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Inside cover

<p>Left column: Fredk Douglass 1871 Jan Tennessee Man of War U.S. (Illegible) Wild Dark and surly Cotton suit Haywood</p>	<p>Right column: Fred Douglass Douglass Esq. Douglas</p>
<p>Page 2 Left column: Label on upper left corner: Kempton & Hyer, stationers, blank book And envelope, Manufacturers, No. 1 Beekman Street, New York.</p> <p>In middle: Calendar for 1871</p> <p>My dear sir: This is my book F.D.</p>	<p>Page 2 Right column: No. 20 DAILY MEMORANDUM BOOK FOR 1871 Published annually by Francis & Loutrel, Manufacturing Stationers And Steam Job Printers, 45 Maiden Lane New York</p>
<p>Page 3 January 4 Wednesday Col. Enrique Abreu –Samana Lewis Horan –Samana J.L. Marciacq Welcher Buck Mrs. Savery</p>	<p>Page 3 January 7 Saturday Blank</p>
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<p>Page 5 January 16 Monday Astor House [Hotel in New York City] Prof Ward [Professor Henry A. Ward] Shepperd (sic) of W. Repub. [Arthur Shepherd, <i>West Republican</i>] Gen Boynton Gaz [H. V. Boynton, Associated Press and <i>Cincinnati Gazette</i>] Phillips (sic) Herald [W. B. Philips, <i>New York Herald</i>] Marvin World Fulton B Am [C.C. Fulton, <i>Baltimore American</i>] Ramsdell T [H.J. Ramsdell, <i>New York Tribune</i>]</p>	<p>Page 5 January 19 Thursday Wind high ship rolling in the Gulf--Charley sick. Few able to (illegible) dinner. I one of the few. We (illegible) hard work to keep plates on table.</p>
<p>January 17 Tuesday U.S. Steamship Tenn[essee] Cap. Wm. G. Temple [Captain William G. Temple, Commander of the U.S. Frigate <i>Tennessee</i>] The Com. sworn in set sail for Santo Domingo at two o'clock--Weather cool, clean, pleasant</p>	<p>January 20 Friday Calm, warm, sunny--summerlike. A Bark on (illegible) quarter. Address Baez [President Buenaventura Baez]--I make suggestions as to its words--They are accepted.</p>
<p>January 18 Wednesday Hon. B. F. Wade [Honorable Benjamin F. Wade] made president of the commission. The Comm. decides their numbers to be 21. They vote that no bill shall be constructed for wines, liquors, or sugars. That reporters pay their own expenses. Charles [Charles Douglass] made messenger Com. Inquiry.</p>	<p>January 21 Saturday Blank</p>
<p>Page 6 January 22 Sunday Three hund[red] MS [messages] from Samana. High hopes of reach Samana. Tom[orrow] or day after--reporters eager for news--</p>	<p>Page 6 January 25 Wednesday & 26 Thursday Why did Dominican so speedily through off Spain after seeking allies. They did not seek it. It was Santana Joseph Hamilton---speak ill treatment. Won't allow colored Catholic, c. the poor did come one way or other Cabral gentleman. Baez has majority freedom of religion "Letter" ___ ? How may 600 or 700. 1824 Increase large family 10. Pray(?) do in manner school with Baptist school vs</p>

