

We know nothing more of him previous to his leaving for America, except that he had married in Ireland, and had part of his family born to him. In the year 1769 he left his native country, for the Western Continent. In his memoranda he says, "June 21st we set sail for America with a very agreeable gale." As was natural, he was on leaving, much dejected. "Imprecations which were echoed by every one board too, discouraged me very much; but these were not my chief reasons for being under many dejections. As to a clearance from my Lord Jesus, this was the greatest discouragement of all. I addressed my master then to get light as to the voyage, and comfort to support me in the pressures of my mind."

The voyage occupied between eleven and twelve weeks,—no uncommon period in those days. We have the most of a journal which he kept on his passage across the Atlantic, some extracts from which may be of interest.

"Monday, July 10. Nothing remarkable intervened on this day with respect to our voyage, saving that some theiving of liquor took place, but the aggressors was not discovered for some short time.—Immediately on their being detected, they were confined until a marine court should be held to judge of the crime, and then to punish accordingly, with several other villainies of the same kind.

"Tuesday 11th. We continued on our way to the Southward.—That night I think, was the most uncomfortable to me of any night I ever saw. I may very properly say that Satan, that old serpent, was loosed out of the bottomless pit. For one of his emissaries being prompted by the same spirit, uttered such horrid blasphemies and unheard of imprecations, as nothing perhaps could equal; nay Lucifer himself could not blaspheme more. I passed the night with great uneasiness and perplexity of mind. I oft thought through the lonely watches of the night, that it was a wonder that God did not show some visible judgment upon us. The captain and second mate were obliged to come down to quell the (disturbance.)

"Wednesday 12th. We changed our course from the south-west to west by north, the wind still being contrary, which very much discouraged me, for things on every hand foreboded a tedious voyage. There was a great outcry for more fresh water, as there had been a great reduction of our quota to barely three pints. This was patiently borne with in the meantime, in the hope of a change of wind.

"Sabbath 28rd. The day opened upon us with no agreeable aspect. Little or no veneration appeared among us to the Deity, but on the contrary the greatest disrespect and contempt of his worship. Laughing and profanity were the exercises of the Lord's day. The day was the Holy day profaned and misspent. The day did not begin with public worship nor did it end with it. A few of us convened toward the evening of the day to worship, and during the exercise some mocked, and others jeered, and so withdrew. I was much moved in my spirit by such profanity, and abuse of the Lord's worship and undeserved goodness.

"Sabbath 30th. On the morning of the Lord's day we expected a fair wind, but were disappointed. It shifted straight ahead of us. No worship was begun among any of us, nor indeed was the day ended with any. Toward the decline of it, we espied a sail to the