

Journal

Monday 17 July 1843

Blowing very hard and a shocking quantity of dust flying employed reading got vituals to day from the port rather better to day and in a fare way to get better

Tuesday 18 July

Blowing hard and desperate dust so that it is impossible to stir about employed reading and spend an hour swimming got vituals to day.

Wednesday 18 July

Pleasant weather and light air from the south the Carrisfort and a whale ship arrived here to day the whale ship lost the second mate on the 14th and the crew would not pull for any more whales so they had to put away for this port

Thursday 20 July

Beautiful clear weather and pleasant breezes got three meals to day employed reading still very sick on the doctors hands

Friday 21 July

Pleasant weather and moderate breezes got one meal to day from the port employed reading

Saturday 22 July

Pleasant breezes and a moderate breeze a whale ship arrived here to day full bound home got no vituals to day from the port and find it no use to speak about any for we only get laughed at

Sunday 23 July

Pleasant weather and a light breeze a brig arrived here to day with Otahiti reports the English ships eating all the provisions on the island

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Monday 24 July 1843

Pleasant weather and a brisk breeze from the N East got a small allowance of Pea from the Port to day still sick taking medicine

Tuesday 25 July

Sultry hot weather and a pleasant breeze got no vituals from the port to day but got some Pea from the Cook employ the dull time reading went to take a swim and the soldiers drove me into the prison complained and could get no satisfaction for the insult

Wednesday 26 July

Beautiful clear weather & B in ship Dublin Rear Admiral Thomas arrived here to day and two whale ships got nothing to eat to day from the port but bought some myself

Thursday 27 July

Beautiful weather and light breezes got no vituals to day from the port but bought some for myself the American sent me a message to day requesting me to state my case to the admiral

Friday 28 July

Beautiful weather and pleasant breezes got no vituals from the port to day wrote to the admiral to day requesting him to look into my case and if possible release me

Saturday 29 July

Beautiful weather but rather sultry was offered some small tarra but did not eat any all the prisoners in a shocking state of starvation upwards of four hundred men on shore from the ships of war exercising for a field day on Monday as the native flag is to be hoisted again