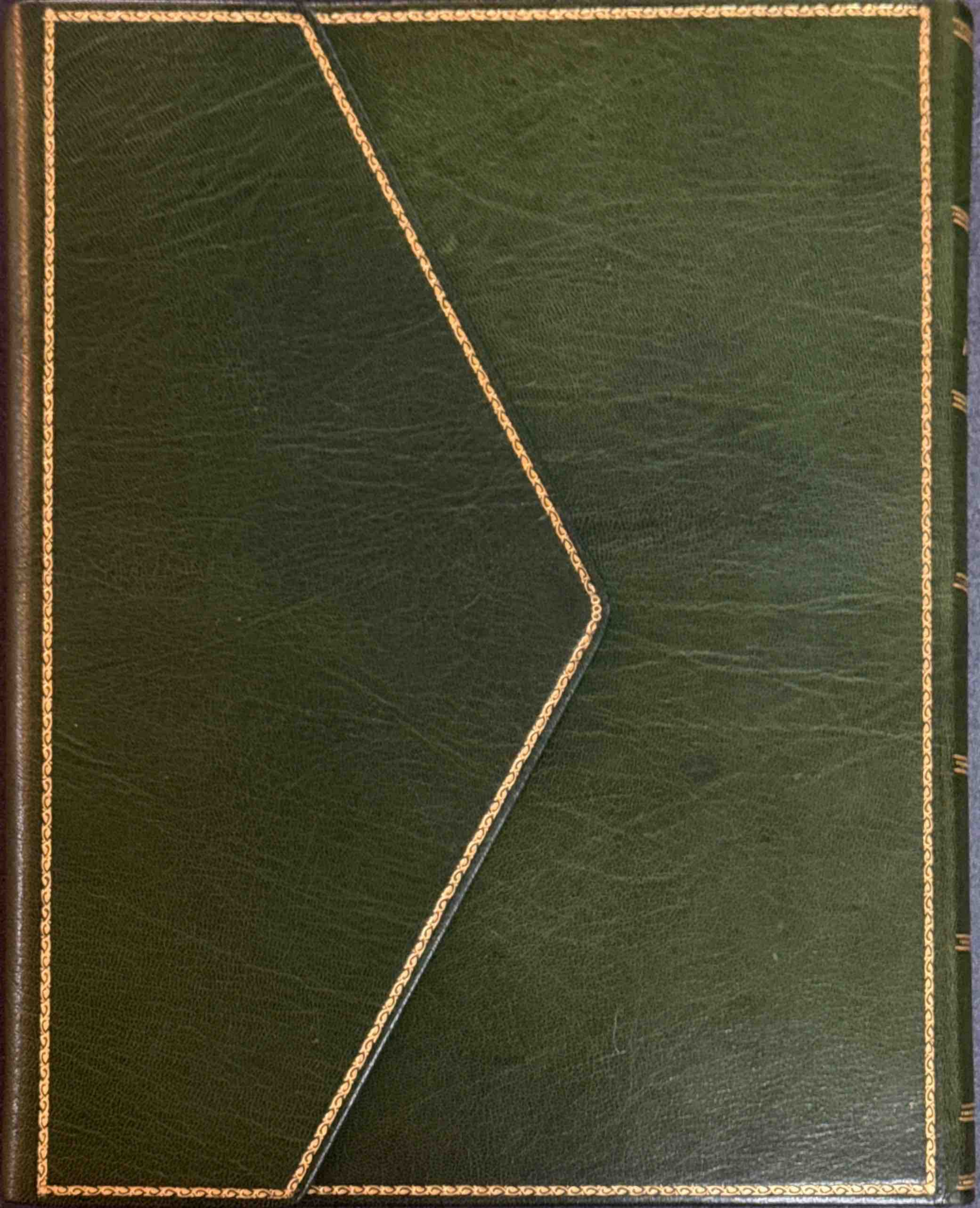

Alfred Seton Ship Beaver Sunday afternoon
Octor 27th 1811 —

Rev: Clapp:

Alfred

Benjamin Rhoads Esqr

~~Benjamin Rhodes~~ Friday Morning Novr 15th 1811
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Ship Beaver — Atlantic Ocean
Thursday noon

Alfred Seton Ship Beaver Sunday Morning
December 1st 1811 S Lat 27° 35' —
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Alfred Seton Ship Beaver at Sea Satur
noon Jany 25th 1812 S Lat 48. 45
South Pacific Ocean —
New York

Morng March 5th 1812
Long: 120° — Equator

Journal of a voyage to Columbia River on the North West coast of America made by Alfred Seton on board the Ship Beaver Cornelius Sowle, master.

It is the intention of the writer of the following pages to note down the little occurrences that happenned to himself & his companions during the voyage alluded to above, & to state the object pursuits of it, & the causes that induced him undertake it, with the hope that (if it shou please Providence to permit his return future day in the Bosom of his friends & fu he may peruse these lines & call to mind t sensations he then experienced — The ob our voyage to so remote & al t unkn of the World is to as trade with the natives.

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of whom under the direction of Mr. Wilson P. Hu
left Montreal in July of 1809 to form the estab
lishment at the mouth of the Columbia,
another party sailed last year from New York
in the Ship Tonquin under the direction
one of the Partners, & a third is now on its
way there on board the Ship Beaver under
the direction of John Clark Esqr. of Montreal,
& of this party I am a Member being engaged
the service of the Company as a clerke —
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long & dangerous a voyage & to remain for
a length of time among uncivilized Nation
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added to this the prospect of becoming a par
in the establishment after the expiration of my
time (five years) & the certainty then, that the sacri
-fice of a few years more would enable me to
return to my Country in an independant sit
-uation, these alltogether, determined me to leave
the comforts of a home & a fireside for at least ten
years, a long long time, ten days have scarcely past
& it has appeared almost an age since my eyes were
blessed with the sight of my dear Friends, wha
then must be my feelings at the prospect of n
seeing them for 10 years, How many changes m
necessarily happen, those whom I have now
in the high day of youth & happiness may befor
time be numbered with the dead, these thou
are too distressing, God Grant that they
enjoy peace & happiness, & that I may retur
& find them comfortable & contented —.

I now commence a nar of dai
occurrences that happen

On Thursday
we weighed an

ith a fair Wind from the N. W. & the Pilot
us out side of Sandy Hook at ½ past 8 in
the Evening, Mr Clark then read over the nam
of his party consisting of 26 persons, viz 5 clerks.
15 Mechanics & 6 Canadians, & the Captain divided
us into Messes, Mess. Nicholl, Clapp, Halsey
Cox & myself, clerks mess with him in the Cabin
the mechanics & Canadians in the Steerage with
n. Boatswain, Our Mess at present consists of
persons, Mr Clark & the 5 clerks, the Captn
three officers, & the Captns, clerk, George Ehnin
er. a nephew of Mr. Astors ——

18th The Wind continues fair, overtook ~~the~~
ship that sailed in company with us.
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circumstances that happen one day on board
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agreed pretty well; Mr N. is rather too ~~[illegible]~~ /
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This day the weather commences fair & with a
fine breeze & we find ourselves in N Lat 6° & Long 21.15.
we have been becalmed for the two last days the
wind therefore is particularly gratefull, during the
calm there were some Bonetas playing about
us, the Captn & third officer each took one from
the Gib boom end with a Hook & line & at supp
we had Chowder, a mess made with Fish & p
stewed together, some of our officers refused eating
as they have known several instances where p
have been poisoned, this did not deter our C
Mr Clark & some others from eating, & they have
=perienced no bad effects, We likewise saw a
Shark & threw over a piece of pork which he s
devoured; on a Shark Hook we t a larger p
but the rascal was too cu ng for us are
well provided with fish
no doubt catch a g
passage ——

Friday 15th Novr. 1811 the weather

Four knot breeze, our fish have all deserted us.
which we attribute to our *copper bottom*, as no
dirt can attach itself to us, which is the only
inducement for Fish to remain with you —
We contrive to kill an hour or two in the Eve-
-ning with music. Mr. Nicoll plays on the drum
& Mr. Clapp & Mr. Cox on the Fife, last evening
we had a *concerto* of this kind, it was a
fine moonlight night, with a gentle breeze, we were
all collected in different attitudes about the perfor-
-mers, 15 or 16 of the *settlers* & sailors were setting
ether on the deck, the performers with Mr. Clark
the lee *Hencoop*, Halsey, Ehninger & myself on
bunk facing them, all together a motley mixture
I have no doubt we all experienced the
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easure, — Friday Morng Nov. 29th 1811.
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us so quickly on our passage, we are within a
fortnights sail of Cape Horn — the other afternoon
there were some Birds flying about the ship.
I put a bullett through one at the distance of
fifty yards with my rifle, which was thought a
tolerable good shot, we expect in a day or two
to have fine sport shooting at *Boobies* & *Alba-
trosses* from the ship as we are near the Lat
where they are generally seen in large numbe

— Old sailors generally think it a privile
to *duck & shave* those who for the first tim
cross the Equator, they wished to exercise th
this passage, but our Captn forbid it, but
them have their forfeits, viz a bottle of Rum
each person, with this they were satisfied, th
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the glass on the fore top mast Head & in a few
minutes gave the word to bear away after her
we soon got out our top gallant studding sails
& sky sails & gave chace to her, expecting her to be
a Yankee bound Home, but she in a little
time put an end to there Hopes by showing
Portuguese colors, we continued to overhaul her
fast & she seeing that it was impossible to
escape, backed her Maintopsail & lay to, we
luffed up to windward of her & our Captn
led, "What Brig is that," we could not
derstand them, but fortunately having a
tuguese sailor on board, he told them that
only wanted to put some letters on board
ked him to lay too till we boarded him,
second officer in the jolly boat then went
ng side & found she was 30 days out from
Rio Grand bo to Pernambuco in the
ra the aster of her a large Negro
are of the letters & on
me Captn bound
to & Edward
they ever

receive the Letters, but as Captn S. does n
expect to fall in with any vessel before we
get to the Sandwich Isles, I thought I
had better embrace the opportunity, especially
as there was nothing of importance in them.
The Captn of the Brig by all appearances was
very much afraid of us after our Boat had
left his Brig, he continued to lay to untill
we made sail & took in our colours. we
certainly must have had a very rakish app
=earance bearing down before the wind w
all sail set, every now & then the Ship ~~[illegible]~~
yawed to & showed her broadside, & the Portu
=guese I believe are generally more easily fri
than any other nation ——— This meeting af
us some subject to talk of for three or four
& we had just returned to our common occupation
(sleeping) when ~~the~~ another sail Ho
started us again, we her
the deck on our le
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point or two, she
& passed about

Saturday morning Novr 30th 1811.

S Lat. 26°54' W Long 33.8'. Our favorable winds which have ~~—~~ conducted us ~~so~~ so far rapidly & pleasantly, have at lenght deserted us & with them has likewise gone our fair weather. This day commences with a S S W wind, & bois-terous rainy weather, so unpleasant, that ~~—~~ we can not keep the Deck, but are all obliged to stay below in the Hot cabin, I do not believe there is any situation that so trys a mans temper, as ~~to~~ be on board ship:

Here, there are six Young Men pretty nearly the same age, & all pretty violent in their tempers fixed together in a ship for six Months, would be strange indeed if there was not metimes some disputes, between one or the her, yet no open quarrel has broke out till s day, w bey & Cox had a clinck in about their Hammocks immediately, Nicho fought h no particular dam-age to either, there will be I expect fighting before we reach Columbia River, although except that affray all has been peace & quietness —

There has been a very heavy sea going all night with a gall of wind we have been ploughing through it, under close reefed topsails & courses, as close to the wind as we could lie, this wind will no doubt change our weather a little, as yet we have suffered all the inconveniencies of a vertical sun, it has been so warm that it has melted the Pitch on our decks, but there is a sensible difference in the Atmos this morning, it feels quite cold & raw & we begin to think about our Warm Jackets Our friends at Home have no doubt mounted theirs long ago, f the first of Decr generally brings along with cold weather at New Y as Lat. we must ex weather, & if we cold enough off C

s will convince us, whether it is so, or
, if it is, thanks to the Kindness of my
friends I am prepared to meet it ——

Sunday Morng. (December 1st) 1811 S Lat. 27°35

This morning commenced with pleasant weather
although our Head wind continues yet & we do
not advance very fast on our voyage, but we
can not expect always to be fortunate, as yet
thank God. we have been rapidly propelled on
r destined voyage & we are at this time 45
s from N York considerably to the Southward
of Rio Janeiro, which is without doubt a
good run, One inconvenience attending this course
hich the Captn very much dreads is ~~the~~ chance
our falling in with a British cruiser, of which
says there is a great probability, they will
doubt give us considerable trouble & may per-
haps detain us [illegible] some time, but for all this
I [illegible] have no objection of meeting with
[illegible] thing would be pleasing
[illegible] Lobbers, beside this
p three or four
[illegible] is a great thing

for me, for there is great lack of ma[illegible]
board ship for filling up the Pages of ou[illegible]
-nal as whoever will take the trouble to read
will easily discover, but a Journal must be kept,
& something must be written, & whether it is Sense
or nonsense is not of much consequence, it serves to
kill an hour or two every day & it may be a source
of amusement at some future day —— All
Sailors hail Saturday night with joy. it is
then that seated round their can of Grog the
pledge their Sweethearts & wives, every thing is
regular on board ship. & we (the clerks) on Saturda
night drink to our Sweethearts & absent fri
~~in~~ a full bumper of madeira, this is
pleasantest hour in the week to us & it is celebra
with sincere joy; the last night did not pass on
as pleasantly as it usually do[illegible] the air was co[illegible]
raw, & we were obliged to ta[illegible] our glass [illegible] in
the cabin, this is the fi[illegible] [illegible]rds [illegible] too that
we have n[illegible] had a
all turned in about
Humour, this fi[illegible]

[illegible] good spirits, we look forward to dinner time with no small degree of pleasure, for the Butcher has this morning sacrificed a Pig, & a piece of Roast pig, is no contemptible dish either on shore or at sea ——

Monday Morng Decr. 2d 1811. South Lat 27°. 10'.

This day commences with calm & pleasant weather, & the Captns dread of falling in with a cruiser has not yet been realised, although we were a little alarmed yesterday afternoon, after inner I generally go to Mast Head for exercise, hile on the main top gallant yard yesterday I spied a sail on our Lee bow & sung [illegible] as lustily as ~~only~~ any old Sailor, *Sail Ho* [illegible] away? said the officer of the deck, two points on the Lee bow — the Captn came on deck ith his glass & said she was an English Brig unnin down [illegible] the wind & bound he supposed for some [illegible]t in the Brazils, she pass[illegible] as at th[illegible] three miles to leeward [illegible] it is more than [illegible] shall see a Man

of war, as we are near the S. American [illegible] & near their cruising ground, which is from the River Plate along the whole extent of the shore.

We fared sumptuously yesterday on our roast pig & there was but one thing wanted to make it a most delicious dinner, viz *currant jelly*, this luxury I supplied as long as my stores lasted, which was for a considerable time; none of us have any left now except Mr Clark, & he it seems intends to keep it, after partaking with us of our little, *nick nacks*, it is rather ungenerous in him, to keep his up now, from what I have seen of him, he has not proved to be the Gentleman I expected to find him, a certain selfishness marks his whole conduct, & one c[illegible] easily perceive that he has not been much accustomed to company, he is likewise most astonishingly fond of talking of himself & his exploits in the north, & there has not been an a[illegible]cdote told of an[illegible] great man, since we have b[illegible] on b[illegible] ship, but he has matched [illegible]d of his own nay. if we were to [illegible]sses the strength & courage o[illegible] skill & prudence of a Washington, of these qualities we have not any other vouchers than his own word & one is apt to be a little suspicious, when he hears another continually bragging of his courage & prowess although this may be owing to Mr C. ignorance of the world, & it is possible that he may possess the qualities he attributes to himself, I only say, that when one hears so much, he is apt to suspect a Captain Bobadil, time will determine what he is, & it is probable that ~~the~~ some of the succeeding pages of this Journal will be filled up with the character he bears among his companions in the north. —— Clapp is inging out on deck for Seton to bring his fle as there is a whale playing under our ows —— I have just been on deck with my ifle, but the whale had disappeared, he swam bout the ship [illegible] ce or twice & then disappeared [illegible] oung on [illegible] about 12 feet long & came within 7 or [illegible] ssel, it is a perfect [illegible] d not see him. [illegible] his coming along

side again —— [illegible] Tuesday Morning [illegible]

South Lat. 29° Long. about 39° (47 days out —

Our calm & pleasant weather continues with us yet & we do not anticipate any change, yet a while, although it would be better if we could have a breeze, for a person does not seem at home at sea, without a wind —— It seems that Fortune is determined to make us amends for not seeing vessels when we first came out, for there is now scarcely a day passes over, but we are alarmed with the cry of Sail Ho, Yesterday morning before dinner a Man on the Main Yard sung out that there was a sail on our weather beam, when we could see her with our glasses from the deck, we perceived by the cut & whiteness of her canvass, that she was an american, it was nearly calm & we rounded to & hoisted our colours, hoping [illegible] & when she saw them she would bear down [illegible] as she was too far to win [illegible] for us to overtake [illegible] with the intention of but when she came within about 3 miles, so that we could plainly perceive she was an american Schooner, she hauled her wind & stood away from us, we could not account for this in any other way, but that she was afraid of us & took us for a cruiser & as she was a *flyer* & had the weather guage she knew that it would give us considerable trouble to catch her, this was a great disappointment to us, as we were all employed in writing home by her, for by her course we judged she was from the River Plate bound to some american port. She showed her colours which were american [illegible] away from us, we very much wished the Captn to fire a gun & bring her to, but he would not consent to it, & although he was anxious to speak her yet he said her Captn behaved perfect[illegible] right - [illegible] British frigate yet, but the wind [illegible]s in towards the shore [illegible] their cruising ground [illegible]it from one of [illegible] would be a good

joke indeed, if they were to detain us & send us into some of their ports, a thing not altogether improbable, for I am certain our case would be a new one to them & I do not know how they woul like a parcel of Yankees going to make an establishment in their territories (I think they claim the N W coast of America) & the Captn I suspect fears something of the same kind, or he would not be so fearfull of falling in with one & I understand from him that had any British cruisers been off our Hook when we left New York our Frigates would have attended us untill we were out of their reach — a day or two will determine either what their conduct will be to us, or it will take us safe from them, the River le Plate is the most Southern Lat that ~~that~~ they cruise in & two days of fair wind will [illegible]ar us to the Southward of that —— [illegible] saw [illegible]hing more of our whale [illegible] the afternoon they were son[illegible] about [illegible] Clapp got his Gun [illegible] not get a shot at the rascals, ~~Chappi~~ we will now tho very soon have fine sport among the albatrosses, which are a large bird fathom ten feet from wing to wing ifyou meet with them in great quantities ~~in~~ about 36° or 37° of South Lat, we are all prepared for them & will no doubt give a good acount of them we look forward to our falling in with them ~~with them~~, with a great deall of pleasure, for there is now really so little to employ or amuse us on board ship, that any occupation which will kill an hour or two is hailed with pleasure we get tired with reading, tired of writing, of ating, drinking, sleeping, thinking & in fact get ost completely tired of the Society of each other, yet a third of the voyage is scarcely completed, & how the remainder of the time is to pass of God knows, it is a trial of patience ina

— Wednesday morning

30° 33', Long 40°

48 days pas ences with a fine

six knot breeze & very pleasant weather, & we are advancing rapidly, two weeks such wind as this will bring us to the cape & three days will carry us out of the tracks of the cruisers, yesterday passed away without seeing a sail, although we were in momentary expectation of falling in with one & there was a man on the Fore top Gallant mast Head looking out the whole time, it is the opinion of every one on board that we will fall in with a cruiser this day, whether we do, or not as I have said before it is immaterial to me, & for my single self I would have no objection to take a trip to Rio Janeiro where I suppose they would order ~~us~~, it is ten o clock now & no sail has yet appeared & I very much doubt if we will see one to day or not—

There happened nothing day but will serve to fill a single journal there were no fish or sails in sight, & we s reading and lounging about sh

produce something worthy of insertion, it is
so excessively hot, that it is almost impossible
to stay below, so that I must go on deck &
make a finish of my days work ——

Thursday Morning Decr. 5th 1811 S Lat 32°.40 Long
42° out 49 days from New York —— Yesterday
passed away as the foregoing one did in spite
of the Captns prophecies that we would see a
British Man of War, & this day commences with
a stiff breeze from the westward, which is fair for
us, we were running off 9½ knots this morning with
top Gallant steering sails & royals out when by a
sudden flaw we carried away our weather main
h sail yard arm, so that we cannot take as
ch advantage of this breeze as we would, if
this accident had not happened, & what is more
unlucky we have not a new Yard ready to go
aloft but the [illegible] & all hands are now busily
preparin [illegible] in hopes that Our main
topsail [illegible] to morrow —— This is
raining [illegible] & a heavy swell goin
it makes one [illegible] leasures of a Home
[illegible] once, but now

a wanderer from Home & the joys that a Home
produces, I must be content to sacrifice these, & many
other comforts, yet in my present uncomfortable situ-
ation, I have one consolation left, that the blessings
& well wishes of my friends attend me wherever I go.
& that they appreciate the motive that induced
me to leave them, this consolation is no trivial
one & has already eased me of many hours of sorrow,
sorrow in spite of all my philosophy, will sometimes
exercise her dominion over me, when I think of the
pleasures that might have been mine, & which now
have entirely fled, but this is not a life of joy,
the Cup of some is fuller than that of others, & we
have only to be content with the station in life
where it has pleased Providence to place us —
wish to God, I could act in this case as
but when I consider that three short months
ago I was in the society of [illegible] that my Heart
held dear, for I enjoyed t [illegible] ny of
Sarah & of my Sist [illegible] many month
& years will roll [illegible] again so
blessed, when I [illegible]

sorry to say, that my feelings get the better of my judgement, & I give way to unavailing sorrow, Sometimes I think that if I had not been so hasty in this undertaking, I might have been blessed with S. at home, My God! have I then been so foolish, to sacrifice so much happiness! have I stupidly thrown it away— M. Sarah, for although I love you as sincerely as ever Woman was loved, & the greatest happiness I can conceive, would be, to spend my life with thee, yet I had a greater duty to perform. I had a Father & Sisters, whose situation claimed some exertion from his Son, I have made the exertion, and sacrificed my present happiness — My prayers for my beloved S. will never cease, I am convinced the Almighty Father will not suffer so much ~~so much~~ innocence & goodness to be thrown away upon o[illegible] unworthy of them, & that he who [illegible] ate to obtain your affections will know [illegible] them, that he may, & that [illegible] ty as your good= [illegible] [illegible] constant prayer of

Friday Morning Decr 6th 1811. S Lat 34°.5.

out 56 days from New York — The unpleasant & disagreeable weather that commenced yesterday, cleared away towards noon & the after part of the day was very pleasant, our long expected pleasure of shooting at the albatrosses, was enjoyed for the first time this day, & we shot at an average about eighty balls at them, but none of them struck the mark, except one shot made by the Captn, Nicholls, Clapp, Halsey Ehninger Mr Clarke & myself were alike unsuccessfull, these birds present a very fair mark, they fly within fifteen or twenty yar of the Ship, but the rolling of the vessel make it almost impossible, to one who is not accustomed to it, to strike them [illegible] ball, in two or three days more th [illegible] from all accounts be more plenty, [illegible] agreed to reserve our powder [illegible] fact we have but five pounds [illegible] which thanks to the kindneſs of my friend Edward I brought on board, I have this day divided it among us, & have kept for myself one cannister & a half—— we experience here as much variety of weather as one very well can, the wind seldom blows two hours from the same point of compaſs, this morning when I got up we were knocking it off 8 or 9 knots with steering sails out, now they are braced up as sharp as we can be & not going within two or three points of our course, an hour ago there was not a cloud to be seen, & now it is quite thick & foggy with a cold & damp air, from what I at present see & feel, I am sensible that our paſsage round Cape Horn will be extreme [illegible] uncomfortable, & somewhat dange[illegible] [illegible] be uncomfortable, inasmuch as it is [illegible]ly cold & we have no fire in our [illegible] retreat to, there will be as very [illegible] doing if we stay in the

cabin, its almost certain that we will be sick. Here is our choice between freezing & sickneſs and whichever it may be, I am certain that we will be most uncomfortable— It will be somewhat dangerous because you experience there the most boisterous weather in the world, let your ship & crew be ever so good, you will sometimes meet with too hard weather for her, this is not exactly the case with us, our Ship is as good a one as ever croſsed the Ocean, but our officers complain most bitterly of the crew, there are in fact, but five Sailors on board, the rest are boys & green hands, the safety of yr. Ship depends very much on the activity & skill of her crew— I do not make these reflections because I an[illegible]te any accid[illegible] but only as a memento of [illegible] situation— I cherish the h[illegible] I may read these pages in my native [illegible] this should not be allowed [illegible] will see what my feelings & thoughts were, for I have freely wrote down & will continue to do so, the thoughts, that are ~~most~~ uppermost in my mind, & as this is intended for no other eye than my own, (except in case of Accident to me) there can no bad consequences result from it — I am convinced though that indulging too much in thoughts of the happiness, that once was yours, which has now fled, will not only make one extremely unhappy, but will impaire his health materially, it is for this reason, that I check myself, when I find my thoughts straying to the many hours, that I spent Sarah, in your company at M—sours that will never, never return, Fate has inhumanly ted me from the only Girl I ever lov perhaps I might have be equally belo thoughts will carry me too far, ho ll the comforts of Life to my S

Saturday morning Decr 7th 1811
S Lat. about 36° — out 51 days —

Here commences another dismal day, it is thundering, & raining & we have the prospect of being confined in the cabin all day, I never had an idea that the weather had so great an effect upon ones spirits, on such a day as this is, my thoughts wander to my Home, & to my friends there, What Edward now occupies you, tis ten oclock here, & half after eight at N.Y., You & Sam have just ~~got up~~ come down in the Parlour & there you find old Matthew has made you a good fire, your Pancakes I suppose will soon be done, & perhaps Murray or Bill Farquhar has come breakfast with you — I hope you will f that you may & think of your absent friend th ood — you my beloved Sisters are seated round the breakfast ta Father enjoying the happiness of a it is situation when I wish I could join you, but Fate has determined it otherwise. By her decrees we are sepperated, but I hope it will be for the best, & although I feel now the most poignant sorrow at the seperation; yet Hope whispers that we shall meet again in happiness, it is now after being accustomed to your society for such a length of time, that this absence bears the heaviest on me, I am sensible that Time has power to cure the most severe wounds of the Heart of this we have had experience; we lost our mother, my Dear Sisters at an age when [illegible] most wanted her maternal instruction Time has in a great measure healed this most severe wound, we can talk of her, without f[illegible] excess of sorrow that once actuated us; [illegible] mother can never be forgot, s[illegible] the fruits of her labour in Earth, [illegible] resigned in being certain [illegible] d. Time had power

to heal this wound, the most heart breaking we ever experienced, the pangs of seperation must ~~in time~~ be less than what they are now — I console myself with the idea that you are happy, & I have no doubt I shall be so in time.

