

Mon. Dec. the 1st

off New Inlet. cruised as usual, served out clothing. the "Mount Vernon" Prize sailed for the North this morning.

Tues Dec. 2nd

off New Inlet. cruised as usual, overhauled at sail. she was from New York for Port Royal. quite cloudy, and warm.

Wens. Dec. 3rd

off New Inlet. cruised as usual, about daylight we made at sail. beating up close under Smith's Island. we immediately beat to Quarters and tried cut her off from the Inlet they seeing this, they made for Buzzards Bay. and before we was near enough to prevent it she struck. just as we were about to fire upon her. another sail was reported out at sea.

we gave chase. we spoke to her with our Darling. when he hove 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 Nassau. N.P. the "Mount Vernon" in the mean time was shelling the stranded schooner. 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 Masonbow we then took the two Prizes in tow, and started for Beaufort. 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. C. Roller, trying to run the Blockade. we took her in tow, making three prizes about four o'clock, our blower 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 Lurger. we stood in for Beaufort, with the other two prizes in tow, passing the Steamer, "Guide" and "Maratana" outward bound. we arrived safely in port with our two Prizes, wind N.E.

Fri. Dec. 5th

At Beaufort. Raining all day, we took a coal schooner alongside and began to coal ship, the wind hauled to South West, blowing quite strong

Sat. Dec. 6th

At Beaufort, coaling ship, cleared off coaler, arrival of the John Adams and Capital, put in for coal

Sun. Dec. 7th

At Beaufort, we finished coaling ship about midnight. This is the coldest day of the season salt water frozen we hear of the Battle of Fredricksburg Va. and defeat of our troops.

Mon. Dec. 8th

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 Tug. brought us our stores. A little warmer. Two of our men attempted to desert from one of the Prizes but they was arrested and brought back.

Tues. Dec. 9th

At Beaufort, we repaired the leak in the Boiler, and restowd the coal. the Capt. visited Fort Macon. Grog and Ration Money, was served out make preparation for sea.

Wens. Dec. 10th

About 8 O'clock this morning, all hands were called to up anchor, and we were soon plowing the Briny deep. on our way down another leak was found in our Boiler, we arrived at our station about 7 O'clock. P.M.

Thurs. Dec. 11th

Off. New Inlet. We communicated across the shoals

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to day to send capt De Haven, to his ship, he came a passenger with us. They held a survey on our Boilers to day, they were condemned. Capt. Smith, orderd us to Hampton Roads, we arrived at our station about 9 O'clock. P.M.

Fri. Dec. 12th

Off. New Inlet. fine day. we transferd a part of our coal to the "Mount. Vernon" and the "Daylight." and preparation for leaving the "M V." is to tow us up

Sat. Dec. 13th

About 9 O'clock, last night we up anchor, and started for Hampton Roads in tow of the "M V." about 4 O'clock. P.M. we made Cape Hatteras, passed many sails bound south. weather fine

Sun. Dec 14th

About nine O'clock we made cape Henry, and at 1 O'clock we anchored off. Fort Monroe, our Capt. Reported to the Admiral, in the Roads we found the Young Rover, and Mystic, and the English sloop Racer, and Rinaldo. about 4 O'clock, the "Colorado" arrived. she saluted the Admiral.

Mon. Dec. 15th

This morning we were visited by the Admiral and staff. we were surveyd, and they concluded to repair her here. workmen went immediately to work upon the Boilers. To day our Dingy went up to

Norfolk. in tow of A steamer. in backing out the steamer Backed over the dingy. and the Coxswain Charles Bicknell. was drownd

Tues. Dec. 16th

At Hampton Roads. fine weather. hard at work on our Boilers. our Boat was brought back to day.

Wens. Dec 17th

At Hampton Roads. this morning the workmen reported finished. we started fires. but before we got up steam another leak opened. and we were obliged to out fires again and set the Workmen at work again. we were visited by Capt Chase. and staff. cold and Raining.

Thurs. Dec. 18th

At Hampton Roads. still at work upon our Boilers. three Ensigns and two Masters Mates. joined us to day. also Another Pilot. we took on board Ammunition. and Arms. arrival of the Rhode Island. the English ship "Cadmus" went to sea. quite cold.

Fri Dec. 19th

At Hampton Roads. the workmen completed their work on the Boilers. we got up steam. took alongside A Coal Schooner. and began to Coal Ship. the "Cadmus." returned to the Roads this morning she have been to the assistance of A Barque. ashore outside the cape. there is A very

large fleet of transports. in the Roads. I have been ashore at New Port. News. several times. clear and cold. wind North west.

Sat. Dec. 20th

At Hampton Roads. took on board several cords of wood. we finished coaling about noon. arrival of the "Ossepee," and "State of Georgia." heard of the sailing of the Banks Expedition

Sun. Dec. 21st

At Hampton Roads. very cold. plenty of ice. in the Afternoon. we ran in alongside of the wharf took on board. A 30 lb. Parrott Gun. for the Quarter deck. in running out. we got onto A sand Bar. but with the assistance of two Tugs we soon got off and anchored in the stream. the "Monticella" arrived from New York

Mon. Dec. 22nd

At Hampton Roads. about 9 o'clock we hauled along side of the "Brandywine" to take in stores. I went on board and took A good look at this old majestic ship. about three o'clock. we finished taking in stores. Mustered all hands. got under way and stood out for sea. bound to our old station. instead of the north. not so cold as on yesterday.

Tues. Dec. 23rd

At sea, we have had A fine run with A light breeze, and smooth sea, about 5 O'clock we rounded Cape Flatras, passed several sails bound South.

Wens. Dec. 24th

Off. New Inlet, we arrived last night about 11 O'clock, in the confusion, on our arrival the "Penobscott," and "Geesee" collided but did not damage each other A great deal.

Thurs. Dec. 25th

Off. New Inlet. This being Christmas A thing of the Table at Home, our Carpenters went on board of the "Penobscott," to repair damages, fine day.

Fri. Dec. 26th

Off. New Inlet. Thick, and misty, about 8 O'clock we pickd up A Boat containing three Refuges, one of my acquaintances, Sage, 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 speak of verry hard times in Dixie.

Sat. Dec. 27th

Off. New Inlet, cruised around as usual, fine weather, but verry lonesom in the absence of news, and we all have the Blues.

Sun. 28th Dec.

Off. New Inlet, cruised around as usual, sent one of the Refuges to the "Maratona" and the other two to Beaufort, 5 O'clock, P.M. got under way, ran in close to the land, anchored for the night.

Mon. Dec. 29th

Off. New Inlet, cruised as usual, about 8 O'clock A sail appaird, we ran out to hear A Morte Schooner, for this station, about 4 O'clock, the supply steamer "Blackstone" arrived, after delivering our stores she sailed for the south.

Tues. Dec. 30th

Off. New Inlet, got under way about 2 bells, stood up the coast, about 9 1/2 O'clock, we pickd up A Boat containing six men, they came out from Mansbow, about 12 O'clock, we spoke the "Penobscott" sent three of the men on board, we returned to our station came to anchor, about 4 O'clock.

Wens. Dec. 31st

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

Thurs. Jan. 1st 1863.

Off. New Inlet, got under way at 2 bells, cruised up the coast, about 11 1/2 O'clock, A sail reported, we overhauld her, A Morte schooner, from Hampton.