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**The Travel Diary of John Loud,
Cloth salesman travelling in Scandinavia**

April – June 1799

EHC/188



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Introduction

EHC/188 is the diary of John Loud, an English travelling cloth salesman. It records part of a sales trip to visit his customers in Norway. The diary begins in London on 30 April 1799 and closes on 27 June 1799 whilst he was still in Norway. The towns he visited¹ were Arendal, Oslo (Christiania), Drammen, Fredrikstad and Fredrikshald. One of his fellow passengers on the voyage to Norway was Adam Afzelius, a Swedish Botanist, Diplomat and Explorer. The diary includes some interesting descriptions of early industrialisation in Norway, including water powered saw mills, nail making and the production of alum; there are interesting descriptions of food eaten on board ship and during the journey, including a reference to scouse or *lobscouse* (written as *lobsouce*). The diary is a fascinating record of late eighteenth century trade and business.

Editor's Note

All diary transcripts have been produced with the intention of faithfully reproducing the text of the original manuscript exactly as it appears. All spellings and punctuation marks have been transcribed as they appear; where clarification was thought necessary by the transcriber, an explanation, current spellings or punctuation have been added in square brackets or as a footnote.

¹ Current English spellings; spellings used by Loud as given in the transcript.

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Tuesday April 30 1799

This morning I took my leave of Mr Costecker, about eleven / o`clock and proceeded down Eastcheap with my rough greatcoat / under my arm and my hat box, along side me was Moses / (our porter) dragging a truck we borough`d of Messrs Miers & Co. / loaded with a hamper of Porter my trunk of cloath & yet / in a short time we arrived at Temple Stairs near Billings / -gate without any accident and with little trouble. I soon agreed / with a waterman to take me to Limehouse hole, where / I expected to have found the Ship I had agreed to go with, having / got all my luggage in the boat I took my farewell of Moses /

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and soon after lost sight of the Tower and so down the River / with a beautiful fine morning, when we arrived at Limehouse / I had the mortification to find the Fortuna had drop down / the River about an hour, along with me I has L Hampey / which I were obliged to leave on board the Brewig, having / found her out we directed our course with all speed after / the fortuna Captain Doran was fortunate enough to / over take just opposite Greenwich Hospital, there/ she was brought up on account of its being contrary wind, / we soon came along side and nimbly I jumped on board/ found the Captain the Master & the Pilot (Mr King) at / dinner its now near One o`clock, t`was a hard pull /

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being against the tide, after getting all my luggage safe and / writing a few lines to Mr C, I discharged my Waterman giving / him strict caution not to forget to deliver the Letter as / directed, I then gave him a crown for his trouble and / took my leave, sat down to some nice Pea soup, eat / very hasty of it, and had the pleasure to soon see her get / under weigh, and sail down the River with a fine wind till / nearly dark, we then cast our anchor and brought up at / Bugsbee`s Hole where we sup`d afterwards smoked one / pipe and then I quietly retired to my snug little cot and there / sweetly reposed till Wednesday 1 May ----- / About 7 O`Clock I made my appearance, and was glad /

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to find the wind fair, we breakfasted abt 8, a charming fine / morning with a gentle breeze is quite delightful / we arrive at Gravesend abt 11 and a small misfortune / happened to us, just as we cast our Anchor, and was / safe moored a stern of a Swedish Brig she broke from / her Anchor from some cause unknown to me and / came foul of us and carried away part of our jib boom, / this however was not of any material consequence as / it could be spliced; The Captain and me now Sups / ourselves a little Extra and got into the long boat / and was rowed ashore, the first place we went / to was the Falcon Inn, here we inquired for the /

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Gentleman who was to go over with us, (Dr Afzelius) / found he was there, at dinner with a Gentleman of his / acquaintance, we were introduced and politely ask`d to sit / and dine with them, we now were in company, Capt / Doran, Dr Afzelius, a Swedish Captn (the Doctors friend whose very ship it was that had done us the damage / before mentioned) and his Lady who was quite indisposed / (she appeared a finnie), we all partook very hartly / of roast lamb & mint sauce, except the Lady who eat / but little, having finished, we rose from the Table and / after shaking hands with the gentleman we took our / leave; now having the Dr with us we went to /

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the Allien Office, at the White Hart for our / Passes, Afzelius soon got one, but after asking me / a few questions said I had no occasion for one, being / a British subject. we then paid the customary fee / and came away ; we parted with Afzelius as / he wished to go and get his luggage in a boat (the Captain is not allowed to take excess passengers / back) mean while Capt D and me went and bought / for store, 2 sacks of best flour 4 Quarter Loaves / affine piece of roast Beef Potatoes & Greens, we now / met with the Gentleman again and went together / to a decent Public House and had some brandy &

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water, at this place I wrote to My Father, after stopping / a little while here

we all 3 whent to the water side were / was the boat with all the Luggage
wating for us we soon / got in and soon to the Ship found they had
spliced the / Boom, and was quite ready to weigh Anchor. accordingly /
as soon as all things was aboard we got it up and drop`d / down a
considerable way further, we brought up on account / of its getting dark,
so after cluing up the sails we decamped / sup`d and shortly afterwards
we retired to bed, Afzelius & me / in the State room but in separate beds
and Captain D has a Hammock in the cabin, Thus we lay in silent /
Slumber till Thursday 2nd May -----/

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This morning I got up about 7. Afzelius and me put our great / coats on for
it was quite cold to walk the deck, here we / were struck with a pitiful view
of a fine Frigate run aground / about ½ a League from us, she fires several
guns as signals of / distrfs but was not of before we loft sight of her, the /
wind was quite fair and a fresh gale, that we ran fast, it / was but a dull
morning rather wet, about 9m it cleared up / and was very fine, till 12,
when the wind shifted right ahead / which obliged us to bring up, we
dined between 12 & 1 off some / roast Lamb& greens, it blew very hard all
the afternoon / and as it was quite contrary she rocked exceedingly,
which / soon found me for no sailor, being extremely ill all the Day, /

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about 7 in the evening I retired to bed but slept not, at 9 t`was / still worse,
and continued so all thro` the night, and also in / the morning, as such so
soon as it was light, the Captain judged / it best to return up the river for
better anchorage, thus all / the night of second I uselefs lay till Friday 3
May / about 7 I crept out tho` I can hardly stand, found she was / sailing
which put me a little more in Spirits, thinking t`was a / fair wind, but how
great was my disappointment when I found / the pleasant pace we were
going was quite the wrong way. / Thus my expectations were fluctuated
and patience once more / renew`d, about 9 we bought up very near the
nore , but / the gale continuing the Capt`n thought it more prudent to still
/ go further up -----/

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as such about 12 we got under weigh again and now in a / little time we

came to a place where we rode it out in, that / was just opposite Southend, on our right, and Sheernefs on / our Left, thus we lay screened from much Sea, till / a fair wind came which was some Days, first but as no help / was possible we made ourselves as happy as we could, I / found the Dr to be a very pleasant agreeable & cheerful / companion, all attention was shown me I could wish, / by the whole crew, but now I was somewhat better, / the weather was fine and continued so till Saturday 4 May ; This day we had nothing to do but look about / us, it still being foul wind, the crew were employed in /

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cleaning and painting the Ship, at this place we have / some charming landscapes before us, but I could wish / wish to have a different scene, Thus this day was passed in / the situation described, the whole of the night it blew / very hard, however I slept pretty sound till Sunday / 5 May, as usual I made my appearance about 7 and / found the wind still in the wrong quarter, Afzelius and / me took a walk upon deck till 9 we then withdrew to / the Cabin where we breakfasted, afterward I read the proper / lessons for the day, and then took a walk to Steerage / it blew very much, that was the stillest place in the Ship / which suited me the better, as I found myself rather on /

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the heave, whilst in the steerage I was greatly entertained / to see the regular order the whole crew observed, by reading / Prayers over, for above an hour, after this ceremony was ended / dinner was ready for them here also. I was much pleased / to see the method they took to prevent disputes arising, Bacon / was their fare, a large piece weighing a certain weight / was cut into as many equal shares as there were people / to partake of it; that done it was placed in front of the Boatswain / who cried it out just the same as children do their forfeits, viz, who owns this or who shall have this at same / time placing his hand on one piece. We dined in the / Cabin about one, afterwards I was excessively sick /

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We drank Coffee about 5. I now began to mind a pace / and held up very well till Supper, afterwards retired / to my little Cot where I lay till

Monday 6 May. / got up this morning about 8 found t`was a beautiful fine / morning but still bad wind, could not stir, the men are / imployed this day in making ropes cleaning the Ship / & in the morning before breakfast Prayers was read in / the Stearage, fine weather continued all thr`o the day / I must here beg leave to mention a little concerning the / Swedish Proffesor that is with us. He was sent out / by the King of Sweden and the King of England to / discover the interiors of Africa, and he collected all /

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all kinds of natural curiosities some of which were published / and which I saw with him, he is a man to appearance / about 40, often highly entertaining us with the different / adventures and difficulties he had experienced in his tra- / vels, at Breakfast this morning he related the following / affecting circumstance. He he was travelling on / foot all alone some distance in the Country of Africa, could not speak scarcely one word of their language, he / was seized suddenly with extreme Illness, t`was a fever that is / much in that Country, laid himself Down on a Mat / by some huts, and was almost famished with thirst / and no one for some time would afsist him altho` /

