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22nd Dec^r - Very fine day & more mild -
Did not go to Town, but remain'd at
Home to Salt my Hogs, which was
handsomely done before Sunsett -
Mamm'd new sown Timothy in mea-
dow near the Garden -

23 - Very fine day, went to Town, din'd
at S. Sheretts, whose brother J^o. rec^d. a
Comnd as Brig^{ad} Gen^l of 3rd Brigade.

24 - Fine cool day, went to Town,
din'd with Lyde Goodwin -

25. X Mas day, and a very pleasant
one but cool - Rode to Town &
paid the customary visit to D. A.
Smith, who expects all his Friends
to drink Egg Nog, ^{as usual} afterwards rode
with him S. Sherett to the meadows
& Farley, return'd by Clifton -

Din'd at home without company
Afterwards walk'd with J. Fitzhugh
Sam O'Charley to Mr. Nicols & Mr. Peters.

26 - Last Night was the coldest we have
had this Winter - Wind North -
Went to Town, at one O'clock heard
that Mr. Nicols house was on Fire, rode
out immediately & found it nearly con-
sum'd, the Furniture principally saved
& deposited at Cap^t. Tennants, Mr. & Mrs
Nicols came to Clifton & staid all Night,
they bear the loss with great fortitude -
Becky Peters came & staid all Night.

27 - Very fine day - Went to Town
return'd to Dinner -

Mr. & Mrs Nicols went to Mr. Tennants
to arrange their Furniture, they re-
turn'd in the ev. with Miss Peters
& In^o. Mayman, all staid all night.