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	<p>school by the state in Samara. Two days sick in 20 yrs, can (illegible) by (illegible) the earthquake 1842. Had earthquake three weeks ago. Land (illegible) property What interest Court Justice of Peace (illegible) his (illegible). Ten years ago. Leased land. It can't be worse off than they are. Taxed by Spain & \$100 Complained of tax. Stopped the method "Luperon" "Treachery" Baez Pres. by force of Arms. "wives and stick to them" age 19. Silvano Acosta, Abreu.</p>
<p>January 23 Monday Barren only see ship, sky, and wind and very little of the latter.</p>	<p>January 26 Thursday (see above)</p>
<p>January 24 Tuesday Arrived at Samara at two O.C. [o'clock] Received kindly by the peo[ple] by Col. Enrique Abreu. Talked freely of America. The most beautiful Bay- the fort the people.</p>	<p>January 27 Friday Blank</p>
<p>Page 7 January 28 Saturday Blank</p>	<p>Page 7 January 31 Tuesday Arrived in the Rhodestead of Santo Domingo but too late to land. The Rhodestead is exceedingly rough and our ship rolls at anchor as in the open sea. All are eager to land and see the ancient city founded by Columbus. The surf.</p>
<p>January 29 Sunday Speech on the strand of Samara Bay or Clara Bay with Mr. Dichmaiu an old butler hire of 60 years. He knew Toussaint Cristophe to and told me much of the struggle for freedom by these heroes and of the atrocities perpetrated by the French under the first Nap[oleon].</p>	<p>February 1 Wednesday On shore old colored man at the wharf lived here for 48 years speaks English, from Balt[imore] Com[missioner] rent an empty house. Refuse the Palace part of their (illegible) by Pre[sident] Baez. A city of churches the bells interminable jingle people well dressed polite and orderly.</p>
<p>January 30 Monday Set sail for Santo [Dom]Mingo City- the coast grand-the sea rough. Many seasick- and sick of the sea. Pass Puerto Rico at night and did not see it. Flying fish Dolphin.</p>	<p>February 2 Thursday Com[missioners] paid respects to President Baez at Palace Mr. Wade read address White translated in French President Baez replied in Spanish -Would give com[missioners] all the aid in his power wanted them to be thorough see opposed as well as.</p>
<p>Page 8 February 3 Friday Wrote letters all day for home. It is intensely hot but not too hot for me. Com. doing noth[ing]. A little hitch about meals. Old prejudices aristocracy on a small scale.</p>	<p>Page 8 February 6 Monday Suffering from many bruises and feel little like work. Charley is copying the Cazneau contracts-- and is winning golden opinions for his penmanship.</p>

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<p>February 4 Saturday Was in company with Gen. Sigel [Franz Sigel] shown through the old castle at Santo Domingo where Christopher Columbus was confined and died. This was the event of the day to us. There are, it is said, many prisoners (illegible) in the castle and some of them were sentenced death.</p>	<p>February 7 Tuesday Took a long walk by the river. House of Columbus—Oldest in Am[erica]. The place where the first slaves were landed. Dogwood and Mahogany. (Illegible) outside the wall. Canoes ferry. School. 11 children-- David R. Brooks, Gross, Hamilton examined. A deputation of 12 rep., & societies. All in favor of annex was called in: made an address to them. They said they were not (illegible).</p>
<p>February 5 Sunday While bathing in the surf among the rocks--was handled very roughly by a heavy wave from the sea-- much bruised and came near being swept off to the sharks. Spoke to the Methodists from the U.S.</p>	<p>February 8 Wednesday A walk along the coast peculiar character of the rocks, black and craggy. Put in acct. \$23.00</p>
<p>Page 9 February 9 Thursday First ride on a Santo Domingo horse. The air this day is cool and brazing but still summerlike. Elvira Garcia. Isabel. Emelia. Mary the mother.</p>	<p>Page 9 February 12 Sunday Walked two miles this morn. Bath on the beach. Made a call upon David Brooks. The ruins of the old church of San Francisco. Bee Hives Dogs Cockfight Sunday. Governor of the city. Col. Abreu dined with com[missioners]: Evident breach of good manners. What it was</p>
<p>February 10 Friday The Tribute arrived. Am[erican]. paper--Grand reading day. Funny acct from the world. The fall of Paris, our French cook in tears--Yo abla espanio? El abla espanio.</p>	<p>February 13 Monday A ride to the beach -- Invited to dine with Col. Abreu. But failed through misunderstanding. Worked hard on Spanish. Mr. Sheppard (sic) called to say goodbye.</p>
<p>February 11 Saturday Dull. There seems but little more to learn here as to the disposition of the people everybody seems for annexation.</p>	<p>February 14 Tuesday The commission is no closing their labors here preparing to start out for other points in the country--Everything is kept secret that can be--but that is very little.</p>
<p>Page 10 February 15 Wednesday Dr. Howe started on his ex. in country. Wheelwright [secretary to Dr. Howe] other accom[pany] him--Reports reach us that the people are everywhere raising the American flag in the interior. Thus giving a direct contradiction to the idea that the country is opposed to the annexation.</p>	<p>Page 10 February 18 Saturday Visited the (illegible) com with the commis[sion] much evidence taken as to the debt- small but not ascertained exactly. A ride with Judge Burton [secretary] to Mr. Shoemaker.</p>