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some fruit hung in sight yet he had not strength to get / any, after lying in this deplorable condition for some time / expecting to perish in a little time, Providence so ordered it / that one of the Chiefs wives came by, saw him, and was / good enough to take much pains to bring him about / again, which was accomplished in 2 or 3 days – The Dr / said he never felt so grateful in his life, and then was / not able to express himself, however speaking to a a chief / some days afterwards, he found t`was his wife, and with / much composure he said t`was no more than she ought to do but such is the general character of the female natives/ of that Country; that they will relieve distrefs when in their power / IGP Them. /

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We pafsed this day in discoursing on different subjects / and got to bed about 10 o`clock Tuesday 7 May / This morning is dull with rain, wind still worse, there / are now 4 Ships close by us in the situation as ourselves - / the following are their names Caralina, Metilda. Brewig / Pourseground or

Constanti, at 4 this forenoon it became / quite a calm, the whole of this day was nearly the same, that / we still have an anchor down, nothing particular worth / notice happened today therefore shall conclude with / saying we wish much for a fine wind: Wednesday / 8 May at 11 this forenoon it was still a calm and / beautiful weather but about 5 in the afternoon a /

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gentle breeze sprung up favourable, we pased the nore / at 6. There were lying there 5 MoW. 11 Frigates & 2 Sloops / we brought up this Evening as soon as dark, without / any other particular occurrence; Thursday 9 May / At ½ past 4 we got under weigh with a fine wind and con- / tinued so till abt. 6 when a perfect calm came on which / obliged us to cast Anchor & wait for wind, we lay all day / till Friday 10 May About 8 this morning it being / a fine wind but very little we got under weigh and about 12 owing / to the haziness of the weather and the trifling wind / we again brought up, and waited the whole of that / day Saturday 11 May. This morning at 3 oclock /

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we again got under easy sail, and so we continued till / 4 o'clock, P.M., when a fresh gale sprang up and we / ran 5 knots an hour; thus we were from / 30 April to this day before we can say we were / fairly at Sea, but now we have left all the shore / and heaved in our cable, thus being clear of all land we / kept on thr`o the night which gave us a good lift / Sunday 12 th May Fair wind fine breeze, at / 12 we made our observations, to find the latitude so we kept on till 9 in the evening when a calm / again beset us and stopped all night Sunday 12 May / On being informed the Men were fishing at 4 this / morning I got up t`was quite a fine morning and /

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still a calm, we soon caught 4 Haddocks & 3 whittings, which we had for dinner along with a / fine piece of roast beef. After dinner we took a / walk upon the Deck. Saw a little bird which was after- / wards found dead, Prayers were strictly observed for / day, both by the Capt`n & Mate who read for the Sailors / [????] past Witsunday. Monday 13 May. Blows /

a fresh breeze but from the wrong quarter, that / this day was pafsed in sailing about without gaining / much ground, was poorly all the day whent to bed / at 6 and had a middling nights rest, but was sick / several times; Tuesday 14 May Still blows / hard obliged to back about, found myself so unwell / cou`d not get up all day but often deeply sick , every /

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hour now appeared tedious. Wednesday 15th May / It yet blows hard quite wrong, rough, boat rocks / much, Obligated to keep my Bed sick and almost, I / thought ready to Die, cou`d eat nor drink from / Monday till Thursday, when thank God the Sea / began to be a little more moderate; Thursday / 16 May About 9 I crept out of my Bed about / 8 o`clock, Breakfasted and then took a walk upon / deck, but was horribly cold, owing to the misfortune / of letting my great Coat Sleeve fall into the Tub / I had used when unwell, which rendered it unfit for / wear till washed, which however I soon got done /

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by the Captain`s Nephew, during the time it was / drying I sat by the cooks fire, the wind all day / blew hard and was some what more favourable than / the previous day, clear weather still I cou`d not avoid / being very unwell with the sea complaint. / I experienced great civility from the whole company / eat part of a salt herring boiled, but soon found / I began to heave again, which made me much fatigued / and down in the mouth, as I were sitting by the fire / I saw some nice Pea soup which I endeavoured to partake / of and effected it; found myself better, it staid, and I / walk upon deck till 3, then resumed my seat /

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again and have met with some nice little acid Bis- / cuits, the cabbin Boy had purchased in London, [????????] / a great heat, as all our fresh provisions had some / time been gone, I was happy to purchase about / 6 which was all he has found, Those was easy / on my stomach, and I now began to mend very / fast, took another walk upon Deck, and at / 4 o`clock had some excellent Coffee, this however / would not agree with me, so thoughted it into the / Sea accompanying with my 2 poor Biscuits devoured / before this afternoon. The Boatswain found the poor /

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little bird mentioned before quite dead, apparently starved / to death;
about 6 it now is, the wind is quite fair / and middling breeze, 4 Knots an
hour, about 9 I / retired to my cot, ate 2 more biscuits and found / myself
tolerably well, soon fell into gentle slumber / until Friday 17 May. Made my
appearance / about 9 found myself refreshed much from a good / nights
sleep , washed myself, Breakfasted, eat another / Biscuit; and now of my
delicious food, I had but / one more left, which I did not like to attack, /
took a walk on deck, saw a crow that is peculiar / to that part of the
globe, being black a darkish /

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Ash colour such a one before my eyes never behold, / size about the the
same as the English, it seemed much / frightened and fatigued, it must
have come a great / distance, for no land was yet visible to us, so as the /
Captain said he supposed, to the nearest land was at / least 200 English
miles, we however soon lost sight / of it and concluded it must, either
falling into / the water, or drops in some unfrequented part of / the ship.
The size of her is 100foot long at the / Keel or 120 on Deck, now it is just 110
feet. / Beautiful fine weather & wind, go 6 Knots an /

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hour, am going to help the cook to prepare some, / lobsouce for dinner,
which is very good, am quite / recovered ate a harty dinner and drank 3
or 4 Glasses / Porter and feel not any unpleasant sensation / of the Ship,
not near so much as when we only / went 2 knots, all the afternoon I
worked / at the study of Danish, and my learned Brother / pafsengers was
condescending enough to instruct / me, drank coffee about 4 we go
about 8 / Knots, and still clear weather, about 5 for / a change I took a
walk to the Stearage / where I was entertained to see the Sailors /

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get their Tea, but what struck me most / curious was to see the Boatswain
for want / of a knife, to spread his Butter on some Biscuit, / make use of his
thumb nail, which of course / was not the most clean of any Bodies, being

/ nearly covered with Tar & greese. a basin they / make use of for a cup it
serves them as well / for a hand Bason, and also most of `em are furnished
with a / Tea Pot & Bason, which constitutes their Tea / traps, its now 9 still
blows a hard gale /

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but quite fair, we sent at a great rate, / sat up till 10 then went to Bed. --/
Saturday 18 May. Slept this morning at / ½ past 9. However I crept up
about 10 having had / a good round. Was happy to find we had been /
getting on all night, and just at this instant I / have the pleasure much
wished and long looked for, / of being informed, the coast was in view, by
the / Captain, who came on purpose to let me / know it, this piece of
news was extremely agreeable / and I soon ran upon Deck , to have a
view of / the rocky mountains, which I plainly saw /

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We kept drawing nearer till about 1 when a / contrary wind came on and
we lay beating / about, till 4, and are no nigher, but now I / am thankful,
to say, tis once more a / fair wind, and we get on well, we have a /
prospect at this time of much snow on the high / hills, we are in hopes of
reaching Arendahl / tonight, at 6 we were visited by a Pilot, whom / we
took on board, th`o almost Drowned it being / a very wet afternoon,
about 7 was cheared / with the pleasure of being in the River and I /

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Was amazed with the strange sight; the first [????]/ object was women
rowing about in boats, same / as the Watermen in the River Thames only
not / so numerous, nor are the Boats Built in same / manner, here was a
great novelty to me; we / pafsed by a small French Privateer, name / I
can not learn laying at Anchor, had some little time before captured 2
Large / English Merchantmen, carried 4 or 6 Guns, board / for 14. after
pafsing her, we came plainly / in sight of the Town, and about 8 o`clock /

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we were safe mooredwithout any particular / accident,thus our pafsage,
comprising in all / to this place 19 Days, we were soon quickly / to go on

shore, and at 9 we were safe landed / in Captain Dorans House, so thus
ended our pafsage from London to Arudahl, we were / rowed up by our
worthy Captains Door, which / was the Entrance of a neat, and I must
say/

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handsome House, th`o all of wood, the person that opened / the door,
was the Lady herself, a modest pottly / looking woman, after the first
agreeable / [??????]was over ,we were ushered into / a comfortable
warm room, it was yet / quite cold weather, here we were refreshed with
/ a delicious hot supper, of which I partook very / hartily, having in our
hurry forgot to to take /Tea; after enjoying that pleasure till quite /
satisfied, about ½ past 10 I withdrew with /

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the Captains Nephew, to my own little cot , on / board it being
inconvenient to accommodate both / the Proffesor & me, but before I
parted the Captain / apologised and made me promise to take Coffee /
with him at 8 next morning, I now got / into what they call a prom, and
the mate / who was a civil young man cou`d speak / a little English rowd
me on board were we / soon arrived, it being but a short distance. / After
chatting a little we departed to /

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rest, and I slept very pleasantly till Sunday / 19, May about 6 o`clock I
jumped up, glad / enough to recollect we were safe moored, and / so
ran upon deck to take a survey of the / comical prospect that presented
itself, I can see / pretty near the whole Town of both sides the / River.
Consisting of about 300 Houses. After / washing myself I got a little
Breakfast with / the mate, soon after Thomas & me went / afshore, th`o
much opposed by a violent shower / of rain but just the same it had been
all /

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the night and so it seemed likely to continue, / we arrived safe afshore,
and here I proposed / taking a walk, we being equipt with an / great

