

not make much headway, there were 4 or 5 vessels going out bound to California but it was so dark that we did not know them. There were three other vessels bound in at the same time. We took one of them the Georgiana of New York.

Sunday 20. This morning we had a view of the Port of our destination - and ran in to our anchorage ground in Company with the Ship Annama of New York, the Diamond of New Bedford, the Georgiana; and let go anchor about 9 o'clock in the night of Maria and cheering from the different ships in Port. It was a happy time for the Americans - the Passengers of our Ship landed about 11 o'clock after the Port Officer had visited us, and had was I to let out on Land once more, after a passage of one hundred and twelve days, great rejoicing took place among the Passengers of the different ships in Port, on account of the good news from California, and our safe arrival here so long on our long Journey. All British and Bound to Land by each other through which & being. We were all on one account to each our fortunes, the Mary Miller of Boston and the Doctor of Philadelphia in Port together with the White Ship, Christopher Mitchell of San Francisco. The Doctor of Boston, the Prescott of Hingham and 2 or 3 others left the night before. I left a letter for Mr James Crocker of Falmouth, and one for my Brother Michael on Board of the Bark Gunbarter of New Bedford. The American Council took them in charge by the name of Crosby, and to be forwarded the first opportunity.

I shall endeavour to give a little sketch of matters and things here which came under my notice after a fortnight stay in Port. The Bay is fine, surrounded by Mountains of great height. The finest part of the Town is situated under on near the Base of these High Lands. The Soil is fertile. The houses are built of adobe. Corn, Wheat, and Oats. The number of Population about 4000. And the people are quite civil and hospitable. The City of Concepcion is about ten miles back with a population of about 10,000. We found plenty of Vegetables it being about harvest time. Also Fruit. Such as Apples, Pears, grapes, English Melons, &c. &c. Fish and Mussels of large size. There is plenty of Coffee and Cacao in the Country. Their Farming Methods is altogether behind the times. The Passengers and their men a good many of us, somewhere about five hundred made a social gathering among the people, and besides that left a good deal of money. We had a supper at Concepcion the Saturday night previous to our leaving. It was got up by the Passengers of the different ships in Port, for the purpose of having a Jubilation. The Hall was decorated in fine style with American, English, and other Emblems. And about one hundred as many as the Hall would hold sat down. The Supper was excellent and very good music. And every thing went off with fun and good feeling until it began to strike the small ones in the morning. It rained about one week of the time that we stayed here.

Tuesday June 5. The wind came out from Port a few miles to leave the Harbour after a nine days weather. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon. We let go our Fireboard being a signal for sailing. And began to leave with anchor together with the Ship Annama, and the John Getty with flags flying, Maria flying and great cheering from all the ships in the Harbour. We let sail and stood out of the Harbour with a light wind. It about 15 miles to the mouth, the Moon shone bright, and we were every much rejoiced.