Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, served out
chothing, the “Mount Vernon” prizes sail for
the north this morning.

Twu Dec 2nd
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, overhaul'd
sail, she was from New York for Fort Royal,
quite cloudy, and westerly.

Wen. Dec 1st
Off New Inlet, cruised as usual, about day-
light we made sail. Beat'ng W, close under
Smith’s Island, we immediately beat to Quintus
rand down and tried cut her off from the Inlet
they seeing this. they made for Buzards Bay,
and before we was near enough to prevent it.
Shall just as we were about to fire after
her, another sail was reported out at sea,
we gave chase. we shot at her with out
Darling, when the bear to, we were soon
along-side. in answer to our hail, the captain
said the schooner is yours. I tried to run in
but could not, she was called the Emma Tuttle
of and from Charleston. Capt. the “Mount Vernon” in
the mean time was shelling the stranded schoon-
er. about 10 o’clock we arrived at our anchorage.

with our Prize, soon after the Daylight came in
with a prize in tow, captured this morning, after
driving one on shore at Masonboro we then
took the two prizes in tow, and started for Beauf-
fort, blowing quite fresh, and raining slightly.

Thurs. Dec 4th
Last night about 11 O’clock, we saw a sail gave
chase, and captured the schooner J. B. Taylor, trying
to run the blockade. we took her in tow, making three
prizes. About four O’clock, our cruiser parted, that
delayed us about four hours, when we made all
right again and started on our way. we arrived
off Beaufort about 9 O’clock P.M. when we cast
the Emma Tuttle loose, she proceeded on her
way north in charge of Master Mate Shuggen.
we stood in for Beaufort with the other two
prizes in tow. passing the steamer “Guide”
and “Maratara” outward bound, we arrived safely
in Beaufort with our two prizes, wind N. E.

Fri. Dec. 5th
At Beaufort, raining all day, we took all
cruizers alongside and began to coal ships, the
print hauled to South Head, blowing quite strong.

Sat. Dec. 6th
At Beaufort, coaling ships, cleared off colder, arrived
of the John Adams and Capital, put in for coal.
Mon. Dec. 7th
At Beaufort, we finished coaling ship about midnight. This is the coldest day of the season yet; bitter, we hear of the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. and defeat of our troops.

Mon. Dec. 7th
At Beaufort this morning as we were getting up steam, we found a leak in one of the boilers. We were obliged to take all the coal out of one of the bunkers to repair the leak. A fire broke in.name unknown, two of our men attempted to desert from one of the boats, but they were arrested and brought back.

Tues. Dec. 8th
At Beaufort, we repaired the leak in the boiler and reloaded the coal. The Captain visited Fort Macon. Gregg and Section (Money) was served out with an express for the coast.

Mon. Dec. 10th
About 3 Oclocck this morning, all hands were called to go about. We were soon flowing the main deep. On our way down another leak was found in our boilers, we arrived at our station about 7 oclock, P.M.

Thurs. Dec. 11th
Off New Inlet. We communicated across the shoals.

Fri. Dec. 12th
Off New Inlet. Fine day. We transferred a part of our coal to the "Mount Vernon" and the "Daylight," and preparation for leaving the "M.V." in the tow was made.

Sat. Dec. 13th
About 9 Oclocck, last night we dropped anchor and started for Hampton Roads in tow of the "M.V." about 4 Oclock P.M. we made Cape Hatteras. Passed many sail bound south, weather fine.

Sun. Dec. 14th
About 9 Oclok the next morning we made Cape Henry, and at 1 Oclock we anchored off Fort Monroe, our last reported to the Admiral. In the road we found the young Rover and my lady, the English schooner "Pasiswa, Kinaldo," about 4 Oclock the "Colorado" arrived. The salute the Admiral.

Mon. Dec. 15th
This morning we were visited by the Admiral and staff. We were surveyed, and they concluded to repair her here. Workmen went immediately to work upon the boilers. To day our lying went up to...
large fleet of transports in the Roads. I have been
ashore at New-Orleans several times, clear and
cold, wind North west.

Ches. Nov. 20th.

At Hampton Roads. Still on board several cars of
wood, we finished coaling about noon. Arrival of
the "Vicksbi," and "State of Georgia," head of the tail-
ing of the Banks Expedition.

Ches. Nov. 21st.

At Hampton Roads. Very cold. Plenty of ice. In
the afternoon, we ran into alongside of the prey
tock on board. A 30 lb. Parrott gun. For the
quarter deck. In running out, we got onto the
sand bar. But with the assistance of two tugs we
soon got off and anchored in the stream, the
"Monitella," arrived from New York.

Nov. Nov. 22nd.

At Hampton Roads. About 9 o'clock, we sailed along-
side of the "Independence," to take in stores. Went
on board and took a good look at this old
frigate ship. About three o'clock, we finished
coaling in stores. Mistimed all hands, got under
way and stood out for sea. Bound to our old station instead of the south. Not so
cold as on yesterday.
At sea, we have had a fine run with a light breeze, and smooth sea. About 8 o'clock we rounded Cape Hatteras, faced several sails bound South.


Off New Inlet, we arrived last night about 11 o'clock, in the confusion of our arrival the "Senoboot", a "Genessee" collided but did not damage each other. A great deal.


Off New Inlet. This being Christmas, I think of the Table at Home. Our Carpenter went on board of the "Senoboot" to repair damages of fine day.

Fri. Dec. 26th.

Off New Inlet. Thick and misty, about 8 o'clock we picked up a boat containing three refugees, one of my acquaintances, Cage, after taking them on board, we ran up the coast opposite where he lived and fired a gun, to let his people know that he was safe on board they shall of very hard times in Dixie.

Sat. Dec. 27th.

Off New Inlet. Cruised around as usual, fine weather, but very lonesome in the absence of news, and we all have the Blues.

Thuw. Dec. 28th.

Off New Inlet, cruised around as usual, went one of the Refuges to the "Chahokia" and the other two to Beaufort. At 9 o'clock, I'm got under way, ran in close to the land, anchored for the night.

Chew. Dec. 29th.

Off New Inlet, cruised as usual at about 8 o'clock. A sail appeared we ran out to bring a Master Schooner for this station about 9 o'clock the supply steamer "Blackstone" arrived, after delivering our stores she sailed for the South.

Tue. Dec. 30th.

Off New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, stood up the coast about 11 o'clock we picked up a boat containing six men, they came out from Mamaroneck. About 12 o'clock we spoke the "Senoboot", sent three of the men on board, we returned to our station came to anchor about 4 o'clock.

Wed. Dec. 31st.

Off New Inlet at anchor all day, very rough, ship rocking heavily all day, very cloudy.


Off New Inlet, got under way at 2 bells. Cruised up the coast, about 11 o'clock. A sail reported we overhauled her. A Master Schooner from Hampton...