NEW YEARS DAY
1859

Saturday 1st A strong southerly breeze & showery heavy dark clouds. --
Men enjoying a holy day. --

Sunday 2d Still heavy weather, cloudy with a strong S:W: breeze. --
All quiet. --

Monday 3d Blowing a strong southerly breeze with heavy constant rain. --
Men threshing oats in barn -- 21 bus. --

Tuesday 4th Fine clear day, a gentle westerly breeze. --
Men threshing oats in barn, 21 bus:- L'Gamine hauling gravel. --
Mr Powell left for Port Townsend this morning early. --

Wednesday 5th Light northerly air, beautiful day, hard frost during the night with a sprinkling of snow. --
All hands putting up log fence. L'Gamine with oxen hauling logs. --

Thursday 6th Weather unchanged. --
Mens occupations unchanged. --
"Otter" arrived about 4 pm: --

Firday 7th Beautiful fine calm, clear day. --
All hands shipping wool & 300 wethers on board "Otter" . -- Left in "Otter" for Fort about 1 pm: --

Tuesday 11th Beautiful fine clear day with a S:E: breeze. --
Returned from Victoria in "Otter" about 6:30 pm: found all well. --

Wednesday 12th Cloudy & showery all day, calm. --
Men threshing in barn. --

Thursday 13th A fine clear day wind S:W: light. --
Men repairing fencing in big field. --

Friday 14th Blowing a strong westerly breeze, heavy showers of rain. --
Men moving & cleaning potatoes in cellar. --

Saturday 15th Calm fine & clear. --

Men as yesterday. --
Powell left for Fort. --

Sunday 16th Cloudy & calm. --
All quiet. --

Monday 17th Blowing a strong S:W: breeze, cloudy. --
Men cutting logs to repair & heighten the fence round small field behind men's houses. L'Gamine with ox cart laying manure in fields. --

Tuesday 18th Weather unchanged, heavy showers of rain. --
Men cleaning potatoes in pit. --

Wednesday 19th Still blowing hard but fine. --
Men as yesterday. --

Thursday 20th Cloudy & overcast wind fresh S:W: --
Men in potato cellar cleaning &c.
Mr Powell arrived from Victoria. --

Friday 21st Calm with a northerly air, but cloudy. --
Men finished cleaning potatoes/572 bus./& potº cellar &c. --

Saturday 22d Fine calm day a little cloudy. --
Men packing up oat straw in barn &c. --
Served out 19 rations = 171 lb salt pork. --

Sunday 23d Beautiful calm warm day. --
All quiet. --

Monday 24th Weather unchanged. --
Men repairing & putting new logs in fence round small field behind men's houses. -- Jacob engaged for a year from this date. I sent out to Port L'Enfer to cut logs to finish the fence out there.--
Mr Powell left for Port Townsend & Whidby's Island. --

Tuesday 25th Weather cloudy but calm. --
Robillard & Victor squaring & sawing wood to make harrows. Chapuis, Paris & Cura threshing oats. George making a yoke. L'Gamine with horse & cart hauling manure into field near the Estblmnt. --
Napoleon I sent to Victoria to get some bl'cksmith work done he got a passage in Mr Hubbs canoe. --

Wednesday 26th Raining all day with a fresh S:W: breeze. --
Men threshing oats in barn. --

Thursday 27th Fine calm clear day. Had a slight fall of snow during the night; wind northerly.
Men threshing oats. Robillard & Chapuis sawing wood for harrows. L'Gamine with horse & cart hauling manure into field. --

Friday 28th Blowing fresh south, cloudy.--
Men threshing oats, making harrows. George & Chapuis forenoon killing two pigs for next weeks rations. -- Jacob returned from Port L'Enfer he has cut enough logs. -- Napoleon returned with Mr Hubbs from Victoria. --

Saturday 27th Still continues blowing a fresh breeze S: fine. --
Men threshing oats, procuring firewood &c. --
Page brought Angus' sheep in to Port L'Enfer from Mount Dallas. -- Jacob carting firewood. --
Served out rations of fresh pork -- = 228 lbs 19 rations. --

Sunday 30th Fine but continues blowing half a gale from South. --
All quiet. --

Monday 31st Beautiful fine calm clear day. --
Four men threshing oats. Jacob & L'Gamine with 3 yoke oxen out at Port L'Enfer hauling logs there for fencing. Sent a canoe to bring Angus & his things to Grande Bay, Port L'Enfer Station. --
"Fox" died, tumours weighing 26 lbs weight -- found in the chest & the intestines. --
Mr Powell arrived from Whidbys Island. --

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1st Weather calm fine & clear. --
All the men employed as yesterday.
Powell left for Victoria. --

Wednesday 2d Raining heavily nearly all day, no wind. --
Men threshing oats /4 men[?]/. Jacob part of the day with horse & cart cleaning barn yard. Victor & Robillard repairing field roller. L'Gamine making & fitting ox collars for yokes. --

Thursday 3d Fair & calm but foggy. --

Five men putting up a log fence to separate my yard from the other in front of men's houses. Forenoon, afternoon finished threshing oats 52 blls. not threshed , for animals ploughing. Robillard & Victor as yesterday finished roller this eve.g.

