Tuesday, Dec. 1st

Off Gloucester. A heavy gale. Snowing nearly all day. Quarters at 9 bells A.M. and 1 bell P.M.

Wednesday, Dec 2nd

Off Gloucester. Very gale, snowing nearly all day. Quarters at 9 bells A.M. and 1 bell P.M.

Thursday, Dec 3rd


Friday, Dec 4th

Off Gloucester. Fine day. arrest the two men who deserted yesterday, received a letter from old Jones.

Saturday, Dec 5th

Off Gloucester. Shift one man on watch.

Sunday, Dec 6th

Off Gloucester. Very cold, perseverance at 3 bells pay, 1 bell our lieut. White killed on board.

Monday, Dec 7th

Off Gloucester. Very cold. Received a letter from Capt. R. and letter for home.

Tuesday, Dec 8th

Off Gloucester. One man deserted last night with bag and hammock. Shifted one man. Send the evening pahoe.

Wednesday, Dec 9th

Off Gloucester. Very windy and cold. Received a letter from Boston. Shifted one man.

Thursday, Dec 10th

Off Gloucester. Very cold. The thermometer fell to 6 deg. above zero. Went on shore, heard of the capture of the steamer Chesapeake by rebel passangers. of south end. on the night of the 6th inst.

Friday, Dec 11th

Off Gloucester. Very cold. Went on shore, receive sailing orders. To cruise after the Chesapeake, weighed anchor at 2 bells. and started for Halifax N.B. about 4 bells exchange signals with the fig. FIG.

Saturday, Dec 12th

Sailing to the eastward, very windy, snowing all night and day, set our far and aft sails at 4 bells. Very thick at 3 bells. set far and main
Top sail at five bells land reported on our port bow we made it out to be real land under close reefed Top sail... Headed off to the west
Sunday Dec 15th

Changed course again to the Eastward with all sail set, making nine knots, all hands called to shorten sail at five bells land reported at six bells ran in under steam and came to anchor of Padnaico. Pilot came on board reported A steamer left there three days before we arrive. sent at boat pshaw, rich returned without any sightings of the steamer very cloudy and windy.

Monday Dec 14th

Off Padnaico. Blowing very hard from the South west, several vessels come on board. quite foggy fog cleared away about 3 bells C.M.

Tuesday Dec 15th

Off Padnaico. Blowing a heavy gale from S.W. two anchors down yesterday. A Court Martial convened to try two men for desertion the Coast adjourned since done at 9 o'clock, I was put on watch for two hours from 8 to 10 PM for punishment for being in the hulk.

Thursday Dec 17th

Off Padnaico. Blowing very hard from N.W. Freezing all day. this evening a schooner came in from E.C.C. under close reefed sails.

Thursday Dec 14th

Off Padnaico. Very cold the sea is clear. Boats crew sent a boat up to a belt, return it at 8 bells reported that the Chesapect. is being blockaded up the Schave River by one of our gun Boats, we got up anchor at 7 bell and started for the Schave River making nine knots after night we reduced our speed to five knots.

Friday Dec 16th

We anchored off the Schave River at 2 bell morning watch. Blowing very hard until nine o'clock. sent A boat ashore to make enquires the boat returned with the enquires that the Chesapect. came in here on Tuesday night and left Monday morning also that A
Gun boat came in on Thursday morning and sailed Thursday night, blowing very hard all day.
we have two anchors down, they reported that the Cheaspeake took in wood, and shifted some
men at 2 Block, more moderate.

Saturday, Dec. 19th.

off I have called all hands at 5 bells got up and
and started at 7 bell, for Halifax, ship
rolling very badly about four bell passed a
schooner with fore-topmast carried away told
a Pilot at 7 bells came to anchor in the
Harbor, off the city at 8 bells we found in the
Harbor, the Decatur, Ella & Anna, Cherished,
Ceres also the Cheaspeake, she was captured by
the Ella & Anna, Friday morning in the
Harbor, of Mud Hole and brought into Halifax.
Twelve of the Pirates were captured on board
the others escaped they were taken on shore
and delivered to the Authorities and the chief
one escaped from the city Authorities, she
was demanded of the Authorities, but they
could not settle the affair until directed by
their Home Government, the Cheaspeake was coaling
when she was captured, after coming to anchor we
sent a boat ashore to communicate with our
Counsel, after the boat returned 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 passed around the ship abusing us
for every thing they could utter the Commodore sent
on shore highly pleased with his visit to the
Governor in regard to the Cheaspeake, the statement
of the arrest of twelve of the Pirates was erroneous
only three were arrested on board of the steamer.
there were twelve on shore at Sainte, the Admiral
issued a warrant for their arrest and the
Police were sent down to arrest them, but
they being armed fled out of the Tabor, the
Governor has promised to have them arrested at
all hazard.

Sunday Dec, 20th.

All hands were called this morning at 8 bell.
On our way to New York, very fine day.

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd.

About 5 o'clock A.M. we made Highland Light, and crossed the Bar at 7 bells, came to anchor off the City at 4 bells. W.M. there was in Port two Italian ships, one Swedish, one German. Our Commodore went ashore for orders. Our old Ship, one Master Mote, ordered to the Decoth, received a mail this first in thirteen days received a letter from Baker, had it. A letter to B. W. Si. we salute the Admiral of the yard, with fifteen guns, very cold, freezing all day.

Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

New York, very cold. Large masses of ice float down the River. Received a letter from Jones, had it. A letter from Boston. Our Lieutenants heard about Departure of the Russian Frigate.

Thursday, Dec. 24th.

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

Friday, Dec. 25th.

New York, prepare to load ship, went on shore, went around in New York, and Brooklyn. A great deal of ice in the River.
Monday, Dec. 28th:

New York. A rainy day, all day, received a letter from Capt. Jones. Heard a letter at 10 P.M., still at anchor of the Battery.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th:

New York. A very fine day, ordered sail 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 commenced coaling ship at 1 bell P.M. I received a letter from Capt. Jones, we heard of an accident which happened to the steamer, the Scottish Brigade, she ran aground near the Highlands, we received orders to go to her assistance.

Wednesday, Dec. 30th:

We could ship all night, and got under way about 4 bell, and started for the scene of the disaster. Before we left we sent all of our sick to the hospital. Some thirty or more were sick when we got as far out as the channel, we put the Re.D.Melba, coming in with a of three p.m. Sep, we returned to the city and anchored off the Battery, we being two close in we were 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 at noon and rained alternately all day and night we could not 10.30 P.M. when we were obliged to knock off, and the account of the storm, it blew very hard from N.E. the Old year of (1863), went out, curiously as if it was angry with all the world because it had finished the time allotted to it, sooner or later we must follow.

Friday, Jan. 1st, 1864

To day the first day of the new year (1864) the morning quite foggy, it cleared off about 10 o'clock, growing colder about Eleven o'clock, orders came