Coat, accordingly we did, and I had / a good sight of this part of the
Town and / the Houses are not at all to be despised, but / rather say they
are really Handsome; - / 6 months ago there was a fire in this place which
/ consumed 28 Houses, the Streets are very narrow / at some places and
none paved save a few and /

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these with wood, here is a commodious harbour for / Shipping and
apparently much traffic is carried / on, tis well supplied with fish of all
descriptions / we thus took our walk till 8 o`clock when / agreeable to
promise I returned to Captain Dorans / House, found them already for
Breakfast, / we soon began, during the time we were seated / I had the
pleasure of seeing the Clergyman [????] / [????] by 2 Women, he was
quite an ancient/ looking Gentleman, and I learned afterwards he was /
about 80 years old was very infirm, at ½ past 9 /

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service begins here, Profefor and me had a great / curiosity to go and
accordingly we did, accom- / panied by Dorans Son, I would with
pleasure / describe what I there saw, was I capable, but / that is almost
impossible, shall however say / that I was more amazed than ever I had
been / before in all my life, the Building was not / altogether so particular
but the congregation was / really afstonishing, suffice it to say my Eyes /
fairly ached and I am quite at a lofs for /

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words to describe how I felt at so surprising and / so unusual a sight, cou`d
not help imagining I was dreaming or that I was transported to un- /
known regions, cou`d I describe their drefses / [????] be delightful, but
that I cannot do to the full; the women had their heads shaved / before,
up to the crown and not anything to cover / that part, but standing
upright, was a kind / of fine muslin made stiff 6 inches at least / that and a
short white jacket and petticoat, /

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Adorned the most grand part of them, Artificial / flowerage was much

used in many / amongst them, the male folk drefs much / more like the English, such a sight as this / gave me a very curious Idea of the People / I was come to visit, A Youngish man / seemed to do the greatest part of the duty, / Prayers same as in England was observed, / then a long Sermon Extemporary was Preached /

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after that the Old Gent, I had before seen, / gave the sacrament to I think about 30 / but before him went his young man with / some cakes, almost like wafers, afterwards / the Old Gentleman came with a Goblet, / grasping it with both Hands, Giving Each / one a sup, and said a short Prayer, then After / 2 or 3 [Setts?];ended the Sacrament & Church / broke up; as the People retired, 2 French / Horns was melodiously sounded from the Steple, Likeway /

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an Organ which they used at times, and / sung altogether somewhat like the Jews, / service lasted till near 1 o`clock / we got to Dorans house after having been / much delighted, and here we sat down for / Dinner in all 10 . After a profound silence for / some little time we began, first course a Dish / fish or soup of all kinds & harmless green leaves, / chop fine; the last was a brace of wild Birds / as large as Turkeys but no garden stuff; /

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we drank Claret instead of beer, the whole day / was extremely wet and unpleasant, did not walk / out all the day: we had coffee about 3 o`clock / at 7 Sandwages - & Claret or Beer; about 9 the Company dispersed, and I set of with / mate Thomas, and returned to my old habitation / here we enjoyed ourselves with some Supper / and chatted till nearly 12 then withdrew / to our separate apartments and I soon as / usual fell fast asleep- and there lay till /

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Monday the 20th May. This morning I rose / about 6 o`clock , drefsed myself soon sfter went / a shorewith friend Thomas, after taking an / excursion round the Town returned to Captain D`s / to Breakfast, Cofee or Tea, but

not a morsel / to eat, which rather vexed me, as I found / some bread & butter or something else, would well / suit my hungry Stomach; after Breakfast / we descended to the lower apartments /

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and unpacked some goods he had bro`t from Lon`d / that done I packed some up for him again, / to send in the Country, after which Mr Afzelius / & me with Dorans little Boy, took a walk / a short way in the Country, but first all / over the Town, then we ascended some rocks / that are directly at the back of the Houses, / these rocks be surprisingly high, and on / our gaining the summit of the same I / was greatly astonished to find a place /

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similar built to our Tea Gardens, this place / I learnt from the Inscriptions over it which / Dr A translated to me and the information / from the lad with us, to be a resort / for pleasure, on particular days. in the / midst of this pleasure spot was fixed a Pole / from 2 to 3 Rods high high [33 to 50 feet] , on this they fixed / a bird and then amuse themselves by shooting / at it, the one that kills it, receives a /

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reward, that ended they have a jovial Dinner, / and thus in mirth & jollity spend the day / within this place which is surrounded with / very high rocks and fenced in with a wall / of the same about 3 foot high, I was much / amazed to see a quantity of Snow for curious - / ities sake, I jumped over and gathered some / up & brought to Afzelius, he also took it in / his hand & expressed his surprise, the rocks are / entirely bare which from their height and size / have a tremendous appearance. /

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On our return down the mountains ,we saw / about 10 Cannons, placed by the River side 18 / pounders, these had a full command of a / great distance, the road was unpleasant & / bad from the pointed rocks we were obliged / to walk over, the width of the passage was / about 10 feet. I was much pleased with our / journey & we returned to Captain D`s

about 10 / found him exceeding busey sending fresh /

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on board for another voyage, when he / was at leisure I ask`d him to be
kind / enough to accompany me to Mr Furst`s, a customer / of ours at that
place, but here I must / say I found myself chagrined at his refusing / me
that service. With the poor excuse of saying / his Son should go with me, a
lad ab`t 10 years of age / which as I was resolute & fixed on going , to
solicit / for an Order I accepted merely to find the house / out,
nevertheless I found myself seriously situated /

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knowing Mr T cou`d not speak English, Dorans / Son cou`d not speak
English neither, which in / circumstances cast a gloom over my thoughts &
/ made me, I must confes rather shag`d it being / the first time in my life I
had ever introduced / myself on such an occasion, and now to have /
such a very unfair chance to go on with, as on my entering the doors I
cou`d not speak / a single word but in English, of which /

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they understood not the least, however after some / difficulty I got
introduced to Mr Furst, who was / sitting in a little parlour fronting the
water / and nearly opposite the Fortuna, but alafs / what was my disrefs
when on speaking to / him in my native Language, I got for / answer a
shake of the head, and a speech of / gibberage, of which I cou`d not
comprehend a / single syllable but now just at this most / mortifying period
a kind Providence, afsisted /

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me with a glimmering prospect, that Prom- / ised a speedy relief, what
should this be, / but the Sight of Mr Miller (our Mate) / This Gentleman I
had during my Pafsage / been intimate with, and flattered myself I /
made a friend of, this oh this was charming / t`was delightful, impofsible,
any thing cou`d / be more fortunate, without opening my / lips I instantly
left the room, took up /

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my hat, ran to the water and there / with great impatience waited the arrival of the / Boat, my wishes was crown`d, with pleasure / he comply`d with my request, which was to / act as an interpreter for me, Mr Furst / soon now was informed the intention of my / visit, was extremely friendly shook hands and / brought out some Cherry Brandy which to / me was acceptable realy acceptable indeed / as my resolution began to fail me, but now /

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my spirits revived, like a drooping female on the / arrival of her fair and affectionate companion / after a long & tedious absence. Mr Furst agreed to / see my Patterns in the afternoon, now that / unpleasant businefs is over, and scarcely had / we left his House, when we saw Captain / D. going on board, this was rather an un- / -pleasant sight for the Mate, he being his / [?????] by leaving before the Captain came, /

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Therefore t`was his wish to return on board instantly / as such we got a boat & set of Dr A. little Tom. / the Mate & myself we soon arrived, and I / set to work on my Patterns, getting them as little com- / -pafs as Pofsible. All the outside paper I took off / and pack as many of them as I can in my / Cloth Trunk, which with a Box I borrowed & / a parcel I pack`d contained the whole, I wou`d have / carried them in the Chest they were in but /

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the Captain told me t`was dangerous, being liable to / have the whole seized , which wou`d have been distrfsing / not even now the danger ceases, therefore on the ad - / -vice of our commander, I pafsed away with his / Son as guide, to the Inspector, who had power / to permit me to bring `em on shore without the / least risk, fortunately for me there was a boat / long side the Vefsel which I eagerly engaged, but con- / -fefs I was greatly surprized on landing from the / same, to find the man, absolutely refused taking /

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any money, he was quite a Stranger to me, & appeared / to come with me on purpose. There was a hearty In-/nocent looking woman with him, who helped row, / I offered a handful of small money for her to take / what she liked, but she also excused herself, there- /-fore we separated, accepting for their trouble / nothing but my thanks; Little Tom / & me now made the best of our way to this / said Gentlemans House, found him in his / Counting house; being informed he understood and spoke /

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English, I addresed myself to him in the Old British / Style, after the first compliments were over, I / informed him the purport of my visit, and / with much good nature he granted my request / same time entering into familiar conversation. He was rather an Elderly Gentleman / Tall stout and in fact may be called a genteel Personage; / he charged me strictly to take the whole tour / of the Town again, in which charge I fully / satisfied him, by afsuring him mine was /

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nothing but Patterns, and that I was destined to Xania / Dram etc., etc; with this said agreeable Gent I stop`d / nearly 1/2 an hour, then after taking a friendly / adieu, whent to Captain Dorans, found them / at Dinner, Dined and immediately afterwards / with my good little guide, I repaired to the / Ship, soon got all my Patterns in a Boat & / glad enough that I run no risks - / Mr Furst`s was the House we first stop`d / at, situate by the River side, which was convenient /