Friday 4th Cloudy dull but calm. --

Five men cleaning potatoes in old pit. Robillard & Victor making two troughs for cattle. Jacob sent to Prairie du Chine for oak to make harrow teeth. -- L'Gamine hauling gravel. --

Saturday 5th Raining nearly all day, calm. --

Men as yesterday. Jacob hauling firewood with horse & cart. -- Last evening a Mr Denman[?][1] arrived from Victoria. -- William McNeil & others arrived going deer hunting. --

Rations of salt beef 19 rations = 171 lbs meat 9 lb @[each]

Sunday 6th Blowing a fresh westerly breeze -- fine. --

All quiet. --

Monday 7th Fine calm clear day. --

Men cleaning potatoes in old pit. Robillard & Victor finished troughs & making oak harrow teeth. --

Powell returned from Victoria. --

Tuesday 8th Cloudy with a chilly north wind. --

All hands out at Port L'Enfer putting up a log fence. --

Wednesday 9th Beautiful fine clear day, northerly air. --

Men cleaning & removing potatoes out of pit in the field & putting them in the old cellar. --

Thursday 10th Weather beautifully warm fine & clear gentle northerly air. --

Six men out cleaning road of fallen trees from Prairie du Chien to Leroux's Prairie or Park Hill. Chapuis & Paris cutting beams[?] & rails[?] for six[?] sheep racks. --

Friday 11th Weather unchanged. --

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[1] C.L. Denman, who Griffin stated in a February 20, 1859 letter to Douglas was "formerly in Mr Pemberton's [the Surveyor of Vancouver Island] office", along with E.C. Gillette had apparently arrived on San Juan at that time to survey the island for the purposes of preemption by Americans.

Jacob assisted by George commenced ploughing with horses.
Robillard & the other Frenchmen cutting wood &c. for 6 sheep racks. --
L'Gamine hauling firewood, "Moss" harrowing manure in field. --

Saturday 12th Weather unchanged. --
Men all employed as yesterday. --
Sent Napoleon over to the Fort with Victor & L'Gamine & 2 Inds -- Victor to repair my ploughs &c. --
Served out rations of mutton to men say 19 rations = 214 lbs. --

Sunday 13th Weather continued beautifully fine calm & clear, northerly air. --
All quiet. --

Monday 14th Wind fresh from West, with heavy showers of rain all day. --
Men forenoon at sheep racks, afternoon threshing peas in barn.
Jacob ploughing in big field with horses. --

Tuesday 15th Fresh westerly breeze, chilly: -- during the night & this morning a slight fall of snow, wh^ch soon disappeared. --
Men at sheep racks. -- Jacob ploughing w^h horses. --

Wednesday 16th Blowing a strong S:E: breeze occasional falls of snow & hail. --
Men working at sheep racks. Jacob ploughing. --

Thursday 17th Snow during the night, some parts of the Is^ld entirely covered, others quite bare, wind S:E: --
Men forenoon threshing peas, afternoon splitting posts for a calf park. -- Jacob ploughing with horses. --

Friday 18th Beautiful calm clear day. --
Napoleon returned from Fort late last eveg. --
Robillard & Victor with Cura cutting & splitting rails for a calf park. Chapuis & Paris making post holes & erected d^o. -- Jacob ploughing. Nap: w^h George forenoon arranging ploughs &c.-- afternoon Nap: & L'Gamine, George & "Lamaree" ploughing with oxen. --
Old "Wind Moosone[?]" & his family arrived to day to remain I fancy. --

Saturday 19th Blowing a gale from S:E: -- clear. --
Men all as yesterday. --
Served rations of salt pork to men. --

Sunday 20th Calm, beautiful day. --
All quiet. --

Monday 21st Cloudy & overcast with heavy showers of rain, westerly breeze. --
Napoleon & George ploughing with oxen. L'Gamine & Lamaree ox driver. Jacob ploughing wh horses. "Miss" with oxen & cart hauling rails. -- Robillard & 4 Frenchmen cutting rails for calf park. -- Aleck: dairyman. Shepherds all with their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 22d Blowing a strong southerly breeze, clear. --
Robillard & 2 Frenchmen threshing peas. Paris wh "Miss" hauling rails. -- The other men all as yesterday. --

