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religious Persuasions are carefull to catechise the Slaves of those who belong to ^{any} respective Chhs - baptize ^{any} & ^{any} Children - & administer the Sacram. to such as desire it - I am told ^{any} French in Martinique & Guadualoup - are likewise carefull of ^{any} Slaves in ^{any} same manner - The Dutch & English - as far as I can find are equally neglectfull of ^{any} Slaves in ^{any} particular - They let ^{any} get to Heaven as they can - The Dutch - (especially those of Eustatius) are the most inexcusable of the two - because they are religiously given themselves -

Monday 29 - arrived back from my Voyage to Sta Cruz - after a passage of something more than 3 days - In which met with no material accident - save that we were had like to have felled our vessel by the carelessness of ^{any} master in leaving his hatch open - & the inertness of his crew (all Negroes) - who were as deliberate in harrowing for a Squall as tho' no such Thing had happened - we likewise sprang our mast off Saba - for ^{any}

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same seasons -

Tuesday 30 - Today met Capt Jos Northy of mtd he has been taken bound from Guadualoup home - carried to Antigua - you he got to this place is now going back to Guadualoup to get if possible a passage home - His Captors have used him rather severely have taken all his private property from him & left him quite bare of any thing to help himself - Poor man! Some knew him in good circumstances but ^{any} fortune of war has reduced him to distress - as it has many other honest men - who ^{tho'} heartily averse to ^{any} present System of American Politics - are yet forced to Submit to a power they cannot Oppose - I find ^{any} Opinions of all Honest, industrious, Men ^{such as} ~~to be made of~~ ^{nor} have no hopes ^{nor} desire of getting any thing by this political Scramble - to be ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} same - They in general condemn their high mightiness the C - This afternoon met three young fellows - Children of my former Neighbours - who had been taken - & are now in ^{any} (to ^m) Strange Country Freeindless & moneyless These are the people who suffer - The vile - authors of this unhappy War - have taken