

## Journal

Friday 5 May 1843

Clear weather and moderate breezes a person from Ladd & Co came to see the shocking hole that I had to live in and to try and get me a better situation as it is a very disagreeable to live in a room with fifteen of the most wretched outcasts of the Islands and then the most handy thieves that the Islands can produce got three meals from the fort to day but I believe he did not succeed in getting me an other lodging

Saturday 6 May

Beautiful clear weather and sultry another prisoner put in the fort this morning for running away from a ship at Moore I am getting rather hard usage in the fort at present but if there was a ship here that I could get a situation in my stay would be very short indeed from the usage I have been getting got three meals to day pass away the time reading and smoking

Sunday 7 May

Clear pleasant weather and a light breeze from the south pass away this dull day reading and smoking as there is nothing else that I can do as I cannot get out to church nor any place of worship

Monday 8 May

Beautiful weather and very sultry throughout the day got some books from the American Consul to pass away the time got some sweet potatoes and salt for two meals and a small piece of a turkey for supper it was a very small piece indeed on account of half a turkey being devoured between seven hungry and half starved men

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Tuesday 9th May 1843

This proves a beautiful day and a light breeze from the south an American merchant ship off this harbour to day and takes all the white men out of the fort but one such an am on a voyage to Manilla she runs a narrow chance of getting on shore but the wind hauled of shore and she stands away well in the offing she reports two French ships of war bound here got three meals to day from the fort but a very small allowance indeed

Wednesday 10 May

Another beautiful day and the wind from the south two sails off the harbour to day got three meals from the fort to day pass these last two or three nights without any sleep owing to a dog having a lot of pups yelping all night long and I cannot get them removed the natives are beginning to make the white prisoners work again digging up large stones on the reef but they will have hard work to make me work and get no pay for it and still harder living

Thursday 11 May

Clear pleasant weather and moderate breezes from the south got my regular meals to day the Rev Mr Daymon visited me to day and from him to get me a native dictionary in a few days so that I can learn the language better

Friday 12 May

Calm and very sultry throughout the day got three meals to day pass away the time reading and smoking one ship lying off the harbour to day bound on Japan