Question 1

Encoding LETSSAILFORTHESPANISHMAIN with key PIECESOFEIGHT gave

AMXUWSWQJWXAATATCRAGMQIOU

Question 2

Decoding ZVTVKGVBLNWYJVCLBOOHSSKFIGWYOEDNZ with key GOLDCOINS gave

THISISNOTHINGTODOWITHPIRATESATALL

Question 3

Using C1, C2, and C3, the following M was found

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WASNTASEASYTOGETPROGRAMSRIGHTASWEHADTHOUGHTDEBUGGINGHAD
TOBEDISCOVEREDICANREMEMBERTHEEXACTINSTANTWHENIREALIZED
THATALARGEPARTOFMYLIFEFROMTHENONWASGOINGTOBESPENTIN
FINDINGMISTAKESINMYOWNPROGRAMSMAURICEWILKESDISCOVERSDEBUGGING