Sunday Morning Dec. 8th 1811. S Lat 37° 9' W Long 47° 32' out 52 days —

Yesterday did not pass away so gloomy & heavy as I expected in the morning it would, it rained very hard untill 12 oclock, when the wind got round to the S W & soon dispersed the clouds, this wind answers to our N W & is similar in its effects, the wind from the S, makes it extremely cold, while that from the N, has a contrary effect, this I suppose may be accounted for, that [illegible] latitude the wind passes over gra[illegible] of Ice, ~~&~~ ~~course~~ near the Poles [illegible] get to the S the more of course we feel its eff[illegible] — Last night we felt ~~the~~ it [illegible] to get our Sea Jackets on, according to its custom it did not last long, for this morning it blows a gentle breeze from ~~its~~ opposite point the N.E. we feel the cheerfull effects of a warm Sun, we have not advanced as rapidly as we expected for the last ten ~~to~~ twelve days, we have ~~other~~ had calms or gales of wind alternately the whole time, we now have taken a breeze though which the Captn thinks will hold on — I feel so stupid this morning that I cannot arrange a sentence grammatically, & have got a Headache hanging about me, ——

Wednesday Morning Decr 11th 1811
South Lat 39° 10' Long at 51° 20' — 55 days out

Monda [illegible] w & disagreeable day & so dark & is [illegible] s impossible to write in the cabin, [illegible] ff though tolerable [illegible] ly, notwiths [illegible] Nicolls's prophecy, that [illegible] there would [illegible] quar [illegible] the Lat on that day

was 38° 48' S — Tuesday morning commenced with calm & pleasant weather, this day we got our new main top sail yard up, & had our sail bent, & all hands busily preparing the ship for hard weather, we expect it now soon, as we are in the vicinity of the Cape, The Captn requested we would all lend our assistance as he did not know when we would have another calm day, & we all turned to according ly, got our Guns stowed away in the Hold, & the carriages lashed on deck, the Sailors sent down our royal masts & yards & got all our heavy spars from off the gallows lashed on deck, we have now a very snug ship & in the Captns opinion fit to weather any Storm, b [illegible] t About our Ship, bu [illegible] ly believe that there ever was a vessel [illegible] so long a voyage so poor [illegible] man [illegible] the [illegible] recompensed for our trouble by a good dinner of Sea pye; as we do not have this treat often, we think much more of it, & in fact I do not believe Any Alderman ever relished his Turtle Soup & venison better than we do our Humble pot pye, I really wish some of our delicate young men had to live on board ship for about three months, I am sure it would do them good, it would make them relish much more the good things of this life at home, I have many a time complained of my dinner at Home when there were articles that now I would esteem the [illegible]eatest luxuries, I am certain of one thing whether I succeed in my pursuit of wealth or not, [illegible] I shall be a gainer by this voy [illegible] ill show me something of the worl [illegible] essity there is of ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] iving up o [illegible] & putting yourself to [illegible] ome in conve [illegible] for [illegible] benefit of others—

I do not believe this lesson is any where so well inculcated as on board ship. Here one very soon perceives the necessity of it & if he has common sense, he will give in to it. —— We are now out of the track of all cruisers, & indeed our Oracle {the Captn} did not expect to fall in with any vessel untill we reached the Sandwich Isles, but in this, as many other things he was mistaken, for Yesterday after-noon about ½ past 6 there was a cry of Sail Ho from the man at the Helm, Mr C. Nicolls, Clapp. & myself were playing a hand at whist, but this unexpected cry soon made a finish of our game & I was on de [illegible] in an instant, I saw a large ship on our weather bow, seemingly stand [illegible] same course we were, in a few minutes [illegible] found out that she was standing [illegible] & our Captn said she was a whaler & [illegible] probabl [illegible] bound Home [illegible] an hour or two, till we could write, we hauled up our courses & hoisted our colours & she showed hers which were *Yankee* & bore down to us, she soon came within hail under our stern & sung out in the usual way — *Whee-e-e*,,, *Whoo-o-o* said our Captn, where are you from, said the stranger, from New York, where are *you* from, Nantucket, How long have you been out? Five months & a half after oil & we are full now & bound Home — what ship is it,? The Manilla, what ship is yours, The Beaver of N.Y. — [illegible]n you give us a few Potatoes asked the stranger — *Aye aye* — send your boat on bo[illegible] Hearing this, we went below to let our [illegible] know where we were & how we [illegible] ote to my Father & I have no [illegible] that he will receive it [illegible] The [illegible] of the Stranger

boarded us in his whale boat & he was welcomed on board the Beaver by our Captn with no small degree of ceremony He said they had been after Sea Elephants oil & had been remarkably successfull, they had been in a Bay on the coast & were five days out, He agreed pretty well with our Captn as to the Lat & Long, & told us that on the Brazil Banks he had caught plenty of fine Codfish, this was an agreeable piece of news for us, & we anticipate a dinner of fresh fish with much pleasure — we made one Packet of all our letters & directed them to Mr. J J Astor, we then drank to our pleasant passage & after sup[illegible]g him with barrel of potatoes bade h[illegible] — The Manilla is a small [illegible] 250 tons brigged very snug having no [illegible] crew tops 5 masts, their main [illegible] a [illegible] be broke[illegible] very small along side the Beaver, & it was a fortunate thing for us that we got our royal masts down & our Guns below, for if they had seen any thing suspicious, they would not have come down, & we would have lost this excellent opportunity of writing home, as yet we have not reaped any advantage from looking so extremely warlike it makes almost every vessel avoid us, & we would have had an opportunity of writing to our friends before this, had it not been for our appearance, Bye & Bye though, when we t among the Islands, where a warlike appearance is necessary we will find great advanta [illegible] our Guns & men — It is near 12 o'clo [illegible] tewart wants the table for dinner, & a [illegible] itten a tolerable days work, I wi [illegible] add that this morning was pleasan [illegible] er was, with a

fine four knot breeze ———

Thursday Morning Decr 12th 1811 —

South Lat 39°. 41' This morning commences pleasant but with a head wind & we are making but slow progress, I have now to relate an unpleasant circumstance that happened last night, Mr. Nicoll & Cox were playing whist against Clapp & myself in the play something happened that occasioned some words between Nicoll & myself, in which I believe I was rather too hasty, Mr. N. struck me, which I returned, but finding him too powerfull for me, I told him so & said that other means must be resorted to, He agreed, to it; I applied to Mr. Clapp in the bus [illegible] to be my friend, He applied to M [illegible] morning who told him that [illegible] to see me, I went forward on th [illegible] when N soon came, there He [illegible] me [illegible] sorry that he proceeded so far, & that it was the impulse of the moment that made him give me the blow, I told him that situated as I was on board ship, I was compelled to sacrifice my feelings, & admit the apology, but that had it happened on shore, I would have gone to extremities, He repeated what he had said & that he appreciated the motive, that induced me to accept it— Here in this depositary of my thoughts I say, that had it not been for Mr. Clapp, the life of Nicolls or myself ould have been the sacrifice for a petty disagreement at cards, for It was my firm intention t[illegible] the thing & not admit of any apology, a[illegible] wid I asked Clapp last night to ask N[illegible] if he would meet me, this [illegible] fused to do, & said he would have [illegible] to [illegible] in the affair

untill this morning, when we would both be cool, even now after the affair is finished I must confess I feel myself injured, & I do sincerely say that had it been possible to bring the affair to an immediate conclusion, I would not on any terms whatever have accepted an apology I was struck in the presence of the whole Cabin a vile blow, my face burns while I record it, they though know my willingness to resent it the situation I am placed in, which is, that there is no probability of our being on shore for at least three months, & my absence from all my friends, these motives though I say again would not have induced me to admit of this apology had not I felt convinced that [illegible] too hasty in the beginning of the [illegible] Clapps prudence has saved the [illegible] of as—

Friday Morning Decr. 13th 1811. S Lat 41° 8' —

57 days from New York — This morning begins with a gale of wind from the Westward which is nearly ahead/ & a very heavy sea, all Hands are now taking the second reef in the Topsails & preparing the ship for a more severe blow as the Captn says, it will blow much harder before it lessens, it is a fine clear day though & the wind feels something like our Cold N Ws at Home, Mr. C & all the clerks are wrapt up in their pea jackets on deck, reading, while I came below to enjoy the advantage of a little silence to enable me to note down our present situation, & the little circumstances that happened since Yesterday mornin[illegible] N & myself have not any more conversa[illegible] our dispute, He appears to me to [illegible] or what he done & as I accepted [illegible] I will endeavor to [illegible] the [illegible] I feel myself

injured, & even now when all the effects of passion must be removed, my Heart burns when I think I have been struck with impunity — It must be forgot ——

The wind continues as variable as ever no two Hours does it blow from the same point, & when we get a fair wind & first have our Steering sail booms rigged out, it is certain then to come about, it has served us so five or six times, & the Captn declares that let the wind blow ever so fair, He will not have a boom rigged out again, this I suppose is only vexation, in fact I have no doubt this rage at the booms will disappear at the first fair wind, we have not progressed for the last two weeks as rapidly as was exp[illegible]ted, for at that time we expected t[illegible] off Cape Horn by this, [illegible] now the [illegible]robability of eating our Christmas a[illegible] side of the Cape, I sa[illegible] yet from what I can understand from the Captn, Our dinner on that day will not differ from what it does on common days (that) we will not observe that almost uni=versal Holyday, my friends at Home though will observe it, & I am certain that amidst their general rejoicing some of them will think of the absent Alfred with sentiments of affection ——— The sea is getting so extremely Heavy that it almost rolls the very table from under me & the inkstand has been over once or twice, they have all left, the Deck too, & there is a confused noise of dice, music, & talking; I must make a finish for this day ———

F[illegible] Morning January 3.

1812. S[illegible] [illegible]° 10' H Long. 78°5'

Diego R[illegible] [illegible]ight — calm & plea=

[illegible] wa[illegible] [illegible] is nearly a

month now since I have touched my journal, during that time, many circumstances have occurred ~~have occurred~~, both pleasant & unpleasant ——— We progressed very slowly during the week of my last date with variable winds, & a very heavy sea Tuesday Decr. 17th. 1811 we carried away our foretopsail in a gale of wind & the ship laboured excessively in a very heavy sea, This Gale continued untill Friday Dec 20th; when it gradually subsided, Our ship behaved as well as could be expec=ted, & we think that she could weather more than a common gale of [illegible]ind, the Officers call this a t[illegible] [illegible] Cape Horn but, I hope we m[illegible] [illegible] many more such ta[illegible] [illegible] Evening end[illegible] tolerable pleasa[illegible] weather much more after having storms so long; Saturday Morning about 3 oclock the officer of the Deck awoke the Captn & said there was land on our weather Bow, the Captn went on deck & true enough there land was seen plainly — this was very unexpected as we did not calculate to fall in with the land for a day or two, but land there was in sight, & the only difficulty was to ascertain, what land it was, as it was evident there was a strong current setting either to the Eastward or Westward — to the wester[illegible]d was favorable for us, & therefore we concluded that a current had set us in under [illegible] st of Patagonia — we were all [illegible] g looking out for the [illegible] Horsem[illegible] ills inhom Easter

& Byron mention in their voyages] but not a sign of an Inhabitant could we see, at 12 oclock this was cleared up for we got an observation of the Sun, which had been obscured for three or four days before, & the Coast of Patagonia turned out to be the Faulkland Islands, this was a disappointment to all of us, to be three or four hundred miles to the East-ward of where we expected we were & where westerly winds prevail 7/8 ths of the year was a serious calamity — The weather though was very pleasant, & we enjoyed some gratification at seeing land after the prospect of sky & water [illegible] such a length of time, the land [illegible] rugged & barren & the only [illegible] slopes, an[illegible] Seals & Birds [illegible] discern great numbers of them running & flying about the rocks, & if it had been calm so that we could have gone on shore, we would no doubt have had fine sport among them. We shot though from the ship fifteen or twenty shags a bird that greatly resembles some of our species of wild Duck & which the Captn says are equally good for eating it was no satisfaction to kill them, for we were going 8 or 9 knots through the water, & to heave too with a fair wind to get a bird, could not be thought of, so we resolv[illegible] to keep our powder & shot until we could [illegible] something for it, we were in sight [illegible] Islands all Sunday [illegible] light [illegible]nds, the shags

came off to us in great numbers, & Mr. Clarke & one of two of the clerks shot some of them. Sunday Evening we cleared the Islands with a fine breeze at N. & then we did not much regret our sail round them, for if the wind held on at N. the next day we would fall in with Staten Land, these were our calculations then, but how vain, & uncertain are all Mortal prophecies. Monday morning it blew very fresh from the same quarter, but as it was favorable for us, we carried to it, & were running under whole topsails & courses, mizen, & foretopmast staysail, jib & Spanker. At 12 oclock though it began to blow so hard that we were compelled [illegible]e our topsails, all hands but [illegible] the Hel were aloft on [illegible] the flying Jib which had been handed the night before broke loose, whether it was through the carelessness of the man who handed it last or whether the gaskets broke loose, I cannot say, but the men being all aloft & the officer of the Deck seeing it flapping about took the wheel himself & sent the two men who were there to furl it, poor fellows! little did they think they were going to certain death, it was very cold & had been hailing all the morning, & they had their pea jackets & heavy boots on— The men on the foretopsail yard, sung out to them that the Gib Boom bent very much [illegible] wered that there was no danger [illegible] scarcely spoken the words [illegible] were went with

a tremendous crack & precipitated them headlong in the foaming deep, the Ship was thrown in the wind as soon as possible & a hencoop put over board, that they might keep themselves above water untill we could round too, but Fate had destined them to a watery grave, for all our exertions (& every exertion in our power was used) were in vain; they were so heavily clothed that they sunk in fifteen minutes after they were in the water, thus were two Young men in all the pride of strength, called in the presence of their God, without a moments warning, with all their sins unrepented of— O merci[illegible] God. force on my mind the le[illegible] melancholy accident inculca[illegible] vanity of Human life [illegible] of mine strictly keeping thy word & commandments, so that when my race of existence is run, I may be better prepared to appear in thy divine presence, & O merciful Father, hear the prayer of a Sinner for the souls of those two unfortunate men.

The names of these poor fellows were Peter Valliant, & George Washington, Peter was a french Boy whose Father was Captn of a Frigate in the French service under the unfortunate Louis 16th.– His Sisters & himself got away from France about three years ago, they support themselves by keeping a school in New York, & this unfortunate cir-cumstance [illegible] [illegible] doubt be a heavy blow for them, [illegible] which were found in his [illegible] be very fond

of theirs, look upon him as the last hope of their once very respectable family— The day that they receive the tidings of his fate will be a melancholy one indeed, their dearest Hopes will be blasted, & they will rue the day Poor Peter ever entered on board the Beaver.—

George Washington the other sufferer was a native of one of the Society Isles, in the Pacific ocean whom Captn Sowle brought away from thence seven years ago, & who had been with him in the capacity of a Servant since Captn S during the time he has been with him has found him uniformily honest. good natured kind & obliging & during the time he was on board ship he had supported that character well, He poor Fellow was consoling himself with the idea of once [illegible] beholding his fam-ily & friends after [illegible] absence, but his hopes were [illegible] dis[illegible] presence of an almighty God, there to answer for this few very few sins — The Ship lay too four hours in hopes that they might have reached the Hencoop but they must have drownded in ten or fifteen minutes after they were in in the water ——— Tuesday morning Dec. 24th 1811. Begins with a very heavy gale of wind from the S W. & a tremendous sea, we carried a close reefed Maintopsail, foresail & foretopmast Staysail to it, but towards night it blew so excessive heavy that we split our fore top mast Stay sail & had to unbend it. we [illegible] this day by the Heavy sea all our Head railings, & our quarter boards, the fig[illegible] d though yet stands firm, we [illegible] it with us — Christmas [illegible] lowing indeed

strong gales of wind, a heavy sea & withal extremely cold, we were all confined the whole day to the Cabin & it was about as uncomforta=ble a day as ever I spent, Yet I hope that you my Dear friends at Home, passed as merry Christmas, as I have been accustomed to witness —— Thursday morng. the gale abated a little & we could carry our close reefed topsails. Our Lat by an Obsn of the Sun this day was 34°. 58. South, we had not seen him for three or four days — Friday morng pleasant weather & a fine wind & we could once more show [illegible] selves upon deck, it will be a happy day for all Hands when we get clear of this old cape, I had heard a [illegible] of it but really equals m [illegible] the high of the Gale on [illegible] on deck, & witnessed ~~such~~ a scene that before I had no idea of; I have read many descriptions of a gale of wind at sea, but no words can express the awful sublimity of the scene — I will not attempt it, but will only say, that it appears most wonderful to me, how such materials as a ship can withstand the shocks of a heavy sea — Through the mercy of God though we have weathered the storm, & I have no doubt that the same Divine Hand, who protected us in this storm, will also guard in a much m[illegible] severe one —

Saturday 28th commences moderate [illegible] & fine [illegible]ather, the heavy sea continues [illegible] day the Captains Clerk George Ed[illegible] at auction the [illegible] for about

three times their value — We have been a week now from Faulklands Islands & have not seen Staten land, which we expected to fall in with the day after we left the Islands, ~~they~~ it can not be far off for there is a quantity of Kelp floating about the ship, which proves our vicinity to some land, On Sunday morning at 8 we discovered the land on our lee beam & soon found out it was the long expected Staten Land, at 9 we saw Terra Del Fuego, we stood in towards it untill 12 when the squalls of Hail & snow obliged [illegible]s to stand off We were detained in [illegible]ght of this bleak coast for two days, on J[illegible] 1st 1842 we had a fair win[illegible] carried us in sight of the [illegible] Cape [illegible] you will con[illegible] with the prospect of being round this Cape in 48 Hours, but a few moments put to flight these prospects, for the wind suddenly veered to its old quarter the S.W. & here we obliged to alter our course —&

It is now Twenty five days since that time, during which we have experienced as much diversity of weather as was possible we were becalmed off Cape Horn three days when a breeze of wind took us in sight of Diego Ramirez off which we were likewise becalmed for two days. While Here we observed a [illegible]reat many Penguins and Albatrosses abo[illegible] the Ship & for the curiosity of th[illegible] circumstance of we lowered a [illegible] olly boat & Halsey [illegible] guns went

after them. we shot one albatross & two penguins & after rowing about for an hour & an half between the Atlantic & Pacific Oceans, we returned on board the circumstance of being in a small boat in pursuit of pleasure in one of the most stormy places in the world. was certainly curious & having it in your power to say that you were in a small boat in this place, amply repaid. for all the danger you incurred — The Situation of the Island of Diego Ramirez is differently laid down by two Navigators of acknowledged ability, Cook who traversed this O[illegible]ean in 1783. & Collnett in 95. we as[illegible]tained that Collnett was correct —— The [illegible] favoured us here for a day or two, & the [illegible] from its old quarter — [illegible] until [illegible] of abo[illegible] 10th when we found of the Sun & moon to be 77°.45' & our Lat 59°.58'. & as the wind was favourable for our bearing away, we tacked Ship to N & West & expected in a day or two to get out of this boisterous Lat & in idea had already got clear of the Gales of Wind & of Cape Horn, but our expectations have been disappointed, for since bearing away, we have experienced three tremendous gales, one indeed was much more severe than any on board ever met with, & if it had not been of as short duration as it was, it is the opinion of the Officers, that we could not have weathered it, it commenced Sunday morning Jany. [illegible]th about 9 o'Clock & continued with unbating [illegible] until 1 o'Clock the next morning — [illegible] it moderated, — We carried a [illegible]sail while laying too [illegible] mizen staysails

The Foretopmast staysail followed the Foresail in a few minutes after, & the only sail we could show for the remainder of the gale was the mizen staysail, this fortunately was a new sail & the Ship lay too tolerable well under it; —— We continued with variable winds & unpleasant weather until Jany. 26 when Henry Willetts one of our men, who had been complaining for a month or six weeks, died — He was a young man about nineteen years of age, from New York & engaged in the service of t[illegible] company for five years, We com[illegible]ted his body to the deep on Monda[illegible] 27th — The Captn. Mr Clark, & every[illegible]ody on board paid him as much attention [illegible] their power, & he would no do[illegible] [illegible]overed, if he had not impro[illegible] [illegible]ants of the paste of a sea pye, which lay so heavy on his stomach, that he had not strength enough to digest it —

Thursday Morng. 30th commences with a fine fair breeze & we are rapidly approaching Maſsafuero this day we were all employed preparing our Fishing lines, & guns for going on shore, running bulletts &c. &c —

We were all disturbed though with the unusual cry of Sail Ho from the man at the H — & a large ship on our weather bow was pla[illegible] to be seen, she was running down before t[illegible] wind, & we bore away to speak her, but [illegible] we came within about three miles the C[illegible] she was a Spaniard [illegible] has no infor[illegible] be procured from [illegible] on our cours—

& paſsed her about three or four miles to windward — During the whole of Friday our favourable wind drove us on rapidly towards our Island & this day at 12 o'clock Saturday Feby. 1st we find ourselves in S Lat. 36: 32' & W Long: 82:5'. dist. from Maſsa fuero. 162. miles, we have a favourable five knot breeze & expect to enjoy our legs once more to morrow or next day —

Sunday afternoon 2d 1812 Our fair wind has stuck to us yet & ~~yet~~ no land in sight by our obsn. at 12 O'Clock we find ourselves in [illegible] 34. 43. & dist. from Maſsafuero. 58. mi[illegible] The Crew are all busy bending a cab[illegible]chor & mounting the guns & the ship is a g[illegible]ral scene of confusion it is pleasing though [illegible] looks like preperations for going o[illegible] thing conducive to tha[illegible] to persons who have been confined better than three months & an half on Ship board — the Land on which we anticipate so much pleasure is a barren, uninhabited, Island with a few wild goats on & its shores abounding with fish, but if it was a mere rock, the idea of being on shore would be pleasing — Land Ho. is the cry ————

Monday afternoon 3 —

I was interrupted yesterday with the joyful cry Land. & could just distinguish it from Mast Head, right ahead. We were going five knots & expected to be up with it before night & this morning to go on shore, but this is one of the numer[illegible]isappointments we have met with this [illegible]ge, for by 5 o'clock ins=tead of th[illegible]ted Island of Massa=fuero, it [illegible] Isle of Juan. [illegible] the Spaniards

who, our Oracle says are so inhospitable that they will not permit weary & almost worn out wanderers to touch at their Shores, the Distance of this Isle from Massafuero is only ninety miles, but it is dead to leeward of it & from the winds which generally prevail here this season, if you fall to leeward, it will take you considerable time to beat up, this is exactly our case now, & we have been all 3 persuading our Captn to try Juan Fernan=des, & four of us have offered to row the Boat on shore, while the ship lay off & [illegible] he has not as yet determined what he [illegible] do, but says to=morrow if the wind still [illegible] us off, that per=haps he will make a[illegible] ex[illegible]riment with the Spaniards — I hope h[illegible] an acct. of the place from [illegible] boar[illegible] has been on the [illegible] it is an excellent spot to touch at for refreshments. Fresh Beef. Hogs. Potatoes Yams. Oranges Limes &c, are to be procured here in great abundance, although we have been weaned for a considerable time of these good things, yet they would not come unacceptable — To morrow or next day will determine whether it is intended for us to enjoy these Luxuries, 'Till then we must rest contented — This has been a thick cloudy calm day & we have not seen the Island. it [illegible] learing away a little now, & no doubt before t[illegible] "Sable curtain. is drawn". we will once more [illegible] d it ——

Tuesday afternoon [illegible] This morning at 6 O Clock the im[illegible] island of Masafuero was seen [illegible] distand about 24 miles [illegible] the wind [illegible] night & we suppose [illegible] us on a little,

We have all been asking our Captn to lend us the jolly boat so that we might reach shore to night, but all our intreaties have been in vain, for he will not permit the Boat to be absent from the Ship a night, & I do not know but what he is correct, we are going now about 2 Knots ꝑ Hour, & the land I suppose is nearly 15 miles from us, so that, we enjoy a good prospect of being on Shore to morrow, what our ocapations will be there will be the subject of an other days [illegible] — The day is very warm & pleasant w[illegible] a light breeze from the S. our Lat. [illegible] was S33°.52' & Long: ꝑ Lunar 80°.44' ——

It is now determined [illegible] not enjoy the Luxuries of [illegible] but willingly resign them on shore. which we will enjoy on Masafuero. & which from all acct. the Spaniards would not allow at their Island, Masafuero. though is not without its good things, for its shores abound with excellent fish, & Lobsters, & its Hills with wild goats, for both of these we are prepared. & I have no doubt to morrow we will be able to give a good acct. of both—

Thursday afternoon 6th: Yesterday we enjoy=ed the anticipated pleasure of being on shore. Owing the lightneſs of the wind on Tuesday night Ship was not as near shore as could be wished, but as the day was pleasant we called at 4 O'Clock to [illegible] Jolly boat & to get & we started

