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Friday 12. yesterday & the day before the  
Wind at N.W. & N. it blew so hard yesterday  
that several Vessels drove — The dutch Ad-  
-miral was one — — an American Vessel  
coming in was overset by a sudden Squall  
the people saved — a Rebell Privateer being  
in the Road this morning — Saw ~~some~~  
Philadelphia Paper a few days ago —  
The arrival of 4 Vessels at Baltimore  
from the W Indies is inserted as news —  
— a Committee of Grievances advertise  
them <sup>daily</sup> <sup>in the State house Philadelphia</sup> to receive complaints —  
That of Monopoly seems to be reigning  
vire. — Is so in all the Provinces —  
The Committee do not sit daily only Tuesdays  
& Fridays — from 9 o'clock — That is not suffi-  
-cient, The Assembly of Pennsylvania have re-  
solved themselves into a Committee to consider of  
grievances likewise — of which Monopolizing

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& Forestalling form a considerable article  
But it will <sup>require</sup> more wisdom than Solomon ever  
had to find remedies for all the griefs & dis-  
-tress of that unhappy Country — — It will be  
impossible to prevent engrossing when not  
above one vessel in four goes safe —  
Saturday — 13 — The Venus & Ariadne  
have taken the Trumbal a rebell Frigate  
of 22 guns — The Ariadne went in Chase  
of her consort supposed to be the Dean  
another of 24 Frigates of 22 or 28 guns —  
Their Navy does not seem to be on a very  
respectable footing —

Monday 15. This morning 4 English <sup>Frigates</sup> sail'd  
Road to the Northward.

Wednesday 17. Sloop sail'd for New York —  
wrote by her to Mr Holmes, <sup>he</sup> arrived a Ship  
& Brig from the 14<sup>th</sup> who had been for Suri-  
-nam but fell to Seaward