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<p>February 16 Thursday It glorious bath on the beach a mile and half west of Santo Mingo. Furiously studying Spanish.</p>	<p>February 19 Sunday Mr. Gross states that when Boyer came here 1821 freed the slaves but failed to educate and thus explains the present difference between the blacks and the lighter colored people of the Island.</p>
<p>February 17 Friday Blank</p>	<p>February 20 Monday Elijah R. Gross Santo Domingo</p>
<p>Page 11 February 21 Tuesday Sailed for S. Do. [Santo Domingo] for Azua. Presid[ent] Baez on board. He seems pleased with atten[tion] paid him.</p>	<p>Page 11 February 24 Friday There is about (Marchena's) three miles from Azua (illegible) sugar plantation of 800 acres this planta[tion] shows what can be done with the climate and soil of Santo Domingo. There a mountain of tall in (lights?) from Azua, the popu[lation] about nine hundred.</p>
<p>February 22 Wednesday Azua. Three miles inland from the shore has been burnt down 3 times. It is now an assemblage of inferior houses of the country. A small stream of pure water passes through it. Rain hardly falls here and the river is lost to the land before it reaches the sea. There much (illegible).</p>	<p>February 25 Saturday Blank</p>
<p>February 23 Thursday Senator Wade is ashore taking testimony- which he finds all one (illegible) everybody is for annex. Baez has two thousand men wait on attack by Cabral.</p>	<p>February 26 Sunday Spent this day on shore in company with Drs Newcomb, Parry and Mr. Brummell. We are all ordered aboard for Monday night with a view to sailing for Port Au Prince.</p>
<p>Page 12 February 27 Monday Should've sailed to day for Por[t] P[rince] but was detained by Dr. Howe's washing. It would have been cheaper to have filtered him out with a new suit. Too much of this sort of thing during our mission.</p>	<p>Page 12 March 2 Thursday Arrived at Port Au P[rince]. Splendid bay bounded by lofty mountains. The distant view of the city cheerful. The heat somewhat oppressive. It is too late to go on shore. Steamer Hop and Spanish Man of War Brig.</p>
<p>February 28 Tuesday Doctor Howe is now on board and we shall soon be off to sea for P[ort] au Prince. The day is a gracious tropical day--beautiful and warm. The view of the mountains of Santo Domingo from the sea is surpassingly grand. All are on deck enjoying the scene.</p>	<p>March 3 Friday Port Au P[rince] upon a nearer view sadden, houses inferior, streets dirty, people are depressed in spirit general look of cheerfulness and full of suspicion. Minister Bassett [Ebenezer Bassett] & wife.</p>

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<p>March 1 Wednesday Got glance of Alto Villa at 8 clock last night.</p>	<p>March 4 Saturday Minister and consul visit our ship--What did and what did not happen remained in P. Au P.</p>
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<p>March 7 Tuesday Left P. Au P. morning for Kingston.</p>	<p>March 10 Friday Left P. Au P. for Kingston Jam[ica] Consul Pearl Constantine Burke</p>
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<p>Page 15 March 17 Friday</p>	<p>Page 15 March 20 Monday Still in light the island Cuba--only fifty miles last night. Shall not reach Key West till tomorrow.</p>
<p>March 18 Saturday The finest breathe of air reviewing n[otes] with at table Wade and Howe.</p>	<p>March 21 Tuesday Lighthouse in sight Key West 12 miles beyond. (illegible) James Cain--colored.</p>
<p>March 19 Sunday Off the southern coast of Cuba. Voyaging to Key West. Cool northern blowing. Sighted Cuba Cape Antonia.</p>	<p>March 22 Wednesday Blank</p>
<p>Page 16 March 23 Thursday Left Key West today at twelve o clock--bound to Charleston. (END)</p>	