Wednesday 23d Forenoon blowing fresh southerly, afternoon blowing if anything stronger West, wh occasional showers of rain & sleet. --
Robillard & 3 Frenchmen draining & corduroy my road at the corner of big field going to new[?] bridge. -- The others all as yesterday. --

Thursday 24th Forenoon slight southerly air, fine, afternoon veered to westward & breeze freshened, light showers rain. --
Robillard & 3 Frenchmen finished calf park, & after dinner went to sheep park across Prairie, I intend making it higher to sow turnips in it. --The other men as Monday. --
U:S: Rev: Cutter arrived anchored in Griffin Bay. -- Mr Powell left for Victoria. --

Friday 25th Cloudy wh a few light showers of rain, wind fresh from South. --
All the Mens employments as yesterday. Killed 2 pigs for rations tomorrow. --
Mr Davis & others paid me a visit from the Cutter[2]. Went on board in the eve.g. --

Saturday 26th Weather much as yesterday. --
Mens employment unchanged. --
Page succeeded in getting Lamanee's sheep out to the Prairie on the extreme North side of the Isld, "Lamane" & 2 Chimsiams wh the gimmers 813. --

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[2] Mr. Davis must have been an American customs official who had arrived in the US Revenue Cutter Jefferson Davis (see the entry on Sunday the 27th).

19 rations fresh pork = 228 lbs. --

Sunday 27th Cloudy & overcast wh a light southerly air. --
All quiet. --
U:S: Rev: Cutter "Jeff: Davis" left this morning for Port Townsend. --

Monday 28th Beautiful fine clear warm day. --
Nap: & George ploughing wh oxen . Jacob wh horses. Robillard & Victor cutting ` beams[?] for a large cattle rack. Cura boring holes in sole[?] of do -- Paris cutting & getting out willows to put round garden fence. Chapuis digging up garden. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --
Mr Powell returned from Victoria. --

MARCH

Tuesday 1st Blowing a fresh breeze South & cloudy & chilly. --
Robillard & 3 Frenchmen building cattle rack, the others as yesterday. --

Wednesday 2d Wind South & then West continually changing wh very heavy showers of rain.--
Mens occupations unchanged. --
Chapuis sowed a few potatoes in garden. --

Thursday 3d Blowing a strong westerly breeze, showery. --
Mens occupations unchanged. --

Friday 4th Weather continues very stormy & windy. --
Robillard & 3 of the Frenchmen commenced building another rack for cattle to be placed in side of barn yard. -- the others as usual, ploughing &c. -- Paris sick, Nap: working his horses today.-
Mr Denman left for Victoria. --

Saturday 5th Blowing a terrific breeze from the South very cold & showery. --
Men as yesterday -- Jacob in with a bad hand. --
Served out 19 rats salt pork = 171 lb. --
Rev: Cutter "Jeff: Davis" arrived from Victoria sometime last eve.g late, anchored in Bay. --

Sunday 6th Fine day wh a fresh westerly breeze. --
All quiet. --
A schooner /"Sherman"/ arrived from Victoria wh Gillette, the said person who landed here surveying months[?] ago with a Mr Denman.[3] --

Monday 7th Weather unsettled blowing fresh from South to S: West. --
Napoleon & George wh "Miss" & Lamane ploughing house field /finished big field this morning/ wh oxen. -- L'Gamine wh horse & cart cleaning up barn yard. Jacob wh oxen hauling rails, wood for sheep racks to repair old ones. Robillard & 2 Frenchmen finished new rack in barn yard & cutting wood to repair old sheep racks. Paris cutting rails & carrying them out of the woods. Chapuis working in garden. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 8th Weather much as yesterday, & very chilly. --
All the men as yesterday. --

Wednesday 9th Wind light from South, a slight shower of sleet, cloudy. --
Mens occupations unchanged. --
Sowed cabbage & lettuce seed. --

Thursday 10th Weather unsettled forenoon blowing a gale from southward wh heavy hail[?] & rain showers, afternoon veered to West, wind fresh but fine. --
Mens occupations as usual, ploughmen ploughing up small patch across prairie for turnips &c. --

Friday 11th Weather fine warm & clear. --
Mens occupations as on Monday, finished racks this eve.g. --

Saturday 12th Cloudy & unsettled wind S:W: --
Robillard & 6[?] Frenchmen cutting & hauling logs to make log fence in big field higher, George ploughing turnip field. --
Rations, half mutton & salt beef. --

Sunday 13th Showery all day wind forenoon South & --? S:W: --
All quiet. --

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[3] See f.n. 1. Gillette later was involved in both San Juan Town and the development of the limestone quarries on the west side of the San Juan Island

