

Journal

Friday 28 April 1843

Beautiful clear weather and a pleasant breeze from the N.E. got no vittuals from the fort to day they offered me some half boiled tarro but I could not eat it I bought some fish and got some por from Maria and so I made out on that today the Capt. of the Man of war came to the fort today and released about twenty prisoners but said nothing to me whatever pass away the time reading

Saturday 29 April

Beautiful weather and a strong breeze from the North got no vittuals from the fort to day but Maria went to the mountains and got some pork and por from her sister and gave it to me but I do not know how I shall ever be able to pay her for her kindness if it was not for her I should be starved to death for no one else ever offers me any thing to eat what ever pass away the time mending my clothes to day and she helps me she got two water melons and gave me one

Sunday 30 April

This proves a beautiful day and pleasant breezes from the N.E. several ships off the harbour to day got no vittuals from the fort to day but was well provided for by Maria eleven french men put in the fort the past night for raising a disturbance on shore and seven more escaped they had to call out the soldiers to and the men and several officers of the Carron to quell the mob however by twelve o'clock all was quiet and the french men in double Irons for the night I scaled the walls of the fort and went about four miles up the country and returned at midnight and no one was the wiser of it except Maria who assisted me in downing it

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Monday 1st May 1843

Cloudy weather and all together a dull day got no vittuals from the fort to day but was well provided by Maria her sister having killed a turkey and roasted it and brought it all the way from the mountains for me pass away the time reading

Tuesday 2 May

Beautiful clear weather and a moderate breeze from the North got one meal from the fort to day at seven o'clock at night and got two meals from Maria pass away the time walking reading and swimming no one has paid me a visit for some time past

Wednesday 3 May

Clear pleasant weather and light air from the North got three meals from the fort to day pass away the time reading smoking and swimming had a little bit of a row with the boatswain of the fort his wife having spoke to the Capt. of the fort not to let me come to Maria's room as she had all my clothes and my chest which she wanted that I should keep in her house but I did not want all my clothes stolen from me which undoubtedly would be the case should I bring them to her house and she being offended I suppose at me giving Maria a new pair of shoes which she thought she ought to have

Thursday 4 May

Clear weather and a light breeze employed reading and swimming got three meals from the fort to day the cook swearing that he will not cook unless all hands pay him half a dollar each