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having but 2 or 3steps to carry them, they were / conv`d for me, to the little room I was in / the fore part of the day. Here was Mr Furst / who appeared to be very good kind of Man, presently / afterwards came his wife, a tall thin pleasing / Woman, but neither cou`d speak English, However / we attempted to begin business, and with little / difficulty we affected it, and by 7 o`clock I was / in pofsesion of an Order to abt £50 - during / the afternoon they was polite enough to have /

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both Coffee and Tea brot in , and at the conclu- / -sion prefsed me to stop supper (still my little / trusty guide was with me) which I did so, and / was well entertained; my Patterns afterwards / about 11 o`clock I put a little to rights and / then informed them thr`o a Gent (that understood / English) that I would call for them next morning / I now took my farewell of them all, I / will say the treatment was superior to my ex-/-pectation; we whent to Captain D`s delivered my /

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young guide to his Mother, & here fortunately I / met with 2 of our company viz the Captains / nephew & the Cabin Boy. Therefore after / wishing Mrs D a good night we made towards / the Ship, (I should have observed that Mrs D. invited / me to take Coffee at 8 next morning) we safely / arrived on Board, and as I prepared to my Hammock / perceived t`was nearly twelve, thus ended a day / constituting a variety of adventures /

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Tuesday 21st May

This morning I waked about 6 o`clock, made my / self ready to go ashore, which with Mate Thos I / soon did, Mr Furst`s was the port we steered for / where in safety we soon arrived, here I got all / my Patterns into the Boat and rowed round to Mr / Madsens his House is also close by the water / side, that with little difficulty we got my Patterns / lodged in his House; t`was now about 7. he had / just done Breakfast, stop with him till 11 o`clock /

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Amount abt. £30. while I was taking / his order Captain D. came in (its his Brother in Law) / was little supprized to see me there , said he was / going immeadiately to set sail , fortunate for / me from a gentle fair wind it became quieter & / calm therefore I was sure he cou`d not move, All this blefsed day so far, had I not / a morsel within my lips or a drop of any / thing to drink nor has this Brute, or his Wife / the politenefs or civility

to ask me to do either /
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Such is the difference of the Disposition of People. / (Mr F. and the this man for instance) he much / wished me to take a boat to the Ship from his / house, but this I can't not agree too, having / promised a Mr Jewell, to call on him, & / show my Patterns, therefore I requested he would / let my Patterns rest at his house till I had seen / above person, I now hastened to said Mr J's / House found him at Home, & directly he sent /

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for my Patterns, they arrived and to my satisfaction / I perceived we were directly opposite Dorans House / were was his ships Boat waiting for him & / some more Provisions. Thus situated he cou'd not / well go, without my knowledge; I soon took / the Gents Order am. abt. £10 - before I / had scarcely been 10 minutes in his House / he offered me a Glafs Maderia which very thank- / fully I accepted during the time I stop we /

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nearly finished the Bottle the effects of which / I began to feal, but not unpleasantly so , pack / all my goods properly up, and then Mr / J sent them to Captain Dorans , So after / taking my leave of this Hospitable young man / I proceeded to Dorans House myself, observe / Mr J. could not speak scarcely one word of English. I arrived and found the Captain the Swedish Dr. and Boat just ready to set off /

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They had just done dinner, however Mrs D. / took hold of my Arm and lead me to the / Dining room, gave me something to eat / which I greedily downed being very Hungry . Capn D. was somewhat vex`d with / me , but cou`d not be downright angry - / returned down stairs t`was now about 1 o`clock / very fine weather. Here let me say that Mrs / D.has every appearance of an agreeable affable / Pleasant woman. She had to converse with /

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me, but I can not comprehend her meaning th`o / I exerted every effort
for that purpose, again I / started a subject and she was equally at lofs - /
all this was at dinner when we were by / ourselves – thus after making
many desperate / attempts, we both gave it up and sat mute as / mice,
using signs or motions as substitutes for / speech. They have 2 Children a /
Boy & Girl fine sharp Children, Boy abt.10 yr / Girl abt. 9 both
accompanied us in the Boat /

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This moment was affecting rather distrefsing / the Husband and Son after
having been to Xania / go to London the daughter stops some time / at
Christiania on a visit thus the Wife and / Tender Mother is left destitute of
either / Husband or Child, a Flood of tears trickled / down her innocent
cheeks, as we sighed out / Adieu, thus in a few moments the / gentle
creature vanished from our sight, /

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We arrived safe on Board The men were then / heaving the Anchor, but
the Boatswain poor dog / was so tipsy he cou`d not stand, Captain Doran
/ was much vex`d to see him so . Knowing him / to have done it many
times before and been / told of it he now desired him [?????] / to be
packed up and away they sent / the poor fellow to shore, The crew as
such / difficulty in getting him in Boat. /

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We now proceeded down the River and / on to Christiana, I employed
myself this / Evening and the Greater part of the After / noon in repacking
my Patterns as before / The 2 Children were much pleased sup`t / of sum
cold roast wild fowl and then / retired to bed, as the Part we were then in /
was rather dangerous. The Captain /

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whent not to Sleep the whole night / I slept rather well in my own little Cot.
Wednesday May 22 . 1799 / Got up 8 o`clock this morning found we had
got / from the Sea into Christiania River, very lucky / for us being so

forward for not the wind is quite / contrary at Sea. After Breakfast I sat /
down to copy my Orders home that I had / taking in Arundal, viz Mr Furst,
Mr Madson & Jewells /

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At ½ Past 10 we arrived at Drowback and / brot up for the night/

Thursday 23 May 1799

This morning I went afshore about 8 o`clock / and viewed the Church,
and returned on board / for breakfast about 9. at 11 Doran & / Afzelius
whent afshore I busied myself / seeing & help [?heaving ballances], at 12
we / Took our Pilot in, fine wind, Captain & Afzelius returned and we got
under weigh /

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The Loninico Mary past us, we did not / speak till afternoon I then found he
had / a parcel for me which I afterwards see. / during the afternoon we
had a fresh breeze / and safely arrived at Nacara. Abt. 7 o`clock / here
we were visited by several Gents / among whom was a Sweed an
acquaintance / of Afzelius`s This place is very small 3 or 4 / Houses a
convenient & secure harbour, tis /

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here the fortuna takes in her deals. The / Capn. & Afzelius whent afshore
to speak to / Pier Anchor . The Capn. Having businefs / and the Proffesor
knowing him, thus I / was left alone to reflect on the prospect / presented
to me , however being safely moor`d / at our destined port I made myself
as / comfortable as I cou`d, The Mate the Capn`s / Nephew & myself sat
down to supper /

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about 8, t`was a most beautiful fine Evening / and the situation we are
now in, is as it / were in a large basin being entirely sur- / rounded with
prodigious high rocks. Yet I / can discern a few cultivated fields which / is
a charming refreshing sight; as these I / musing walk acrofs the deck I saw

for the / first time 2 Carrioles [a small carriage] set of for Buckstadts / the residence of Sgr A. Doran & Afzelius

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graced them; not being very near these conveyencing / machines I cannot presume to describe them, / therefore shall return to the former part / of this day, The Rocks at and near / Drowback are afstonishingly high, I / have been afsered from tolerable good / authority, they are an English mile high / nearly perpendicular, early in the morn /

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the cloud came much below so that the / greatest part was hid, here on the top / of same was a quantity of Snow / there is also another curiosity in this / river really true, viz that as you sail / along the wind were you then are is / we`ll say Southerly, not scarcily !/4 of / an English mile a head its direct Northerly / or quite calm , but as you advance the /

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Southerly wind continues to subdue the / Northerly til it becomes a fair wind / The following instance is a convincing / and to which I was an Eyewitnefs / --- viz "This morning at 8 o`clock well astern / of our ship the Captain and likewise the Pilot / could plainly decern, a Starn of us the Lawrence / & Mary, Capt. Thossen with all his Sails / set and scudding apace before the wind - /

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With us was quite a contrary wind, viz Northerly/ with him distance from us 1 or 2 English miles / for us Southerly quite fair, owing to this alter- /ation of the wind he nearly came up with us / before we could get under weigh, Thus I`ve related / a true circumstance and some what curious to / a Landsman. On most of those prodig- / ous rock grow fir trees or other grafs or moss./ This small place we are now in is just out /

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of the main river, and distance from Christiania / abt. 4 or 5 English miles,

tis very pleasant and enter- / taining to me to see such a different sceign
- / I amused my self until about 10 o`clock and then retired / The Captain
nor Proffesor yet came home./

Friday 24 May / Got up this morning at 6 o`clock, packed up my / Cloaths
ready to go to Christiania, Breakfasted / the men are busy heaving out
the Ballast, / the Captain came on board at 11 found /

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he had been to Christiania and engaged a / man for me at Thoms,
likewise had agreed / with a waterman to come and fetch me, / this
much he did for me during his absence / The Boat came soon enough
abt. 1. whilst I / was at dinner, got all my luggage safe on / board and bid
adieu to the Ships Company, / viz Captain Doran, Mr Miller the Mate Thos
Toft Madsen the Captains Nephew and abt. 16 of the / common Sailors I
gave the customary fee and departed /

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we was troubled to get into the main river, / distance about ½ Mile, but
when accomplished / we scudded away bravely, a heavy shower of /
rain damped my pleasure a little, but what / added greatly to my good
luck was that the Boat / man who was a good looking old Gent / could
speak English, had been in England / several times, was now in pretty
good in-

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-cumbancy, the boat was his own besides a larger / one & others. This
intelligent old cockle informed / me a good deal about the place we
were approaching / by this time we were very near at our / distant port,
the heavy rain still continuing, / and unfortunate for us the place he
intended to / land at, was choked up with other Vefsels, great / & small I
think about 60 or 70, to pafs over sundry / difficulties, my good old fellow (/
who to afsist /

