

Journal

Friday 17 March 1843

Sultry clear weather and a light breeze from the North the U.S. ship Boston sailed to day for home carrying Capt. Dockham with them got one meal to day from the fort pass away the time reading the life of the Rev Mr Martin a missionary in India and learning the Native language three deserters brought to the fort to day for belonging to the Boston U.S. ship of war

Saturday 18 March

Sultry hot weather and a light shower of rain in the afternoon got no vitals to day to 12 o'clock and what I got then was so tough the pork that I could not eat it and the men belonging to the man of war said they could not eat it which I believe was the case got out of the fort these few nights past for half an hour to have a swim which was very comfortable several boats from whale ships came to see me to day

Sunday 19 March

Clear pleasant weather and a pleasant breeze from the N.E. got three meals of an old hog and tarra boiled several people visited me to day

Monday 20th March

Sultry hot weather and calm pass away the time reading a magazine sent to Ladd & Co for two shirts and the making of two pair of trousers they send me the shirt and stuff but they are soiled that so much for credit got one meal from the fort and two from a woman at her own expence several people came to see me to day

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Tuesday 21 March 1843

Clear beautiful weather got three meals from the fort to day of the old hog and tarra but so salt and it half cooked that it could not be eat got a little bread from some men belonging to whale ships my old ship sailed a day or two ago under Capt. Jackson the portigee with only one navigator on board if it was not for old Maria I could hardly live in this place but she is always to pass away the time teaching me the Native language

Wednesday 22 March

Beautiful clear weather and sultry throughout I got only one meal of vitals to day and it was in such a state that I could not eat it the tarra was half boiled and the pork so putrid that a dog would not eat it I wrote to the Commissioners for food but received no answer pass away the time reading Newton Forester several people came to see me to day

Thursday 23 March

Blowing a strong gale from the N.E. throughout this day one of the Hudson Bay Co. ships arrived here to day got nothing to eat to day to 12 o'clock and I would not have had any then if I had not bullied Lord George out of it they gave me a fowl for dinner and pork for supper pass away several hours seeing the sailors from the Carrisport exercised at a field piece the latter part spent in reading

Friday 24 March

Clear pleasant weather and light airs from the South got three meals to day and stave away some for a day of starvation several boats from ships visited me to day also the Capt. and doctor