8 men in the Jolly Boat ahead towing the Pinnace which had 14 men in & had 22 empty water casks fast to it, I was one of the 8 in the jolly boat, the Land we supposed to be distant about 6 miles & after three hours very fatiguing rowing we reached the shore, there our boat was sent along the beach to look out a proper place for landing, we found one about the middle of the island, & close to a fine stream of water, although the surf run much leſs here than on any other part Shore, yet we had to go in the about the depth of a mans. arm as we landed we discovered a ~~fine~~ large ~~flock~~ rd of goats near two hundreds yards from Clark & myself approached with our no sooner saw us, than th

they disappeared though in a few minutes among the crags & rocks of this dreary isle, Mr. C & myself followed up a gulch ravine between two immen mountains where ~~whose~~ craggy tops, overhanging seemed to threaten the Traveller below with instant destruction, we came at lenght to a water fall of 20. or 30 feet & endeavoured to ascen its perpendicular sides, but in this we could not succeed, & there was but one way left of reaching the top of st. mountain, which was by drawing yourself up [illegible] the trees, this was extremely dangerous. for if [illegible] l the trees had given away, a person would [illegible] bly have broken his neck, but dangerous [illegible] s, we attempted it & as Mr. C. was more [illegible] uch travelling than I was [illegible] left [illegible] rable distance, I

was loaded likewise heavy, with my rifle, Pistols powder & balls & after reaching half way up the mountain, I found myself so excessively fatigued, that I was obliged to lay down. I fired my gun first as a signal to Mr. C. & as he did not answer it, I thought, he had penetrated higher up than I was, I rested in this spot about half an hour, & then thought of returning, & after an hour & an half most laborious & dangerous work, I was overjoyed to find myself again at the water fall, from this place to the beach, it was comparatively level, & three quarters of an hour, brought me th[illegible] I found Mr. C. & all hands dining on some [illegible] fish ~~they~~ Ehringer & Mr. Dean had ca[illegible] & joined them with a great deal of pleasure — [illegible] I learned from Mr. that he did not go as [illegible] I thought he had been, that h[illegible] and almost as soon as he lost [illegible] l as [illegible] nt perceive me, he concluded that I had already gon down, & that he had been there about an hour & an half, after finishing our Dinners, Clapp & Mr C agreed to proceed along the right hand shore down to the extreme point & see all that was to to be seen, Nicoll, Cox, & Halsey were to go on the opposite side exploring, & I who had seen enough of the Island agreed to join the fishing party, it was ~~about~~ about half past two, when we commenced our respective employm=ents, in the boat the grapling was cast about 40 yards f [illegible] te shore in about three fathoms water, where we [illegible] uld see numbers of very fine [illegible] ish swimming a [illegible] we enjoyed most excellent sport here, untill n [illegible] 5 o'Clock when we perceived two of the [illegible] returned, and as the Boat was [illegible]. [illegible] boat, (leaving George E [illegible] Pin [illegible] d skulled her to

the shore, then I found Mr C & Clapp returned. they had been very lucky, having fallen in with a large ~~flock~~ herd of goats, out which they had the goo fortune to kill two, there they dispatched two men for, & Clapp resolved to join us in the fishing party, it was getting late now, & Mr Rhodes (the first officer of the Ship) told me to send Dean ashore in the jolly boat to assist in getting the water casks off, while we were to remain fishing in the Pinnace, at ½ past 6 when we left off we had two Hundred & twenty fish the average weight of which was at least th [illegible] n half pounds pr ~~fine~~ fish, I could no [illegible] e any difference either in the Appearance [illegible] te of these fish, from our Sound Black [illegible] at N.Y. they are certainly equally as good, [illegible] t of catching them to a person w [illegible] ishing, is beyond any thing [illegible] as [illegible] from the number that was caught in four hours, at 7 o clock we had 16 water casks full along side, & every thing prepared for starting for the ship, which was at least 5 miles off, the Boats were loaded down very deep, especially the Pinnace which had at least 700 wt. of fish on board, half full of wood, & at the lowest calculation 1/3 full of water, 13 men added to this made our boat almost too deep for safety there were nine men ahead in the jolly boat towing us in the same order as we came off, I had lost my p[illegible] the Head boat by not attending & as our boat made [illegible] great deal of water it kept two of us co[illegible] bailing— about a mile from shore [illegible] perceived the weather getting thick[illegible] appearance of squalls, at this time, [illegible] a gun & hoisted a lig[illegible] we [illegible] & Mr. R. made

me signal repeater, the weather was now so very thick, that we could but barely distinguish the ship, & there was a very thick squall to windward, we were all conscious that if the squall struck us hard, that there would be no safety for us in the pinnace, there was a chance for the head boat, being so much lighter & stronger than we were; at half past eight it began to rain violently with some wind & the weather excessively thick & hazy, so much so that we could scarcely distinguish any thing but the flashes from the guns of the ship as [illegible] were discharged every five minutes, we were convinced by this that they were exce[illegible] anxious for our safety, & indeed I must co[illegible] that the prospect before us was dreadfull [illegible] of over laden boat in the Pacific [illegible] ten o'clock at night with very[illegible] to burst upon us & in consequence to overwhelm us, with thirteen fagged out men, was not the either the most comfortable or safe situation, yet the same Gracious Providence who has conducted us so far & through so many difficulties & dan=gers, has through his divine mercy preserved us in this, the most severe one we have as yet experien=ced — God Grant that I may be sufficiently thankfull for this & all other mercies, that I daily experience ——— I kept my=self emp[illegible] the whole time in keeping my gun & powder [illegible]ecure from the rain (which was pouring upon us [illegible] whole distance) & loading & firing in answer to [illegible]heir signals, — We reached the Ship at [illegible]t half past eleven oclock & relieved [illegible] great deal of anx=iety [illegible] I [illegible] as much more, we

had been exposed to a continual rain for most three hours & an half & every person on board the boats were almost ready to give up — We had been very lucky with our water, having only lost one cask & at half past one had all our water on deck & boats in — & turned in. in our births which ~~had~~ at one time we had almost despaired of enjoying that night ——— This has been a thick foggy day & although we can not be more than 9 or 10 miles from the Land. yet it is not visible, ———

Friday after[illegible]n 7th This day commences clear & pleasant [illegible] light breeze of wind, the Land in s[illegible] distant near 9 miles, as we did not con[illegible] all our water the day before yesterday, th[illegible] day ha[illegible] been devoted to that purpose, the [illegible] this morn[illegible] at 9 & have not y[illegible] [illegible]hed to get on shore, bu[illegible] one of us to go, the reason that he is so disobliging is, I expect, that he thinks we have not treated him as well as we ought to have done— Nicolls a young of a fiery disposition imagines himself agrieved by Captn S. & has persuaded Cox & Halsey to think themselves also— Captn S. had pasted up in a conspicuous part of the cabin two regulations about the lights burning in the evening & about whistling & singing, one of them, I know, Nicolls tore down, the other was likewise destroyed, [illegible] on shore the Captn discovered that they were [illegible]ne, & instantly pasted some regulations mu[illegible] severe. When we came on board I observed that he did not accost us with his [illegible]iliarity, & during the whole of y[illegible]ly spoke to one of us— I [illegible] for any imaginary

insult, N received, so immediately told the Capt. that I had no concern & no wish to show my contempt of this authority I hoped that He did not think me guilty of it, he said he did not, but that untill he discovered who had so insulted him, that he would not allow us any of the little privileges we had hitherto enjoyed— in my opinion in this business he has conducted himself perfectly right. but in this I have the misfortune to differ from our major Domo Mr. Clarke, who, I likewise think, encourages these petty little insults too much, in fact, I [illegible] and that Mr. C. himself tore down one [illegible] the papers, this has not been ascertained, & [illegible]o not wish to strengthen the report— [illegible]colls carries his animosity against the Captn [illegible]t he made a serious proposition [illegible] Clarks) to remain on shore [illegible] to

him, that, so far from feeling myself insulted
during the passage on board ship, by the Capt.
I was very well pleased with the treatmt. I had
experienced & even if I had been aggrieved that
I could not reconcile to myself leaving the ship &
the employment I had engaged in, ~~—~~ in such a
clandestine manner, & accordingly positively declined
having any thing to do with it, Clapp hesitated, more
I believe from the fear of giving N. offence by
immediately rejecting his proposal, than from any
serious cons [illegible] of ~~of the proposal.~~ Cox & Halsey
agreed if the [illegible] practicable to remain
with N. but so [illegible]stant & so fleeting in his
disposition is N. tha the three officers in the
ship knew [illegible] himself & of consequence
it [illegible] of this he gave sev-
[illegible] from the Ship

& I expect did not much care if two or three
had remained on shore — after we had been on
shore three or four hours & had returned from our
survey of the Island, I understood from Halsey
that Mr. N. & Cox had determined to remain, I
told him he had better consider well what he was
doing, & what his friends would say if he should
ever return home, he made me no answer to this.
I was very much surprised a few moments after to
hear N in the course of conversation about the
Captn with Mr Clark, say, that we had all
determined to remain on shore to [illegible] ar of the
Capts. insults, but that we f [illegible] thing im-practicable
— I was not [illegible]ly person surprised
here for Cox & Halsey the pers[illegible] with whom he had
a few moments before mad [illegible] to remain
were very much asto [illegible] te the
circumstance to Mr

to stay. what surprised me was to hear him say that we all had determined, when Clapp & myself had told him expressly that we would not have any thing to do with it, I have not as yet had an opportunity to speak to Mr. Clark on this subject but intend to inform him that the idea of leaving the employ to which I have bound my=self never entered my head, & if he asks me what I know about the subject, I shall immediately inform him for I ~~really~~ consider that we have been subject [illegible] some real insults on account of an imagin[illegible] [illegible]iff of Mr. N—— We have now been 113 days [illegible] on board ship together, in this long time there has [illegible] as few quarrels I believe as would have happe[illegible] to any set of young men & we have [illegible] the Captn of the Ship & officers [illegible] [illegible]ns to me a great [illegible] should be broken

at a time when the exercise of self command for a few more days, would allow us to part all friends, but broken it is. & the manner I shall endeavour to conduct myself in future ~~while~~ will be, that I may not give offence to either, & I hope I shall find it practicable; it will be a happy day when we arrive at our destination, & seperate, for although we do not actually quarrel, yet there has not been any solid friendship formed between any of us, & I do not believe there would be if we were to remain together for a much more longer space of time ——

Thursday afternoon [illegible] 20th 1812
S Lat. 20°28' W Lon [illegible]°10'.

The boats returned with [illegible] wa[illegible] Casks on the 7th about 4 o'Clock [illegible] P.M. with a light breeze. we [illegible] the Island of Masafuero, for [illegible] [illegible]nted from making much wind, but in Lat S. 30.° we took the S.E. Trades, after two days of calm, They are driving us on very fast, towards the Sandwich Isles. we have every sail set to advantage, Sky=sails, top-gallant & royal Steering sails fore & aft on both sides, & our Ship once more begins to look like the Slaver. we likewise experience very pleasant weather, this added to our fair winds would make our time pass pleasantly enough, if it were not for the unpleasant difference between ~~the~~ Our gen &the Captn this has a great effect upon our actions, but thank God. in all probabi days will take us hence to the Isl ty days from thence will land us on th anks of the Columbia - & the only o are inclined to peac nor nduct themselves, is vility, this I

have endeavoured to do, & shall continue ~~—~~

On Sunday last in the calm, Some of the Sailors went ~~in to~~ overboard to swim, seeing they come out in safety, three of us ~~sprung~~ aft followed their example & had but just reached the deck, when a man sung out Shark, & in five minutes, the Rascal was on deck, this narrow escape will I expect prevent any of our Young bloods from cooling themselves in the Sea again.

I do have determined not to touc my journal again, untill my arrival at th dwich Isl unless something extraordinary my time will be pretty well occu writing letters to my cronies in N. Y. for not pect after my arrival at Colum be shall have much time.

— We are out th ands & our whole dist

Thursday 9th April 1812 — N Lat. 22°5' W Long 158.45' The Islands of Woahoo & Attooi in sight ——

Nothing remarkable occurred in our passage from the the Island of Massafuero to the Sandwich Islands, the weather was in general very pleasant, this with a smooth sea & favourable wind made our time pass off very pleasantly— In S Lat. 29°40' we first too[illegible] the S E trade wind & it continued with [illegible] till we reached the Lat of 6° S. when the [illegible] trade struck us, this carried us over the Equ[illegible] the 6th March in the Long. 120 [illegible] ton, with a fine seven knot breez[illegible] it us expeditiously to the Long [illegible] dwich Isles—

[illegible] to S Islands was

161 days. From N.Y. to the Falkland Islands the first land we made, it was 65 days, from the F. I. to Massafuero 45 days. 4 days we were detained at M. watering, from thence to the Sandwich Islands 47 days, making as before stated one hundred & sixty one days.——

The misunderstanding between Mr. C. & the Captn & officers which I mentioned some time ago, and which then I prophecied would one day break out in an open quarrel, has taken place— Cox one of the clerks, who in my opinion is a young man destitute of good [illegible] & who possesses a greater share of [illegible] than generally falls to the [illegible] ne man, was the occasion of the quarre[illegible] very fond of playing upon a fife & ha[illegible] iciously disturbed the officers w[illegible] day watch they often complai[illegible] on, this day alt[illegible] table, Mr Cox began with his music while Mr Rhodes the first officer & Mr Dean the third were eating, Mr R asked him to stop once or twice, but Cox still persisted, when Rhodes got angry & told Cox what he thought of him. Dean then said something to Cox & he replied. when Dean clinched him & gave him a drubbing. Mr Clark interfered when Mr Rhodes asked him if he had a mind to take up the quarrel & offered to meet him any where even at th [illegible] present time across the table & the nois[illegible] [illegible]ught the Captn down when the dispute [illegible] stated to him & he agreed with Mr Rho[illegible] [illegible]derstanding that the dispute be[illegible] [illegible]t music. forbade all kind of Pi[illegible] [illegible]bin — Mr Clark said that [illegible] lay. [illegible] was the only [illegible] determined to play

when he pleased. the Captn told him not to attempt to play in the cabin again, for he was master of the ship & would have his orders obeyed by all on board, Mr Clark told him then, that he hoped he would give him satisfaction for this the Captn replied. Yes Sir, & thus this dispute ended — They are now as great friends as ever they were, but there is no music in the cabin — In this dispute Clapp & myself were for some time under the displeasure of his royal Highness, On Acct of our being neuter but this miff like all the others of our Colonl soon disappeared & at the Sight o[illegible] Land — all hands in the ship were in the g[illegible] good humour & all former disputes & Miff[illegible]e forgiven and forgot — This good effe[illegible] sight of the Island of Owhy[illegible] & I hope that all ships may [illegible] unanimity among their [illegible] a[illegible]g us when the Sandw[illegible] view —

On Sunday afternoon March 22d. 1812 we made the Island of Owhyhee & next morning at day light we were up with the Island of Mowee, a favourable wind took us rapidly past this, & brought us up with Moratai, betwixt this latter Island & Mowee we passed, & run down with a seven knot breeze close along the shore— several canoes attempted to come along side but the ship was going too fast, in the afternoon a[illegible] oclock saw Woahoo, directly ahead, & [illegible] about 30 miles, stood in for it untill 8 [illegible] we hauled off shore, intending [illegible] light next morning to be at [illegible] On Tuesday morning we stood in a [illegible] land with a fine bre[illegible] in 16 or 17 miles [illegible] this calm was a

great disappointment to most of our bloods in the cabin, for they were all rigged out in their Sunday clothes to go on shore, Our Colonel I believe felt it most, for he intends to astonish the natives by the magnificence of his apparel, & was accordingly dressed out to the nines, but, alas! he had not the satisfaction of been seen & admired by the natives this day, for the calm envious of the joy he anticipated, was resolved to disappoint him at least for one day, at 3 in the afternoon two canoes were seen standing [illegible]ds us from Moratai, ~~&~~ but to our g[illegible] appointmt. they passed astern of u[illegible] paying us the least attention, [illegible] the evening a light breeze sprung [illegible] stood toward the Harbour, & [illegible] two hours & stood off & on [illegible]

Wednesday morning at day break stood towards
the Island again, with a light breeze, at
9 two canoes came along side from whom
we purchased some water melons, ~~for~~ with
a Jack knife, at 11 fired a gun for a Pilot,
& at 12 repeated it, & then lay too, in abt
half an hour a chief by name Tiama
came off to us in his large double canoe
& brought some cocoa nuts, the ship was
run in to . anchorage by his direction
in whyte s opposite the village of
the same n great many canoes came
off to us, equence of a taboo they
could not board, This Taboo
likewise pr its from the fair sex
Soule went
visit to his

majesty, Tamaamaah, & returned about
six in the evening. to morrow his majesty with
his wives & suit pay us a visit, & after that we will
be free to trade with whom we please;—
Clapp, Nicoll, Halsey & Cox took a freak in
their heads to ~~go on~~ spend the night on
shore & at nine o clock accompanied Tiama
to his house, On Thursday morning at day
light, I went with Capt. Soule for the first
time on Shore, & there saw Clapp & his party,
they had passed the night v comfortably
with Tiama & had three or wives, apiece—
I soon found light a degree
female chastity for I had
not been a shore five minutes I had a
dozen invitations from the & if it was
of no use to den ould
absolutely draw

as they did not suit my taste exactly & as
I not taken my breakfast yet, I resisted them
as long as I was able, but was at last obliged
to comply, their manners at first so completely disgusted me, that I almost resolved
to have no more connections with them, & I
tolerably well kept my resolution — To one
who has been always accustomed to view
the modest looks & pretty faces of American Fem[illegible], these nearly naked Indians
are comp[illegible] disgusting, & they in a great
measure ad[illegible] their ugliness by plastering
the front [illegible] Head with a kind of
white lime [illegible] with the strong smell
of cocoa [illegible] with which they anoint
thems[illegible] a day or two,
un[illegible] little familiar.

to their looks & manners — we returned on
board & there found Tamaahmaah with his three
wives, his Prime Minister Kreimokoo, & all his nobles
they were likewise accompanied by Mr Harebottle &
Manini two Europeans, the former an Englishman &
the latter a Spaniard, who have resided on the
Island for the last 12 or 14 years & have arrived at great
honours in Tama:'s dominions: all these done us the
honour to breakfast & dine on board ship —
We recived from Harebottle the melancholy acct
of the Tonquins (the ship that left New York for
the Columbia the year before our Ship) being cut off
on the N W coast by the Ind[illegible] & her being
blown up by the Captn when [illegible]ks were filled
with Natives, this acct was t[illegible]ressing to us,
for our success depends in [illegible]asure, upon
the Gentlemen of the Tonqu[illegible] they were
pitched upon as the most compe[illegible]ect the first
settlement & they co[illegible]ir ship the
principal means, by [illegible] was
to succeed, Our [illegible]

idea, that we should find them there settled— if this should not be the case & if Mr. Hunts party should not have arrived, we will be in a melancholy plight, indeed! in the first place we have not a man in whom we could place any confidence in a trying situation, to conduct our party. Mr. C. the only partner in the establishment, with us, is certainly, if we judge from his conduct on board ship, not calculated for such an undertaking, he is too fleeting & inconstant in his disposition, & does not possess sufficient au [illegible] over the men, to acknowledge any other of [illegible] sent party, as a head, will not I am sure [illegible] to, even if Mr. C. is content to give up [illegible] req. — in the next place our party only [illegible] of twenty men, with so few men, [illegible] it [illegible] whom we can place [illegible] i [illegible] inion be the extreme [illegible] ttlement; in such

a case, I believe it will be determined to return in the Ship at any rate as far as the Sandwich Islands — This is the worst view of our situation, there is some probability that the Tonquins party may be safely landed, as Wiccinnish, the place where the Ship was cut off is considerably to the northward of the Columbia, if so, & no accident should since have happened to them. Our Undertaking may yet succeed & one day it may repay us for the difficulties we have to undergo— Mr. Hunts party may have arrived also, & if we should have the satisfaction of finding a country man [illegible] as the Head of the establishment, we [illegible] e extremely fortunate, all the partners, [illegible] cepted, are Scotchmens & they on gen [illegible] ch prejudiced against us Yankees, I [illegible] have made this remark, had it [illegible] in confidence to Cox the Irish [illegible] at the American clerks, [illegible] the Proprietors — I trust though that the Gentleman who uttered this sentiment will be mistaken, & that most of the proprietors will be enough of Gentlemen not to make any distinction between European or American clerks. We will soon know now the particulars of our situation, a fortnight from this time, we expect to be landed on the Banks of the Columbia, antill that time I will defer any more acct. of our situation & thoughts ——

At 3 in th[illegible]fternon Tama: with all his Gang went on [illegible] immediately after his departure the Tabo[illegible]ken off, & females in abundance vis[illegible]hip, Clapp Nicoll, Halsey & Ehninger [illegible]ined to remain on shore this night, I a[illegible] so accompanied them, but was [illegible] which continued in [illegible] of the night, occasion-

-ed, I suppose by eating too much fruit after so long a voyage, & next morng ~~Thursday~~ Friday 21st. after breakfast I went on shore with Mr. Clark intending to walk to Honoroora the residence of the King, distt. abt. 5 miles from the place where the Ship was anchored. We landed at Whytete opposite the dwelling of Tiaima & after paying him a visit, where we were received with the greatest cordiality & treated with the best his hut afforded, we proceeded on our walk to the village, about a mile from Whytete we met Clapp & all his party attended with Mr. Cook an officer of a ship, which he left at this place about three months since [illegible]ined their party & proceeded to Tiaima's h[illegible]ere we resolved to dine on board & come o[illegible]n in the afternoon, we accordingly p[illegible]sua[illegible]ook to accompany us & repaired on board, we [illegible] found that the Captn. dined on shore [illegible] the other officers recived us [illegible] greatest attention, & treate[illegible] wine, which we should not have enjoyed, had our saving Captn been on board, after finishing 4 or five bottles at 3, we jumped in a canoe alongside & once more started for the shore & landed near our old friends. Tiama's Hut— there it was determined that Nicolls & myself should go with Cook, & spend the night at Mr. Holmes, at Honaroora, where he (Cook) resided, & that Clapp & Halsey should pass the night at Tiama's— after staying at whystete ti ve we set out on our walk each one a e by a servant to carry us over the p hich there are several between the s— we arrived at Mr. H.'s abt 7 o'Clo the evening & were very cordi=ally welco d. & although he had bin s he immediately prepared for us—

Cook gave us up his sleeping house, & we slept soundly on mats, covered with tappa, according to the custom of the country— Next Morng Saturday 27, we walked with Cook to see the village & his Majesty, the Great Tamaahmaah. we found him with his principal chiefs & surrounded by a guard of abt 15 men with muskets, viewing a game of rolling stones, which they are very expert in & roll a great distance, as far again as any of us could do, he recd us with attention & shook hands, all the young chiefs seemed to be delighted with us, & followed us wherever we went, we proce through the whole village followed by crowds Inhabitants & were introduced to some of st chiefs— we then visited Tama's f co g of one Ship american built called the Bird, & several Schooners & S which have been built on the Islan ~~round~~ ~~the~~ Tenders of at ½ past 11 we returned to Mr. Holmes. much fatigued. in conversation with him I learned that he was an American by birth, & had left Boston as a Stewart of a ~~Ship~~ vessel bound to the N W coast of America, that he went on the coast & on his return to the Sandwich Islands the vessel was cut off by the natives at Woahoo & that he has remained on the Island since— nearly 22 years, he has a wife & several children & is more in the good graces of the King than [illegible] white man on the Islands— & possesses [illegible] property. He has determined to end [illegible] in which I think he is perfectly r[illegible] — [illegible] Charles Cook the young man I have mentio[illegible] a native of New York, & left there at the age [illegible] without the consent of his [illegible] it I remained on [illegible] He told me some acct. of what had happened to him & of his real name which is Nicholas Saltus. after leaving N.Y. in the way he did, he immediately changed his name, & has been known by no other, during the five years he remained in Canton; he was second officer of a ship from Canton to the N.W; after leaving the coast; he determined to remain some time on the Island, on acct. of some difficulty with the Captn, & has taken up his residence with Mr. Holmes, where he appears to live comfortably & contented:—

At 12 a Messenger arrived to us from Clapp & H. at Whytete saying they would w[illegible] dinner for us last after some consultation we [illegible] to dine at Daddy Holmes & walk do[illegible] afternoon— we accordingly dispatched t[illegible] this message after dining with the old man [illegible]ted out to me his wife & children wh[illegible] spoke to them. His daughter Ha[illegible] p[illegible]ist girl I saw on the [illegible] of age & her behaviour is very modest — George his son is likewise a very fine boy, I tried to persuade the old man to send him to America to learn the Language, but he cannot bear the idea of parting with him ——

at 4 p.m. we started (Cook in company) for Whytete & arrived there a little before six, we found Clapp & Halsey waiting for us at Tiama's Mr Rhodes & Champenois (1st & 2d officers) happened to be on Shore in the jolly boat I determined to
sleep on while the remainder were to
remain on & breakfast on board in the
morning; good swim in the surf.
I went on Menenie & his wife with
Harebottle the & the ship full of girls —
Sunday Mo 28th Clapp & the rest with Cook
came welcomed by all the
did not in the

least notice him, this is what we all expected of him & which we had apprised Cook off, we well knew that he could not get any thing from Cook & his disposition is such, that where he expects no ~~adv~~ advantage, he shows no civility — at breakfast we learned that the ship was to be moved from her present anchorage to the village of Honaroora, for the convenience of getting on board the supplies which were bought of the King; we were all very glad to hear this, as it would be much nearer Mr Holmes house, where we contemplated to spend
much of our time, & of course mu ore convenient
for us, Mr Cook mentioned to Clo at he was
rather short of clothes & did how much
longer he might remain on d, & that
if we could spare any, h wou very thank=
=ful, we accordingly made a lerable large
bundle, I contributed w rats
a pair of Quarter b

Wishing to get out of the confusion of getting the
ship underway we resolved to land & walk to
Honaroora & take dinner with Mr. Holmes, I put
in my pocket a Handsome pr. of razors & some
scissors, & beads, to distribute among Tiama's
& Mr. Holmes childrens, we landed near our
old friends Tiama's & after spending an hour
or two with him, set out for the last time to
Honaroora & reached there about 12 oclock. after
dinner I gave Mr. Holmes the razors, which pleased
him much, tive come & told us, that the ship
was anchored ite the village, I resolved then to
spend my n ed ship & days on shore
walking a & se ing something of the Islands
this night & i prevented from sleeping on board
on a o e being absent & no
ship; Capp

Halsey & Nicoll also staid on shore this night
after supping with the old man & talking with him
& Cook for two or three hours, about Home, we
all turned in, in Cook's Sleeping house & slept as
before said on mats & Tappa, from this day till
the day of our departure I spent my time mostly
at Mr. Holmes, his canoes were always at my
service whenever I wanted them & would regulary
take me off in the evening & bring me on shore
in the morning. One day by invitatation I dined
at Mr. Davis's (a white man (European) who has
resided some time on the Island) i pany with
the Captn, Mr. Clark, George Ehrm Meneni, &
for the first time saw Roast I have been
so long taught to consider animal
as exempted from that fa ty ich the Pig
& other domestic animals are liable that I could
not so far conquer my taste a piece
of him, in fact the h
against a Dish of

the table, Captn T. & Mr. Clarke though found
the Dog very good & equal they say to any veal
or mutton, ——— It was from Mr. Davis, that
we recd. two Letters, directed ~~to~~, Captn. Jon: Thorn, &
to Mr. Mc Kay, Mr. Clarke opened them & found one
from Mr. Astor giving some instructions to Captn.
Thorn of the Tonquin — the other from Capt Ebbetts
of the Enterprise (owned by Mr Astor,) stating that as
he had not met the Tonquin on the coast, he
concluded that she would not be out that year—
& mentioning [illegible] report that prevailed at the
Islands resp[illegible] her fate & ~~of~~ his opinion that
it was co[illegible] — Mr. Holmes made me a
present of a [illegible] 240 fathoms long & two
mats, his w[illegible] also gave me two mats & a very
fine pet Dog [illegible] English breed; the only
present[illegible] in return, were to
[illegible] 2½ dozen cakes of

shaving soap, a silk umbrella, one or two
books & some other little things, that he mentioned would
be useful, to his wife I gave two white shirts a Hhkf
& some thread & needles, & to his daughter a large silk
Hhkf, scissors beads &c &c, & we all by subscription,
purchased a fowling piece & gave to the old man—
I likewise traded with Kreimokoo, or Billy Pitt
the prime minister a coarse surtout coat for
eleven mats & one hundred & twenty cocoa nuts—
these were all the articles I traded for, except some
fruit which at different times I purchased from the
canoes along side, for Jack Knif[illegible]ads &c &c—
The ships trade was mostly wit[illegible] King, about
sixty Hogs, three hundred co[illegible] quantities
of Tarra & sweet Potatoes [illegible]me[illegible]s & sugar-
-cane, were purchased for a quan[illegible]k of Tene-
-riffe wine, a piece of [illegible] twelve or four-
-teen bbls of Tar— [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]es [illegible]ding
that was carrie[illegible]

