

Monday 5. Feb. This was the commencement of the
Carnaval. The public however were not prepared to cele-
brate it with any festivities; the purpose of the time
was too great & the magistrates had issued orders for the
usual amusement to be changed for solemn invocation
of the Almighty assistance & protection for the last 20
years the gates of the prison had been gradually declining
the licentious conduct of the people was so flagrant
with concealed under masks, that it became the object
of the government to check it. It was committed to the
innocent privilege of the ladies to sprinkle with
water every young man who peeped under the window
the water varied from dital to lavender according to
the caprice of the paper & disposition of the sprinkler.
This salute was returned by the gallant by a shower
of sweetmeats & sugar plums & whilst they proceeded
thru the streets, a gentleman personally concluded the evening
by preparing them for the ensuing state of mortification
& festering during Lent. This day a most violent
storm commenced from NW. which in the first
instance drove several ships from their moorings
& threatened great injury if its rage continued.
Tuesday 6th Feb. The storm of yesterday was but
a prelude to the fury of today its rage was too
great to permit any boat to come on shore. but 5
or 6 vessels were driven a shore. others were swept
on their stations & supposed to have foundered &
also on board to have perished. The beach was lined
with people anxious for property exposed to the fury
of the elements, or the lives of some relatives or friends
whose feelings & anxiety were strongly marked in
their dejected & disordered countenance. A general
abatement of the hurricane in proportion the evening
ended.