Our prospect for holding public meetings as is avowed to Gifts Dest – I have look to next first day for the accomplishment of the object – ~~but~~ I feel the concept yet very much – – I may we be graciously helped through! Last evening I attended a religious meeting held by Lucock with Sabb. sch. teachers – It was large – I felt peculiarly interested points – especially 'waiting' – & prayed at the conclusion of the meeting. This was meetest my relief – & a brighter hope seems to attend my mind this morning, than I have been able to come at for several days past.

St. Thomas First day morng 12/29. 1839

It is under some depression & tendency to fear & perplexed that I again resume the thread of this journal – It is not easy or familiar work to be engaged as I now am in these tropical regions & I sometimes feel my total separation from all my friends more than a little – Yet I have great cause for thankfulness that my way has hitherto been graciously made – that we three are pleasantly housed & united together – & that we are favoured with the rich blessing of health. Last first day 22d, we held large meetings at West End & Bappin; which completely served the purpose of relieving our

minds – & were, as far as appeared, universally satisfactory – We afterwards enjoyed some very pleasant intercourse with our friends on the Island, especially with the many kind & zealous ones in the neighbourhood of West End; & our parting was I believe without a cloud. This feeling was much promoted by the coming in of the Eliza with my Letters from England up to 11mo 1. all comfortable intelligence. We left West End on Xmas day (4th day) in a schooner for this place, where we arrived on 5th day morning. The beauty of the scenery here is great – but commerce & pleasure seem to induce a neglect of the population of this Emporium of the West Indies. We have been kindly received by Edward Simmons a member of Lord's in his family from Stela – He is a conscientious & feeling man, greatly afflicted by the loss of his wife – We have enjoyed some pleasant hours with them – including his son in law Frede Ponister of Harper – Mr Lebaft the Dutch Reform minister, has been very obliging, & lends us his church – for our public meeting, giving up his own service for it – This our way is again open. O that great power may be given me, to make known the everlasting riches which are in Christ, for the benefit of some immortal souls – We have hired the Brigantine Eliza, Capt. Aarsteff for