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him had a good big lad) whent on / shore promptly returned with I think a
Customs / house Officer, they soon by setting a few / Vefsels adrift got our

boat to the landing / place, with some assistance we got, all things safely
landed at the Customs house , / except my great Coat & a few other
trifles / I left and proceeded to Toms, with my / old Waterman as Guide
we presently /

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arrived, his house being but short distance from / the waterside, t`was now
about ½ past four, I saw / this said gent, and was ushered into a large /
room, where I found myself tolerably well / situated. I now asked the
Waterman (who / is a Pilot as well) what I had to pay / he said 6 /- which
considering the quantity of / things & the assistance rendered me I
thought / was not an extravagant charge, I gave him 2 Dollars and asked
for 2 /- back /

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he had no change with him but wou`d / he said bring it me immediately,
his house / was but a short distance from hence, - / with some reluctance I
gave him his / request (but was rather doubtful) though / poor Old man
he had an honest looking / face enough, whether he was not going / to
play some London gammocks, nor / let me see him more, I now had but
one /

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of them a Sailor who assisted me in / my round; stout good looking fellow
with / handsome whiskers, just on the upper lip, but / not pitched, they were
on each side his nos- / trils I think ½ an Inch long, a little passage / was
cleared down the Center, for the mucous / liquid to have free vent, all the
rest of / this angelic creature was not particular to others /of his Country,
but him only saw I with / a bristly lip, till after being in the country
sometime , he soon took his leave/

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speaking Norsk and making dumb motions / which I can but indifferently
interpret, / however after a few reverend bows he departed, / being now
left alone my doubts became / very strong respecting my 2 /- & the Old
man, / but consoled myself thinking it was no great / object, but the idea

of being imposed on, / rous`d my resentment, just as I were deep / in the
reverie, a gentle tap at my door /

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drove it far away. Who shou`d appear before / me but the same Gent I
had my doubts / off, had brot my change in a number / of small pieces,
however I found it to be / quite right and now had a more favourable /
opinion of him, so after locking my door / whent with him to the waterside,
told him of / my curious Servant before mentioned, ask`d / what he ment
by departed not having /

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been paid for his trouble, found it was because / I shoud employ him to
bring the residues of / my things to Thom`s. Thank`d my Old Fr`d / &
blefsed my Kind Mistrefs Fortune for being / so propitious, I now ask him to
get me / a boat to go on Board the Lawrence and Mary Captain Thorsen,
accordingly he did, and / I jumped into it and bid adieu (this I / must say)
to this good and unexpected friend /

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we soon got to the Ship being but a little / distance, inquired for apart
from Mr C found / it was at his house, we rowed back again / and then I
discharged him, being now virtually / alone in this Town, the first place I
whent / to was Thom`s and there employed / myself by sitting down,
thinking and consulting / to myself What I`d best do, it strongly came into
my Head if I could but get my trunk of cloaths were in was all my /

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Acct`s Letters etc, I shou`d then be enabled to go to / Lars Smith Esquire,
more pleasantly than with / out Mr C`s Letter to him, therefore jump`d /
up with a full determination of getting my / trunk from the Customs house,
as soon as I / arrived there I perceived my Curious Servant / looking as
sharp as can be for me , becond / me to come to him which I comply`d
with / I held out my finger pointing at something, / the chap caught fast
hold of it , led me /

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by the same to were my goods was mov`d / too. He now let go his hold
and spoke to / some men standing by, wether they were / Officers or not I
cannot say but I began / to speak to them in English respecting my /
trunk but not understanding it, I was for / moving it away, but that they
wou`d not suffer, / I then pointed to my Shirt, Handkerchief, Stockings, /
etc, but nothing wou`d do, no entreaties wou`d / prevail on them to let
me have it away /

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my wisker Servant resumed his fastening on / my fore finger, and led me
up Stairs to / several offices, but none seem`d to be the right. / at last
down Stairs again we went, and / there stop`d for about 1/4 on an Hour,
when I was / lucky enough to see the right one come, that can give /
orders for my things to be search`d. we whent / up Stairs again to his
Office cou`d speak / English, wrote a few words then desired me to / Sign
my name , down Stairs again & /

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was had and now we began set to work / unpacking my Patterns, after
which I endeavoured / to convince `em they were nothing but Patterns /
and get off, without opening them, but that / scheme woul`d not Do. I
now began to repent / I had not got Mr Smith or some body else / with
me as they began thro` em about / pretty ruffly, none cou`d speak English
& I began / to be in much distrefs, when to my great good / fortune I
heard an astonished voice say / Hello what the duce are you here /

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I`m very glad to see you, who shou`d / this be but Mr Kield Maistue, a
young Gentle- / man of this Town with whom I had been intimae / with in
England. Such a lucky event gave me / great pleasure, I told him how I
were circumstanced / and wished to go for Mr Smith, Mr M said it / was of
no use, I then ask`d him what they / wanted them all open for, found
t`was to / select the Brass, Iron, Leather etc. etc. /

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to weigh each separately, quickly I found that / was what they wanted, I
set about sorting im- / meadiatly, the papers being all wrote on I
/accomplished it with little difficulty, then I / got them with some trouble to
give me / leave to move them , so after packing / them in, locking, and
cording the Chest / trunk etc. I bid adieu and with afsistance / got all of
them safe to Thom`s ,were /

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it was about 5 o`clock, I soon discharged the / men fully to their
satisfaction, the next / thing I did was to look after my Papers found /
them all right, this lucky circumstance gave / me much pleasure being
now in pofsesion of / my introductory Letters to L.S.Esq. etc. etc. / sat
myself down found, I was much / fatigued, Ordered for my refreshment
some Tea / to be brought, which soon was, t`was very / agreeable, spent
about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour, and /

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then I wished it taken away, but there was no / bell, and a long way off
from the Kitchen / were the Servants was, besides I new no name / to Call
too, therefore resolved to seek the / Girl that brot it me, found her among
/ 3 or 4 Others, but as I cou`d not be understood / by speaking I lay hold
on her arm and / led her to my room, then got Tea cleared / away, I now
got Mr Smiths Letter and / proceeded though I new not a step of the way/

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however providence afsisted me, and in about / a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour, I was at
the desired house, / Mr S. was not in the Shop, however he was soon /
call`d, a Tall thin majestic looking man, yet / something agreeable in his
countenance after a few [???? ????] / I produced my Letter, that done I
was usur`d / into a neat little room his Counting house and / hear we were
for some time, Mr S. sent / for a young man for my Interpreter, \ I had
known / him in London, Mr Iveson by name - /

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after a little conversation we took our leave / of L.S.Esquire, t`was now

about 9. o'clock / Mr Iveson took his farewell of me just / by my lodgings, I
now was left alone / but very fortunate for me I saw my / Brother
passenger. This was an agreeable / surprise it being the first time since we
/ parted at Naca Hara, he told he was just / at Supper but seeing me, he
left it to ask / how I did, I then pressed him to stop with / me as I was just
going to have some supper which /

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he did so, but would insist on sending for his / own, which was on the
Table, we now / sat down very heartily and enjoyed / ourselves much, till
about 10 O`Clock we / then parted he to his room to write and I sat / and
wrote to my Father, Mr Cost[??], / and Mr Handcock. Before I got to bed
it`was / nearly 1 O`Clock. However I jumped into / a nice soft bed (of
which there were 2 in /

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the same room) I soon fell fast asleep / but first recommended myself to
divine protection / so ended the first day I set foot / in Christiana, being
since I left London / just 25 Days /

Saturday 25 May

Almost as soon as I arose this morning I / was visited by Mr Ole Ring a
young merchant / of this Town with whom I had been acquainted in
London / stop`d and took coffee with me, Mr Iveson / also came and
took a cup, afterwards we all /

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took a walk to the Customhouse accompanied / by Professor Afzelius,
we cleared his luggage / then returned to Thom`s bid adieu to them /
Gents sat down, finished my 3 letters then / went to Mr A`s room offer`d
my assistance / afterwards went to the Post Office which with / difficulty I
found out, it`was an extremely wet / morning but my good great coat
Kept the wet / off. I now returned to Afzelius told him I / had found it out,
and that was the /

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longest time to get a Letter in, he finished his / I went with him, returned
, told them as well / as I cou`d at Thom`s, I wished to dine at the / Public
Table which there is here every day. / I waited & waited till nearly 3, then
began / to be afraid Mr Smith would call on me / before I had dind,
having previously appointed / to go to Valhara together that same
afternoon . / Fortunately I had in my own room / some Bread and cold
meat, Cheese, Butter etc / as I was resolved not to lose my dinner I /

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began to destroy it very furiously, not / having ate any thing since
Breakfast I / was terribly hungry but the very first / slice was scarcely cut
when I was given / notice that dinner was ready, this summons / I eagerly
obeyed and followed the young woman / (a good decent looking girl)
first taking / care to lock my room door, we soon / arrived to a larger
spacious room were / was sat round the Table about 1 Dozen /

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At the Top of this Table was Mr / Thoms a stout red faced man, at the
Bottom / and next to were I was placed, was a good / lusty Officer ½ the
size of a Giant on the / opposite side the Landlords 2 Daughters / about
my own age to appearances / so situated I resolved to muster all manly /
fortitude I pofsibly cou`d , call for some / drink a Bottle of claret was
brought me, / which being thirsty, I swig very heartily. /