I regularry spent every day on shore, dining at Mr Holmes. & was always welcomed by him, indeed. I shall never forget his hospitality, & hope I one day may have it in my power to return it to him, or to some of his children —— Nothing material happened to the ship untill Saturday 4th April, when the wind sprung up from the westward, which made a lee shore for us, & before we knew that we drifted, we found the breakers, not two ships lenghts [illegible]tern, going to warp her farther out, they f[illegible] out that the Hawser was chafed off, [illegible] [illegible]ich then only held by the small bo[illegible] [illegible] that was to go, she must inevitably g[illegible] [illegible] pieces — got down Royal yd's & masts & to[illegible] [illegible] & Lower Yards. & the long [illegible] [illegible] the wind by this [illegible] with a tremendous

sea running, & the ship was a scene of the utmost confusion, Cook (who came on board before breakfast) & myself were on the quarter deck, the whole day, while it was raining as hard as it could pour down, about two o clock they succeeded in carrying out in the long boat another Anchor ahead, & another Kedge & warped the ship out from seven fathoms to ten —— I never saw a man in so great a flurry as Captn. S. was the day, he was standing on the Bowsprit, the whole time, with his speaking trum[illegible]t, & issuing his commands in a screeching & [illegible]telligible tone — rathing discouraging [illegible] [illegible]tening the men; Poor Dean, our t[illegible] [illegible] suffered on acct. of this storm, or rather [illegible] acct. of the Humour, the storm put our [illegible] Captn. in —— the Captn. was bell[illegible] [illegible]wn [illegible] for a considerable time understand one word that was said, the Captn damned him for a stupid puppy, before the whole crew & some of the residents of the Island— Dean told him he was not more stupid than he was, when the Captn struck him over the head two or three times with his trumpet, & told him not to do duty as an officer any longer on board the Ship—— Dean the next morning asked liberty to remain on shore, which was granted; as he & myself have the whole pass=age been o[illegible] the most friendly terms, I interrest=ed myself [illegible]iderably in his welfare, & spoke to Captn [illegible] [illegible]bout his residence with him on the [illegible], [illegible]t was some time before I could get [illegible] [illegible] him to consent & but at last had the [illegible]tration of procuring a home for [illegible] [illegible] W traders, touch [illegible] way to Canton,

which will be about the months of October & November, when he is to proceed to Canton— for this arrangent I had to give a draft on New York for Seventy two dolls in favour of Dean, who is to endorse it over to Holmes— I advised Edward that I had drawn on him & that Dean would reimburse him— I also wrote my Father some acct of our passage, & the report of the Tonquins fate, these Letters were left in the care of Mr. Manini to be forwarded in the first Ship bound to Canton— I gave Cook a letter to my Father & Dean [illegible] letter to Ned, as they requested to be introduced to [illegible] friends at home It was given out on board Sh[illegible] [illegible] who [illegible] on board intended to proceed in the Sh[illegible] [illegible] first wind on Tuesday morning, as af[illegible] time [illegible] first wind the ship would go to sea, [illegible] were all accor=dingly on board, [illegible] did not get out before Wed[illegible]

with his three wives & all his nobles dined on
board of us on Wednesday the 8th for the
last time & as the Topsails were *Sheeting
home*, he bade us farewell — I bid
adieu to the young chiefs who were with
him & who seemed to take some pleasure in
my company — Their names were Kreikoo=
=pouree, Ta hō ō momano, Manono, Koule=
=poolepoo, Kutouchow & Housep — I was
likewise very great with the Heir of the
Throne, [illegible]'s Son, a Young Man abt 18.
by name [illegible] — The Islanders could
not mak[illegible] name, *Kingy* was the
appellation [illegible] I was known & the
nearest they [illegible] come to Seton —
The [illegible] [illegible] Islands as far as
I could [illegible] [illegible]ly similar to what
[illegible] the Government is

under a King, who deputes chiefs over the different islands
& these must be all ready to pay their supplies, when it pleases
the King to demand them — of their Religion, the prin=
=cipal ceremony of which is the *Taboo*, I could not learn
much, I saw several images, & once approached very near
the *Morai*, but was angrily told that it was *tabooed*.
This *Taboo* can be laid on any person or any thing at
the will of the King, & a great many of the Chiefs have
likewise a power of *tabooing*, but there are four regular
taboos, every month, at the new moon, first quarter, full=
=moon & last quarter, then, only, as far as I could understand
prevented the Chiefs & the women from going into any
canoes, they were two of this last kind [illegible] the Ship
remained at anchor, — A man [illegible] an cannot
eat under the same roof, nor can [illegible] one thing
which another has tasted, — [illegible] are [illegible] at many
other curious ~~[illegible]~~ Customs which have been [illegible]oned by voyagers.
who have been more able to desc[illegible] them, than I am —
& who have favoured t[illegible] their tr[illegible] —
It was Wednesday 8 [illegible] statua

that with a fine breeze from the N.E we bade adieu to the Sandwich Islands— This breeze though did not. conduct us on very rapidly for it was not untill Sunday 12th that we lost sight ~~that we lost sight~~ of Atooi— On this day Thursday April 23d we are in N Lat 38°. W Long 144d. about half the distance between Woahoo & the Columbia— Nothing remarkable has occurred since we left the Island. most of our days have been pleasant with light breezes. & great unanimity seems to prevail among all hands, which makes our time pass off [illegible] pleasantly— we often indulge in speculat [illegible] rning the Tonquin & her party & a [illegible] bable future destiny, but cannot come to any [illegible] termination, untill we land on the Colum [illegible] which in all probability will not [illegible] more t [illegible] I shall before that time [illegible] little circumstance

that may occur in our future progress—

I forgot to mention before. that we made a considerable reinforcement to our little band at the Sandwich Islands— Mr. Wadsworth. an american by birth & Seaman by profession is engaged by Mr. C. for the purpose of taking charge of one of the Schooners which are to be built, he was an officer of an american vessel which touched at Owyhee, & on acct. of some disagreemt. with the Captn., remained on shore— He is the only one on board ship who has taken a girl with him—

Mr. C. engaged ten of the natives to accompany us & gave permission to each of the [illegible] ks to take a boy, Clapp. Halsey & myself [illegible] the only ones that profited by this good h [illegible] our Colonels. — One of the Queens had g [illegible] Dea [illegible] a fine little Boy about 12 or 14; when he determined to remain on shore, he (Dean) gave him to [illegible] & told the Queen that I was his P [illegible] satisfied [illegible]—

The boy appear [illegible] isposition, &

117 & I trust will prove a valuable acquisition, It
is my present intention if ever it should please
Providence to permit my return, to take him home
with me, if it is agreeable to him ——

Since Our departure from the Islands. Our
Boatswain has been broke by the Captn. very
much in my opinion, to the dissatisfaction of the
officers, who have often said in my presence that
he was "all in all" the best Seaman on board
ship, It certainly does not concern me to say
or feel any thing in this business, but one cannot
help have [illegible] feelings touched when he sees a
civil & good [illegible] suffer, (when no redress is to be had)
by the han[illegible] [illegible] other — Such in my opinion
is the case of Mr. [illegible] the boatswain, & I heartily
hope he may reco[illegible] when he returns the whole Amt. of
his wages —— [illegible] a very cold raw day
with the wind [illegible] we are out from
N[illegible] days ——

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Saturday May 2d. 1812. N Lat. 43°.22'.

W Long: 125°.17'. Since my last date of April 23d.
the Wind has been constantly from the N. we
stood ~~towards the shore~~ close hauled to the Eastwd.
& progressed very fast towards the continent & at
9 in the morning of Thursday 30th. Land was
discovered right ahead, at 12 oclock by our observn.
we ascertained it to be Cape Orford in Lat N. 42.50.
& Long: W. 124°.25' at six in the evening we were
near enough to see the trees on the shore & the
snow on the top of the mount[illegible] the wind
at this time blew a gale fro[illegible] & reduced us
to our close reefed topsails, [illegible] all day
yesterday with a fresh bree[illegible] from the same quarter
(which is as dead ahead as it can [illegible]) & this morng. at
4 oclock ~~[illegible]~~ wore [illegible] N & E. the weather
had moderated a [illegible] hopes

of a Southerly wind, ~~the weather~~ it has been calm & foggy all the morning, but the wind has sprung up from its old quarter the N. Our Lat to day was 43°19', three degrees to the Southward of Columbia River, it is *mortifying indeed* to be within so short a distance of your port & to experience the impossibility of reaching it with the present wind, Land is seen now under our Lee. & we are standing towards it — The weather is not quite as cold as it was, which is the only appearance we have of a change of ~~W~~ Wind —

Sunday [illegible]ing. The wind has at last shifted a[illegible]avourable for us, & we are making [illegible] our way, towards the Columbia, & no dou[illegible] will arrive there in a day or two at mos[illegible] we have been for the most part employed [illegible] passage from the Islands [illegible]lculations of our

future destiny, & of forming some ~~of~~ rules for our future behaviour — Mr. C. has for a day or two put on a more *dignified* behaviour than usual, & has not *enlightened* the clerks much by his improving conversation; I suppose he begins to feel now the importance of his situation & no doubt expects to be treated with more reverence by us; but we are so perfectly acquainted with his excessive weakness of character, that any airs of self importance now put on, only makes him more a subject of ridicule — Since I have made these remarks on the chara[illegible] of this Gentleman, with whom I have cer[illegible] had a good opportunity of being acquainte[illegible] mention the amiable parts of his charac[illegible] — [illegible] C. is certainly in every sense of the word, A *Good Natured Man* & is possessed of [illegible] ge[illegible]s disposition, he left *Canada* at the [illegible] before it can be supposed he acquire[illegible] in

fact he exposes his ignorance in almost every
sentence he utters — Whether a man of this
character is preferable to a severe & firm man,
for undertaking the charge of this expedition —
I am ignorant. But in our present situation,
doubtful of meeting any associates at the river,
a man of a firm & impartial mind would
most undoubtedly in my opinion claim the
preference, he would not perhaps possess as
much of the love of the common men, but he
would certai[illegible] have more of their fear & respect —
Mr. C. ar[illegible] himself enemies by showing a
partiality [illegible] e [illegible] lor one & sometimes for another —
her conver[illegible] [illegible] ie, who happen to be in
his good graces, is ennerily about the bad qualities
of the other cl[illegible] th reaches their ears & makes
there enemies at [illegible] nt in short time, they
[illegible] or Anger —

I can safely say, this is the opinion of all of us
now; that we neither wish for, nor care for his good
or bad opinion ~~of us~~, What his report of our
conduct on board ship will be, it is not difficult to
judge, & I dare affirm, it will be ~~in a~~ favourable
~~now~~ but if I should be mistaken, I have by the
goodness of my friends, strong letters to several
of the Gentlemen, these must make them take
some notice of me, & I have so much confidence
in myself to think, that if I get with a man
capable of judging, that he will be pleased with
my exertions — Whether this confidence in myself is
ill placed or not, time must dete[illegible]ie, I can for
the present only say that it is [illegible] ermination to
spare neither my person or [illegible] xertions in
any service I am employed in —

Our Lat by Obs.n was 43°. 54'. N & our distance
from the River 195 [illegible] ay at 12. o'clock;
the wind has again [illegible] the N. which may
mak our time on [illegible] longer

Monday [illegible] 4th was a pleasant calm day we stood on to the NE the whole day. Our Lat at meridian was 44°.36'. ~~by~~ & distance from Columbia 120 miles — The Captn Clapp & some others were employed making catridges & other preparations for the Indians, — Tuesday the 5th was like=wise a pleasant day our Lat was 45°.40'. [illegible] [illegible] & distance from River 40 miles, we stood off shore the South~~ward~~ & westwd. till midnight. & this morning Wednesday at 10. oclock we judge our=selves disn f[illegible] the River about 30 miles. There is about a [illegible] breeze favourable for us & are most cert[illegible] to reach our Port in the course of [illegible] day, The cables are bent, & every preparation for Landing is made & there is no doubte now than [illegible] hours, we will view the spot wh[illegible] more than probable a [illegible] lives must be spent—

On Wednesday Evening at six oclock saw Columbia River, stood towards Cape Disappointment & when within 4 mile, fired two Guns. to which there was no answer, & we saw no sign of any Inhabitants except a smoke made as they all judged by some Indians. we stood off all night, all very much dejected at the non appearance of the Gentlemen of the Tonquin, at two Oclock the next day Thursday 7th we were [illegible] near about in the same spot, that we were in the night before all anxiously looking out for some signal but none appearing we fired a gun & sent the jolly boat with Mr. Rhodes, M[illegible]adsworth & six men, armed with muskets pi[illegible]ls & cuttasses to sound the channel & endeav[illegible] to [illegible] some in=formation about the other Party, at [illegible] time stood in & at 4 the boat come along side. On Acct. of the tremendous se[illegible] oin[illegible] they were unable to sound, & had not seen [illegible] from whom any information couto be [illegible] tained [illegible] stand towards the shore, untill six oclock, when we were not more than three miles off, Two Guns were then fired & all eyes & ears looking & listening for some reply; but in vain; after waiting half an hour the ship stood off shore again — Mr Clarke came to a determination then to attempt the settlement with our present party, & signified the same to Capt. Soule. It gives me pleasure to add that at this time there was not a single person, who seemed at the least dis=heartened at our prospect, but all expressed their willin[illegible]ss to attempt it, for myself although I co[illegible] & I would rather have been snug at [illegible] I immediately told Mr C. that if [illegible] reso[illegible] to stay, I would also remain; he told me his plan [illegible] & I accordingly agreed to it — On this morng. Friday 8th at six we found ourselves d[illegible] the Cape 6 miles, it was a mild mo[illegible] little sea running, the [illegible] & accoutrements & the

same expedition once more started, after they had left the ship, we stood again off shore, at 1/4 before ten three guns were distinctly heard & they were the report of great guns, this cheered our spirits a little; *but still they might be the muskets from the Boat, at 11 the boat came along side, & the first question they asked us was, whether we had heard six guns? & that they had heard three heavy & three smaller ones very distinctly; this confirmation of our hopes as may be supposed, made us feel happy. & orders were immediately given to answer with two guns, which was done — The same cause that prevented the Boat from executing her errand yesterday, stopped her t[illegible] morng. & Mr R. gave it his opinion that it wou[illegible] at [illegible] time be smooth enough for a small [illegible] to [illegible]enture & advised running the Ship in immediately by chart, but this opinion did not suit the timidity of Captn S. — who prefers standing off [illegible] [illegible]nding in the boat once a day to attempt to [illegible] are now accordg. standing towards the shore

& then I suppose will be within two or three miles & then stand off again, in this way I have no doubt we will proceed, untill an unlucky blow drives us off the coast, which I hope will make the old man repent his over-prudence——

We, (the clerks) have employed ourselves since within sight of the river in getting our pistols & other Arms & apparatus in readineſs. Our speculations about our succeſs, when all hopes were given up of finding the gentlemen there, were numerous, we all thought though that for the first year we could maintain our post with safety, [illegible]ll hoped that John Jacob Astor mig[illegible]k upon our risque with a favourab[illegible]ge— Thank God. there is little doubt now of our finding the other party there, whether or not we will get over the Bar in so[illegible]st be regulated by him who has [illegible] us throught so [illegible]s safely——

Saturday afternoon 9th Thank God. all is right— this morg. at 8 two boats were seen standing towards the ship, at 9 they came along side Mr. McDougall & six men were in the first, & the other was a canoe with Indians in— We learnt from Mr. McD. the particulars of the Tonquin's fate, which will be mentioned hereafter— & the welcome intelligence of the arrival of Mr. Hunt— The first officer went in the boat to sound & upon a signal from him, stood towds. him with the ship & anchored safely at 1 oclock opposite to Cape Disappointmt.— The tide at present is so very strong, that it is not practicable to proceed to the Fort, [illegible] is about ten miles up the River— Th[illegible] is [illegible] much confusion that It is impoſsible to be particular— in a day or two I intend, Dei Gratia to be as copious as poſ[illegible]

The number of [illegible] the paſsage are— 2[illegible]

First Sunday Morning

1814

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Wollamut river in the interior of North West America (about 100 miles from Pacific Ocean) July 28th 1813 —

Fifteen months now have glided away since I first set foot in this miserable country, in wh time I have passed, through many different scenes, As Hope flatters me that one day or another I may again visit my Native home, and as a Journal of these occurrences may be there some amusement to me, I have resolved to spend an Hour or two daily to recall to my recollection the events of this time, in the order that they happened, commencing from m first debarkation from on board, to the present time & continuing it, untill my arrival at Ne York if I am ever destined to reach that Happy Place — To commence then where I ceased on the opposite [illegible] the afternoon of May 9th 1812 when Mr McDougall and myself ~~embarked~~ left the ship in Mr. Mc D's boat, on our way to the [illegible] or as it is called Astoria, (from Mr. John Jacob Astor, the Principal person in the company) which is situated about fifteen miles up the river, we arri there after dark, & were introduced to Mr. Hunt and Messrs. Franchere, Pillet, & Wallace, clerks to the Company— I delivered my letters to Mr. H. & was received by him in a polite manner, after reading them, he told me that in a few days he would have a particular conversation with me— The next morning when I rose, I found the Fort was situated on a rising bank of the river in a thick wooded country of pines, Spruce, a[illegible] merochs &c, that it was a square of 80 or [illegible] feet [illegible]keted in by pickets of 12 or 14 feet high, on the opposite corners of which were two Bastions of 2 Stories high each of which had 3 or 4 swivels [illegible] Dwelling house built [illegible] of the Fort, & the [illegible] corner opposite to it,

formed another, the other two sides as I have said before were formed by Pickets— the ground between the Fort & the river was cleared off & fenced round, near the centre of which was a platforme on which were mounted 4 six pound Guns, & a Flag staff whe the American Flag was displayed to the Savages around, on the other sides of the Factory the woods were still thick, but the Hands were daily employed in clearing it— The river here is about 6 miles wide, on the opposite side of it to the Fort are two villages of Indians. Chinooks, they call themselves, these have never as yet attempte to kill white men, but from some suspicious circumstances that happened in the course of last year, the party are much on their guard against them, about ten miles down towards the sea on [illegible] same side of the river as the establishment is another village who call themselves Clatsops, these Indians are like wise as suspicious as the Chinooks, they both trade considerable Fur with [illegible] the Southward [illegible] on the sea coast [illegible] two nations of [illegible] the Southward who are close friendship with the Clatsops & also trade some furs with the Fort, those to the northward (Chehelis by name) intermarry with the Chinooks & are very much resemble them in appearance, these make an annual visit to the Columbia, & stay during the salmon season, say from the beginning of July to the latter end of August, these latter are a daring villanous band, & have already cut off several vessels, who come in their harbours to trade, during their visit to this river, they at this place always keep a strict guard night & Day & allow only a certain number to enter within the pickets— Above the Fort on both sides of the river are numerous villages & tribes, some good, but mostly bad, they all furnish the Co with more or less furs—— The Face of the Country from the Fort is ver[illegible] rugge[illegible] & wild, thickly covered with Hemlocks & Spruce, whose dreary & savage appearance see[illegible] well to suit with its naked inhabitants—— [illegible] the [illegible]rse of the Conversation that passed b[illegible]ng us I learned the [illegible] the Fate of the

Tonquin, she left this river on the first of June 1811 on her way to the northward, she stopped in one or two harbours close to the river, from one of these an Indian was persuaded to embark as a guide & Interpreter— This is the only person who has escaped to tell the melancholy tale, which he recounts nearly as follows— The Ship entered a Harbour to the Northward, called Wiccanninish, where the Captn. much against the advice of the Indian cast anchor; Mr. McKoy went on shore here to smoke with the Indians, but took the precaution to detain several on board ship as hostages for his return, during his absence the Indians brought on board their skins to trade Capt. Thorn could not agree with them about the price, in the course of talking abo[illegible]t, one of them so much enraged th[illegible]aptn that [illegible] the skin in his face & turned him out of the ship, this unfortunately was a considerable chief, who with his people instan[illegible] left the ship; when Mr. McK came on bo[illegible] [illegible] the Indian told him what had [illegible] the place immediately, he says he observed Mr. McKay & the Captn. in conversation & that the latter appeared to be ridiculing Mr. McK for his fears. the next morning the Indians came on board in great numbers, apparently very friendly, bringing their skins to trade, it was then our Indian says, that he saw their plot was agreed upon & told Mr. McK. so, Mr McK again spoke to the Captn. who at this time appears to have thought that there was some danger. the men were instantly ordered aloft to loose the Topsails & to man the windlass, the anchor was so near up that it could be seen from Deck, when the Indians, who during this time had been trading their skins at the Captns. own prices, viz a blanket & a Knife each, suddenly made the signal of attack, by stabbing through the back Mr. Lewis who was leaning over a bale of Blankets trading with them, at the same instant, Mr. McKay who was sitting on the [illegible] rail was stabbed & thrown [illegible] bo[illegible]wards into a canoe, when the [illegible] Capt. Thorn who was [illegible] attacked, who

so bravely defended himself with only his pocket Knife, that he killed four Indians, among whom was the chief, the ringleader of the disturbance, at this time, when he had nearly reached the cabin door he was stabbed from behind, & fell dead upon the spot; the sailors were most of them killed as they descended from the yards, some few of them reached the Cabin, where they fired upon the Indians & prevented them coming down, they then got up some Gun powder between decks, set a match to it, & also a slow one to the magazine, immediately before the first took fire, they hauled the boat which was towing astern, to the cabin window, embarked & set sail, the upper deck blew off & mangled & tore a great many Indians, the Principal body of the natives supposing now that the ship was in their power, gathered around it in crowds of [illegible], endeavouring to extinguish the fire, by throwing water upon it with their paddles, when with [illegible] horrid crash the magazine took, [illegible] canoes & Indians in the air — 190 of [illegible] geance for the loss [illegible]

The boats crew was killed by the third nation to the Southward of the Wiccinnenish, on its way to the Columbia, ~ The Indians who tells this story was in the mizen chains at the commencement of the fray, & staid there untill the upper deck was blown off when he was thrown into the water, & swam ashore, amidst the confusion he was taken for one of their tribe & by this means escaped through the woods to his own village, where he was induced by the promises of Mr. McDougall to come here & give us the account ~ It is as well to observe in this place that Capt. Thorn left this river, without any of the Officers he had shipped in New York. two of them viz Mr. Fox & Aitkins the 1st & 3d were drowned in sounding the channel of Columbia river, & the 2d Mr. Mumford preferred staying here, untill another ship would come out going on the Coast in the Tonquin ~ This last Gentleman [illegible] he has engaged as [illegible]

I also learnt some particulars of Mr. Hunts voyage across the Continent, they embarked on Horseback at the Ree village on the Missouri about 1300 miles from St Louis, & came on without any Accidents over the Rocky mountains, untill they fell on the Head waters of the Columbia, Were all, tired with their long voyage on Horse back, cried out for canoes, & as the river appeard fine, they let their horses go, & set about building canoes, which they accomplished after some labor they came down without any obstructions several days, when they came to cut rocks, rapids & falls, so bad that it was impossible to advance, here then without any provision, they were obliged to make cackés (hiding places) for their goods & to divide the party, into three under Mr. Hunt, Mr. McKenzie, & Mr. Crooks, who were to take different routs ~ Mr McK's party arrived here in January last safe, for fourteen days after leaving Mr. Hunt they [illegible] beaver skins, this with the violent exercise [illegible] have made them [illegible] fell in with a band of Horses, of which they eat a good many — this recruit strengthened them a great deal, about 500 miles from this they bought Canoes from the Indians & arrived here the middle of January — Mr Hunts party arrived in Febuary, they struck over the mountains to the left hand of the Columbia each man with his load on his back, up to his knees in snow, & eating not enough to support Nature, in this manner they arrived at the Scietogas, a large band of Indians land about 300 miles from the sea, from whom they procured Horses & a guide to the main Columbia, where they got canoes for their horses, & reached this as before said — Mr Crooks whose party is small had not yet arrived — Two or three days after this time, the Party from the [illegible] of the Country some of whom h[illegible] trade, & some to explore [illegible] the following Gentlemen [illegible] Stuart. D McKensie,

R Stuart, Ramsay Crooks, R. McClellan, proprietors of the Co & Messrs Reed, Farnham, & Matthews, clerks, Mr David Stuart, had been absent since the first landing at Columbia River, he had established a post for trading about 600 miles up the river where there were some beaver, Mr R Stuart & Mr McClellan had gone up in the Spring about two months before our arrival, with a supply of goods for them, they had, unfortunately though, been robbed by the Indians about 200 miles from here at a portage (carrying place) of the river, where Mr McC. had killed one Indian & badly wounded another, the circumstances were as follo[illegible] the party under the command of Mr Robt Stuart consisting of 2 canoes & 14 men left this in March for the purpose above mentioned, they went on without any accident untill they reached the Falls of the river (200 miles from this) where they were obliged to carry goods canoes &c, they met here a strong camp of Indians, they allowed them to assist in carrying the goods upon their Horses, these rascals seemed to [illegible] took the liberty to go off with [illegible] Horses loaded, & became also very impudent [illegible] whites, the next day they finished the [illegible] next morning they com[illegible]

Mr. Farnham were at the far end the portage, the men were carrying their loads on their backs, nearly there, while Mr. McC. & Mr. Reed only remained at this end. with the canoes, twenty or thirty Indians who were present, began to be troublesome & endeavoured to break the canoes, this Mr. McC. & Mr. R. endeavoured to prevent ~~them~~, one rascal more impudent than the rest sprung at Mr. McC. endeavouring to cover his head with his robe, that he might stab him, Mr. McC. in jumping backwards jumped over a canoe, the Indian following him remained in it, when Mr. McC. had only room to lift his rifle & shoot him through the heart; Mr. Reed who had a lock cover tied on his lock, was Knocked down with a war club, & his rifle & pistols taken away, ~~this~~ soon as Mr. McC. had killed the Indian he saw Mr. Reed was down & an Indian standing over them with his war club raised, he drew a pocket pistol & shot him, When the other Indians saw two of their principal persons down, they run off, Mr. McC. with [illegible] empty gun, raised the war Whoop & pur[illegible] untill they were far enough [illegible] battle, here a party of them [illegible] scene of Action for the

canoes & Mr. Reed, they carried them to the other end as quick as possible, & embarked, a large party of Indians followed & overtook them about ten miles further up the river, here Mr. R. S. lashed his two canoes together & prepared to give them battle, the Indians sayed they would be satisfied if Mr. Reed was given up to them, this could not be thought of; they at last consented to make peace if a certain Quantity of Goods were given them, which consindering the weakness of his party, Mr. R. S. gave them — they arrived without further accident at Mr. David Stuart's post, where they remained two or three days & set out again for their return to the Fort. Mr. S. leaving inland two Clerks & some men to guar trade below the Forks of the Columbia (300 miles from this) they fell in with Mr. Crooks & John Day, a Hunter both entirely naked — they had been robbed of every thing they possessed a few days before by the Natives —

Of the three parties that started at the head of this river, Mr. Crook's had seen the most difficult times, it consisted of 4 Frenchmen, 1 American Hunter, & himself, his men reduced by the excessive fatigue of passing the mountains in two or three feet snow & want of food were obliged to remain behind, Mr. [illegible] Day the Hunter came on & fortunately fell a good band of Indians, who received them kindly & killed a Horse for them to eat, & gave them directions to find the Columbia, but told them at the same time that its Inhabitants were a rascally band & would in all probability murder & rob them, they proceeded and found the river & had advanced down it one hundred miles to within 20 miles of the place where Mr. Mc C had killed the Indian, at this place the Indians came to them in a friendly manner & brought them to eat, whilst they were eating, they sprang upon their guns, & began immediately to strip them & soon left them with as little clothing as they themselves had on, Mr. C asked hard for a fire steel, but the Indians denied him any thing & told him instantly to depart or they would kill him, they set off in this melancholy plight on their way back to find the the good Indians they had before met with, & advanced 70 or 80 miles along the ri[illegible] when most luckily for them, on the very morning they were going to leave the river to go inland, Mr. Stuarts canoes hove in sight, —

Mr. McKenzies pa[illegible] ha[illegible] up exploring a river ~~about~~ that emptie[illegible] the Columbia about 80 miles from this he [illegible] miles up it, & speaks [illegible] & animals, as I

was present up this very river, at some future time I shall give a more particular acct. of it ——

It is time now to say something about the report of Mr. Clark, concerning our different talents, dispositions, & conduct on board Ship — As some time since while on board the Beaver, I prophecied that he ~~will~~ would give a favourable account of us, I owe it to myself here to say that I was not mistaken; but there were many different grades of which Mr. Nicolls held the first, then Mr. Clapp, Messrs. Halsey, Cox & myself were nearly equal in our Colonel's opinion, unfortunately for him, the Captn's opinion was asked of our conduct on board, three he praised viz Mr. Clapp, Halsey & myself, & the other two Mr. Nicolls & Cox were not spoken off by him in too favourable terms, a day or two after this the Captns opinion was confirmed by the conduct of Mr. N, who being discourages by the hardsh[illegible] that the country presented, demanded in rather a ru[illegible] manner, leave to go in the ship, after some d[illegible] Gentlemen informed him, provided he would work his passage as a Common sai[illegible] he might go, this he accepted —— Mr. Stuart some da[illegible] his ca[illegible] aside, [illegible] whom I had a [illegible] substance of it where I was kindly received & treated with the greatest attention. Captn. S. made me two or three little presents of articles useful in this country, wished me every success in my undertaking, I cannot leave this Gentleman or his Officers without paying a small tribute due to the treatment I received from them, while under their orders on board ship, it was generally kind & obliging, as much so as circumstances would permit, it will ever leave an impression on my mind.

