Dancing, but
finding themselves either compelled to it,
or to provide Beaux for the Belles
they prefer the latter and distri-
-buted Tickets for the Season to a
Number of Young Men - They how-
-ever considering it no compliment
seldom attends without it is for the
purpose of partaking the Supper
which is always provided in an elegant
Style - Here Punch, a very favourite drink
among them is always provided and served
in No small quantities, by both the
Men and Women - Subscription 30 Dollars

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Set off at 2 o'clock in the Morning, Break=
=fasted 16 miles on at a good Inn kept by
Rice. and reached Petersburg at 10 A.M.
This Town situate at the head of the navigation of the River Appoma
=tox is larger than any I have passed through
The River opposite the Town is not navigable
it has been raised by a Dam of an angular
form to supply Mills - This Dam is about
10 feet high, over which the River falling has
a Beautiful appearance - The Town

The Society Balls held at Tremoulets
it is said are in opposition to the
Assemblies from political opinion
They are attended by many of the
most respectable of the place, tho
It not entirely composd of that class
The dancing here is elegant, parti=
=cularly with the Ladies, who
possess much grace and great activity
but damnd little beauty — No doubt
there are some whose person or face
may be admird — but I feel a pleasure
in saying — the far greater part of these
were from the States — Cotillions and
the Waltz are chiefly danced — I saw
one English Country dance undertaken
and could not but be amused at
the pretended ignorance of many whom
I knew to have been accustomd to no
other before their arrival at N. O. Nothing
but confusion & disorder prevailed, while
dancing to old & simple tune of Fishers
hornpipe — The Balls tho without supper &
very little except Chocolate is drunk, cost
Nightly 320 Colls — Subscription 30 Colls

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and sold that it is difficult to ascertain the Amt. exclusive of this its bulk makes it incon=
=venient as $5 of it would fill a coat Pocket

April 11th

Left Parishes at Raleigh 4 o'Clock A.M., Break=
=fasted at Louisville - Slept at Warrington, an
excellent Inn at this place kept by Rufin

April 12 - Started 5 o'Clock A.M. Crossed River
Roanoke at 9 - in evening got to an excellent
Inn within 30 miles of Petersburg kept by Stark

The Grand Balls Pare Held every Sunday Night are attended by All classes from the Governor to the Teller of a Billiard Table or he who keeps the Bar of a Tavern

The price of admission is 50 cts and any person paying is admitted

The Ladies here dress Rich and elegant - while the Men dance in muddy Boots and most negligent dress

The lowest Fellow may invite the most respectable Lady in the Room to dance, with which if dis=engaged she must comply or he has it in his power to prevent her dancing during the evening

Adjoining this like every other Ball Room are several Apartments where gambling is carried on in different ways - The Systems appear so fair and chances so equally divi=ded that a Stranger is induced to to try his luck, but it seldom happens that he does not pay for the experiment

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or pleasant as Fayetteville, the State House has a decent appearance and there is a New Jail of Brick - The Court House has a miserable appearance - Notes of Cape Fear and Newbern Banks circulate here but have not much confidence, in exchange for Northern Paper or Specie 5 a 10 Pr Ct is required, If payment is demanded at the Bank they give Prock, which is Paper issued by the State during the War and is still a Lawfull tender. This is so worn

The Quateroon Balls are attended by Belles from the truest sable to some difficult to be distinguished from pure white. indeed I suspect that some take advantage of a Dark complex=ion to partake the Amusements of the Place - The females dress well dance well and behave with great decorum, while the Men are dancing in riotous confusion in their Hats and Boots - These like the rest are visited by Men of every description and I con=fess I should have ~~been~~ felt guilty had I not met with Gentlemen of Respectability & Distinction.

