

O Jemmy! Jemmy! - If what I hear be true - how art Thou fallen -

Jan.<sup>y</sup> 25 Agreed with a Negro man Castile to tend upon <sup>us</sup> Cooper @ 4 bits <sup>per</sup> day -

Jan.<sup>y</sup> 29 Friday, last night sailed several Virginians under convoy of the Dutch Frigate

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3. Capt. Mowat has this day agreed with a Mr. Gordon to fit a Brig with spars & carpenter's work.

5 A Rebel privateer 14 guns arrived in the Road - She has sprung a leak

6 The refitting the brig is now began in good earnest - This day ~~Mr. Durant~~ <sup>Mr. Durant</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~fish~~ <sup>fish</sup> ~~pollock~~ <sup>pollock</sup> 11 cod 5 of the ~~cod~~ <sup>cod</sup> & 1 ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~damaged~~ <sup>damaged</sup> - ~~Have~~ <sup>Have</sup> ~~agreed~~ <sup>agreed</sup> with ~~Mr.~~ <sup>Mr.</sup>

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6 ~~Durant for~~ ~~the~~ ~~pollock~~ ~~@ 8~~ ~~bits~~ ~~per~~ ~~day~~ ~~the~~ ~~pollock~~ ~~is~~ ~~my~~ ~~kind~~ ~~of~~ ~~flask~~ ~~-~~ ~~not~~ ~~much~~ ~~known~~

Sunday - - - A very idle time - nothing to do but make obs.<sup>ns</sup> - among other things I cannot but observe a difference in the American Commerce to this Island - - now & heretofore - Formerly They came here in vessels scarce any under 70 & 80 Tons, now they are all pilot boats - & small coasting Craft - there are now about a doz Sail from Baltimore Philadelphia & one from Providence They are all pilot boats - & one a small thing about 25 tons - miserable Things to beat that Coast this Season of the year - Poor people to what wretchedness has their implicit confidence in the congress bro't <sup>on</sup> - Their Seamen's Wages from 50 to 60 dollars <sup>per</sup> m<sup>o</sup> - Their paper money must be much depreciated - or their Trade very profitable - to give such Wages -