On Monday Morning 29th June 1812. We left the Fort for the interior, in 10 canoes & 2 boats viz the Mr. David Stuart had 2 canoes loaded with articles suited to the Indians of his department, Mr. Clark 1 boat & 5 canoes, going to oppose the N W Co. who had establ[illegible] the country on this side of the mountains, & Mr. McKenzie 1 boat & 2 canoes, bound to the Fork of the River on Which Lewis & Clark descended after crossing the Rocky Mountains. Our canoes were each manned with 3 canadians [illegible] Indian, & instead of paddles customa[illegible] countries, we had [illegible]

the first night we encamped around Tongue Point ten or twelve miles above the Fort, Captn. Sowle, Mr. Hunt & Mr. McDougall accompanied us thus far & passed the night with us. at day light next morning we bade them adieu, & continued our voyage up the Columbia & sun set again encamped, in this manner we travelled for seven days, untill we came to the rapids of the river where it was necessary to carry canoes, goods &c; this portage was about 2 miles & owing to delays by accidents we were three or four days in passing it, three days march above this we came to the Falls of the river, where there are two portages about 3 miles in length, it was at this place where Mr. R Stuart was robbed by the Indians, we passed them without any difficulty by keeping them at a distance & by a strict watch, a few days after this we fell in with the rascals who had robbed Mr. Crooks, we took them prisoners & kept them so untill they restored the guns & other property they had deprived them of —

By the 1st of August we [illegible] walla river (300 miles from the sea [illegible]

canoe

stook horses for his voyage across the Continent— we encamped with him two days prior to his departure, I who had been very unwell for the last fortnight, could not see him depart without regret, the little I had seen of this country had already made me most heartily sick of it, which, when circumstances are considered, need not much be wondered at, Brought up in a situation among friends where I enjoyed all the necessaries & most of the luxuries of life, I found myself suddenly transported to a wild Indian country, where every privation was to be endured & every Hard Ship ~~u~~undergone. From being accustomed to the society of friends & schoolfellows, I was transported among a set of mortals ignorant of their language, ways or manners, where unaccustomed as I was to act from myself I was obliged to make my way through them,— When I mention a few of the hardships incident to the country & voyaging, it will easily be perceived how [illegible] I [illegible] the change— In the [illegible] the dimness of the start [illegible] of day the general

cry of Rise & embark arouses one from his bed, (if a couple of blankets can be so called) he embarks in his canoe & is there exposed to the weather let it be what it may untill night, at the time I am now speaking of, it was excessively hot, I had never felt it so much so, not even under the Tropics— After laying in canoe all day with the rays of the sun pouring down upon me, at night when the first sand beach we come to, we encamp, that is we bring our blankets on shore & under the canopy of the ~~Heavens~~ skies we lay down, our only food during the day Horse or Dog meat, I had heard of persons reduced by Hunger ~~to~~ being obliged to eat their Horses or Dogs, but had never believed it would be a constant article of food untill my experience in this Wretched country convinced me it was our only dependance, for from this time untill the middle of Jany. 1812 the constant & principal food of our party was Horse flesh—

To continue [illegible] Mr Stuart embarked on Horseback [illegible] every sp[illegible] across the country, [illegible] ded on to the Forks of the Columbia & there seperated, Mr. D. Stuart with his brigade went up the left hand Fork, Mr. Clarke remained to trade Horses [illegible] to go to the N.W. posts, & our brigade took ~~up~~ the right hand Fork, we parted in this manner for the year— We went on for 15 or 16 days untill we came to the Forks of the Fork we were on, we then traded Horses & Mr. McKenzie dispatched Mr. Reed & 6 men to look for the Caches the grand party were obliged to make on their voyage across the continent, we kept up the left Hand fork, or the river that Lewis & Clark descended & in three or four days came to the Head of navigable water on this side of the mountains & the place where L & C had built their canoes, we encamped in their encampment, Here Mr. McK with 4 men went up the river two days march to determine if it had more the appearance of a beaver country above leaving me with [illegible] charge of the goods &c. If [illegible] to reach this from the sea [illegible] be made with

light canoes in half the time, by our rude calculation we make it Six hundred miles, the current very strong & the last three hundred miles interspersed with frequent rapids— The face of the country from the Sea to the Falls of the Columbia is thick woods of Hemlock, Spruce, Pine &c. from there to the spot where we now are (about 400 miles) the country is plain, not a tree to be seen, a barren sandy desert, producing a little wormwood, & in some places a few miserable tufts of grass— scarcely affording sustenance to the numerous herds of Horses that are every where to be seen, not the least appearance of a beaver— The Indians all along the river numerous & powerful & very independent, From the falls to the Sea they are more Stationary than above, they live in large lodges on the banks of the river & depending upon its produce for their support, above the falls they also fish the salmon but do not always procure sufficient for their winter store, the deficiency they make up with [illegible]

When Mr. McKenzie re[illegible] to remove further down quarters, on account of provision – the country he had been through afforded no ~~more~~ sign of Beaver, to which all our enquiries were directed, & as it was now found that we must lay aside hopes of getting beaver from this quarter, he thought it best to remove down to the Forks which is in the center of a numerous nation of Indians, from whom by chance we might now & then get a skin, & who abound in Horses which we now perceive must be our only Food —

Accordingly we removed down and chose upon a spot about 5 miles above the forks, on a Prairie where in the beginning of Septr. we commenced building with drift wood, as there was not a tree to be seen, in three weeks we had finished our buildings, which consisted of a store, a house for the men & one for Mr. McK & myself, the method of building was as follows, logs were piled up about six feet high, fitted to each other in the ends, a ridge pole [illegible] about 4 feet above the [illegible] and the planks forming the [illegible] ces filled up with mud — the chimneys in the center of the house built of mud — Although this building might appear uncouth in the eyes of a man accustomed to view the works of mechanics, yet it fully answered our purpose & served as a shelter from winds & weather.

The river that we are built upon is called by the Natives Shahaptin – from the nation who live at the heads of it, at the scite of whose village Mr McK. was, the river in which this empties itself is called Kamoenum, this latter name Gass in his journal gives correct, he also calls it Lewis's River from Captn. Lewis – The nation that inhabit the Shahaptin river, are at present gone to war against the Blackfeet & to hunt the Buffaloe & will not return before the next Spring – The other nation that live upon the Kamoenum are called Tushepô'; this is a very powerful & warlike nation divided into many tribes under different chiefs, possessing almost innumerable Horses, with this latter tribe it was that we wintered, and we found them [illegible] troublesome set; little valuing or respe[illegible] every opportunity in their power to steal & to give us trouble —— Of their manners & customs I will not pretend to say much, leaving it to a more willing and able pen than mine, a few of the most striking of them I will only observe. Contrary to the custom of most Indians, Female chastity is here regarded in a very particular manner, & the woman who breaks through its bounds is regarded in as disgraceful a light, as they are in most civilized countries, the dress of the Women is here, a leather petticoat from the neck to the ankles, which as completely veils their charms as the closest dress in our own country, & when handsomely ornamented with beads, shells &c, is far from being an ungraceful habit, the common dress of the men is leggins of dressed Deer skin & Buffaloe robes, in the beginning of the summer they are generally employed in war or hunting the Deer, they go to war against the Tuelicum's or Snakes who inhabit fur[illegible] river & are seperated [illegible] ridge of Mountains—

their arms (before White men ~~were~~ introduced into the country, guns) are bow & arrows, the arrows pointed with a shapp flint stone in the shape of a diamond ◊ most of their bows made of a Hard Kind of Wood & covered with a rattle snake skin (which abound in their country there are some of them made of Horn which are much valued among them, among this nation a few of the ~~Indians~~ Chiefs are only supplied with guns, but with the Shahaptins who war against the Blackfeet, they are common — The chiefs appear to possess their power from the number of Horses they have, & only exercise it in time of war — Like the Indians on the other side of the mountains they take the scalp of their enemy killed in battle, & according to the number of scalps in possession, so much is the Possessor respected — When a chief dies they bury with him his principles articles of dress, arms &c & commonly stick a pole over his grave on the top of which is placed the most valuable article in their possession, there to remain untill it rots — they likewi[illegible] a number of horses to the manes of the de[illegible] of their worship I never could learn much, as they appear very shy of communicating any thing on that subject — When we first went among these Indians a Horse could be procured for 40 or 50 loads ammunition, the price in a few months rose to blankets axes &c — About the middle of October Mr Reed arrived from his voyage to the Cachés he was accompanied by 4 Frenchmen whom Mr Crooks left in the mountains last year & who had made their way to the Snake nation, with whom they had passed the winter — Most of the cachés had been found & destroyed by the Indians —— As the Indians had been telling us for some time past that white men were building houses two days journey off, Mr McK sent me with four men in the latter end of this month to ascertain who they were, accordingly we started each one on Horseback with his blanket under him & two meals of dried salmon attached to his saddle, with an Indian for our guide, after [illegible] hard all day, at night when I aske[illegible] what time the next day w[illegible] he informed me that

I would have to ~~r~~ride three days in the same manner, before I would reach the spot, as we had only one meal of provision more, this was rather discouraging news — We did not arrive at Mr Clarke's who was the person alluded to by the Indians untill the third day from this, during which time we had nothing to eat, riding excessively hard all day, & at night when we camped rolling ourselves up in our blanket as close to the fire as we dared to approach it was rather unpleasant travelling — Mr C. received me very kindly & treated me to the best his house afforded, which was but Horse — the N W Co has had an establishmt for trade here some years, & did not much like the idea of our opposing them — they get their goods from the opposite side of the mountains, ~~where~~ at the bottom of which they have a post, & they commonly reach this about the middle of November — It is a much better Beaver country than where we are, Mr C. having already 14 or 15 packs — I reached Home again in the beginning of Novem[illegible] Reed had started off with 4 men to live[illegible]

As affairs looked gloomy in our quarter — no Beaver nor any to be expected, Horses rising so fast, that we are in doubt whether our goods will hold out to Spring — Mr McK. thought it best to go and consult Mr Clarke himself — accordingly he started, leaving me at the House in charge — during his absence several of our men whom we had sent, in pursuit of their living returned after having suffered extremely from the cold & hunger — fearing that this might be the case with all, I dispatched an express immediately to Mr McK. that he might make his arrangements accordingly — he returned a few days after, 25th Novr 1812 while at Mr Clarkes the N.W. goods & traders had come in under the charge of Mr McTavish — this gentleman had been as far down as Lake Winnipeg where an an express had been sent him from the grand Portage containing a declaration of War between the United States and Gt Britain, he showed James Madison's proclamation dated June 19th 1812 to that effect — As the [illegible] must ~~have~~ regulate in some manner [illegible] ations of this Company [illegible] th & Mr Clarke that

it should reach the Sea as soon as possible, also as the N.Westers, had mentioned ~~a report~~ that a ship would be at the mouth of the river in the Spring for them, — it was concluded upon, that ~~this~~ Mr McKenzie should proceed to the sea with his party after he had sent his goods to Mr Clarke, I was accordingly despatched a second time with three men & thirteen horses loaded with merchandise (the beginning of December) but was not destined to reach that place, I fortunately took provision for ten days — at the first days march from the House it began to snow, we ~~bfor~~ pushed on, untill it fell so thick that it compelled us to stop — at this encampment, on the top of a mountain we were unable to stir backwards or forwards for thirteen days it may easily be conceived in how unpleasant a situation we were, I was the ~~the~~ only person of the party that had two blankets, with which we made a lodge to prevent the snow from coming in upon us, and all stowed together inside as close as we were able — On the 13th day it rained when Mr McK sent off to see if we had passed the mountain, which finding the impracticability at this season of the year, we loaded our [illegible] endeavoured to go back but found the Horses so wea[illegible] of pushing [illegible] we were unable to proceed and on a nipping morning set off to walk thirty miles in two feet snow, we reached the house an hour before sun set & dispatched fresh horses the next morning for the goods, which all reached the house in tolerable good order — Seeing the impractibility of getting the property to Mr Clarkes without detaining us too long time, we concluded to send our Horses there light to cácher our goods — the Horses were accordingly sent by Mr Clarkes men, who happened to be with us at the time — The 1st January was the time fixed upon for starting to the sea — an express was sent off to Mr Reed enjoining him to be at the house the 25th December — Some hunters whom we had in the mountains hunting beaver come in, the lakes & rivers had taken with ice & they had been obliged to kill and eat their Horses, one of their party remained about 5 days march off with traps and a gun belonging to the ~~party~~ Company and his companions said was not much inclined to a voyage to the sea, as this was a free man, I was sent to persuade him to accompany us, if he [illegible] not to take away his gun and traps [illegible] on horseback with two [illegible] with his squaw

with a strong band of Indians, after some little persuasion I prevailed upon him to accompany us — the Indians that he was with, were a band of the Tushepas who in every respect resembled their neighbours of the same nation — the same rascally worthless behaviour, endeavouring to take our horses away from us, which when they found we would not put up with, they tried how far they could provoke us, which they so completely did that we knocked down one or two in the midst of the village, this made some talk among them, which observing, I went to the chief and told him the consequence if his men behaved again in a similar manner, he immediately got up & advised them in our favour, when they became more quiet, I gave him then some tobacco & took my leave — For three last days of this trip I had only one beaver tail for my share of the provision & walking two thirds of the time as we passed over mountains & precipices where I did not choose to risk my neck on horseback — I reached the house 25th December and found all our party together, we mu[illegible]d counting every body 20 men 1 boy & 1 squaw from [illegible] till the 1st Jany we were employed baling [illegible] putting them in cache. and in the night of the last of December we dug holes inside of our houses under the floor & then put the goods, covered them up. and floored it the same as before, we remained here the next day & paſsed our New Year as jollily as was in our power, we had a famous horse pot & a couple of quarts of real Boston particular with which we regaled ourselves pas mal as the Frenchmen say— In the evening we removed our blankets about two hundred yards off, & after letting the dirt from the roof of the house fall upon the floor, we set fire to the buildings in the hopes by these means the Indians would not discover our goods— Early next morning which was cold & raw we embarked on board our canoes, on our voyage to the sea, the water being low the current was exceſsively strong & the rapids very dangerous, we paſsed all of them though without any ~~difficulty~~ accident & reached the falls of the Columbia on the 7th day, we made t[illegible]portage in very little time each man with his [illegible]gage on his back, his gun in his h[illegible] [illegible]der under the canoe—

Between the falls & the rapids of the Columbia we were wind bound five days, in the night of one of which, some Indians came into our camp & stole Mr Reed's rifle and one of the men's gun, this was as daring an act of Indians as ever I heard of, it was a bright moon light night & if by any accident, a man had been awake, the Indian would have lost his life, but he succeeded in his roguery & our pursuit of him was in vain,— I cannot but mention the real hardships of this voyage, which was from cold, one can easily suppose how uncomfortable it must have been setting in a canoe from day light to sun set in the month of January in the high lat. we are in, where every drop of water from the paddles was ice in a moment & when at night we would put ashore to sleep barely sufficient wood to cook our Kettle— I can say that from the first hour after embarking in the morning I had very little feeling in my hands or feet,— notwithstanding this cold & the hard work, Our voyageurs would sing from Morning to n[illegible], We reached the Fort on the 17th Jany. to [illegible] surprize of all hands within— Our disappointment greater in finding that Mr. Hunt was absent from the place, he had embarked on board ~~on~~ the Beaver in August last on her voyage along the coast to settle some affairs with the Russians, intending to be back here in the fall, since that time no news of any kind have reached the place concerning the Beaver, or her crew & we cannot but fear that she has either experienced the same fate as the Tonquin, or suffered by shipwreck, which of these fates she has met with, God knows, it is melancholy enough, one cannot help here observing how unfortunate this company ~~has~~ have been, loss of lives, and loss of property have generally been the consequences of its principal undertakings, this is the second vessel with its crew that has in all probability fallen a victim to the savage ferocity of the natives of this cursed country; and if we may be allowed to judge from experience, how very uncertain is our return from it, Whatever our destiny may be, it becomes us to act now with fortitude, trusting to that Providence who di[illegible] affairs here below, for the best——— [illegible]ntrary to our expectation [illegible] cloths for Provision &

goods, & as the account of a war did not allow us to hope for a vessel in the Spring, all trade with the Natives was immediately stopped, & parties sent out different ways to look for their living, among the rest Mr. Reed & myself were despatched on the first of Febuary in two canoes & 14 men to the river Wollamut, (a large river which puts in on the South side of the Columbia about 85 miles from the sea) we were supplied with traps for beaver & guns and ammunition, up this river there was a party already for the same purpose, who had left the Fort in the fall under the charge of Messrs. Wallace & Halsey—

When I mention that from the month of October to the month of May, there is one continual sheet of rain in this country below the falls of the Columbia (which let those explain who are versed in such matters) & that we started upon this voyage with nothing to shelter us from the weather ~~from~~ but our blankets, our situation may be supposed, in short the twentieth day after suffering from hunger, from fatigue & from weather, (4 nights of which by the neglect & shameful conduct of Mr. Reed myself & 2 others were [illegible] om the canoes, & suffered from every thing) we met [illegible] they were situated in th part of the country, where game was tolerably plenty, had built themselves a small house to shelter them from the weather. & they had sent their party in different directions to trap beaver & get their living— We remained with them untill the middle of March, at which time our orders were to return to the Fort, which we accordingly obeyed & arrived a few days after— No change had taken place during our absence, no news of the Beaver or Mr Hunt —— Mr. McDougall & Mr. McKenzie had come to a resolution, which circumstances rendered absolutely necessary, provided no ship came in the spring— to abandon the country immediatiatly ~~in the fall~~ they wrote Mess Clarke & Stewart above to that purpose, & Mr. McKenzie's party were to starte on the first of April, to carry these despatches, & also a fresh supply of axes Knives &c, which with the goods in our cache, at Shahaptin River were hoped would be sufficient to purchase a large stock of Horses,— We started accordingly the first April with two canoes & 20 men in the same manner that [illegible] came down; above the [illegible] the Columbia [illegible] met with Mr. McTavish

and 2 canoes of N.W. Co on their way to the sea, we encamped with them for the night, & next morning each took our respective ways— On the 21st april we reached our wintering grounds & had there the extreme mortification of finding that our caches had been lifted by the Indians & all our property stolen,— Mr. Reid with one man was immediatly dispatched to Mr. Clarks with the letters from Mr. McDougall & also the account of our loss— the remainder of us 18 in number, were continually employed from this time untill the 1st June in endeavouring to get back our goods from the natives, in which service we were several times in dangerous and trying situations, once we arrived at a large village of the Tushepas in which we understood was a considerable quantity of goods, as we put ashore we observed the men placed on the bank, with their guns in their hands & bullets in their mouths, & one of ~~th~~ our men observing a sign among themselves as if they intended to shoot Mr. McK, who with myself was advancing towards them~~selves~~, he instantly ordered the men to jump on shore with their g[illegible] which they immediately did, & going up to the Indians, [illegible] of them [illegible] of which they denied the [illegible] that if they wished to fight, we were prepared for them, and that we would not stir from their village untill he got his property, leaving me there to watch the ~~[illegible]~~ Indians, he went into every lodge himself, taking our property wherever it could be found, after which embarking it on board our canoes, we fired 4 or 6 guns to show in their own manner that we were not afraid & went & encamped about 2 miles off, —— Another time a great war chief whom we distinguish by the name of Le Grand Coquin, came to our camp under the pretence of being a great friend to us, & to better cover his bad intentions, he brought us ~~considerable~~ some trifling articles, promessing to return next day with a greater quantity, next day he did return, accompanied by his band of 60 men all armed with guns, he fortunately found with us a band of Scietogas, whom he addressed in our very camp to join with him against us, & among other arguments, he made use of (which I understood perfectly myself) ~~then~~ that we were 8 men, that our ~~camps~~ guns w[illegible], that we were [illegible] without an[illegible] cover

and that they could soon rush upon us & destroy us, the old chief that was there, answered in our favour, & positively denied having any thing to do with it, Le grand Coquin & his band went off with out taking any notice of us, he was no sooner gone than we fixed our bayonets on our guns & loading them with buck shot, explained to the Indians, that we were come among them to trade, not to fight, that they had at first stole our property, and that now we would recover by any means, where we could see it, they allowed the justness of this & after smoking with us, took their leave, — as circumstances looked rather suspicious we removed our camp about 20 miles down the river on the opposite side where we remained untill the 1st June, continually upon our guard night and day, as the Indians would not trade their Horses with us we were under the necessity of Killing theirs for provision, this displeased the Indians very much for we sometimes Killed a favorite animal, but necessity has no law —— We started on 1st June on our way again to the Fort, [illegible]y's march down the current, at a small river called by [illegible] au Canon[illegible] met with Mr Farnham whom Mr Clark had sent to get his canoes & boat in readiness by the time he would be there, which would be in two or three days, we kept on & encamped on the Wallawalla river below the Forks of the Columbia, where in a few days we were joined by both Messrs Clarke & Stuart, these Gentlemen had both been in tolerable Beaver countries especially Mr S. who brought down 70 packs & Mr C. 40 — At the riviere au Pavion, since we passed there, Mr C. had caused to be hung an Indian — the first night he arrived there his silver goblets & some other things were stolen from his tent, he made a great search for them the next day in vain, In the night expecting another visit, he set a watch, & caught an Indian in the fact, whom he made return the property he had stolen, & then much against the will of his party, he hung him, the Indians present begged for his life desiring he might be whipped or any thing done to him but taking away his life, Mr Clarke was inexorable, [illegible]gh at that very time he was oblig[illegible] to [illegible]e 2 men to take his

