Tuesday, Dec. 1st 1863.

Off Gloucester quaters at 8 bell. Served out clothing. went ashore and spend the evening very cold received two papers from Boston.

Wensday Dec. 2nd

Off. Gloucester. A heavy Gale. blowing nearly all day. quaters at 8 bells A.M. and 1 bell P.M.

Thursday. Dec. 3rd

Off. Gloucester. quaters. at 8 bell A.M. Shiped two men. and two deserted

Friday Dec. 4th

Off Gloucester. fine day. arrest the two men. who deserted yesterday. received A letter from Adt. Jones.

Saturday. Dec. 5th

Off. Gloucester. Shipd one man write home.

Sunday. Dec. 6th

Off Gloucester. verry cold. Serveace at 5 bells pray at 1 bell. our Lieuts. Wife. dined on board

Monday. Dec. 7th

Off Gloucester. verry cold. Received A letter from C. W. R. maild A letter for home.

Tuesday. Dec. 8th

Off Gloucester. one man deserted last night with bag and Hammock. shiped one man. spent the Evening ashore

Wensday. Dec. 9th

Off Gloucester. verry windy and cold Received A letter from Boston. shiped one man.

Thursday. Dec. 10th.

Off Gloucester. verry cold. the Themometer. fell to 6 Deg. above Zero. went on shore. heard of the capture of the steamer chespeak by rebel passengers. of cape cod. on the night of the 6th inst

Friday. Dec. 11th

Off Gloucester. verry cold. went ashore. receive sailing orders. to cruise after the Chesapeak. weighd anchor at 2 bells. and started for Halifax. N.S. about 4 bells exchange signals with the Ticonderoga.

Saturday. Dec. 12th

Steering to the Eastward. verry windy snowing all night and day. set our fore and aft sails at 4 bells. verry thick. at 8 bells. set fore and main

Topsails at five bells. land reported on our port bow. we made it out to be Seal Island under close reefed Topsails. stood off. to the So west.

Sunday. Dec. 13th

Changed our course again to the Eastward. with all sail. set. makeing nine Knots. all hands called to shorten sail at five bells. Land reported at six bells. ran in under steam and came to anchor off of Pubnico Pubnico. Pilots came on board reported. A steamer left there three days before we arrive. sent A boat ashore. wich returnd without any tidings of the Pirate very cloudy. and windy.

Monday Dec. 14th.

Off. Pubnico Pubnico. blowing verry hard from the south west. several visiters come on board. quite foggy fog clared away. about 3 bells P.M..

Tuesday. Dec. 15th

Off. Pubnico Pubnico. blowing A heavey gale from S.W. two anchers down. yesterday. A Court martial convened to try two men for desertion. the Court adjourned sine die at 4 Oclock. I was put on watch for two hours. from 8 to 10 P.M. for punishment. for sewing in the Pantry.

Wensday. Dec. 16th

Off Yarmouth. blowing verry hard from N.W. freezing. all day. this evening A schooner came in from sea under close reefs sail

Thursday. Dec. 17th

Off. Pubnico. verry cold the sea is less Boisterous sent A boat ashore at 6 bells. returnd at 8 bells reported that the Cheasepeak. is being blockaded. up the Lehave River. by one of our Gun Boats we got up anchor at 1 bell and started for the Lehave River. makeing 9 Knots. after night we reduced our speed to five knots.

Friday. Dec 18th

We anchord off the Lehave River. at 2 bells morning watch. snowing verry hard until nine Oclock. sent A boat ashore to make enquires the boat returnd with the tidings that the Chesapeak. came in here on Tuesday night and left Wensday morning. also that A

gun boat came in on Thursday morning and said Thursday night. blowing verry hard all day we have two anchors down. they reported that the Cheasepeak. took in wood and shiped some men at 8 Oclock more moderate.

