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Wednesday 4th Since my last memorandum of 19th Oct.^r have twice had a prospect of some employment — first was to go the Island of St John to take charge of a Brig for Mess Holmes & Prime — but they having an offer for her sold her which put an end to my expedition — a few days ago Mr Holmes engaged me to go to Liverpool to see about a prize brig, ^{there} in which he is concerned — but the People with whom he is concerned in her being come to Town I think from what I can as yet discern of the matter that they will settle the whole business without my going there — so that I am again disappointed in my expectations of having something to do — — However among all these cross accidents have had a little business for about these three weeks past in taking care of a prize Schooner for Mess T^h & P^r

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Triffling as such an Employment, I was glad of it — it has given me a little pocket money which I had gotten entirely out — ~~My~~ ^{no doubt} (if I have any) friends shall never have it to say that I am indolent & want take business when tis offered — my Situation is really hard — I want to lend a very triffling assistance to a friend at N. Y. — It is out of my power to do it — I cannot ~~advance~~ advance about ten dollars — I do not love to give this as a reason for not complying with the request because I am sure it will give ^{great} ~~great~~ pain & concern —

Decem^r. 18 — To day at the desire of Mr Holmes moved his Schooner Duckrain round ^{to} the North side of the Wharfe — I suppose I have her in charge — but am not quite certain — — 20 — Yesterday wrote to G. Wk — N York & sent my letter off Mr W. Namara Supt. of the Atalanta —