Horses back to the house, the fate of Mr McLellan who was one of these has not been yet bee heard of here, if he has escaped with his life, it is expected he will owe it to the swiftness of his horse, this action was very much blamed by the Company, & will no doubt in the end be productive of bad consequences, if we consider only the policy of the thing; but when humanity is considered, it is a dreadful crime, & no doubt one of these days it will weigh heavy on the conscience of the actor — we reached the Fort 13th June, & there had our fears of the non arrival of a Ship realized, Mr McTavish with his party were encamped there, & were also disappointed in their vessel, Mr McD. had before our arrival publickly given out that we would leave the sea on 1st July on our voyage across the continent, his disappointment was very great when he found that no arrangements had been entered into regarding Horses, & of course that our voyage must be deferred another year, arrangements for which purpose were immediately entered into, the small stock of goods were mostly laid aside [illegible] horses next spring, & an agreement was made with Mr McTavish on the part of the N W Co to prevent opposi[illegible] [illegible] nearly immaterial, where the different parties wintered, as each one would only have to procure a living for themselves, Mr McKenzie was appointed to the Wollamut & Messrs Clarke & Stuart to their old posts above, On the 1st July Mr Wallace & myself with some hunters & men were dispatched to Wollamut to kill & dry meat for a Winter stock at the Fort, in this River Game & Deer & Elk abound & hopes are entertained that a considerable quantity of meat may be procured, we commenced hunting 5th July & by the 4th August a canoe load of 33 Bales was got together, with which & 4 men I started to the Fort, every thing there went on well owing to Mr McDougall's marriage with Comcomoly a Chinook chief daughter — On the 10th I started from the Fort again with 9 men with me & arrived here a few days afterwards since that time till this present, the 25th August 1813, I have employed myself in writing the foregoing pages — I have thus [illegible]hed a short account of the [illegible] [illegible] I spent the last 16 months

of my life, I intend in future for my own satisfaction to be more diffuse, to state my thoughts, & prospects of getting clear of the country to which at present all my views are bent — I need not enter into an excuse for the bad spelling, frequent repetitions, & bad orthography of the foregoing lines, I trust that the person who reads them, will be a sufficient friend to me, to enter into my situation at the time of writing, which is exactly as follows, sitting under a tree, my wooden box for my escritoire, & being obliged at the same time to overlook a parcel of babbling frenchmen who are employed cutting up meat close to me, who interrupt me a thousand times a day for something or another — added to this my being so much unaccustomed to Books of any kind for so long a time past, & universally babbling bad French from morning to night — If therefore Mr D M Hoffman, or you Mr Ogden H — or you my friend Olly, or You my [illegible] Edward, or You Mr S W S or in short any of my polished friends — You should lay your finger by any chance upon it [illegible] excuse it [illegible] think that the writer of it is better fitted to face the storms of Nature, than to go[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Thursday 26th August. 1813 — Of the river Wollamut on which I at present am, little is Known, Mr. McKenzie was the first person of our party who explored & penetrated about 500 miles up it — Mr. Wallace this last spring went a few days march above this, in the mountains as far as was practicable to get a canoe along, it no doubt rises in these mountains, which are a branch of the rocky mountains that turns towards the sea coast after dividing the Snakes from the Tushepas on the Columbia, From the forks of the Columbia the windings of this ridge are plainly to be seen, which tend towards the sea coast, it is from this ~~that~~ I judge, that this must be the ridge from which this river takes its scource, — it winds very much & after running to the N. Westward about 600 miles it falls into the Columbia ~~about~~ 80 or 85 miles from the sea — the Lat. of its scource may be in abt. 40° N. —— 30 miles from its mouth the navigation is interrupted by Falls of about 30 feet, over which it is necessary to carry every thing — Above these the River abounds in beaver, & its banks with ~~with~~ Elk, Deer & Bear, the latter of which are extremely ferocious & will almost universally attack a man, the Face of the country is mountainous, interspersed though with beautiful [illegible] oak, maple, ash

pine and cedar abound — along the river are cotton wood bottoms, in which we chiefly find the elk, and in the hills and prairies the deer — There are several small streams that put in on both sides of the river — 40 miles from the falls there is one called by us Yellow river, that puts in from the westward, up which there are a band of Indians who calle themselves Yumhéla, of these we know very little — Up the main river there is a Nation called Calipuyaws, which as far as we can judge are very numerous — they have not many articles of White men among them, are clothed in Deer skin robes, which, with their bows & arrows form all their riches; these are a miserable wandering set, always in small parties of 3 or 4, living upon roots & now & then an animal —— If in the course of events, a settlement should be undertaken in this country; this river is (my opinion) the most eligible place — as the land is good and spots large enough for farms, all ready cleared, are common, added to this the conveniency of it to the sea, from which the navigation for large vessels is good as far as the falls — The Indians are peaceable & animals abound — I Know of no other pl[illegible]

Sunday. 29th A Beautiful clear day, with a serene sky, and gentle breeze — Such a day forcibly recalls to my recollection times of yore, when I used to mount my Horse in company with Edward or some other friend & gaily gallop to either my Uncle Ogden's Uncle Martins or to my Aunt Far hars — when there I used to be welcomed by the smiles of friendship & love, & paſs my Sunday as happy as happy could be — What a contrast to the present time! In the wild woods in a savage country in a savage dreſs, ~~surrounded~~ accompanied by mortals but one degree above the brute creation, whose whims & fancies it is neceſsary to consult to lead any thing of a quiet life; where friendship & love are names never heard of, in short where one lives more like a Brute than a Christian, wandering about from place to place in search of a miserable existence, — in this manner do my days drag heavily on without profit to myself or to my employers, the day will be happy when I leave for ever this country; Our Bourgeois's have determined to leave the sea 1st April next on their way acroſs the Continent, I cannot say how anxiously that time is looked for, how each day is counted as it brings us so much nearer the time —

Saturday — September 11th 1813 — River Wollamut —

Since my last date, some unexpected events have taken place — In the latter end of August some Indians from the Big river paſsed our Encampment & informed us that Mr. Hunt & a ship were at the Fort, we paid little attention to it, thinking that like most Indian reports it was only ~~told~~ to procure the narrator some tabac &c ~~this~~ it was however repeated to us so often by different Indians, that I began to give some credit to it — and although contrary to the orders of Our Bourgeois I started off with three men in a small canoe to ascertain the truth, this was on Monday 6th we made the portage of the Falls that day & travelling nearly all night we met Mr. McKenzie the next day on a voyage up to trade salmon, from him I had the satisfaction of hearing of the safety of Mr. Hunt, who arrived in the mouth of the River on 26th August in the Ship Albatroſs captn Smith from Sandwich Islands, where Mr. Hunt had paſsed the last year — the Ship Beaver had made a good voyage, disposed of her cargo to the Ruſsians, & received Seal skins in payment, which she had ~~disposed of in~~ arrived with in Canton to a good ~~profit~~ market — this buſineſs took was too late for the Ship to stop at the river & Mr H. was accordingly left at the Islands. the news of the war had reached there by a vessel from Canton, & was confirmed by the arrival of the Schooner Tamaamaah Captn Porter from Boston who left america as late as Feby. 1813. — The Ship Albatross was hired by Mr Hunt to Land him at the river which she accordingly did ~~the~~ on his understanding the situation of affairs. it was thought best for him to proceed immediately to the Islands to purchase a vessel which was there for sale, to embark the Owyhee Indians & Beaver in her, he after remaining only six days at Astoria went off again for this purpose in the Ship. he took Mr Clapp with him Mr McKenzie is to start up to the Rocky Mountains to Mr Clarkes & Mr Stuart's posts to get the Beaver & the Owyhee Indians, he sent me back again to ~~the~~ our Camp up Wollamat, which I reached yesterday. with orders for all hands immediately to leave the river & descend to the Fort, as the men are wanting to go with him, this day we are making preparations base to start to morrow — I understood from him, that had I been at the Fort, I would have gone with Mr Hunt, my unlucky planet was surely in full ~~oof~~ lustre when I missed this opportunity; yet it is weakness to complain — instead of passing my winter with him in a mild climate, I am now in the beginning of Winter to make a voyage to the Rocky mountains, where with out any great foresight I can easily perceive that our situation will not be ~~the~~ most comfortable — Of the Five Clerks that came out together in the Beaver — Halsey & myself are the only two that now remain — Nicolls as I have before said left the River in the Beaver, from which he engaged as clerk on board another ship — Cox engaged last spring to the N W Co & left Astoria in company with Mr McTavish — & Clapp is now gone & is at liberty if he receives any offer that suits him to accept of it — thus Halsey & myself are the only two that now remain, & in justice to my friend let me say that a better fellow never breathed, I have universally found him obliging in every dealing with him & I believe I can assert, that there is a sincere friendship between us —

Mr McK also informed that Mr Hunt had left a letter for me at the Fort, with some little presents that would be useful in this country, the content of this letter will be noticed at some fu[illegible]re — My [illegible] a[illegible] all so [illegible] from the work of the four last days that I can scarcely hold my pen — & feel stupid, lazy, & weak — I have got now to make preparations for our voyage to morrow; when I arrive at the Fort I intend to notice events more par-ticularly ———

Thursday 24th Septr. 1813. Astoria —

I reached this place 10 or 12 days ago, & there received the letter of Mr. Hunts, in which there is nothing particular, only wishing me to go with Mr. McKenzie to the upper country, for which voyage I am accordingly making preparations he intends starting in a few days with 12 men as we have almost certain accounts here that there has been a party of our men cut off by the Natives above, & as we have to pass through them, I am doubtful of some accident happening, in such a case as I leave this journal here, my friends will see how my time has been employed — There is nothing doing here worth mentioning, every preparation tends to leaving the country, as Mr. Hunt will be here in all February next with a vessel; we have papers here from the U.S. as late as Feby 1813, by which I see that War with all his miseries ~~are~~ is carried on there, Ye Gods! Can I express how anxiously I look forward to the time when I shall receive some accounts from home, it is now two years since I have seen or heard from my friends; whenever my thoughts wander on this subject I stifle them as soon as possible, & endeavour to con-sider myself an isolated being, without a Father, without Sisters, without a Friend to attach me to this world ——— I did intend while here to notice some of the manners & customs of the Indians about the place, but as I am continu-ally occupied in something or another, I have put it off, untill I come down again in Feby — when Dieu merci I shall have the happiness of seeing Mr. Hunt ———

Sunday October 10th 1813 — Astoria —

Here I am again after a weeks absence — miracula nunquam cessabunt &c. On Saturday 2d October we started off in two canoes and 12 men, on a voyage as we then supposed of five months, about 100 miles above this we were much surprised to meet a large brigade of 10 canoes of white men with the British colours flying, Mr. McTavish of the N.W. Co. with 9 canoes was on his way to the sea there to meet 2 ships one of which the above Co. had ~~sent out~~, & the other a frigate to "destroy every thing American on the N.W. Coast of America" — Mr. John Clarke of our Company was in the 10th canoe, as business of importance relative to our unfortunate concerns had brought Mr. Clarke from above, it was necessary that Mr. McKenzie the leader of our brigade should also [illegible] [illegible] accordingly we

about, & encamped that night with the Gens du nord, Mr. McTavish with two canoes & Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Clarke in one started off in the night time, leaving the remainder of the party behind, 7 canoes of the N.W. have not as yet arrived, we left them encamped about 70 miles above this place, waiting to hear of the arrangements entered into between the leaders of the respective parties — The British party consist of 2 Bourgeois viz Messrs. McTavish & Stuart 7 clerks, viz Messrs. McMillan, Bethune, Henry, Jos: McGillivray, McDonald, Montour & Cox & about 40 common men — Their object in coming down is to establish the country, and to drive us out of it, this will not be very difficult to effect, as our business has already been given up these six months, and every arrangement ~~[illegible]~~ since that time has tended to bar leaving the country [illegible] make their demands though [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] certainly conduct themselves [illegible] in a haughty main[illegible] at their camp our Fort, they display the British colours, while on our side this is the first Sunday that our flag has not been displayed; it is indeed unfortunate that Mr. Hunt is absent, if present I am confident that our dignity would be kept up, until we were compelled to strike, it does not become me to say much on this subject, as perhaps before long myself with the other Americans here will be prisoners of War or at rate will be obliged to pass through their territories to reach our homes, they are in daily expectation of their vessels accounts of their sailing from London 18th March last, are in their hands, the extract of a Letter to that purpose from A Shaw agent of the N W Co I have seen, where it mentions that "the Frigate is to destroy every thing American on the N W coast" — The arrangements have not as yet been settled, I have been through informed that the British will take possession of our territories, immediately, then the packs & goods will [illegible] them [illegible] of our people [illegible]

enter into their service, & that the remainder with the proprietors of our Company will have a passage through the N W posts to Canada, where they will receive passports to enable them to reach their respective homes; thus after all our labour. all our hardships, we return to our native homes in a far worse condition than we left them; when I reflect upon my ~~me~~ situation then, & my own perverseness, which in spite of the advice of my Father, I entered into the expedition, I almost think that I am rightly paid in suffering mortifications & disappointment as a punishment for not listening to the voice of a Parent reflections now are too late, our company has fail in their object, & are at present weighed down by the want of support, & a superior force in their presence, who will no doubt act in a manner to shew us, that what they agree to for our relief is only done through charity — if though we were determined to keep our Fort, we could do it in spite of their Frigate & in [illegible] their [illegible]

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boats they could send, we could easily destroy them? but our *Chiefs* think the miseries of war are far enough extended already, we do not therefore hoist our flag, & no doubt in a few days we will see the British standard *adorn* our Staff — this is conformable to prudence & conformable to interest, we might indeed keep our situation untill supplies would arrive, but then that would offend the great N W Co., and God knows that the Great N W Co. are not to be offended with impunity — 20 men therefore under the guns of the Fort display the British collours while 60 men in a good fort surrounded with guns are fearful of offending these potent men, these men so celebrated in the annals of history, every individual of which is a hero equal to the greatest hero of antiquity in short these men so great so very very very great, that my feeble imagination cannot encompass epithets great enough to express [illegible]

River Wollamut November 19th 1813

Once more in this *Paradise* again — in the River Wollamut. with a North West Party, wandering about in the commencement of Winter without a Shelter over our heads to Protect us from the weather Since my last date the Pacific Fur Co's death warrant has been signed; now that & all its Possessions in this Country belong to the N W Company, who have Purchased them at a fair Price, Mr. McTavish remains at the Sea, at the Fort formerly called *Astoria*, most of the men lately employed in our Concern have engaged to him, I know of no excep [illegible] but Fools [illegible]

Americans, & knowing well from good information the Conduct of that Compy. I never made application to them. I would willingly push my fortune in Indian Countries if I saw any motive that would authorise me to expect a reward suitable to the sacrifice, the N W Co does not offer that recompense, after serving them 7 Years in the Capacity of an Apprentice Clerk, I would get 100£ Hall. C. or $400 ℘ annum with a further expectancy of being admitted to a share, there are so many Young Men who have already served them that time, & whose services are not rewarded & who in fact never expect to receive from them more than their Salary (400 $), usually in the [illegible], that I do not think of spending my days in a Savage Country for the prospects held out to me — I therefore at present find myself in a Strange Country out of Employ (for I was discharged from the Late Pacific Fur Co. the 1st of this month) and not exactly knowing when I shall leave it — I cannot but think my situation hard — I embarked in this enterprise with ideas that good Conduct would secure my Fortune, & I have endeavoured to keep ~~[illegible]~~ sight of my Interest in all transactions I have thus been, at the end of two years I find all my Prospects faded, my time lost, bad habits of indolence acquired by the manner of living, & what little I once knew almost eradicated from my mind; these evils I am sensible of myself & no doubt they are [illegible] others visible [illegible] the eyes of [illegible] Enemies —

[illegible] there [illegible]

civilized world, & although I am conscious that at first the habits of industry after so long a sloth will be hard to acquire yet as I feel the Conviction of their necessity I have confidence enough in myself to know I shall stick to them — & notwithstanding the time spent here, has not been rewarded by the object that induced me to come, it still has not been entirely thrown away, — In N York I was acquiring habits of Expence, which my Father's affairs did not justify, & which I believe would insensibly have got the better of me & perhaps at this time if I had have remained I would have found myself encumbered with debts, in bad Company, & with little hopes of raising myself to a respectable situation of life, when [illegible] at last be p

from some of these evils, & I sincerely hope my own knowledge will keep me from the remainder added to these — I feel that this Country has learned me more pratical lessons in the ways of Mankind than I would have acquired at home, for in our little society here I see the same selfishness govern every individual, as it does in the grande monde and as we here meet all as strangers, with no one a friend to counsel him or direct his conduct, we each acquire a certain manner of acting from ourselves. & of course our experience in the ways of Mankind, is greater than those who on every little occurrence have the advice & counsel of an more experienced head —

Wollamut. Saturday 4th December 1813

Lonesome & unemployed, I have set down to add a page or two to my journal, although I have nothing either very strange or unaccountable to relate,

About the 26th of November Mr. Wallace arrived at our Encampmt. from the Sea, with the news that two Canoes had arrived there from Fort. William — containing two proprietors & a clerk of the North West Co., viz Messrs. Henry, Alexr. Stewart, & Keith, they left that place the 10th July, & bring accounts from the Civilized World as late as the 26th June, which contain nothing interresting to me — the War still continues & it appears with no great advantage on either side; although every circumstance [illegible] here, is wrong, [illegible] it will [illegible] [illegible] of the actors

that have distinguished this war cannot be possessed for in this remote quarter — il importe peu, In all probability it will not now be a long time before I approach nearer the scenes of Action, as we expect to leave this by the middle of March on our voyage across the continent, In the arrangements between the two Companies, a passage through the N W posts for those that wished to leave the country was stipulated, ~~&~~ Halsey's & my name were particularly mentioned, he in the mean time is kept by Mr. McDougall at the Fort, & I am sent off here, with Mr. Wm. Henry, a clerk of the N W Co., merely as a looker on, although this life is irksome & disagreeable to me still I prefer it a thousand times to living in the same house with Mr. Duncan McDougall who is a compound of all the mean & petty passions that generally disgrace the Creature — aly, by almost had the principal hand in, I could make it clearly appear, that I do not assert a thing without proofs to confirm it, a man that would be capable of having a spy upon all the private actions & conversations of his fellow Copartners & clerks, & implicitely confide in a boy who has proved to be a Liar & a Scoundrel (for such is Nero, Mr. McD's spy) in any report he chose to make against a clerk; is certainly a very mean fellow! — a man that would so far condescend to ~~endeavour~~ slander his absent partner & superior to one in a inferior capacity & under the orders of both, & so plainly as not to cover his maliciousness — is certainly guilty of not only great malice but of great foolishness, for how can he himself expect to be respected if he teaches one that is inferior to himself not to respect his superior! — To myself has he spoken against Mr Hunt, & to Mr Clapps has he shown his envy & malice, a hundred different ways; [illegible]

a Man who, in so remote a corner as this (where except the little supplies we get from vessels are obliged to live upon Fish) placed at the head of the depots where these supplies are kept, would be guilty of hiding away a certain quantity, so that it might be kept from his partners, & at the same time accept a share in the remainder; is certainly guilty of great injustice & selfishness! — this to the knowledge of every body that has been employed at the Fort, has frequently been done — & it was no later than the other day when an Inventory was taken before the property was delivered to the N W Co, that 30 gals of Molasses & 9 of Gin were thus discovered, which had so long been cáched that the honorable gentleman had entirely forgot them —

I could bring forward many more mean & unjustifiable actions which he has done, — witness his treatment of Mr. Clapps, his great presents from the Company's pocket to Comcomoly — the Chinook chief — which let h[illegible] account for to those who has a respect to [illegible] — The Lan[illegible] the Indians that he was a great chief & we were all his slaves, only that some such as the clerks were from their knowledge of writing his confidential ones — I could fill a quire of paper if I chose to collect ~~to collect~~ every single villanous action that has disgraced him since being concern[ed] in this Company, & if in time to come any person who has been been employed in this concern, should by any accident happen upon the foregoing lines, if he will lay his hand upon his heart & speak the truth, I will defy him to contradict a syllable I have uttered; I will only add that if this country had abounded in Beaver as much as any Country ever did, & if Duncan McDougall had a principal hand in it, or if it was under his direction, I would venture to say it never would have succeeded, I therefore consider Mr. John Jacob Astor as very fortunate in getting rid of the business with so little loss; & much more so in having got Mr. D. McKenzie in this country.

Fort Calipuyaw — 30. miles above the Falls of the Wollamut —

Wednesday, 8th December.

The party under Mr. Henry, of which I am a member, reached this place, where Buildings are to be erected, on Monday, the 29th Ult°. it consists of 29 men, Mr. H's. woman & child. Composed of divers nations, & languages — there are 6. Sandwich Islanders, 4 Iroquois, 1 Nipissingue, 1 Nipesang, 16 Canadians, & 1 American — (myself). —— The Buildings were commenced on Wednesday 1st December, The Party are in the mean time encamped, some under Lodges and some in Tents, where from the rain that always pours down in torrents at this time, we are not most comfortably situated, now at the present time of writing, I am setting in my tent, using my Cassette, for a writing desk, Mr. Henry is trading some roots with the Calipuyaws along side of me, for Beads, who, not thinking [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] lonely asleep for [illegible] when Am I to get rid of this disagreeable way of life — when —

"The days lag tardily on leaden wings,
"And night no comfort, no refreshment brings

If I am ever destined to see my Friends and Country once more; Grant ye All Directing Powers, that I may have steadiness & Sense enough, not to leave it for every wild & undigested enterprize that offers, and that I may keep the remembrance of this in my mind as a beacon to warn me of the rocks & shoals the common fruits of crude undertakings! —

December 14th. Tuesday —

Overcome by ennui & Idleness, tired of reading, & listening to the damned nonsense of my ~~[illegible]~~ Comrades, I seize my pen to vent my Spleen upon this faithful [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] folly: —

20th. December Monday. 1813 —

I was interrupted in my rage by Mr. Henry last Tuesday, with a demand, if I would go a hunting, which we accordingly did, & had the luck of Killing some Gibier, with which this place abounds especially Geese & Duck, the former of the Kind the Canadians call des Outards, & the latter Les Canards de France or Tame Ducks — There are also some Swans, but they are so difficult to approche that it is not often we have the fortune to get one, but with geese & ducks, Bear, Deer & Elk, we make out in the eating way almost as well as an Indian Country can furnish.

Yesterday a Trapper of Beaver reached this place from above in this river, they were seven together & since the beginning of November they had taken about 7 Packs of Beaver, the reason of t[illegible] [illegible] down was on acct of the Indians, who [illegible] behaved to the[illegible]

& on one occasion when only three ~~of th~~ were together, they had discharged their arrows upon them, but fortunately with no damage to the Whites, instead of resenting this, by laying the Indians dead at their feet, they immediately pushed off in their Canoe, which when the Natives saw, they justly concluded the White Men were afraid of them, & took their measures so, as to oblige them to veer about, *en descendant* as the Frenchmen say — One of them left this place this morning for the *Ci devant* Astoria, to ask more men, by him we had the Opportunity of Writing & I ~~[illegible]~~ demanded the news of Franchere & Halsey, I am very much in hopes they will ap an Acct of a Ship's arrival, also of Mr. Hunts, in which latter case in all probability, I should immediately go to the sea, as I was never informed of my dismissal from this Company, & desired Halsey to ask [illegible] McD.

from me, whether I was to consider myself as yet under the Orders of the late P.F.Cy, informing him at the same time, from the two circumstances of McD.'s not speaking to me on the subject, & of his sending me up here to winter, that I considered myself still under the effects of my Engagement, untill I was notified by authority, that I was a free Man ——

We are still out of Doors yet in rainy stormy weathers, & God Knows when we shall get under a roof. I only say it require a stout heart & a good pair of breeches to be so continually out in all kinds of weather ——

Wednesday 29th December 1813 ——

On Christmas Eve we removed in the house which is built of Logs, squared on two sides, & the crevices inside & out are filled up with mud, it is d[illegible] in two Chambers, one of 20 feet [illegible].

other 16 by 18. in each of which there is a mud
chimney, & three windows covered with deer skins—
in the smallest of these, Mr. Wallace & myself
reside, Mr. Henry & his wife occupy the other— Thus am
I situated at last for the winter, which may
Old Time quick roll away, & give us sweetly
smiling Spring, with all its beauties, which will
be ten times more Beautiful to me, as I shall
then take my departure from this Country of
Idleness & Folly ———

The Third christmas is now passed away since
I left My Country & Friends, my first was on board
the Beaver, the remembrance of which is as fresh
as if it was Yesterday— it was a Boisterous stormy
day, with an excessive high sea, & we were all confined
to the little cabin, where there was neither Harmony
or Concord— Last christmas I was near the
Rocky Mountains among the Shakaptin

with Mr. McKenzie, & to make a grand regâl, we
had a Pye of Horse flesh for our dinner. we were
at that time busy in Hiding our property, prepa
ratory to going to the Sea, which we did, & which the
Indians found ——— This present I passed in hunting
Gibier up to my middle in water, it was a very rainy,
stormy day, & passed away as dismal & as gloomy as
our other days do— In fact I cannot express
how Ennuiyant (as our Frenchmen call it) it is at this
place, how melancholy & slowly the Time lags on,
lying down on our backs with a pipe in our mouth
listening to the rain as it pours upon the roof, consum
our days and nights, when we talk upon any subje
we get entangled in endless disputes, each one fond of
his own opinion, & each one tenacious of it, & although
we are but three here, we can not always live in peace,
I have read somewhere, "that when a dispute grows war
he is the wisest, who first gives up"— But I think it wou
provoke the patience of even cet honnête homme to
be [illegible] society, where some [illegible]

common sense are every hour advanced — For myself I make it a rule not to be too tenacious when the dispute is a trifling, but when any thing touching either the late business I was in, or my Countrymen are brought forward in the course of conversation, not to recede one inch, for although I am an American & lately of the P. F. Co; still I think I am as good a Man as a Englishman or a North Wester; — I must say though, that these conversations are not now much introduced, & I have met with more consideration on their part, than I expected, — I am the only American of the whole party here, Mr. Henry & Mr. Walla are both Canadians of English Parents, the Former is a cousin of the Henrys of Albany who are related to our family by marreage, & of course knows the ranks ~~they~~ hold in society in N.Y. — he treats me with some attention, & as yet I have cause to be satisfied with the generality of his &

Saturday Morning Jany. 1st 1814 —

What various reflections, does this day give rise to? the commencement of a another Year of another year perhaps of misery & trouble! perhaps the year that will lead me to my grave, the common receptacle of all, How does it then become me, since Time slips away so fast, & imperceptable, to endeavour by a just & steady conduct, to be prepared to meet my Fate, whenever it shall please the Ruler of all Events, to call me from this life — & if a longer Space is allowed me here, to study to acqu the good will of Men & the approbation of my conscience & my God; When I reflect — to what little Purpose the last year has been [illegible]. & of what little consequence being has been to society. I have much to grieve at, & much to alter my ways, to gain the approbation of my conscience, & to square my accounts on the commencement of another year, if I ever live to see that day. But here in these wilds, depending upon the chace for my sustenance, & where the name of the Almighty is never mentioned, except for the purposes of blasphemy, I hope I may meet with some little allowance. A good poet & a pious man, Wm Cowper, if I remember aright in describing the various situations of man thus speaks of those, whose Fate have placed them in a situation similar to mine —

The chase for sustenance, precarious trust.
His hard condition with severe constraint
Binds all his faculties, forbids all growth
Of wisdom, proves a school in which he learns
Sly circumvention, unrelenting hate,
Mean self attachment, & scarce a[illegible]side,

Thus fare the shivering natives of the North,
And thus the rangers of the western world,
Where it advances far into the deep,
Towards th'antartic —

I sincerely hope that I am not altogether as bad as these lines say, but I have witnessed those, whose long residence in the Savage world, have made them exactly what the Poet pourtrays, mean selfishness, low cunning, & hate without cause, form their distinguishing characteristics, [redacted]. I am unable to say whether, they find the same evils in mine, of selfishness, the most prevalent vice I will only say, that I endeavour to act with a proper regard to myself without forgetting the rights of others, — Oh. if Man could only act as his conscience prompted him, ! how ha[illegible] would ~~should~~ be, peace & harmony would regulate his actions in this life, & the reward of Good men in the other, ! but strong temptation through out his course, & unthinking m[illegible] spite of good resolutions, seizes th[illegible]

Divided from you my Dear Friends, by a long continent, yet on such a day as this, Fancy brings me in your presence, & I embrace you with a heart of joy & pleasure, I am happy to see you still well, & hope you may enjoy many returns of this day. To you My Honoured Father, I hope the blessings of Content & the rewards of Industry & Honesty may attend you always, & that the sigh caused by the ill conduct of your children may never again affect your heart,— You my Dear Sisters I Kiss with the affection of a Brother, & sincerely hope your voyage through life may be attended by no boisterous gales or unpleasant weather, that prudence & virtue may be the Compasses by which you direct all your actions, & that at last we may meet in that haven, "from whose bourne no traveller returns"—! To my other Respected & Loved Friends & Relatives I hope [illegible] enjoy the honours, that their respective characters deserve, viz those of a Good Husband & Kind Father, of a Tender & affectionate Wife, & Mother, of an obedient & dutiful son, & of a virtuous & prudent daughter—! — These are the characters which I have the honor to number among my relatives & friends, & these are the characters which I hope the next New Year will permit me to embrace more feelingly than the present