There are two Theatres of which I only saw one - it is a miserable building very narrow and low, they have notwithstanding crowded in 3 Rows of Boxes - the upper of which is ap=propriated to Quateroons, I saw the Comedy of the Jealous Wife performed for the benefit of a favourite Actress Miss Fleury, but received no pleasure

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others is a Hen sitting — Every thing is very high at this place, 1/4 dollar for shaving —

Carnelton a small place about 2 miles from Fayetteville

April 9th

Left Jourdans at Fayetteville at 12 o'Clock at Night, Breakfasted at Averys brought and got to Raleigh / commonly called Rawley / where we dined and cannot proceed before tomorrow Night —

Raleigh altho the seat of the State government is neither so large, nor is its situation so favourable

And had not the Performers met with great applause I should have considered them miserable

During the whole represen=tation only two scenes were displa=y'd and I doubt if they have more

I received much pleasure at the Concerts – The Music always gave me pleasure. tho conscious of my ignorance, I will say nothing of its merits – A Ball always suc=ceeds the Concert which is generally respectable –.

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=able any thing thrown into the one before it crosses the other will continue to float down uninfluenced by it. They are called "the Cross Creeks"

I will here remark the uniformity with which the Temples to Cloacina are in this part of the country are furnish'd, around the walls are suspended with great taste, Old Stockings Sounds &c filled with various seeds in one corner is a large Box filled with Corn cobs for necessary purposes & in each of the

Thursday 11th February 1808

Left New Orleans without regret on board Schr Milly, Capt John Boag bound for Charleston - got down to the plantation of our owner Mr Bailey who with Capt Torrey came thus far with us - Supd on Shore with Cap Drinker the Over=
Friday = seer, and next day after taking in a Quantity of Wood for dunnage proceeded on - This day got about 39 Miles from the City & made fast to a Tree -

Saturday 13th

At 9 A M cast off - Stopd at several plantations - at one of which purchased 2 pigs which jumpd overboard in the evening and were drownd - Stopd at Phillaber, at 2 passd Fort St Phillip at Plan=quemain & reachd the Balise at 10 P M where we came too

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got to Fayetteville at 8 in the evening. This is a pleasant village and there appears to be a good society - At one extremity of the principal Street which is perfectly straight is a State House at the other a Court House - A copious Stream runs directly through the town on which are placed many Grist Mills Saw Mills, Cotton Machines &c. A little distance above, this Stream is intersected by another running directly across it, and what is remarks-

Sunday 14th Febz

A perfect calm prevents our getting to Sea and here there is nothing to amuse us

Monday 15th

Still waiting a wind - but this day has proved less tedious than the last having in the morning been amused with shooting wild Fowl which abound here - After dinner went with Capt Boag on board Brig Agenoria of Baltimore and supped on board with the Pilot

Tuesday 16

Still waiting a wind was hailed by Brig Holkar from New York - went on board and had the pleasure of receiving a Letter from home handed by Doctor Leonard

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April 6th Left Lumberton at 12 A.M. alone in the Stage dined at Pittmans Plantation 18 Miles off and

Wednesday 17th Feby

The wind will not yet allow of our getting out — I begin to get impatient at being detained at this miserable place

Thursday 18th "

Still remain in statu quo Nothing new occuring as this day.

Friday 19

This morning got under way with a light breeze & through a thick mist passed the Bar at 1/4 past 11 A.M. the Pilot left us observing "We might go to the devil our own way" —

God grant us a safe and pleasant passage —

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comprehension had they even the patience and inclination to attend to them, the Room was so crowded & did not attempt to enter

Without on a Large square they were divided in many groups, some indulging in the favourite amusement of Cock-fighting, others running; jumping wrestling &c, and others trying to do each other most harm by the Rule of Fist

But the largest & that greatest by the Ladies surrounded a Cart stood with Whisky, Cakes &c &c on which was placed a fellow, with a

Saturday Feby 20th Lat 28.44

Calm all Night, Vessel floating S, W with the current, This Morning a Breeze sprung up from N which sends us 3/2 K