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Dinner ended, we separated. I saw my friend / looking about in haste,
found t`was / a Hair Drefser he was wanting of being invited / out to
dinner by some of the nobility / L.S.Esqr called on me ab`t 4 , we now
proceeded to / his House, were partaking a little refreshment / we set off
for Valkara, in a Carriole, which is a / low kind of machine , drawn by one
Horse / There is but just room for one Person to sat / in it , but there is fixed,
a seat behind were /

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I sat, Here let me say in honor to Mr Smith, politely / he offered me the

front seat wishing to sit behind himself, but I thought that very unbecoming / my situation, however to [Throw?] by all acrimony / we arrived on board the Fortuna shortly after / the Captain was on Board, we stop`d and smoked / one Pipe, drank some a Bottle Porter and Gin / returned, having the Beaver Hat for his daughter / Martha [M???] present from Mr [Cost???] driving / rather quick we got well splash`d especially me / sitting so low that if inclined cou`d have put my /

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feet on the ground, but in the course of about / an hour we were safely lodged in the Squires palace / were I stop`d and Spent the remainder of the day

Sunday 26 May

At 8 this morning I got my Breakfast / shortly after Mr Ole Ring call`d on me , we / took a walk together, I returned to dine at / Thombs, about 3 o`clock Mr Bealls again, when / we went to his house, had Coffee etc, all this / time it rain`d very much ; with this good natured /

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Young man, I stop`d till 11 o`clock then returned / having spent an agreeable afternoon /

Monday 27 May

Got up rather early this morning went round / with Mr Ivessen to all my customers settled with / some to call on me in the afternoon, got back / again about 11 o`clock, found my Brother passenger / waiting for me (Proffesor alzelius I mean) to / ask if Captain Doran was in Town, found he was / not, we then agreed as I had no businefs to do / till the afternoon, to walk to Valhara together, / which we did but the captain was not on Board /

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Therefore we had our walk for our pains / returned to Thoms about 3 o`clock, got some / dinner when we ha scarcely done before / Mr Roger

Bayeson who gave me an Order to / the Amount of £ - call`d, we took
Cofee together / this Gent whent away about 6. I whent to / Mr Ole Rings
as per agreement, however / I cou`d not stop, therefore returned
cleared my / room up a little and copied home my order / which I
completed about 12 o`clock, I then / ate some supper that the Girl brot
abt. 10 /

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Tuesday 28th May

Rose about 7 O`clock Breakfasted, call`d on Mr Iverson / as per
agreement whent round again to our customers / to fix time for them,
after which we took a / walk to the Castle, after taking one turn round /
we returned to Thoms presently afterwards came / Mr Erich Thurman little
while afterwards / came Soren Horstor and 5 minutes after / Mr Ins
Christian Smith, uncle to Mr Lars Smith / little while afterwards Mr S[????
????, thus / I was completely over done, but I bustl`d /

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Through as well as I possibly cou`d, took Mr / J.C.Ss Order & Mr T`s Mr
S.and H whent / away will call again . Mr Iverson stop`d / with me all the
time was very useful. we / finished and copied home all the Orders by / 6
O`clock, after resting a little I called on Mr / Iverson he was not at Home ,
whent to take / a walk by myself FORTUNE who hitherto / smiled on me,
once more gave me a lift / right against the man I had been seeking / we
walk`d together to Sqr Anchor`s Garden /

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which is laid out in very excellent Stile, in / the centre of which is a
fountain; Plus / A Cistern 4 or 5 foot square is nearly full / of water, directly
in the middle is a milk white / anchor, standing erect, the end where the
rope / is fastened is about 3 inches in the water , fastened / to a Board
under the same, at each of the 2 / prongs that holds the ship fast, flows a
beautiful / stream as clear as Christal, between the prongs and from the
main body are three feathered ducts / projecting different ways & from
each of these /

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also flows a Beautiful stream making in / all 5 small but delightful Rivers.
The / whole is nicely executed and milk white , in / this charming
pleasome spot was taking from / the river, filled up with Alum, of which /
there is a mine, in sight , about ¼ Mile / distance, that formerly belong`d
to this Person / Sqr Anchors Father, the surface of this / Garden is English
ground, viz Ballast brot / by trading Ships – that you have it /

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in your Power to say you tread on English / Ground tho such a vast
distance off / having satisfied our curiosity by admiring this / place as long
as we chose we returned to Thom`s / were we parted , but before Mr
Iverson promised / to call on me again in about ½ an Hour / to take a
walk up the Country, there was / a kind of merry making, it being the Birth
night / of Lady Anchor we set off abt 9 O`clock / very pleasant walk walk
abt. 3 Miles, but were disappointed / at the company not being there but
further /

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in the Country. we gave up going further as / the evening began to draw
on apace ,/ coming home we met a number of men / Women and
Children, which afforded me ,/ some little pleasure, to see the
[????????] / the women had no hat or Bonnet but / only just a close cap
– got home about / 11 O`clock Mr Iverson smok`d a pipe eat a / piece of
Bread& Cheese then went to his / Lodgings abt 12 O`clock I crept to /
bed and soon was lost in silent sleep /

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Wednesday the 29 May

The girl disturbed me with Tea this morning / at 8 O`clock I now dress
myself quick as I / cou`d, got my Breakfast and was ready for / Businefs Mr
Iverson just now came in / whent with him to Mr Ivan A[????] was / not at
home , came back again, presently / afterwards came Mr Frans Wolff of
whom I / took a good Order, afterwards came several / others thus I was
fully imployed that day in / taking and copying home Orders /

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This day Proffessor and me dined together / at the Public Table which was agreeable / same evening I fixed 2 Sheets ready for Saturday / Post Tuesday 30 May - / This morning after Breakfast I whent to / Mr Iverson afterwards to several of our friends / in the afternoon Mr Lars Smith call`d / on me stop`d some little time , this day / pafs`d without any particular occurrence / and about 10 O`clock I jumped into Bed /

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Friday 31st May

Got up ay 8 o`clock this morning, was soon / afterwards visited by some of my friends, one / Mr Hansen who speaks English told me that a French / Privateer had just brot up 3 Brigs from Scotland / (Prizes) this was a disagreeable piece of news for / me, whent and look`d at the pitiful sights / the Castle fired 11 Guns but before the Privateer / fire several, which is a kind of form used / at this place nothing further occurred worth notice / this day except /

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that of spending the latter part extremely agreeably at / Mr Smiths --- Saturday June 1st / The whole of this morning till after dinner I / was fully employ`d in Business affairs, sent the / first bill in my life home amt. £41 ---- / [??] from Ole Ring. I had promised said / Gentm. in the morning that I wou`d call on him / at 3 O`clock which accordingly I did, (bearing in mind / I was invited to Larg Smiths Esq.) we took coffee / chatted some little time and then parted , [????] /

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away with all haste to Mr Smiths found him / in his Counting House, said he had waited for me / a good while wou`d now see about Tea / which he did do and we had it presently / brot in; thus we sat enjoying ourselves for / about an hour we then visited several of / his neighbours, at last we had them all home / to his own House were took some more / refreshment and then whent all of us home / with one of them Mr Paul Clausen /

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had an excellent hot Supper and staid with / said Gentleman till about 11
when I again / returned to my lodgings well pleased with the / treatment
received , Sunday 2 June - / After drefsing myself I was visited by my friend
/ Mr Shiel Moestine who had breakfast with me / and afterwards we took
a pleasant walk to the / Castle, were we was gratified with sight of most /
of the Soldiers going to Church, also we whent / in the same view`d it for
some time a neat /

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pretty Place, during the time we stop`d here we / saw the Slaves,(about
10 in number) make / their appearance heavy loaded with Irons –
we got back to Thom`s about 11 o`clock / had some refreshment then
parted, promis- / ing to come again in the afternoon provided / he had
not been invited out during his absence / but presently returned saying
he could not come / Mr Ole Ring call`d on me but soon made / his exit. I
now was alone until Dinner / time Profefsr dined with us , after /

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dinner Captn. Smith and his 2 Sons call on me / to take walk, which ended
in a pleasant water / excursion being near the waterside saw a / boat just
getting out in it was 2 Young men / that Mr Smith knew so we hailed them
and / all got into the Boat. First sending for some / Beer, & t`was a
delightful fine day and / continued so, we sat off about ½ past 3 o`clock
/ past the 3 Scotch Brigs prize to the little / privateer which we also pafs`d/

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The next thing curious we saw was the Allum / Manufactory which we
pafs`d very close to, / A gentle breeze now sprang up we lost / sight of
that [??? ity] and was presented / with many things as we skim`d this
delightful / stream here is no tide as in the River / Thames, but is salt water,
an inlet from / the Sea, Thus gliding along we came in / sight of the Brewig
Captain Nelson, who / on coming up with, we boarded. Found him /
poorly in his hammock but who got up. /

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Stop`d about an hour, then all got into our /small vefsel and proceeded
back, the Brewig / had a cargo of deals for London, can`t but admire /
the neat and exact manner they were stowed away / in the Cabbin was
plac`d about £50 worth, yet / room for a dozen People to enjoy
themselves - / to return we got under easy sail at 5 o`clock / as we Drew
near the harbour we was welcomed / by some delightful music sounding
melodiously / it induced us to unship our Oars and suffer /

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the boat to be waff`d by the gentle breeze on / purpose to listen
attentively. It presently ceas`d / presently afterwards we heard distinctly
three / or Four, Female Voices in Chorus / making together the Choicest
harmony ---/ the wind getting up we were drove / into Port, then vanished
the pleasant sound.. / We went now to the Uncle of the young /
Gentleman who had been with in the Boat, a / rich Old man supposed to
be worth 30000£ / is uncle to L.S.Esq. here we spent the remainder /

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of the day, Cards was played by the Mr / Calmire the rich L.S.Esq. an
Officer and / a Clergyman, till supper, afterwards we / all separated.
Monday 3 June / The morning as usual was engaged in Business /
concerns, shall mention, my good friend / Profefsr Afzelius, came to
take adieu of / me this morning about 12 O`clock, is now /gone into
Sweden by land /

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The afternoon I spent with Mr Smith, very / agreeably, without any
particular occurrence.

