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Tuesday 23 May 1843

Clear pleasant weather and moderate breezes from the south feel pretty stout again and able to move about get no food from the fort what ever and I have to provide for myself

Wednesday 24 May

This proves a beautiful clear day and great sport going on in the town and harbour on account of this day being the Queens birth day the Carrisfort frigate is in beautiful dress to day and fires a salute at one and another at eight o'clock and mumbledeys rockets and blights set off and her garde manned at night get no vituals from the fort whatever to day

Thursday 25 May

Pleasant clear weather and strong breezes from the N East pass away the time reading and smoking I was visited by two missionaries to day get no vitals from the fort and Indian imprisoned here to day for killing bullock he was ran down by dogs and is in a shocking mangled state

Friday 26 May

Clear weather and strong breezes from the N East Lord George Coleby visited the fort to day and I entered a complaint to him about my treatment and food but all the satisfaction I could get out of him was that I could get nothing but the food of the country I stated that I should be content with that I mentioned that I had had no meat for some days and he said that I could not have meat every day I then stated that as this was an english prison that I ought to get an english prison allowance he stated that it was not an english prison and got into a shocking passion and said it served me right and he thought that I should

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Continued) get tired of it before I got out and further stated that I should not have been so favourable to Capt. Dockham

Saturday 27 May

Pleasant weather and a moderate breeze from the south got vituals from the fort to day pass away the time reading and smoking

Sunday 28 May

Beautiful weather and a pleasant breeze from the south employ this day in reading got three meals from the fort to day

Monday 29 May

Beautiful Clear weather and light airs from the south employ myself reading and smoking as I have no other way of amusing myself the officers of the fort turned Maria out of the fort to day and they were in a shocking state because she took my chest with her

Tuesday 30 May

Got no vituals from the fort to day but Maria sent me a small pig and some sweet potatoes the officers will not let her come inside the fort and forbid her washing any more of my clothes but before they can effect that threat they will find that I can give my clothes to any person that I please they are going to there utmost severity with me if I go out side of the gate there is a soldier watching me

Wednesday 31 May

Got no vituals from the fort to day but I was well provided for by Maria I spoke to Major Campbell to day to allow Maria to come inside the fort with books for me and he gave his permission but the soldiers would not let her after he was