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Wednesday 6 - a Fleet of about 30 sail arrived this morning from Windward among whom are several Americans - under convoy 5 Frigates - These 5. & 2 which came with the former fleet make 7 sail - They ^{all} left this place this morning - Capt Mowat is hogging his ship to day.

Saturday 9th. The French Fleet of about 40 sail under convoy 7 Frigates sailed for Windward.

Sunday 10 - Have only 3 men before & mast - one whom Capt Mowat shipped a few days ago has not yet been aboard - This fore noon 4 Large Ships appeared to & Southward. they talked & were soon out of sight - They are supposed to be French

a good Constitution is the best Inheritance
a good Conscience the best Friend - & good Humour the best Companion - These three cannot be unhappy

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Friday 16 - The Ships Compr: working about rigging all this day - a Carpenter caulking the wales - Have 84 hhd's & 6 lbs Sugar on board - Have only 5 hands before & mast -

Saturday 17. The People this day fixing & seeing rigging - particularly Topsail sheets fore & aft - a Carpenter at work caulking Wale, sides & Counter is not yet done

Sunday 18 - I observe at the Change of the Moon ^{4th day after} we have constantly in this Road a large swell - & a strong ^{current} to & Westward

This Evening wrote to W Coffin jun N York

Wednesday 21 - This day a Top Gallant ^{came aboard} mast - Carpenter at work about sundries - Crew abt finishing rigging - have about 7 hhd's Sugar more to get off wch the high Swell has prevented being done 4th Several days past

Thursday 22 To day the Cooper finished cooper the water Cask - but the Ships Cooper for he has done no work since we've been here - excepting setting up 18 molasses Casks more