Tuesday 4 June

All the fore part of the day I was engaged / in Business, in the after part I
rec`d a note / from Mr Smith to visit him which I / did do found company
spent an agreeable / evening and returned to Thoms abt 11 o`clock /

Wednesday 5 June

Fore part of the day spent as above the / after part at Mr Maesteus, was very surprized /

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when I returned to find some extra luggage / in my Bedroom, when I came to know / what it meant found the French Captain / and several Officers had taken it, there being / no other room in the House so large, Mr / T apologized and I submitted tho I did not / like my situation so well; however I got to bed ½ past 10 O`clock

Thursday 6th June

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The forepart of this day spent as the last, some / French officers dined with us can` t speak good / English, in the afternoon we was all jovial / together. In the evening Iverson and me took / a solitary walk to the Mountains till late / then each returned to his separate apartment / and went to Bed. Friday 7 June / Mr Iverson and me call`d on several of our / friends, afterwards whent in the Church which / is a magnificent Building, then to the Yard / to see a Toom stone of an English Lady. /

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whereon was written some nice Poetry - / but the exact words I have forgot, the remain- / der of the fore noon I dedicated to Businefs. / whilst I was at Dinner a note came / from Mr Smith, saying I must be speedy & / come to him, we then shou`d go to his Country / seat. I made all pofsible haste got to / his House little past 2 o`clock. Found him / busy in the yard getting the Cariole ready /

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in short to pafs every particular we set of / taking his little daughter Betty with us , I being / seated same as going to Valhara t`was not / very fine weather but I was sufficiently warm / with the [sha???] of the Carriage. Going on we / pafsed a field were the [?????] practice shooting / every

day with rifle barrel guns. About 4 o'clock / we arrived at Sqr Palace. T'is not remarkable for its magnificence consisting only of / 2 Buildings viz. The Dwelling House & Barn /

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The House has 3 Rooms on the ground floor / which constitute the whole , there being no / upper story. 2 of these rooms are inhabited / by a Poor man and his family, who takes care of the other, the grounds etc, etc. the whole Build- / ing is solely of wood. We drank Tea here / and enjoyed ourselves for an hour or two, then / returned to his Town house to Supper / it was of the best. Here I staid till near / 11 O'clock and then took my leave.

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Saturday 8 June

Breakfasted at 7 o'clock afterwards went to my / Friend L.S.Esq. to consult about going to Diamin / next day. He was so obliging to go with me for a Carriole which we hired for so long as t'was kept at ¼ per Day / of Mr Hammer Stien, Mr Iverson was with / me all this time and was to accompany me / to the above place. That business settled I / bid adieu to Mr Smith and returned to my / lodgings with Mr I. little afterwards we went / aboard the Lawrence & Mary Thorsen and left /

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Small parcel for Mr Castelter. After doing that / job we crossed the water and went to the Allum / manufactory, which I had a curiosity to see - / this was a great Novelty. The allom first is / perceived in veins, on a prodigious large black / Rock the first step they take is to hew it down / in middling size pieces, they then pile it up / on a smothering fire which changes the stone / after a certain time to a reddish colour leaving / what allom it contains on the surface

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Tis then placed in a large cistern and boil'd for a / considerable time. Then run along some way / to another cistern where it stands till com -/

pletely cold , then the water is drained of f / and the commodity remains in the machine / Observe when the stone is heated the Allom is on the surface,when boiled it separates from / the stone , and is in water, the stone sinking / to the bottom , there remaining by itself / the water allom and all is carried out to the cistern /

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were it again separates ,the water is however / away, & the Allom is then shear and when / dry fit for use. Thus is the manufacturing / carried on, in which concern/ upwards of 100 men are daily imployed - / on our departure I gave small trifles to / the labourers which much pleased them . we / returned to Thoms and had a little refreshment / Mr Iverson now took his leave promising to / be with me 6 O`clock next morning /

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After some little difficulty I got my luggage / ready for travelling and set them of about / 5 in the evening with Orders to despatch them / for me next morn`g. Thus my journey was / begun. I now whent to Mr Smith, he was / not at Home, Mr Jens Mustre happened / to be there, ask me if I wou`d walk with him / to his Country House, to which request I / comply`d and spent the remainder of the Day / with him & family very Agreeable. /

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Sunday 9 June

At 5 this morning I jumped out of Bed, Iverson / breakfasted with me at 6 and at 7 we set off. / very fine weather nothing particular occurred / on the Road every circumstance attending for / pleasure suffice to say We arrived about / 2. we then got something to eat and drink / and afterwards to look up our customers, as owing / to ties Mr I had we were obliged to be back / again on Tuesday. Therefore every moment / was precious. After seeing all our friends /

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we pofsibly cou`d, whent to our lodge House and / got some Supper after took a pleasant walk / retired to Bed abt.11 and soon began to snore.

Monday 10 June

At 5 again we rose this morn`g and began / to Businefs at 6 continuing so
to with much / perseverance we completed same / packed up ready to
start next morning, by / 12 o`clock I was lying on my down`y Couch / thus
in lefs time than ever was done before / was as much Businefs executed -
-A naked Truth /

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Tuesday 11 June

Hailed at 6 O`clock from drowsy slumber / Breakfasted and set of by 7 .
came on Beauti- / fully, arrived at Christiania ½ past 12 then / rested, my
luggage was not yet come up / This day or herefrom was spent in
pleasure / pursuits.

Wednesday 12 June

The fore part of today was dedicated to / Businefs, the afterpart was
spent on board the French / Privateer and Prizes ,a company upwards of
20 / were invited or present, an agreeable jovial /

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afternoon was thus spent. The evening I was [a??ing] pleasure short
distance in the Country.

Thursday 13 June

The whole of the day was pafs`d in Businefs

Friday 14 June

Today was also dedicated to my Masters / affairs till 6 o`clock in the
Evening, when / Mr Erich Smith call`d on me and we walk / together to
the Garden before mentioned be / longing to Commodore Anchor, by
chance / his grace was there, asked in Norsk who I / was, being informed
spoke to me in English /

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of which as well as number other Languages / he is compleat master of.
Said his honor / wou`d you be pleased to see the Pleasure houses / of this
Place, on my Answering in the affirmative / the Keys were sent for and
then we proceeded - / he was familiar enough to give any infor- / mation
of every particular ,which was extremely / well worth attention, and very
interesting. We / now began to draw near the conclusion of these /
charming luxuries . at last they all expired. /

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Said his honor again (addrefsing himself to me) / will you come and dine
with me on / Sunday next, Mr Smith will bear you / company, and I`ll send
my Phaeton for / you at 2 O`clock, with unspeakable gratitude / I
accepted the great yet unexpected honor, / and with a few polite bows
(the best of all I hoped) we retired from this great / and Noble Personage,
of whom the world / in General gives the Character of a Generous / and
Benevolent Person to all strangers Especially / and is particularly Partial
to`wd English./

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Saturday June 15 1799

A Letter for Mr Cartaker was turned out / of my hands this forenoon, and
all the rest / part of it was spent in company with my / worthy and good
friend Lars Smith Esq. ----/

With and in whose cheerful company the rest / of the day was pafsed;
returned to my Lodgings abt 11 o`clock, /

Sunday 16 June

Breakfasted about 8 O`clock afterwards took a / pleasant walk with Mr
Ole Ringe till nearly 1 when I came to Thoms found Mr Erich Smith /

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waiting, we walked down by the water side till 2 / about which time

agreeable to promise the Phaeton / came for us. In it were two
exceeding fine Horses - / we mounted the lofty carriage, and proceeded
towards / the nobleman's House. Were we arrived soon after; the
grandeur / of the place made me feel rather uncomfortable / however
the reception I met with , far exceeded my / Idea in point of familiarity
with the nobility of / this magnificent, yet [unat ??????ment] ,we / were
introduced to his Lordship , & by whom we / were presented to his Lady,
who was incircled /

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With 6 or 8 young females, beauties of the North / when the first interview
was abated, we with- / drew to an adjoining balcony from which spot /
we were admirers of spacious & beautiful Valeys / with small Rivulets
interspersed, Tremendous / Rocks, the Open Sea with Shipping pafsing / &
repafsing and numbers of other objects not / lefs interesting. So pafsed
about an hour, in / which time the Commodore condescended to ex- /
plain almost every circumstance attending /

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the charming prospect, a Summons was next / delivered that dinner was
on Table, before which / time I had the infinite pleasure to see an English /
man that newly came from thence, and with / whom I had spoken at
Thoms, approach us ---/ the same I joined in he grand room appointed /
to dine in. However by some mischance we / did not sit close together,
but fortunately / I got seated next my friend Mr Smith / we sat down
about 26 and suffice to say /

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dined off the chief of luxuries, was honor`d with / a full Bumper by the
Sqr`s own hands, with / All good friends in England , which whent /
through the whole company. Finished our / sumptuous treat about 6
O`clock, delightful / fine weather we drank Tea & Coffee on / the Bowling
green and in the Beautiful Arbour / the Englishman a young Lady that had
been / brot up in England and me spent some short / time in walking
round the Beautiful

