

17th Oct. 1791. in the state

preparations for reading prayers to
the Regt. but was obliged to desist
the second time that has happened
since we left Barbadoes, upon my
knowing I regret it very much, for
I think just at this moment it
becomes doubly necessary. God knows
now when we shall have an oppor-
tunity again. today I entered
upon my twentieth year, our old
boys very good naturedly after
dinner drank my health in a
bumper & wished me many returns
of the day. - At 12 at night the
Adm. made a signal to lay to, day
break the next morning Monday 17th
opened to us the Island of Portofino
about five leagues ahead, at 6
O'clock A.M. we stood in for the Head