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Thursday Dec. 18th.

The Committee of Safety have this day given me the Liberty of The Town & of going as far as Rocky Nook — I do not know what has moved ^{on} to it, they have done it unasked, ^{before} perhaps I am obliged to Brother Watson for it — If I am, it is generous in him —

Mr. Judge Cushing has given order for the sale of ^{the} Earl Percy & her cargo — & she & that were accordingly sold yesterday at public Vendue — This is done before she has had any trial — without any necessity from ^{the} nature of her cargo ^{as} was not perishable — being Rum & Cocoa — & when two claims were laid in for her — Eph^m. Spooner was Vendue master

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Jan^y. 15.. The Committee of Safety in this place have ^{& families} particularly prohibited several persons from visiting the Jail, where are now confined sundry Persons who having been press'd into ^{the} Service have refused either to serve or pay their fine — These people are now kept in close jail —

Cap^t. Hatch & Sampson both taken ~~the latter~~ by Dawson — .. Nicholson has got in with one prize only, a Jamaica Ship — Capt. Dawson has taken 15 sail of ^{Prizes} ~~Privateers~~ — The adventurers in ^{the} privateering business from Newbury-port have made but a losing business of it —

General Washington surprized a party of 1600 Hessians & took ^{the} & killed ^{the} & major part of ^{the} took ^{the} baggage Waggon's tents & cannon — This is made great use of to raise ^{the} Spirits of ^{the} People & to encourage ^{the} to enter into ^{the} Service again — of ^{the} they have grown heartily sick & tired the public ^{all} acc^t of this matter make it upwards of 900