To descend from the visions of imagination which conduct me where I would wish to be, I must now State how this day is spent here— Before day light your men awaken you by a discharge of Fire Arms, & with the cry of b[illegible] annee, which, when Rum is to be had, is the sea that they expect it, you receive them [illegible] to your house, & treat them with the best it affords, they get their regal of Flour & Rum, & pass the day as merrily as these two articles can make them, which is as happy as they are capable of being, as the B[illegible] a Canadian is his God— [illegible] the evening, if they are not too much overcome by the liquors, all hands dance four handed reels or play some rough game, in which alertness & strenght are necessary, as we have no rum at this place, the day will pass without much noise or trouble —

I am here interrupted by the arrival of some Indians from below who bring us accounts of 2 Ships being at the Fort, & explain their story in so clear a manner, as leaves us no room to doubt it, this makes so much talk & stir among us, gives rise to so many surmises & opinions of what they are, or who for, that it is impossible for me to continue, they also mention a report of the two ships having an engagement, in which one had [illegible] men Killed & of the other standing out to sea — all is anxiety here for letters from the sea, which in all probability will be received in the course of next week, in the mean time our days [illegible] ten times more heavily, on [illegible]

of the desire & expectation this imperfect account puts us into — that there are ships & some extraordinary accident has happened, at the Fort, I have little doubt of, but what it is, or who they are, we as yet know nothing —

Tuesday 4th Jany — Reports about the ships at the entrance of the river, thicken upon us every day, On Monday Evening an Intelligent Savage from the Falls, gave us the following account, that the ship outside of the Bar had chased in the river the small vessel, firing upon it the whole time, that the small vessel was in such haste, that she run through the Brea without choosing the channel, when she was anchored, that a canoe from the Fort going to board her was fired upon (by the s[illegible]) the 9 common men Killed & one chief, — I cannot express the anxiety of all here, some suppose that the small vessel is an American, chased in by a British [illegible] & the [illegible] one with British colours, [illegible] not knowing the circumstance, & anxious to learn the news, was attempting to go alongside, when the vessel seeing all British around, & not knowing their intentions or numbers — fired & killed the forementioned number — I can not give credit to the report, for I cannot think any vessel would be fool enough to fire upon a small canoe of ten men, & unarmed, but as improbable as it is, it causes universal anxiety among the common men, some of them have Brothers at the Fort, you hear them rave & swear — they say

Si Les Bostonés ont tué mon Frère, ma conscience de Bon Dieu, J'en tuerai d'autre, another answers him, moi et tous, & as I am the only Bostoné (Yankee) here, one would suppose that my situation in respect to them would be extremely unpleasant, but I do not know how it is or whence it comes, but these men seem to have some respect for me

other day as they were talking in this strain, Mr. Henry asked of them, which of the Yankees they would kill, they replied, oh Sacré Dieu, le premier qui vient, But says Mr. H— La tête blanche (my name) est le seul Bostoné ici; Lui, nous ne le tuerons pas —— I mention this little anecdote, as a memento of a mans name among the Common men, whom I have found remarkably civil & polite, & if I have ever a chance to reward him, not to let it pass — it is Majeau

Mr. Henry & Mr. Wallace with all the men have gone to bring in Eleven Elk which the Hunters killed yesterday, & I am here very lonesome & not knowing how to employ myself — I feel so very anxious for the news, that I cannot confine myself to the house & but am con[illegible]g to the water side, looking out for a canoe, — although as yet in vain ——

Sunday Morning — Jany 9th

[illegible] Expectations [illegible]

-fied. On Thursday Evening the Trapper who left us on the 2[illegible]th Ult. for the Fort, returned to this place, by whom we all had letters — the purport of which are, that on 30th November they saw a sail off the Entrance of the River, & as it appeared to come in without making any difficulty, they thought it was some American vessel from off the coast with Mr. Hunt onboard, with this idea Mr. McDougall & Halsey embarked in a Canoe to go & see him, while Mr. McTavish with all the N.W.Co. parties started up the River to secure them, Mr. McD. & H. had not proceeded far in the Canoe, before they perceived a boat from the vessel, — for which they immediately made, and wh[illegible]thin hail. were thus accosted — "Who are You, & where from," Mr. McD. hesitated, & when the demand was repeated — to which Mr. McD. answered — "From the Fort up the River & asked of them what ship it

"It is H.B.M. Sloop of war Raccoon, will you please to step on board this boat" — Mr. McD. accordingly went, but seeing the canoe went faster, the Officer, (2d Lieut.) embarked in it, & they proceeded to the ship, where they were recd. politely by the Capt. Wm. Black Esqr. & Mr. John McDonald a proprietor of the N.W.Co. — this vessel in company with the Phœbe frigate & Cherub, sloop of war, were ordered to accompany the N.W.Co. ship the Isaac Todd from Rio Janeiro to this place, they parted with the latter vessel off Cape Horn, & the Ph[illegible]rub off Lima who went in pursuit of the U.S. Frigate Essex, which by their intelligence was cruising in these seas, — these Gentlemen were sadly disappointed at hearing that all the Property was disposed of to the N.W.Co., a few d[illegible]s before coming in the Officers would not have taken a thousand pounds for their share of the expected prize — The Captn. visited the Fort & took possession of the co[illegible] in the name of His Britannic Majesty &

and in breaking a bottle of Madeira over the
Gate of the Fort, called it Fort George —
thus Cidevant Astoria which a few Americans &
canadians Knocked up to secure them from the
Savages is now a fort of his Majesty — The
Raccoon left Mr. Mc Donald & about 80 pieces
of trading articles here & at the date of my letter from
the Fort (29th Decem 1813) she was laying in Bakers Bay
expecting a fair wind for the Sandwich Islands —
all is anxiety for the Isaac Todd they parted with
her in a terrible gale of wind off Cape Horn, much
doubt is entertained of her safe arrival —
Five weeks before the Raccoon made the coast
she met with a terrible accident on board, as they
were ex[illegible]sing their great guns, a spark of
fire communicated to about 50.lb powder in
cartridges which blew up & Killed 8 men &
wounded 19. among the latter were Mr. Mc
Donald & the 1st Lieutenant —
The [illegible] story which the Indians embellish

much, making two ships out of one, & changing an accident
into an Engagement ——
Mr. Mc Dougall informs me that I will know
by the next Canoe, the answers to my enquiries, about
my coming down, & if my account is balanced —
Mr. Wallace left this place this morning with
a load of meat to Fort George, by whom I
wrote to Halsey, Franchere & Mr. Clarke in
answer to their letters; we expect him on the 20th —

Monday Jany. 17th 1814 ——

We are all here at this time in a [illegible]
considerable agitation, owing to the news, which
I am now going to note down —— Yesterday
three Indians on horseback, [illegible] from
the entrance of this river they brought a note from
Mr. Mc Donald & Mr. Alex Henry to Mr. W. Henry
of this place, informing him that on 3d Jany. two
canoes with 30 pieces & 15 men started upon a
voy[illegible]p the river with a supply [illegible]

upper posts, that in the first portage of the rapids of the Columbia, they had some disturbance with the Indians in which Mr. Stuart the Conductor of the party was wounded & the party was obliged to turn about in so much haste, that they left one canoe, all the baggage & 1 man, behin[illegible], in consequen of which, 6 canoes & 60 men well armed & appointed had been dispatched to recover the property by fair means or foul, & telling us at the same to be very m[illegible]our guard, for if the last party proceeded [illegible], that there was great fear the Indians would revenge it — it was this last party who stopping at the entrance of the river dispatched the Indian[illegible] one may easily suppose we are anxious to hear [illegible] situations — we are in the mean time endeavouring to put ourselves in a state of defence by cutting pickets, with which we mean to enclose the Buildings, this work goes on very [illegible] as we have only 7 working men b[illegible] whole [illegible] every [illegible]

I will only observe that the place where this accident happened is not two days march from this place — After we had dispatched the three Indians with letters from Mr. H to his Bourgeois stating our situation &c. one of our Hunters who had been on the opposite side of the River, came in, about 4 Miles from this, while hunting he perceived ten Indians on horseback dressed in their war dresses & painted, making towards him full speed & raising the war whoop, he immediately gained a small [illegible]t of 5 or 6 large Pine trees, & waited for [illegible]me up, as all hopes of getting off were done away with when they arrived opposite to him, he step[illegible] behind a tree with his Rifle & ese[illegible]king signs to them to keep off, fortunately [illegible]e was a old Man in the Company who advanced, ~~& making~~ a long harangue, the purport of which was, that they had been three nights without eating, & that Elk [illegible]er were no more, the reason the white Men hunting with guns which scared them away, & that they were determined to kill every white man they met, the Hunter told them, there were many more white men close bye who would revenge themselves, & that if they would go off & let him alone, that he would not hunt there any more, — they had a long consultation among themselves. in which it appears the old man was his friend. for he debarked from his horse & staid by [illegible] nter untill the others were out of sig [illegible] which he told him to go & not come any more, he accordingly made the best of his way here ——— The Hunters & Common Men are [illegible] & asking to desert this place & go to [illegible] ort, but as nothing of this kind can be done without orders, we must & patiently await the result, endeavouring to keep together as much as possible, & in as good a state of defen

Wednesday 19th 1814 — As yet we have no more accounts of what has passed between the Whites & the Indians, although anxiously attending it — the business must not be settled, & if it should happen that their party should not recover the goods & should loose two or three men by the Indians, the consequences would be severely felt, there would be nothing less in my opinion than a general coalition among the Savages to destroy us or make us evacuate the country, those Scoundrels that brought us [illegible] the other day, although reckoned a [illegible] Friends of the Whites, boasted with no little va [illegible] that there were as many white men kill [illegible] as Indians [illegible] although this account is not true [illegible] accounts of the death of the [illegible] & Mr. Stuart the other is only wounded with an arr [illegible] which entered his left arm, & pierced a little way in his body ———

Wednesday 26th Jany—1814 — On Sunday last Mr Alex; Henry a proprietor of the N W Co with Mr Matthews, a clerk of our late Company arrived at this place from the Rapids of Columbia River, & started again this morning on their return to Fort George, they formed a part of the war party of the Whites to recover their goods from the [illegible]dians— they succeeded in getting back about 11 [illegible] trading articles, without going to extremities, the remainder of the property, when all hopes of recovering it was lost, was given to the relations of [illegible] The following is a tolerable correct [illegible] commencement of this business Two Canoes as before said with 17 men in all & 60 pieces including 30 of provision, left Fort George in the beginning of Jany & travelled night & day— [illegible] below the Portag

the Chief of one of them, Canook by name, observing the canoes heavily loaded, with so few men instantly began to stir up the Indians to rob them, they formed their plan & followed them to the portage, as there were two Chiefs Messrs Alex: Stuart & Mr Keith five Indians to kill them each at the same time were appointed, when it was supposed the men would save themselves by flight, & the goods be pillaged with impunity; as the Whites contrary to the usual custom, made the portage upon the South [illegible] the River, the Indians were obliged to [illegible] which they did in considerable numbers, five with [illegible]ok at their head approached Mr Kei[illegible] & five others with another chief as supposed [illegible] the remainder in the mean time go[illegible] along [illegible]ggage when within 15 or 16 paces of Mr S, who p[illegible]ceived something was in agitation & made them a motion to keep back, & at the same time as the Indians say, snapped his gun at them, which when they saw the fire ar[illegible] into him which hit him [illegible]

&instantly afterwards, a second one, which wounded him the side, the Indian had turned his back to go off, when a Man (by the name of Mackay) standing alongside of Mr. S. shot him dead upon the spot, another Indian that was standing bye at the same time got a Ball in his stomach, another in his head (fired by Mr. S.) & another in his shoulder which did not entirely kill him, the man that had St[illegible] him in the stomach ran up to him, cut [illegible] that tied his war club to his wrist & [illegible] head in ≈ The five that were approach[illegible] Mr. Keith [illegible] within a few steps of him, when the [illegible] fired, he instantly aimed at the one ne[illegible] who told him not to fire, which [illegible] did not, & they ran off — The goods & one of the canoes were at this time the other end of the Portage, each man except an old Hunter from the other side of the mountains, brought back [illegible] but instead of putting them in the [illegible]

threw them in the river, & unfortunately into an eddy where the Indians the next day picked them up, they all embarked then it appears in confusion except Mr. Keith, who asked three or four of them to go back with him bring the old Hunter, this they positively refused, Mr. K started alone got over half the portage, where there were so many hiding places for Indians, that he did not think it prudent to advance any further, he came again to the canoe & asked them if the was possible, they were going to leave the old man to his fate, they [illegible] him with these words — Monsr. Keith vo[illegible] arguer, ou voulez vous rester à terre, Mr. K can [illegible] then for a band of Cowards & to [illegible] his own life was obliged to go in the water [illegible] canoe, the Indians say they have not ki[illegible], but that he took the woods, where in all probability [illegible] is already dead with hunger —— Mr. Stuart would have been killed upon the spot, had it not been for a pipe in his Capot pocket, which the arrow broke [illegible] pieces, Som[illegible] apprehensions are yet entertained of [illegible]

Sunday. 7th February. 1814. Fort George at the Entrance of Columbia River —— +

Since my last date, from the river Wollamut. I received orders from Mr. Duncan McDougall, to come to this place, where I arrived on the last day of January, as he wished me to assist Mr. Halsey in writing— My time is therefore busily occupied — I am happy in saying that Mr. Stuart is now considered o[illegible] danger, although at one time his situation wa[illegible] d extremely precarious, but by applying poul[illegible]s, the wound was cleansed, it is the opinion of [illegible] that [illegible] was shot with a poisoned arrow, the [illegible] ot proving fatal is that it did not penetra[illegible] ing to his pipe which considerably stopped [illegible] force, & the poison being happily drawn out of his system by the poltices ——

The N W Gentlemen have determined to des[illegible] [illegible] build another about 65 miles above on the [illegible] lower Entrance of the [illegible] 30 or 40 men, with two of the proprietors have already gone up to commence these opperations, there are many reasons that render the latter place preferable to the present, as the spot is cleared, provision is more plenty, & in time of war, nothing can injure them they have therefore payed 3 or 4000 Dollars* for Fort George as the Frenchmen say *sans dessein*, Their Ship the Isaac Todd is not arrived, they begin to be anxious about her, there are some fears that the US Frigate Essex has fallen [illegible] We are looking for Mr. Hunt every [illegible] one advantage I have in being at the p[illegible] whatever news turns up, I hear it [illegible]med to [illegible]

The plan of building the Fort [illegible] of the Wollamut has been giv[illegible] wan[illegible] of a commanding situation, they have n[illegible]w fixed upon Tongue Point, as the place most suited for their purpose, & Mr. Matthews formerly of our Company began his opperations for them on the latter [illegible] Fe[illegible]

March 11th 1814

Saturday March 26th 1814 —
on Board Brig Pedler of Boston — laying at
anchor in Bakers Bay. Columbia River —

— Monday Evening Feby 28th we were agreeably
surprised at the sight of a vessel standing in
the River, which proved to be Mr Hunt in the
above mentioned Brig — He bought her in the
Sandwich Islands, for the purpose of taking
a[illegible] urs to other property, but ~~our~~ the arranges
me[illegible] the N.W. Co had already disposed of
them, [illegible] therefore only to look into the
[illegible] them with the N.W. Co — which
was [illegible] required no little patience and
management, — for Mr Dun: McDougall the
agent for Mr Astor, had been a secret proprietor of
the N.W. Co since December last, and in that
[illegible] without the knowledge of any of the Gentlem
[illegible] the N.W. Co, had acted still as Mr
agent; and with Mr McTavish had priced the
~~all~~ the Inventories of Mr Astors property in this
country, it was not then much to be wondered at,
when this transaction was brought to light; that
the per Centage on some articles, differed most materially from the agreement — in fact I believe Mr Hunts
consider that the Property sold would be worth in
this country, valued by an impartial man —
Twenty thousand Dollars more than what it has
now been sold for ——— The Amt. of P[illegible] sold
was Fifty eight Thousand Dollar[illegible]
great difficulty Mr H. procured [illegible]
Draft on McTavish, McG. & Co ~~the [illegible]~~ for the dea[illegible]
transactions with the North W. [illegible] most
of which I was an eye witness [illegible]
that their conduct in every res[illegible] like
men of the World, or men that regarded their charact[illegible]
too scrupulously ——— Mr Halsey & myself have
embarked on board the Brig with Mr Hunt
an[illegible] we are at present waiting for

wind to go to sea — I wrote to my Father
by Mr. Clarke, who with the remainder of our Gentle-
=men will sett off in about ten days on their
voyage across the Continent — This is the voyage
I have been looking forward to, with so much
pleasure — at some future day I shall mention
the circumstances that induced me to follow
Mr. Hunt — at present I do not know where
we are bound, nor with certainty what is to be
d[illegible] On board of this Brig as Sailing
M[illegible] Mr. S. Northrop, formerly Comman-
-d[illegible] ship Lark belonging to Mr. J. Astor.
this [illegible] New York in March 1813. Bound
to [illegible] River, and was unfortunately
cast [illegible] at [illegible] Sandwich Islands, when
vessel [illegible] cargo [illegible] entirely lost; if she had
had the good fortune to have reached this
place, so great a sacrifice of Mr. A's property
would in all probability not have happened; as Mr.
A[illegible] a Gentleman in Mr. H's confidence [illegible] on

board — Owing to this melancholy circumstance. I
was deprived of the pleasure of hearing from home.
& Mr. Ogden who could have given me some informa-
-tion respecting my Friends I did not see, as he went
from the Sandwich Islands to Canton, not therefo
having heard from Home for two & a half years,
& of course entirely ignorant of the situation
of my Father & Friends, I concluded it best to
accompany Mr. Hunt, I took this resolution much
more willingly from the Character of Mr. Hunt,
being a man who is capable of instru[illegible]
bringing up a Young Man, & who [illegible]
if any thing favourable turns up, w[illegible]
-vours, to forward his protégé [illegible] — I
am therefore at present on bo[illegible]
Boston, waiting for peace to [illegible] of
about 230. Tons, Coppe[illegible] every [illegible] of a
first rate vessel. ——— I leave the Country & most
of those I have met here, without regret, so much
meanness, Selfishness, & Hypocrisy ~~[illegible]~~ &
among an equal number, are [illegible] to be [illegible]
wit[illegible]

Brig Pedler at Sea Monday Night April 18th
1814 North Latitude 55° 40' West Longitude 134° 45'
— With a favourable Breeze from the N.W. we
passed the Bar of Columbia River on Saturday
afternoon the 3d of April — and bent our course
to the northward, being bound to, Sheetka a
Russian Establishment of long standing on the
N W Coast, it is situated in Norfolk Sound
[illegible] '2'. Long: W. 135° 50'. and is the Commo
re[illegible] the Americans trading on the Coast —
Co[illegible] winds & Light airs, we are not
fur[illegible] than noted above; but as the
Win[illegible] favours us, we are in hopes of
soon [illegible]ring i[illegible] expected Harbour, There
are some expectations of meeting a Vessel of Mr.
A[illegible]stors, there from N York; if this fortunately shoul
[illegible] be the case, it will in all probability prove a lucky
[illegible] the old Gentleman's, & will be the means

of accellerating our departure homeward; if no news
is received from home, I do not believe that Mr. Hunt
has determined what to do with the Brig, perhaps
get a freight from the Russians to and fro the Seal
Islands — or procure Kodiak Indians to hunt the
Sea Otters — either of these would scarcely pay the
crew; & would moreover prove a disagreeable & tedious
way of life —— navigation at present occupies
my whole attention, By the desire of Mr. Hunt — Mr.
Halsey & myself both keep the Ships r[illegible] and
stand our watches, like the others on boa[illegible]
not for this last circumstance I shoul[illegible]t
my leisure time to the French Lang[illegible]e
=deavour after arriving in Port [illegible]arran
gements for this Purpose —

I find my situation[illegible]s as a[illegible]ble as
could be expected. Mr. [illegible]nt Capt. Northrop —
Mr. Gardner — 2d Officer — Mr. Farnum, a Clerk from
the River acting as a third Officer, with Mr. Halsey
and Myself are the inmates of the Cabin

Sunday May 1st 1814. at Anchor in Norfolk Sound.

We reached this place on Friday 22d Ult. and found at anchor here the Ruſsian Ship Bering formerly the Atahualpa of Boston, Captn. Bennet. — The Fort was saluted with nine Guns which compliment was returned, and Mr. Hunt with [illegible] Halsey and Capt. Bennet went to pay [illegible] to Mr. Berrenoff, the Gentleman app[illegible] the Ruſsian Company to have the [illegible] with the title of Governor — t[illegible] Hunt introduced me to him, and [illegible] I have seen him frequently, the [illegible] Gentlem[illegible] somewhat particular in his way, and very fon[illegible] hot Punch, with which he never fails of seasoning whoever goes to him, untill one or the other is under the table, likewise a great Disciplinarian, and

keeps his men under great subjection — 7 men are upon gard night and day — The Fort is built on a point of High Rocks, which it entirely occupies, and is impregnable to Indian efforts, unaided by artillery. The Company at this place receive the principal part of their supplies from the American Trading veſsels on the coast. Friday 29th April the Bering sailed bound to Ochotz in Siberia, with a valuable cargo of Furs and Peltries — From the 7th to the 11th a continual and violent Snow [illegible] on one of these days, the Governor ha[illegible] drunken frolic on shore, when Mr [illegible] and myself were there, we did [illegible] untill 3 o Clock in the Mor[illegible] Morning the 13th were agreea[illegible] sight of a sail in the of[illegible] Hun[illegible] myself boarded her, when sh[illegible] to be the Forrester of London, Capt. [illegible] last from the coast of California — a Young Gentleman of the name Ebbets is on board, since her arriv[illegible]

papers away much more agreeably — The old
Governor has had several Processes in one of
which a serious fray happened, in which all
Hands got gloriously drunk, but most fortu-
nately indeed only ended in bloody noses & bruised faces —
We are still in uncertainty where we are bound
or, what Mr. Hunt intends to do with the Brig —
Most Happy would I be if he would sell her
and [illegible] the skins on board the English Brig to Canton —
[illegible] es of the vicinity are very trouble=
=s[illegible] tians, the other day from a Fishing
par[illegible] 5 persons prisoners, and the
[illegible] of the Two Brigs to go to
the[illegible] on the other side of the
Towna[illegible] out E. [illegible] lace, where there is a Larg
[illegible] age, to endeavour [illegible] over them; preparations
a accordingly making — The Forrester gives
us an account of the safe arrival of the North
[illegible] ship Isaac Todd on the coast of

California, where she had passed the last winter,
also of the Racoon being there on the 22d April
when the Forrester sailed, repairing the damages which
she got, by unfortunately striking on the Bar of
Columbia River, in going out — Monday 23d May.
Nothing is yet concluded upon for the employ
of the Brig to my knowledge — Time hangs heavy
upon my hands — Several unpleasant circumstances
have taken place, which lets me more in the cha-
racter, of those, I am obliged to pas[illegible] sitt
of my time with; the more experien[illegible] ons
that a mean selfishness governs [illegible] ur
of men, — Here I am though [illegible]
be for some time, whether a[illegible] tings
and a wise man would [illegible] wisdom
easy. but I unfortunate [illegible] am disp[illegible]osed I
in my constitution, that [illegible]
seldom fail to show [illegible] and as it would require the
patience of a greater [illegible] an than I am, to see every
thing that I see with [illegible] calm mind; I make
=self much more unhappy than a c[illegible]

May 26th Arrived here from the Sandwich Islands the Ship Isabella Captn Davis, an old visitor of this Place, During his stay, untill the latter end of June, there was much merry making, Monday June 5th celebrated the nativity of George 3d on board the English Brig Forrester, in the present state of the two countries, this circumstance would appear unpardonable to the professed patriots of my country; but let them consider that in this remot[illegible] & uncivilised corner, we hail with cordi[illegible] [illegible]anger, without considering whether he be [illegible] an. Frenchman. German Cha= [illegible] in short we meet as citizens of the [illegible] out minutely enquiring the part [illegible] [illegible]ach — Captn D. sold his v[illegible] [illegible]or and left us about the 2[illegible] June, [illegible] to make the best of his way home, by whog[illegible] took charge of a letter from me to my [illegible]ner, — This [illegible]leman conferred several favors upon me; by Mr. Gale a Young gentleman of his cabin conduced much to alleviate the ennui of this dismal hole — In the beginning of July, Governor Barenoff with Captns Pigot and Hunt, Messrs Halsey and myself in the Pinnaces of the Brigs, accompanied by six Boydarchy's or Kodiak canoes, and a Gun boat of the Company's started upon a~~n~~ jaunt of Pleasure to some warm springs, about 25 miles S E from this — A Russian, and two or three Kodiaks reside there for the Purpose of keeping the baths in order, of which there are two [illegible] springs, the water is strongly imp[illegible] sulphur, a crust of which of the [illegible] inch, covers the stones where the [illegible] under the Rock's — an Eg[illegible] [illegible]utes, and a bright Dollar in [illegible] Blacked — A num[illegible] of [illegible] temperatures might be [illegible] [illegible]ese springs, the Russians have conten[illegible] [illegible]emselves with two, the temperature of [illegible] nearly equal, (not having a thermometer) we c[illegible] not determine their ~~precise~~ degrees of heat, in any other manner, than [illegible] sensation, by remaining still in the Bat[illegible]

with a little inconvenience bear the Heat, but
upon leaving it always felt a feebleness and faintness
which preventing me for a minute or two from
taking any exertion — The Governor used to bath
six and seven times a day and always appeared
refreshed, he says it has great medicinal qualities
and always invigorates whoever uses it, it had a
contrary effect upon me, I yet have a severe cold
caught — by putting my head under the water
O[illegible] one virtue though, which those, who are
[illegible] to the Governors Company, duly
app[illegible] that of diffusing the ~~[illegible]~~ vapours
wh[illegible] sacrifice to Bacchus is apt
to ex[illegible] saw a certain Gentleman get
th[illegible] drunk and three times sobered
by [illegible] yet mirabile dictu
went [illegible]ed ne[illegible] lest this should
impeach the moralit[illegible] gentleman alluded
to, I will bear witness, tha[illegible] could not without
~~forfeiting the character~~ in[illegible]y the sale of his
cargo ~~[illegible]~~ escape making merry with the
return of New Archangel —

We remained three days, and then went to a small
establishment of the Russians, three or four miles to
the Eastward of the springs, consisting of several
buildings picketed in & defended by a square bas-
tion where three or four swivels are mounted, 20 or
30 men Russians and Kodiaks may be about the
number that are stationed here — The Fort is
situated at an outlet of a considerable Lake, where
it joins the Salt water, a wear across this
is so constructed, that it catches almost every
salmon that endeavours to enter the Fresh Water
by this route, and one may say innu[illegible]e
the quantities they catch, the F[illegible]n
via is the only fishing spot tha[illegible]hich
excels this, where the River is f[illegible]
three or four miles compar[illegible]
two or three hundred yards — [illegible] these
stationed at this p[illegible] ferry with winter
consumption at th[illegible] quarters
we return[illegible] next day [illegible] vessels — July 4th
Owing to our [illegible] almost all kind of stores
were not enabled [illegible] celebrate the day, otherwise
than by firing the states salute at

all hands a holyday — July 20th. After three
Months detention the Govr., among other offers, for the
employ of the Brig. proposed, carrying a cargo to his
establishment on the coast of California, which was accep=
ted by Mr. Hunt, and every preparation is now
making for this purpose — Mr. H. thought it
necessary for either Mr. Halsey or myself to rem=
ain at this place, in case of a vessel from the U.S.
arriving with a cargo, he left it to ourselves to deter=
=mine [illegible] should remain, Mr. Halsey concluded to
[illegible] mentioning that I would prefer going
in [illegible] account of practising & improving
in [illegible] this arrangement has been adopted
by [illegible] the Govr. offers suitable accommoda=
[illegible] stay — I purchased
[illegible] the Isabella, for
a Servant fro[illegible]
$70. and with a [illegible] attention. I am in
hopes to be a tolerable [illegible] Navigator in, Capt.
Pigot has lent me Mac[illegible] Longitude; which
with Bowditch's Navigation, [illegible] be all that is
[illegible] —

August 4th. Thursday — On Sunday last.
We left Sheetka with a favourable wind
which has brought us rapidly thus far. N Lat. 46.
W Long. 134°. 20′ — Although the Governor offer=
=ed very indifferent accomodations, the necessity of
some person remaining to take charge of the papers
&c. & to attend to the business of another vessel, pro=
=vided one should come, induced Mr. Halsey to
remain — Mr. Hunt fitted him in stores amply, in
every thing the place or vessels in the harbour afforded,
Our absence is only expected to be th[illegible]
I am in hopes he will make out
tolerably pleasant — We left
Pigot ready for sea, destinated [illegible]
The Governor gives B[illegible]
75 C[illegible] for taking [illegible] Sheetka to Califor
or if it is necess[illegible] way he has cruising
on that [illegible] of the cargo not more
to bring a return cargo [illegible] prepared, if not, salt (which
is procured with a little trouble in one of the ports in
California) at 125 C. the pood. [illegible]
Quintals

This freight is much better than lying idle, but it is not alltogether what the conduct of the Governor towards Mr Hunt induced him to expect—.

