Our proposal for holding public meetings as it is decided to the Dist. I am looking to next first day for the accomplishment of the object. I feel the weight of it very much. 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 pretty unreserved points, especially 'Waiting' & prayed at the conclusion of the meeting. This was much to my relief & brightens up 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

Was under some depression & tendency to fear lest that I again resume the thread of this journal. It is not easy or pleasant work to be engaged as I was in Nevis against agents & 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 & Bapton; 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 of the Island, especially with the many kind & zealous ones in the neighbourhood of West End; & after 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 unite & envelop the population of this emporium of the West Indies. We have been kindly treated by Edward Simmons a member of Jos. & his family from Stela. He is a gentlemanlike & feeling man, greatly afflicted by the loss of his wife. We have enjoyed some of pleasant times with them. including his son in law Fredk Ponniston of Harpe. Abm Lebaugh the Dutch Reform minister, has been very obliging & lends us his "church" for our public meeting, giving up his own service for it. Thus our way is again open. O that great power may be given me, to make known the unchanging riches which are in Christ, for the benefit of some immortal souls. We have hired the Brigantine Eliza, Capt. Marshall for