

Journal

Friday 23 June 1843

Pleasant weather and a light breeze from the N.E. got nothing but a few pieces of tarra from the fort to day employed reading the Pickwick papers

Saturday 24 June

Beautiful clear weather got some tarra and salt from the fort to day passed away the time swimming reading and smoking have got a severe attack of the dysentery and all the prisoners in the same state one man can hardly walk about

Sunday 25 June

Beautiful weather with a strong breeze from the North East employed all day reading got no food from the fort to day

Monday 26 June

Got no food from the fort to day wrote a pretty sharp letter to Mr. Sea Secretary for the Commissioner about not getting any thing to eat he came down and had a few hot words with the Governor and compelled him give us food or otherwise he would have us boarded from our side and charge it to the Governor however he got us a barrel of rusty stinking pork which is better than to have nothing employed reading

Tuesday 27 June

Got three meals to day of stinking pork and passed the time reading and swimming no better of the dysentery as yet it is occasioned by the miserable food and water which is quite brackish

Wednesday 28 June

Blowing a strong breeze and a shocking quantity of dust flying so that no one can stir about one man imprisoned for defrauding the government of 800 dollars has had his trial and got six years imprisonment

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Thursday 29 June 1843

Clear weather and very sultry throughout the day got three meals to day but it was the sad stuff have nothing to amuse myself with to day but swimming

Friday 30 June

Sultry weather through the day but cold and raining throughout the night got three meals to day of the same old stuff which is enough to bring some horrid sickness on a man

Saturday 1 July

Cloudy and light showers of rain throughout the day the Curisfort arrived here to day from a leeward Island and sailed again at dusk for the weather Islands got three meals to day of the same pork and Joe Lord Paulat visited the fort to day but did not think proper to look at the white prisoners he was attended by his second Lieutenant as usual and could not talk unless he said something first

Sunday 2 July

Cloudy weather and raining an English sloop of war arrived here to day called the Hazard mounting 18 guns from Otahiti with despatches in 20 days got two meals to day passed away the time reading

Monday 3 July

Cloudy and raining throughout blowing a fresh gale got very little to eat to day as there was no wood to cook with passed the day swimming

Tuesday 4 July

Got no visitors from the fort to day whatever speak to Master the constable but he would do nothing for me passed the day swimming