

Journal

Saturday 13 May 1843

Beautiful clear weather and a moderate breeze from the south got chicken three times to day pass away the time reading and smoking the natives are very dissatisfied the way that Lord Colett is using them and I should not wonder much but they will rebel before long

Sunday 14 May

This proves a very cloudy day and the wind from the south pass away the dull time reading and smoking one of my old cane arrived here a few days ago and came to see me to day got three meals to day

Monday 15 May

Cloudy and the latter part very heavy rain no visitors to day pass away the time as usual reading and smoking I am getting to be a professed smoker I must have some thing to drive away the time or they I would grow mad all together I believe getting a very small allowance from the fort

Tuesday 16 May

Cloudy weather and a very dull day through heat get a small haul for the three meals to day and some small tarra pass away the time reading and smoking I am on the sick list to day with a slight touch of dysentery and very weak with the scarcity of vituals I am every day complaining of want of provisions to the officers of the fort but can get no better allowance

Wednesday 17 May

Sultry hot weather and a light air from the south get a very small allowance from the fort to day hardly enough to sustain life if it was not that I am so sick and weak that I cannot eat

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Thursday 18 May 1843

Sultry hot weather and a light air from the south laid up all together have a sad attack of vomiting and cramp which has weakened me so much that I have to take food for it, nothing but a few small pieces of tarra from the fort to day

Friday 19 May 1843

Very sick to day and get nothing fit to eat from the fort I was offered some tarra and salt but I could not eat it pass away the day rolling from side to side of the bed or the few boards that I have to lie upon

Saturday 20 May

Cloudy for the most part to day but very hot throughout no better yet and so weak on my back that I cannot stand

Sunday 21 May

This is a pleasant day and sultry weather had a severe fit of vomiting and cramp which lasted all the past night I have to keep my bed all day and I am so sore that I can scarcely move Maria got some rice and cooked it for me as I have been getting nothing from the fort

Monday 22 May

Cloudy throughout to day a Mr Gilman and the Rev Mr Daymon came to see me to day and brought me a book to pass away the time rather better to day but still very weak yet getting no food from the fort whatever and have to buy my own vituals which is rather hard