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Thursday 2. Cloudy dirty weather - Wind at N. -
Friday 3. Morning fair - & Sunshine - a very rare
Phenomenon in this Country - at Noon Cloudy with a
Little rain - pm Cloudy - Wind Ely -

Saturday 4. Fair weather - wind Wly - Sun sets
serene - The coolest day we have yet had - ~~There is~~
~~no~~ ~~more~~ ~~than~~ ~~one~~ ~~day~~ ~~has~~ ~~been~~ ~~seen~~ ~~here~~ - Today moved Ship

Sunday 5. Fair weather - Wind - Wly - cold - arrived
a Ship from York. - - Comp. to dine on board -

Monday 6. Cloudy am - took off 9 hhd of my
Fish marked B.M. ^{1. to 9} at noon began to snow wind at E.
now - about 6 pm - blow a hard gale of wind
arrived a Ship from Dublin - 2 brigs from ^{an} out harbor

Tuesday 7. Snow all day Wind - W. Nly

Wednesday 8 Fair Wind Wly took off 17 hhd
Fish of mine B.M. ^{to} No. 26 - 2 Brigs sailed for
the W Indies -

Thursday 9. Cloudy am Wind S. ly - pm rain -
dined at Mr Gardiner's

Friday 10. Fair cold Wind NW - the Garland with
several ships under convoy sailed for Britain

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be Princes & Beggars among them - The System of Man-
kind appears confus'd from it's ^{being misunderstood} ~~causes~~ ~~causing~~ ~~perpet~~
of Light - 'Twas once the case in ^{of} Natural World -

Ptolomey - having ~~conceived~~ ~~conceived~~ a wrong Situation of our
globe ~~built a~~ ~~most~~ ~~confus'd~~ from thence imagined
a System of motions for the Heavenly bodies the most con-
fus'd - complicate - & ~~contradictory~~ contrarious that could
be - 'twas such a Bolch of ^a thing no body could endure
to look at it with any patience - Tycho tried to mend the

matter - He made more ~~bold~~ blunders - at length Copernic
^{with a happier genius} ~~was~~ ~~arose~~ - He set every thing to rights ~~by placing~~ ^{fixing} the Sun -
whom Ptolomey & Tycho had set a travelling at a most terri-
ble rate - in his proper ^{Station} ~~Place~~ at ^{the} Centre of ~~the~~ ^{whole} ~~System~~
the other globes - ours with the rest took ~~it's~~ ~~place~~ places belong-
ing to them - & now exhibit a most beautiful System -
whose motions & appearances for any future period are
foretold & calculated with a nicety that at once pleases &
surprises - Some happy genius may do the same in the
moral world - Find - Man's proper ~~Station~~ Sphere - ~~his~~
~~true~~ ~~motion~~ & what is his true motion in it - & then all his
puzzling phenomena will be easily explained -