Saturday. Dec. 19th

Off. Sehave. called all hands at. 8 bells a.m. got up anchor and started at 7 bells. for Halifax. ship rooling verry badly. about four bells passid A schooner with fore-topmast carried away. took A Pilote at 7 bells. came to anchor in the Harbor. off the citty. at 8 bells. we found in the Harbor. the Decotah. Ella & Anna. Cherokee. Ceres. also the Chesapeak. she was capturd by the Ella & Anna. Friday morning in the Harbor of. Mud Hole and braught into Halifax. twelve of the Pirates ware captured on board the other escaped they ware taken on shore and delivered to the Athorites. and the chief one escaped from the citty Athorities. she was demanded of the athorities. but they could not settle the affair until directed by their Home Goverment. the Cheasepeak. was coaling when she was capturd. After coming to Anchor we sent A boat ashore to communicat with our Counsel. after the boat returnd. we fired A salute of twenty-one Guns. this Evening all the other boats went to sea except the Ceres. after night A boat with five men passd around the ship abuseing us for every thing they could utter the Commodore went on shore and returnd highly pleased with his visit to the Govinor in regard to the Cheasepeak. the statement of the arrest of twelve of the Pirate was erronious only three were arrested on bord of the steamer there were twelve on shore at Sambro. the Athorities. issued A warrent for their arrest and three Policemen. were sent down to arrest them. but they being armed. frightend off the Police. the Govinor has promised to have them arrested at all Hazard.

Sunday. Dec. 20th

All hand were called this morning at 8 bells

weighd anchor and started from Halifax at 7½ Oclock for New York. we discharged the Pilot at 8½ Oclock. Snowing at the time quite hard. at 6 bells afternoon all hands were called to make sail the wind being in our favor moved all day and night. Making 9½ Knots. verry cold

Monday. Dec. 21st

While on the Eastern end of St. George Shoals we fell in with A schooner Water Logg'd and abandond. her mainmast was carried away close by the deck. Foremast standing with shreeds of the jib hanging to the stay: she appeard to have had A deck load of Lumber, about 1 hour after passing the wreck we saw A Brig to the Leward. it being about 6 bells A.M. Snoaring alternately all day.

Tuesday. Dec. 22nd

On our way to New York. verry fine day.

Wensday Dec. 23rd

About 5 Oclock A.M. we made Highland Lights and crossd the Bar at 7 bells came to anchor off the Litty at 4 bells. P.M. there was in Port two Italian Ships. one Russian. one French. our Comodore went ashore for orders. Armored Ship. one Masters Mate ordered to the Decotah. received A mail the first in thirteen days received A letter from Boston mailed A letter to C.W.S. we saluted the Admiral of the Yard. with Fifteen Guns. verry cold freezing all day.

Thursday. Dec. 24th

New York. verry cold. Large Masses of Ice floating down the River. received A letter from Giles. Mailed A letter for Boston. our Lieut's Wife dined aboard Departure of the Russian Frigate

Friday. Dec. 25th

New York. more mild. Christmas day. but no enjoyment we received orders to proceed to Hampton Roads.

Saturday Dec. 26th

New York. prepare to coal ship. went on shore went around in New York. and Brooklyn. A great deal of Ice in the River ~~arrived~~ ~~off the Narrows from Halifax.~~

New York Monday. Dec 28th /64

raining all day. received A paper from A.A. Jones. Mailed A letter to W.W.P. Still at anchor of the Batry.

Tuesday. Dec. 29th

New York. A verry fine day loosed sails this morning one of our men by the name of Rollins died of consumption. his body was sent ashore for Interment two coal Barges came alongside we commenc coaling ship at 1 bell P.M. I received A letter from A. A. Jones. we heard of an accident which happend to the Italian. Iron clad Frigate Re. De Italia. she ran ashore near the Highlands. we received orders to go to her assistance

Wensday Dec. 30th

We coald ship all night. and got under way about 4 bells. and started for the scene of the disaster. Before we left we sent all of our sicks to the Hospital. Some thirty in number. when we got as far out as the Narrows we met the Re. D Italia. comeing in. in tow of three Steam Tugs. we returnd to the Citty and anchord off the Batry. we being two close in we ware obliged to anchor farther off.

Thursday. Dec. 31st

This Morning two coal Barges came alongside and we again commenced coaling. about 8 bells it commenced snowing quite hard it snowd and raind alternately all day and night we coald until 10 Oclock. P.M. when we ware obliged to knock off. and the account of the Storm. it blew verry hard. from S.E. the Old year of (1863) went out Furiously as if it was angry with all the world because it had finished the time alloted to it. sooner or later we must follow.

Friday Jan. the 1st 1864

To day the first day of the new year (1864) the morning quite foggy. it cleard off about 10 Oclock growing colder. about Eleven. Oclock. orders came