Many Portuguese Men of War floating around, which I fear predict high winds - a large Shark has been playing about the vessel but eluded every plan for taking him

In the evening weather very warm - I find the Vessel in which I have embarked a very dull sailer, which at first vexd me. but as it could not be reme=died, I have reconciled myself to it -

Sunday 21st Lat 27.50 -

Fine pleasant weather with a favourable Breeze - Having

April 4

The Cold here is greater that I expected to find at this Season and keeps me constant=ly employd supplying the fire which composd of Pine wood quickly consumes

April 5 [illegible]

Remaind at Pittmans, Lumberton, The Court sitting at this time afforded me some amusement. Men Women and Children flock'd from every quater and tho uninteresting causes were try and the arguments used were far above their

Sunday 21st Feb

but one fellow Passenger who is clever when awake, but which I have to regret is not more than 4 hours in the 24 - I constantly feel lonesome - Our Captain to use a sailors phrase is like a sheeps head - "All jaw" - consequently tedious and still worse -

When I see him turn his quid of Tobacco I at once know a tough Story threatens and start before he begins - Nevertheless he is a very clever Fellow and shows us every attention - I have doubts whether he would not run his Vessel on Shore if he thought it would give us pleasure -

In the evening saw a Vessel with a press of Sail after us which is supposed to be a Privateer

April 4

many shapes and forms — The Hunters by cloathing themselves in dark cloath to resemble these remains deceive the deer, who without suspicion approach untill they are shot —

At the part of the River Sauter where we crossd is the most romantic beautiful spot I ever saw — The Stream is narrow and on its boarders are high trees whose branches in some places appear to unite, The current meanders slowly between several small islands situate most picturesque — I could have stayd some time to admire it but was quickly taken across and hurried into the Stage

Monday 22d Febr Lat 27.. 15

This Morning the moment I stepped on Deck a Stiff Breeze "Bare from my Head in a trice "and flung'd in the Ocean my Hat This is a serious loss, which I cannot remedy & compels me to wear a turban for the rest of the passage —

The Sail we saw last Night proves to be the Brig' Agenoria of Baltimore which we left at Balize

We have a fine fair Breeze and are running from 4 to 5 Knots — Pleasant weather and all well

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Tuesday 23d Lat 25.. 32 —

Fair weather and strong favourable breeze — High Sea — 5½ Knots during the day, in evening 8 —

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many trees thrown down by the wind lay across the road where they are suffered to remain if there is any way of going around, but as this is often prevented by the mud surrounding it is necessary to carry a hatchet to cut a passage and none travel without. Trees decayed or nearly burnt through constantly threaten to fall in the stage as it passes. Many were burning and the light at night reflecting on those around partly burnt down has a curious effect and fancy paints them in

Wednesday 24th Febr Lat 23.. 54 —

A strong N.W. wind brought us up with Tortugas, since which having shifted, we have it on the bow — this is against us as it is ascertaind our Frigate sails much faster before the Wind than in any other direction —

Our time passes heavily Nothing occuring to amuse and my sleepy companion (damn his indifference to such good company) will not speak once an hour —

This day he Cap to use his own expression gave the Cook a "Hull fird pultin" (for burning up a sea Pye he himself had taken the trouble to make

Thursday 25 Lat. 23.. 35 N

This morning, saw Saddle Hill on the Islands of Cuba — the distance we were off prevented our seeing any

Apr 4th

Having while at rest received a severe blow from the Post supporting the Top of the Carriage I fear to take cold exclusive of this the Stage appears in no condition to exclude the weather if one horse being sick it will be very tedious getting through the next stage which is 33 Miles.

The Forests through which we pass are ornamented by many beautiful flowers, among which I observe, the Yellow and White Jessamine, Woodbine, Lauristina, Honey Suckle, Lupines, Blue Bells and Violets,

25th Febr
any other than the tops of High Land —

We have a continuance of pleasant weather and a moderate breeze sends us from 3 & 4 knots, in evening strong Breeze from N.W.

