

Journal

Monday 3 April 1843

Clear pleasant weather and moderate breezes from the N.E. got my regular meals to day of tarra and pork half raw was visited by several people to day

Tuesday 4 April

Blowing a gale of wind from the North East and several ships off the harbour got my regular vittals to day pass away the dull time reading and two hours swimming shocking dull times in the port having nothing to do

Wednesday 5 April

Blowing a very heavy gale of wind from the N.E. got my regular meals of tarra and pork but a very scanty allowance pass two hours swimming and the rest in smoking and reading no visitors to day whatever got some por and two fish from a woman in the port

Thursday 6 April

Still blowing hard from the N.E. got up at 6 o'clock and saw the native soldiers drilled and try bush fighting got my regular meals today a mate from a ship lying off and came to see me to day pass away the time reading and swimming swimming is a very healthy employ must include and gives great exercise to the body

Friday 7 April

Still blowing very hard and several ships lying off and on outside this harbour got my regular vittals to day but it was a very scanty allowance indeed

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Saturday 8 April 1843

Cloudy and heavy rain at intervals still blowing heavy from the N.E. got my regular meals to day was visited by Capt. Peas of the ship York and he very kindly offered me all the assistance in his power for my comfort but I would not accept of any thing so he left me

Sunday 9 April

Suttry clear weather and blowing a moderate breeze got my regular meals to day and pass away the time reading a book called the spy for want of a more religious one Capt. Arthur and Peas visited me to day several prisoners put in the port to day for drunkenness and running away from ships a dutch ship came to anchor of this port in the fore noon

Monday 10 April

Blowing very hard and cloudy got three meals to day but a very scanty allowance pass away the time reading and two hours swimming no visitors to day

Tuesday 11 April

Clear weather but blowing very hard two ships and a schooner came to an anchor of the harbour to day two men ran away from the port to night and has made there escape

Wednesday 12 April

Blowing very hard from the north East got three meals to day the house that I have been living in was torn down and the Capt. of the port has put me into a miserable wet hole amongst a gang of the most rascally natives that can be found on the Islands regular thieves and robbers