

Journal

Thursday 13th April 1843

Blowing very hard from the North East got three meals to day wrote a letter to Mr Hooper the American Consul requesting him to try and get me a better place to stop in but he has not tried nor even came to see the netted hole they have put me in now down on the reef and gether shell fish to pass away the shocking dull time now and take a swim in the afternoon the house where they have put me is alive with lice and fleas centipedes and all sort of varmin.

Friday 14 April

Blowing very hard but clear weather throughout seven ships lying off and on outside this harbour three Captains of whaler ships came to see me to day but I happened to be in swimming and I did not see them got three meals to day of tarra and pork but only half cooked and all over with sand so that it could not be ate.

Saturday 15 April

Cloudy and light showers of rain but still blowing fresh got three meals to day it was so full of sand that I could hardly make a meal out of the whole of it got some por from my old friend Maria and made my supper of it pass away the time swimming and reading.

Sunday 16 April

Clear weather and a moderate breeze from the N E all the ships in here this season are bound on the North West Coast I am very uncomfortably situated and I expect to be sick before a great while from the dampness of my room got a small fowl for three meals and some half boiled tarra.

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Monday 17th April 1843

Pleasant breezes and clear weather got three meals to day of Pork and tarra shocking dull idle time this nothing to do and no one to talk to pass two hours swimming the rest in smoking and reading the Capt of the ship York promised me some bread but he has sailed and did not fulfill his promise so I am much obliged to him.

Tuesday 18 April

Clear pleasant weather and a moderate breeze from the N E got three meals to day but I could not eat the tarra it was so badly cooked a ship sailed to day for Boston but I could not write by her my mind was so confused pass away the dull time reading and swimming on a Mr Sec Secretary for the Commissioners thought proper to come to the prison to day and find a great deal of fault that the prisoners were so well accommodated in the cursed hole but if he interferes again he will go out with a broken head or I am mistaken.

Wednesday 19 April

Beautiful clear weather and moderate breezes from the N E got three meals to day a very fare allowance indeed but the pork was rather putrid only three white prisoners in the fort at present and only four ships in harbour all having sailed within a few days past.

Thursday 20 April

Beautiful clear weather and moderate breezes got three meals to day pass away the time reading I begin to get more contented now what I was at first any more acquainted with the way of living with the natives.