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Fryday 9. Only bread & water — — as much averse & as fearful as the Congress have shewn ymselves to Popery — yet they have shewn in many instances that they have no dislike ymselves to ye exercising the powers of the Successor of St Peter — at the declaration of Independency they in ye plenitude of their power absolved all the British Subjects in America from their Oaths of allegiance — — & they now tell us prisoners that ~~the~~ bread is ~~a pound~~ Beef — & d — n our souls if we offer to doubt the truth of it — — —

There is an Executive Council in this Province they sit in this City — on the first of every month — they meet to determine the value of their paper currency — — these two months past they have fixd it at 75 for one but we get 125. to 130 for one — so that ~~they~~ the public creditors receive but little more than one dollar for two — —

Saturday 10 Served wth meat to day —

Sunday 11 — dined wth freind C — . am in hopes of an Exchange taking place sometime this week —

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Monday 12 — The Prisoners begin to be more sickly than they were — Our new Captain very civil & Obliging — —

Thursday 15 Have been here a month (in weeks) ~~two~~ this day — Only two prizes have been sent in here during this time, & one brig wch came directly from Cork & has been seiyd — there has arrived in ye same period one of yr Ships of war (Paul Jones) & one merchantman from the West Indies — & a brig from Salem N E — wth oile wch she cannot sell —

The prizes are a Brig from Madeira for Charlestown a Brig from Charlestown for N York —

Monday 19 arrived a brig prize from St Kitts for Glasgow — she gives a particular acc.o of the declaration of War against Holland — the taking of St Eustatius & seizing all the shipping in that Road —

Thursday 22 Today my freind Collins has obtained for me liberty to come & tarry at his House upon Parole — He has been exceedingly freindly to me — as soon as he knew of my being a prisoner he came to see me — & every day sent me a plate from his table