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Made an excursion into ^{the} Jerseys two days ago - returned this evening - have bro't in about 25 head cattle - - - This Place very inactive at present - The military People gather ^{very} few Laurels - the Commercial ~~make~~ do little business - of course gather ^{little wealth} but ~~small~~ profits - - -

Saturday 23 - Finisti'd tarring the Brig's sides - Set ^{the} People at work painting her - to keep them employed - am ready to go to sea - have nothing to do - but to get a tiffle of provision & small stores aboard - Jackson & Knowland still absent -

It may not be amiss - to keep in mind that - He bro't 10 hhds molasses for Mr B - & the whole proceeds of which he paid to Mr H - y without any demand for the Salvage - with he demands for the

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rest of the cargo upon the pretence that it was given to him by the Captors -

Sunday 24 - Doing nothing

Monday 25 - ~~To keep them from making~~ ^{exp} ~~hear~~ ^{et} ~~them~~ ^{do} ~~painting~~ All day in

Painting - shall finish tomorrow -

No signs of any convoy to Halifax - altho we have been amused for some time past that there would be one - There are now three vessels bound to N York - certainly & how many more I know not for I doubt - One is apt to think that 'twould be as well to send a Ship to convoy us as far as N York as to keep them lying & doing nothing here - - - I think now to wait till next week - if the prospect of a Convoy remains then still uncertain - will push off without one - if they will let me -

Jackson Knowland & Delaney all absent