Friday 26th Febr Lat 23.54

A very high wind all Night but more moderate in the morning since when it has continued to increase and Now blows a vio=lent gale from N.N.E with the highest sea running I have yet seen. The angry appearance of the Sky seems to indicate a continu=ance of no increase of the Gale, our little bark does pretty well considering her heavy lading, but I sincerely wish the Storm over —

Friday Night

The Gale has increased

being the only Passengers we so arranged our Baggage as to lay down - Having arrived at the Inn by bribes we induced the Driver to remain here until morning, altho he was particularly ordered to continue on all Night

April 3

At Day break set out, rode 15 Miles to Breakfast and got to Lumberton at 12 A clk where we are compelled to wait until morning

April 4

Stormy weather has induced me to let the Stage proceed while I wait for the next

and Now rages with great Violence
The Sea of A frightful height seems
every moment to threaten our destruc-
-tion - The Night is dismally dark
and to increase our fears, without
the wind changes, we shall in All
probability before morning be
ashore on the coast of Cuba to
provide for which the Long Boat has
been cleared and every thing prepared
Saturday 27th Lat 24.25

Went to bed last light with
most painful expectations but
thank God about midnight the
Storm began to abate and this
morning it is comparatively moderate
altho still A high Wind and
heavy Sea - The wind shifting on-
-ables us to haul off the Land which filled us with dread and
to use the Captains expression made
us feel "horrid drole" - at 12 saw
the Breakers on Florida shore very

April 1st 1808

Having passed three weeks very agreeably at Charleston I this day set out in the mail Stage which was much crowded - after proceeding a few miles however our number began to decrease & in the evening I had but one companion

April 2

Set off at 2 A.M. - Breakfasted at George Town - had a miserable dinner after which we were compelled to ride until 2 P.M. without any thing to eat & almost perished with cold, Mr Hunter of N York, Mr Randall of Charleston and myself being

Saturday 27th Feb
near us - put about and stood towards Cuba - in the evening appearances of weather more favourable and we hope the Storm is over tho the Wind and Sea continue high

Sunday 28 Lat No observation

Cloudy weather and has the appearance of a fresh Gale arrising - The Sea which had fallen in a degree is now rising fast and the Wind still ahead is increasing - At Night a severe Gale - Long Boat cleared and every preperation made, in case we are driven on Shore

Monday 29th Lat, No observation

Last night again laid down filled with apprehension, and the Iron bound Coast of Cuba constantly in my mind - The fear of getting ashore

at getting in as a N.E. storm is threatning and the appearance of the weather last Night was so inauspicious that the Capt resolved to bear away for Savannah had he not weathered the Light House by the tack — On landing met Mr Ireland who was good enough to walk with me to the Planters Hotel where I concluded to re=
=main for the present

Monday 29th Febry

prevailing. I disregarded the violence of the wind howling through the rigging and so felt without emotion the Vessel tremble from the violence of the waves - Never did I feel such joy at meeting the Light as this morning, notwithstanding the Storm rages with unabated violence and the sea very rough

Monday 6th

Since morning the wind has considerably abated, but many squalls and heavy showers with Thunder and Lightning so near that it once struck within a few yards of the Vessel - About 2 a Water Spout was seen approaching the Brig - going on deck to see it I was desired to return and charge my fowling piece for the purpose of firing into it - but it broke before I had finished - From the favourable appe-

continued to blow untill 5 this Afternoon when
We had another Squall and it again Shifted to
Nb E which allows Us to lay our course and
We still expect to make the Light House be-
fore Morning —

Saturday 12th March

Last Night at ½ past 11 saw the
light House to windwards, tackd & run till 3 A.M.
again tackd and at Daylight again made it on the
lee bow, laid too for a pilot who came on board
at 8 & about 11 anchord us off the Town, I felt

-ance of the setting Sun I hope the Storm is over - but many Clouds still threaten -