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garden. on our return found the Company / ready to sit down to Supper
which we all did / do. Nothing particular worth mentioning occur`d /
during the evening and we took our leave of / this Hospitable mansion
about 11 O` clock. / in company with 2 other Phaetons and / 3 or 4 Gents
on Horse back . before our dep- / arture I had the honor to afsist 2 fine
young / Ladies in their carriage, and took my last / farewell of them at
Christiana, /

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Their beauty almost captivated their inferior / visitors they were greatly
surpafsing in Beauty / any females I`d seen before in that Country / we
drove with a flourish to the Hotel / there dismounted, content with the
honor rec`d /

Monday 17 June

This day I was to have set out for Fredrikshald / had not the above
invitation fallen in my way / the whole of the day till about 7 was pafs`d in
/ businefs affaires, at that time the man came / for my luggage which I
set off but having / forgotto get a permit I applied to Mr Smith /

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who drew up a paper that answered every pur- / pose; was fully imploy`d
till Bed time /

Tuesday 18 June

I set of my Travels this morning about 6 o`clock / fine weather, quite alone
save a little boy / behind to take care of the Horse, the first disaster I met
was a party of Soldiers performing / a sham fight, some being plac`d in a
ditch / by the road side and pointing their muskets acrofs / the road, the
lad behind was frightened thought / they really was going to shoot us, I
did not /

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see them for a considerable time all the while / the boy kept pulling on my

arm and saying some / thing but what I cou`d not comprehend. However / at last I stop`d the horse was just going to / jump out fancying something was broke that / caus`d his uneasinefs, but perceiving he pointed / toward the ditch I spyed the men described / above, supposing what they were after / I pafsed by them and proceeded on laughing / hartily at the oddity of the adventure/ The next happened about 2 miles from /

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hence, by a violent pull on the arm / that was of a more serious consequence / nothing lefs than the lofs of the Litch or Linch / Pin, how long we had travelled in that dan- / gerous method was a matter not pofsible to be known, / I jumped out set the boy back to look for it, / whilst I imployed myself in making a wood / one but fortune again was my friend / and in about ½ an hour the boy came in / sight, t`was now soon to be determine`d & quickly it ended with pofsesion of the lofs sheep

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I was happy indeed to once more clap my / eyes on it, tied it in, and mounted the / machine proceeding onwards. After changing / Horse and lad once or twice we came to / Drawback [probably Drobak] to a friend of ours, one Mr / Stoltenberg by whom I was kindly rec`d / some time elapsed before I began businefs / in which I succeeded but indifferently / but did the best I cou`d. dined with Mr S. / Afterwards an English young lady who lives / at this place came and spent the afternoon /

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This benevolent gent wou`d not permit me / to seek an Inn, but made me welcome / with a bed and ever thing necefsary / after being treated like a near relation and spending an extreme agreeable day I retir`d / to rest about 11 O`clock.

Wednesday 19 June

This morning I pafsed with pleasure in / perfection, with Mr S the English Young lady / till 10 o`clock set off my luggage at 8 / after taking my farewell of my Kind / and new friends, proceeded [??????]

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whent on very pleasant charming fine / weather, over took my luggage
at first / Shifter house, changes Horses and whent / onwards till I came to
the last House / for changing horses, here I stop`d & dined / and
unfortunately pulled my permit out / whent away ans forgot it, till
distance / 6 or 7 Miles however I made the lad / wait with the luggage
whilst I whent /

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back, being liable to have them seized / but luckily for me I had a good
horse / that I soon got to the spot, whent in, took / the paper which I
found lying on the Table / and returned back again without seeing / any
body at the House. Found my lad / waiting for me and now we whent /
slowly on to Mofs were we safely / arrived without any further particular /
occurrences and with some little difficulty /

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found out the house I was to go to - / (Madame Olsens) when I had
discharge the / men, ordered a cup of Tea to refresh / myself that done I
wash`d myself and /then sat down and drank 3 or 4 dishes / after
unpacking my Trunk I got my / Letter to Mr Johann Gudis of that / place,
and whent to seek after him / found he was not at home, I now went /

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To see the famous Saw Mill, which I did / and stop`d some time there, the
first time / I ever inspected them so close, they are all / worked by water
of which there is abun- / dance at this Town, one man can attend / one
saw, which is very expeditious in / going through the Timber, 30 or 40 of /
these Machines in about 20 [Rods?] / facing each other, satisfying myself /
with that novelty , I whent in search /

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of fresh ones, the manufacture of Nails was the / Next, here I was
entertained till tea time , its / work`d mostly by water, a prodigious large /
hammer by the effects of the water hammering / very very fast , tis with

that machine the / nails are chiefly made, but to begin, the / first procefs
is in heating a narrow bar of / iron, in doing which is one persons employ /
except that the same Person gives it when heated to / another that is
seated close by the self working /

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Hammer, its his business to move the / narrow Bar of Iron in such a manner
/ as to bring it round, and to form it of a proper length, which done by
placing it / a little further down the self working ma- / chine, with one blow
cut it of, a lad / then is plac`d to take hold of it and puts / it in a place on
purpose, admitting the nail / to fall till about ½ an inch / the lad then
gives it a few blows, which / forms the the Head , and then a few raps at
the /

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other end brings it out of the mould, tis then / in its perfect state; of those I
was eye witnefs / 24 was made in five minutes, they were 2 ½ to 3 in long -
/ returned to my lodgings got a little supper / and went to Bed /

Thursday 20 June

After Breakfast I went agreeable to Promise / to Mr Gudis had the
pleasure to see him & / some little conversation pass`d, I then went / and
call`d on my Other friends returning / to Mr Gudis to Dinner spending the
remainder / of the day with said Gent & family /

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returning to rest at my Lodgings. In the / Course of the Afternoon we
went and / saw all over Mr Gudis Malthouse / which was a fine Building
also his / distillery /

Friday 21 June

This day was spent in Businefs affairs / nothing in particular occurring
throughout. /

Saturday 22 June

The fore part of this day I was wholly taken / up in writing to Mr C. [??????]
/ Mr Peter Winge sent for me to dine with /

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him, which I accordingly did, we sat down / in all about a dozen,
afterwards I was to / set of for Fredrikstad, Mr Winge was kind / enough to
give me a letter to Mr Scholdberg / of that place, twas near 5 Oclock
before I got / from Mop having nearly 18 Miles to go / arrived very safe
between 9 or 10 Oclock / Found out the Lodge House and asked
[??????] / where Scholdberg lived, and Mr Bull, found him / Mr S. at Mr
Bulls, just sat down to Supper, I was /

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invited to sit to, which I did, and made a harty / meal. Was then invited to
Mr S`s to dinner / next day , with my Landlord [Ker?????????]/ about 12
OClock the Company separated / and I returned to my lodgings /

Sunday 23 June

This morning I clean`d myself, sat down / and read in my Bible till about 1
when Mr / K. came to my Door and then we proceeded / to Mr S`s about
½ a Mile Distance, we here / spent an agreeable day and t`was near 12
oclock / before I got to Bed. /

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Monday 24 June

As I was attending to Businefs this morning / about 11 Oclock, was visited
by Mr Thos Fearnly / of Fredrikstad, we soon began to get acquainted / &
walked to Mr Bulls together stop`d some / time there, I fix`d with Mr B. to
see my / patterns at his own House, during the time / I was at | Fredrikstad
I succeeded well. / Mr Fearnly and me proposed coming of next day /
morning together, Mr F. had a young Lady with /

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him, I packed up the whole of my Patterns / before which time t`was near

12 O'clock /

Tuesday 25 June

At 7 I Breakfasted. ½ past 8 I cleaned myself / found Mr Fearnly just out of the Town / we proceeded on very Pleasantly till we arrived / in Fredrickshall without any Particular / occurrence. About 5 O'clock after some / difficulty I got my luggage clear from the / Customhouse. It has been a delightful fine / day. I drank Tea at my lodgings (Madame Ordals) / about 6 O'clock and retired to rest at 9 /

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Wednesday 26 June

At 7 I went to Mr Fearnlys with Lars Smith / dined at Madam Fearnlys. Drank Coffee Madam / Wistergaard, took an Order, Sup`d at Madame F`s / returned to sleep at my lodgings - /

Thursday 27 June

After Breakfast went to Mr [Sh????ps] was / treated like his own Son, gave me a good Order / made promise to dine with him Sunday / next. From there I went to Fearnlys / there I dined, afterwards to Mr [Hoffg????ds] /

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began Business joint for his Brother Christopher / who speaks English, was once in England for / some time, during which space, he fell violently / in love with Mifs Mary Parr, sister to the young / lady I was in company with at Drawback, now / married to a Captain Angel, residing at said place. / by some unlucky accident they can't not / come together, owing to which circumstance / he is much distressed in his mind, appears always / overwhelmed with grief, is not melancholy but / Keeps talking always the trouble he endures /

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frequently exclaims, tis punishment, as he looks / approximately abt 40

Years old, this unhappy / man came to us, entered into conversation / but
could not get rid of the deprefsion on his Spirits. / His Brother getting more
engaged, we left him, / and took a walk. Saw were the King of / Sweden
was kil`d, several other pleasing / prospects presented themselves to us as
we pafsd / along. During the time we were together in the fields / I put the
question to him, if ever he was married /

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t`was that which touched his soul, and caus`d / him to give me the history
of his miserable / Fate, tis shocking to see him and painful / to be in his
company. Is very glad to / have any lady to speak too, and tell the /
anguish he feels. On our return we pafs`d / a Stack of deals, which
after we had done / about 2 Rods, Fell down to the ground, thus is / a
Kind providence watchful over us everywhere:- / finished his Brothers
Order and stop`d the Evening/

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