The commerce that has been carried on with this old Gentleman has been very advantageous to the adventurers in it, the common cargoes sold here are Strong Rum. Molaſses. Rice. & Biscuit. Duffils Blue cloths—coarse. Sugar &c — which the old man used to pay well for — Rum — 3.8. Rice 7.
& [illegible] 50. &c and one Cargo now brought out before [illegible] adventurers glutted the market [illegible] would bring that Price — He pa[illegible] [illegible]ies — small ones at. 75 C ea. Large [illegible] [illegible]rket varies in Canton [illegible] calculations could not be for the arr[illegible] [illegible] that they will always [illegible] t it ma[illegible] [illegible] might also be pay freight—. Some [illegible] made by purchasing Sea [illegible] on Coast of California & exchang[illegible] [illegible] with him for [illegible] In the event of Peace

this trade will be over-done, there will be so many that bring out cargoes, & who must sell, that the Old man will get them at his own prices — He is perfectly aware of his being the only market, & that if you do not sell to him, you sink stock block and he will most certainly take advantage of not only this, but of every other circumstance, What I saw of him, I would advise one steady line of conduct of strict dealing, having every thing explained, not trusting to his generosity, liberality or honour, for be aſsured, if he can poſsibly take an [illegible] by any means, he will do it — [illegible] my sentiments of him, as it [illegible]

On Saturday Evening Augus[illegible] the Ruſsian Settlement on [illegible] [illegible]ater & ap[illegible] on board through a thick smoke [illegible] [illegible]eaks and [illegible] Ruſsian boarded by [illegible] the secon[illegible] [illegible]mised to send us off a pilot to [illegible] [illegible]chorage ground, but did not do it, all this da[illegible] [illegible] we have been becalmed in a thick fog, which [illegible] fire & excludes the settlement from our view, & has preven[illegible]ted any communicatio[illegible]

From the slight view I had of the establishment, no
discription can be given, a thick smoke (evidently with
a view of concealing its situation (supposing us
Spaniards)) had nearly made us miss it, ~~and~~ we were
not farther than a mile from it— From Lat. 39° 2'
we have kept the coast close on board, standing off
in the night time, so that it was nearly impossible
for us to pass it unnoticed, some land marks for
vessels bound here are noticed in my sea journal;—

On Tuesday ~~[illegible]~~ Evening August 17th came
the bay of Bodega in Lat. 38° 19' N.
position is about 18 miles to the
rd of the Russian Settlement which
s situation in Lat. N. 38° 28' ~~North~~
is a place to the Settlement. a small
an
islan y forms a good Shelter from
the prevailing winds, Northerly Wind it is
exp face what
cargo Mr. Kuskoff ge, agreed
& the remainder we take to th Ru have
cruizing on this Coast on Tuesday afternoon
23. got under way to our course
the Ilmania Russian Brig

& our first port of destination was St. Louis— On Thursday
afternoon Aug: 25th in running down the coast, as we opened
the Bay of St. Louis, (which Vancouver in his charts places too far
north) discovered a sail lying under a high yellow cliff.
as there was a fresh breeze from the N.W. we immediately
hauled our wind & stood off shore, at the same time shewing
our Colours, the stranger to all appearance lay perfectly
quiet, & we seemed not to have made any stir with him—
the colours he then showed were American— Captn. Northrop
officers & crew all declared that they knew the ship, the
Albatross Captn. Smith of Boston, & as information
respecting the O Brig we were in search of, might
be procured Mr. Hunt was induced to
towards the shore, when within about
before dropping anchor, we hailed, & ou
judged, when we answered, the Span
or La Jagle— the Helm was
Brig got around on the other way
at this time the wind the firing a gun
for us to heave nned his & the
shot of the under our bows, & the
third con at this time the Launch
full
ward of us & scarcely a
of air, all was to back
top sail & let take quiet possession
brought anchor under the Spani

Clerk boarded us in the Whale boat, & Mr. Hunt accom-
-panied him with the Papers on board, in the
evening I also went on board by desire of the Captn. & was
much surprized to find a large vessel of 550. Tons
22 - 12 & 8ths Guns & about 50 men Spanish Letter of
Marque from Lima, Commanded by Senor Josef
Cavinecio, a Gentleman of Venice, I was received
politely by him, & Senor Alvarez, the clerk, who had
been in the United States, & consequently had his manners
& minds a little enlarged by travelling — it was judged
necessary that the Brig should be detained for the decision
of the Governor of California residing at the Presidio of
[illegible] after an overhauling of the cargo
[illegible] Place, Mr. Hunt. Captn. N. &
[illegible] in a very gentlemany & polite manner,
[illegible] vessel our residence untill the
[illegible] Govt. was known, — Mr. H
[illegible] against this detention, as we were
[illegible] bound on the [illegible] had not
on board a single ar[illegible] that would
answer the trade of [illegible] the Spanish
States we were informed it wa[illegible] the
[illegible] to go to St. Barbara, & leave [illegible] off any [illegible]
[illegible] be attached to the Senor Ca[illegible]ecio, ~~if~~
[illegible] the Mission of [illegible] & the

settlement of Ortéga at Pt. Conception, we cast anchor
in the Roadstead of St. Barbara on 2d or 3d of Septr.
(the Brig in Company, a prize master with 10 men having
taken charge of her since the second day of detention, our
Crew being divided between the two vessels) — in the
afternoon of the same day, in company with Senor Cavine-
-cio & the prize master, We three viz Messrs. Hunt. Northrop
& myself waited upon the Governor. Senor Josef Arguello
a Captain in the Spanish army, and were received as
well as could be expected from inhabitants of a country
so far distant from the regions of Politeness & civility —
as this was merely a visit of ceremony, no bu[illegible] relative
to the Prize was entered into, on the next [illegible]
was commenced, & Mr. Hunt was infor[illegible] necessary
for him to live a shore, untill it was [illegible] according
on the morning of the 5th we took [illegible]
house allotted to us, which was [illegible]
ality of the Houses, but whe[illegible] was to be
consigned to the [illegible] Captn. & the Clerk
for their [illegible] a pre[illegible] buildings
superior [illegible] we repaired for our
meals [illegible] of Senor Cavinecio the
he [illegible] rested [illegible] the clearance of the cargo
& the treatment towards us was civil & good
After the necessary examination [illegible]

Thursday 8th the Brig was declared free, but as
the Spanish Sailors had publickly said, that they
would not give up their rights, early on Friday morning
a guard of 17 soldiers with a Lieutenant & a Sargeant
put the Brig in the hands of Mr. Hunt, who only
laid long enough to embark two bullocks & then
went to sea, — As the Spanish Vessel was
bound to Panama, Mr. Hunt enquired of the
Senior Cavinecio the possibility of person reaching the
United States by that route, when he was told it was
extremely easy & done every day, on the day before the
clearan[illegible] the vessel, the voyage was proposed to me,
[illegible] of its proving acceptable to Mr. Astor.
which a[illegible] He could not assure me of, & as I
was [illegible] these seas & seeing no prospect
[illegible] thing, I gladly accepted of it,
[illegible] Five hundred Dollars,
[illegible] case [illegible] should not think the
which [illegible] rise Mr. A.
voyage was [illegible]
their expence [illegible] future
way; this [illegible] Cavinecio
to [illegible] I look up to for ever [illegible]
at Panama, [illegible] struck up [illegible] on shore at
[illegible] Senior Cavinecio, where we [illegible] while [illegible] day
[illegible] we got under weigh [illegible]

26th Anchored in the Bay of St. Pedro, ——
While on shore at St. Barbara my time with some
exceptions passed away tolerably agreeable, the Govr.
has a large family, among them some very pretty
& interesting girls, for the three last years, except the
squaw ladies, have been the only beauties to whom I
paid my occasional devotions, their display though of
all their charms & their want of modesty, leaves the imag-
ination no field to fancy, which let sensualists say
what they please, forms one of the greatest delights of
Love, — The really modest looks & behaviour of these
sweet girls may be supposed to have ma[illegible] some
little ~~a one~~ impression on one situated [illegible]
pity for their situation condemned to [illegible] life either
in a Virgin state, or share their beds [illegible]
brute of a soldier, added greatly to [illegible] fee[illegible]
impressed with, I wished the [illegible] For[illegible]
upon me, that it might be [illegible] by offering to
share it with [illegible]
others in a [illegible] plumbing the
Whisper[illegible] wishes of Prudence
make [illegible] have yet your way to
forti[illegible] boisterous & even if you had
wh[illegible] & when the [illegible] friends [illegible] to such a marriage
you [illegible] a C[illegible] passion was over [illegible]
li[illegible] with a [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]

prejudice & bigotry added, could you trust your honour in
the keeping of a Spanish woman & a Catholic; ~~no [illegible]~~
mal gré tout cela if I had been a man of fortune, I verily
believe I would have committed a foolish action but at
present I am seperated, & the slight impression that was
made is wearing off at the expence of a few melancholy
hours &c. — Barbara Arguello is the goddess whose bright
eyes, had nearly captivated a sighing swain — Conception
Arguello a very pretty & unfortunate girl, who is remarquably
unlucky ~~[illegible]~~ having been engaged to no less than three strangers
whom business brought to this province & whose death
deprived her of — On the 15th Recd an
account [illegible] the English Brig Forester Captn Pigot
having [illegible] & Ortega's the day before & ~~after~~ hearing
of this rep[illegible] at St Barbara, to have immediately
de[illegible] On [illegible] 18th & 23d wrote to Mr Hunt by
certa[illegible]nities [illegible] the Rancha of Ortega, he expecting
to [illegible] there [illegible] before leaving the coast of
California, [illegible] On the procee-
dings of the Spanis[illegible] Brig
which I got the [illegible] [illegible]tified.
[illegible] & which [illegible] suppos[illegible] to
[illegible] I have now [illegible] my journal to
[illegible] date Thursday [illegible] on board
Ship St Catalina, alias [illegible] the

Bay of St Pedro. Coast of California Lat N. 33°42′
Long: W 117°5′ — Any occasional circumstances that occur
I shall note down, but as I now see Dei Gratia, a
prospect of soon reaching my home, I am in hopes that
the time will roll on so smoothly as not to oblige me
to soil any more papers, I put my trust in Providence to conduct
me safe through the sickly climes I have to traverse
in my passage homewards, and without anticipating any accident
I endeavour to make my time pass as agreeable as possible,
which is rather dull from the strange & awkward situ-
ation, I may suppose to be in, a protestant & an American
where all around me are Catholics & Spaniards — the
maxim that Lord Chesterfield endeavour[illegible] impress upon
the mind of his son, I also endeavour [illegible] the basis
of my conduct here — viz. Suaviter in modo, forti-
ter in re — On [illegible] the
of Septr weighed anchor fro[illegible]
& on Saturday [illegible] at St Juan
Capistrano [illegible] from the Bay
of St [illegible] dedicated to that Saint
about [illegible] at this place we expect to
meet [illegible] the Commander of the A[illegible]
[illegible] Ship [illegible] by the Spani[illegible]
the [illegible] Blas. while

and some of the Crew have been detained since that time
at St. Diego. a Spanish Presidio about 18 Leagues to the
S.E. of this position, to which place Capt. E. is to pilot
this Ship, the entrance of the Port being intricate —
there is some probability of this Gentleman going to Panama
with us, it is at any rate at his option, for the Senor Carinecio
has to my knowledge offered him a Passage, which I
suppose he will gladly accept, for a man who has seen other
parts of the world, the remaining idle in this almost Indian
Country, must be a situation of the most irksome kind —
Captn. E with his Clerk. Mr. Blanchard. & 3 sailors
joined us here on Sunday Evening 2d Octr. & when we imme
diately got under weigh for the Presidio of St. Diego.
[illegible] anchor [illegible] on Tuesday 4th. We remained at
[illegible] place untill Saturday 22 — While here notice was
[illegible] from the Correspondents of the Captain Cabenecio
[illegible] renders it necess[illegible] for him to touch at St. Blas.
a port on the main [illegible] 21. 31, as the business of
Captn. E. has [illegible] embarked
with all his people [illegible] passengers
one of the principal [illegible] order,
who have been [illegible] st
[illegible] years [illegible] two days
[illegible] Must [illegible] sight
[illegible] consi[illegible] tion,

If it is possible to quicken my voyage ~~across~~ homewards by
crossing the continent from St. Blas. to a port in the
Gulph of Mexico, & if the state of affairs renders it prac=
ticable, I shall endeavour to take that route, as I will
by that means avoid the pestilential clime of Porto
Bello, St. Blas is also very unhealthy at this sea
y, I hope by precautions to escape sickness —
Although the desire & wish of seeing my country
and friends may be supposed to be the predominant
passion of my soul after so long & disagreeable an absence
yet no boyish whim would prevent me if any thing advan
tageous should offer, from seizing it at the expence of three
or four years more absence, I have not any sanguine hopes
of such a circumstance taking place, it is true I have
received several hints from Captn Carinecio, who is man
of large fortune & one of a ~~numerous~~ Rich house in Guayaquil
& Lima, I have determined if he [illegible] offer any thing [illegible]
to accept it, what I consider s[illegible] the next thing to deter
mine, I do c[illegible] charge either of a
cargo or a [illegible] Settlements, this can
though [illegible] profitable to him, I am
far [illegible] the real state of the
ma[illegible] how [illegible] le [illegible] depending entirely
up the wherea [illegible] Governor Since Capt
been [illegible]

I do not know what accounts he has given him, but I am confident of one thing that if he employs Capt. E. to take a cargo to the Govr. he will not do so well with it, as I would, no self conceit or boyish vanity makes me hazard this assertion, it is founded upon the knowledge of Governor Barenoff's opinion of Capt. Carps, & of Govr. Barenoff's disposition, any man that carries a cargo to Shutka. ~~then~~ instead of entering now & then in the debauches of the old man, keeps up a rigid formality, & steadily refuses what the old man thinks civility, will not, except he possesses other striking qualities to make up for this, do any thing advantageous ~~a~~ with the old man,— this circumstance would appear trivial & of no consequence in commercial affairs to a merchant in any other parts of the world, but so many real examples of the truth of it have happened, that must convince the most obstinate, yet they are some Captains, in spite of the examples they have [illegible] obstinately & foolishly refuse to partake of the ol[illegible] feasts, & when they fail
in selling their cargo a[illegible] [illegible] themselves
by saying [illegible] m. me [illegible] [illegible] of
myself for any old scoun[illegible] a man
who has not suavity enoug[illegible] [illegible]gh
of the world, to conform [illegible] ing liberality
some degree of the pers[illegible] [illegible] remain some [illegible]
[illegible] seems [illegible] the

secure him— As it is not my business to push my opinion of the standing & capacity of Capt. E with Govr. Barenoff or Capt. Cavinecio, I remain an idle spectator, it is for these last reasons, that I have no sanguine hopes of doing any thing advantageous. I believe Cavinecio has a desire of doing something with the Russians, & Capt. E. is he thinks his man, for be it from me, to say or hint any thing that would injure a man who has already lost nearly the profits of 9 years labour in these seas—

On Sunday Evening Novr. 6th We anchored in the roadstead of San Blas, and found also at anchor a Danish ship from Bengale— This place is excessively unhealthy, most of the inhabitants having removed to Tepic— a town situated about 20 leagues inland— as being more healthy— I do not know what stay we intend to make here, but have great hopes not more than 10 or 12 days, in the mean time I remain on board [illegible] & taking what precautions are neces[illegible] to avoid [illegible] accou[illegible] lat. of this
town 21° 3' [illegible] situa[illegible] one would
suppose [illegible] freshness of air, but
from [illegible] heat prevail in all seasons—
[illegible] of the character of Spanish
sa[illegible] ad[illegible] c[illegible] [illegible]tance that is very common
a[illegible] [illegible]cutness left might
Tu[illegible] disputing in a [illegible]

tone, to all appearance not much in anger, when one
drew his knife with which they are all provided,
and instantly struck the other in the Belly, &
in withdrawing the knife, the intestines followed,
the murderer concealed himself untill about
12 o'clock at night, when throwing over board
a stage or small raft he endeavoured to jump
on it, but missing his hold & not knowing how
to swim he was drowned under the fore chains of
the vessel — these two deaths make no talk or stir
among them, they say that is their fashion of ending
a dispute —

At this place we receive great news
regarding the continent of Europe, which if true
in a wonderful manner, shows the instability of
human greatness — not much is said concerning
American affairs, [illegible] & their not being peace
[illegible] satisfaction
in April 1814 —
[illegible] countr[illegible] Boston
[illegible] affairs in France [illegible] Bengal
[illegible]
[illegible] left [illegible]
[illegible] between [illegible]

unfortunate for me, the Santa Catalina remains here
untill the middle of December, and I am obliged to
take up my residence on shore, to the great detriment
of my pocket and health; civility is a word of whose
meaning the Spaniards are ignorant, a stranger and a
Protestant there may be supposed to pass his time 25
among them not in a very pleasant manner, in fact my
difficulties are much more, than a person would
suppose, prudence prevents me from uttering my sen=
=timents as freely as I would, were I among another people
I will only add as a memento that from something the
Honorable Mr. Alvarez, the confidante of Carrera
told me the other day, I offered myself as a common sailor
to him, since I had undertaken the voyage, & was determined
to proceed in some manner or other, shame & a small
portion of conscience prevented the acceptance of this offer,
the sultry heats of the climate its unhealthy temperament
& the charact[illegible] its inhab[illegible] all which affect me
more [illegible] times so [illegible] apply that
I wish [illegible] ming with Carrera,
if th[illegible] life, the lessons of daily
in [illegible] of m[illegible] kind may be of some
[illegible] the [illegible] time — as these Gentlemen

Tepic. 20 leagues in land from St Blas
February 4th, 1815 Saturday —

My last date was from St Blas in the
commencement of Novr last — a violent &
dangerous fit of sickness has detained me in
my bed almost since that time. About the 20th
of Novr I learnt from Cavineccio that the
vessel would be detained at least one month
longer, & that it would be necessary for me to
move my baggage on shore as the state room
I occupied on board would be wanting for
some rich passengers from Guadalaxara,
I immediately comp[illegible] with hi[illegible] [illegible] although
labouring under at that [illegible] of the
[illegible] the shore, [illegible] del
to me to come on to [illegible] nor
[illegible] intermediate offered
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get me a passport from the Commandante of
St Blas, & if chance had not assisted me, by
allowing me to meet with a Gentleman of this
place & of the first family, Don. José Santa
Maria, 'ere this perhaps I should have placed
my bones in their original earth — on 26th Novr
we reached this place, & I accompanied Don
Josef to his house; — circumstances had prevented
Capt. Carys from getting any further inland
towards Mexico; among which was the Calentura
(the current disease of the country) a cold & hot
fever, a small house which the family of Santa
Maria's owned in the vicinity of Don Josef was
offered to Captn C. Carys [illegible] to live together & on
the first [illegible] ed there, & procure
a [illegible] of a man [illegible]
on [illegible] ill with the malig
[illegible] dangerous disease of
c[illegible] fevers, [illegible] &
[illegible] soon after

only Doctor of the place visited me twice a
a day untill the latter end of December, about
the middle of which at the crisis I suppose, he
gave me up as a dead man, and said that it
was neceſsary to confeſs & receive the sacrament
according to the custom of their church, if I did n-
ot wish my body to be buried in the fields, a
prey to dogs & vultures; as since I have thought
for myself, I have considered the form of worship-
ing the Almighty as a matter of little con-
sequence, provided the Heart is impreſsed with
a due sense of religion & of his unbounded &
unlimited mercy & goodneſs, I complied without
hesitation, confeſsed [illegible] sins that laid heaviest upon
my conscience, & accum [illegible] ~~the form~~
afternoon received the [illegible] or
ceremony ~~form~~ which is calcula [illegible] &
[illegible] but
baseneſs of those Vulgar [illegible]
to [illegible] who has witneſsed th
priests and

comfort of the Christian religion; it appears more
like the preparation for some puppet show, than
the most sacred office, that man can be engaged
in — My own feelings during the time I consid-
ered I had no chance to live, were, wicked as I
am, tranquil, I placed unbounded confidence
in the mercy of our Almighty Father, & I
never lost the hope of being saved through the
mercy of our Saviour, from the great torments
I suffered I wished the scene to be concluded;
— I had given Capt. E. every neceſsary instruction
what to do with my Papers, & what little money I
should leave behind — It has pleased the
Almighty to restore me thus far, for which I sincere-
ly hope he will always [illegible] me a grateful heart
—
of December the
Fa [illegible] Panama, & I of course
wa [illegible] bed, my thoughts are
con [illegible] and wh
money when

grades of Dollars, than a stranger would conceive
a Dollar is not absolutely worth a quarter of a one
in the U. States — On the 2d. Feby. arrived here from
St. Blas. John O'Farrell Esqr. an Irish
Gentleman of fortune, married in Manilla, at
present an Officer of the Galoon arrived a few
days since in St. Blas from the Gulph of Califor-
nia & after 4 years absence bound back to Manil-
with Dollars three & half million, independent of
private Property — I after a mature delibera
tion of my situation determined to reach Canton
if possible, as I was in this part of the world
without money, friends &c. & to live upon Mr. Astor's
friends there, although not in his employ, yet I
considered the sacri[illegible] of my tim[illegible] health, &
constitution I have made [illegible]
years would entitle [illegible]
from him, untill I [illegible]
[illegible] the way [illegible]
duct. Jas. J.

American Employ, and is well disposed towards
that nation, my situation in every respect, & my
desire of getting a passage on board the Galloon
to Manilla, I fully explained to him, and was
received by him in a Manner that done honour to
him as a Gentleman & a Man of feeling for the
distresses of others; he told me he would apply
to the Commadant & endeavour to get me a
free passage, but as there were 50 or 60 Passengers
going this he could not assure me of; at any
rate to make myself easy, that he would insure
me a Passage, & invited me at the same time to
come to his house & live in St. Blas, for which
place he ~~which place~~ he would set out in
10 or 12 [illegible] the 17 [illegible] in Company we
left [illegible] reached his house in St.
Blas [illegible] Feby. 22. I have been
[illegible] & a Mexica's in offici
[illegible] with gr
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suit, as an unrecommended stranger had no right to expect. & I hope if ever I have an opportunity to return them, I will not be found ungrateful — As for Capt. G. W. E. during the time we lived together, it was proved to my satisfaction that he is neither a Gentleman or Man of honor — his second officer. Mr. John. Blanchard of Boston died in Tepic, where, the charity of a Spanish Gentleman had brought him sick, from this place. The three other sailors (I say other sailors because Mr. B. was treated as a sailor) who accompanied us from California in the Eagle died in this port on board of her, & their bodies were thrown overboard for the sharks — In fact it is seldom a stranger fails to feel the effects of this climate, & he escapes with [illegible] life it is [illegible] & expence
of some other disease, for [illegible] J
have no fever, & can [illegible] a
complaint, (for which I know [illegible]
difficulty [illegible] be
lost [illegible] of

sleeping but exerting myself all day — My flesh is yellow, my eyes are yellow, & I am as poor as a Starved Rat — & I trust though that the Omnipotent will allow me to revisit once more my friends & Country —

From an English mate of a Schooner from Lima, that arrived here about the 1st Inst. I learn that the U.S. Frigate Essex. Capt. Porte was taken off Valparaiso. on the coast of Chili, by H. B. M. Frigate Phabe. & Sloop of War Cherub. Captains Hilyard, & Tucker. after a very obstinate & bloody engagement of two hours, 120. men being killed on board the Essex
the [illegible] size [illegible] Essex, which was
[illegible] to the Victors
Chile [illegible]
[illegible] nando. sep
[illegible]

gambling in all its forms, pass away very disagreeably; the smallness of the Vessel being only 60 Tons, the excessive sultry heat that prevails the number of Passengers also add much to the inconvenience, in what transactions of the Spaniards I have seen of this continent I have served that Men old & young are generally more corrupted, more destitute of honour, & in fact much greater rogues than they are with us, & the women more lascivious, who think nothing of their nuptial vow, only considering it as a convenient cloak to cover their inordinate [illegible] that very little distinction is made between a kept Mistress & a married Woman, that they associate together & visit one another, & of course the [illegible] of Love is communicated

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