Tuesday 1st March Lat 24.. 20

This Morning at rising had the pleasure to see a bright Sun and unclouded Sky. Felt Happy to find the Storm over which had hitherto filled us with uneasiness, and tho All are complaining of hard Luck on account of a Calm which prevails I feel happy, and grateful for the safety I enjoy

Many Sharks are playing round the Vessel which we have been for a long time endea-vouring to take, but as if aware of our design, they avoid every stratagem we can use

Thursday March 10th Lat 30°.04' —

A strong favorable wind has during the last 24 hours advanced us 181 miles, for 5 of these we are indebted to the current, we hope for a continuance of the Breeze in which case we shall probably reach Charleston to-morrow —

Friday 11th March — Lat by indifferent observation 32°.25'

Last Night about Midnight after a heavy Squall our favorable wind left us veering to a direct contrary point from which it

Wednesday March 2d Lat 24.12" N

Pleasant weather but wind "dead an end" – Great part of this day was passd endeavouring to catch Dolphins but with even less success than Dr Franklins Patient Angler for we had not even a nibble altho we saw them in great numbers around the vessel –

Thursday 3d March Lat 24.12" –

Still Winds ahead, with pleasant weather – Stood for the Bahama Banks on which made soundings a 3 fa, in evg put about and stood to N W –

Friday 4th March Lat 24.26"

Winds high and contrary, begin to grow weary of the continuance of head winds, for tho out now 21 days from N Orleans, our distance from it might be run in 4

a the Strong Northerly Winds which prevail, keep back the general Stream I will not say; the latter how-ever is the opinion of our Cap

Tuesday March 8th 1808 Lat 25° 15'

Fine weather with a Strong breeze, which allows us to lay our course, In the Eve'g Breeze stronger & still more favourable

Wednesday March 9th Lat No observation

Frequent Squalls during the Night, In the Morning Wind fair but light, Bearing in mind the day, I drank to the health of my Father & Mother and Brother Bill with a sincere hope they will each see very many happy returns of it

Saturday 5th March Lat 24.4 N

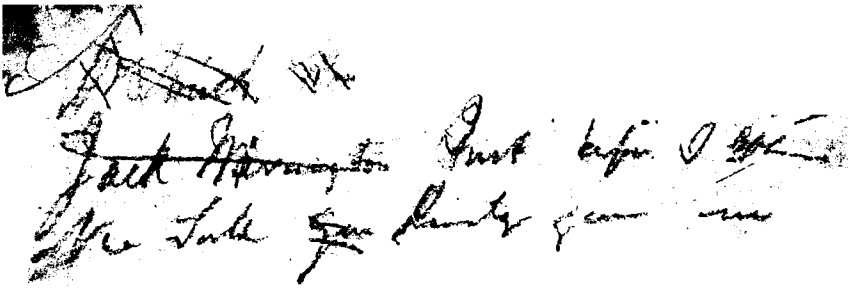
Winds still contrary has increased much and a heavy Sea is running

This afternoon ran for Orange Key with the intention of coming to anchor & riding out a Storm which appears commencing, but could not see it — in the evening stood out for deep water and at 7 PM Laid the Vessel too

In laying in Segars for 20 days I thought I should be in no danger of want but they ended two days since & I am deprived of a great consolation on this tedious passage — I feel not a little chagrind at encountering another Storm &: heartily wish myself on Shore

Sunday 6th March — Lat 24.39 N —

All Night tempestuous & the Day stormy — in the evening more moderate tho the Wind is still high and contrary —

Monday March 7th 1808 Lat 24.19"

The winds still remains strong and contrary I feel almost discouraged at its duration — "In the evening heavy Squalls with high Sea which occasions the Vessel to labour much and ships a deal of Water" We were in expectation of having gained about 30 Miles since Yesterday but by the observation find we have drifted 20 Miles Southwards, whether we did in with a counter cur