Monday 14th Forenoon showery wind S:W: afternoon fine wind West & very fresh. --

Nap: ploughing in turnip field. George wh Lamane out at Port L'Enfer ploughing. -- Robillard & the other men in potato cellar cleaning potatoes. -- Jacob still laid up wh a bad hand. -- Aleck: dairyman, shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 15th Blowing fresh from West but fine & clear. --

All the men employed as yesterday. Visited George at Port L'Enfer ploughing, the ground out there is very wet & heavy for oxen ploughing. --

Wednesday 16th Blowing fresh from South very cold wh drizzling rain all day. --

All hands employed as on Monday. --

Wolves killed some ewes & lambs belonging to John Bulls flock out at Grande Prairie. -

Thursday 17th Light southerly wind, mild, wh showers of rain throughout the day. --

Men in potato cellar. -- George finished ploughing at Port L'Enfer. --

Friday 18th Forenoon light westerly wind & showery, afternoon wind freshened to a breeze & fine. --

Page & the four[?] Frenchmen wh Jacob left for Victoria, the formers 2 yr contract expired today. The Frenchmen who were engaged by the month have left with the intention of going to the mines[?][4]. Jacob went to see the doctor as a hand was becoming mortified & looked very bad. He will lose his fore[?] finger I expect. -- Mr Powell went to Fort likewise. --

Robillard, George & L'Gamine cutting logs & repairing fencing in big field. "Moss" wh oxen & cart cleaning up barn yard. Lamane wh another yoke hauling logs &c. -- Napoleon killing (2[?]) pigs for rations tomorrow. --

Saturday 19th Beautiful fine warm day, wind light West[?]. --

Men finished fencing. Moss wh ox cart hauling firewood[?]. George Lamane cleaning out pig styes. --

Served out rations fresh pork, 12 rats 12 lbs ea. = 180 lbs.

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[4] Mines ??.

Sunday 20th Blowing a strong westerly breeze cloudy & very chilly all day. --

All quite quiet. --

Monday 21st Blowing a fresh northerly breeze, showery & very chilly. --

George & Robillard out at 'Forks[?]' of the road cutting logs &c. for new pig styes. L'Gamine, "Lamane" & "Moss" wh 3 yoke oxen hauling do out on to Prairie. Napoleon cleaning out potato pits &c. -- Aleck: dairyman, he has now[?] nine[?] milch cows. -- Shepherds all out wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 22d Blowing fresh west but fine & clear. --

All hands as yesterday. -- Nap: taking bark off logs. --

Wednesday 23d Blowing fresh all day South & showery it is now /10 pm:/ blowing a gale. --

Robillard & George finished cutting all the wood required for pig styes. L'Gamine & two boys still hauling do for ea. wh 4 yoke oxen. -- Nap: barking logs. --

Thursday 24th Raining heavy all day without intermission, wind fresh from southward. --

Men cleaning out sheep shed. --

Jacob returned wh Indians /Windmoosine[?] & his 2 sons/ from Victoria, received property as per invoice[?] sent. -- See Invoice Book this date. --

Friday 25th Beautiful & fine clear day, wind fresh from westward. --

Robillard & George commenced laying flooring &c. for new pig styes. -- L'Gamine wh Lamane & "Moss" & 4 yoke oxen hauling wood for pig styes. -- Nap:- barking wood. --

Saturday 26th Fine clear day wind fresh West. -- hard frost & a little snow during the night. --

Men all as yesterday. --

Sunday 27th Weather as yesterday but quite calm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 28th Fine, calm & clear light westerly air. --

George, Robillard L'Gamine & Nap: building new pig styes. "Moss" & Lamane hauling wood for do, cross pieces[?]. -- Jacob still on

the list wh his hand, when at the Fort the doctor cut the end of it off. -- Shepherds all wh their flocks. --

Tuesday 29th Cloudy forenoon strong southerly breeze, afternoon changed to West & blowing very fresh. --

All the men as yesterday. --

Wednesday 30th Fine clear day, wind light from West. --

Robillard & George refitting flooring in my house. L'Gamine, "Moss" & Lamane cleaning out sheep shed.

Page returned in a sloop boat it seems he had not re-engaged & has come for his wife & baggage. --

Thursday 31st Beautiful warm calm day. --

George & Robillard splitting beams &c, for roof for pig styes, sawing wood for shingles for do- in the woods near the wharf. -- L'Gamine & Lamane taking old man things down &c. -- Jacob bringing Angus' things &c.- in from Port L'Enfer wh horse cart. -- Nap:- variously occupied. --

Page left in a sloop for Victoria bag & baggage. --

"Moss" & "Charly" went out to Little Mountain in charge of Angus' flock for the present.

Angus I have now appointed to succeed Page as head shepherd. -- Ewes lambing fast. -

APRIL

Friday 1st A beautiful fine warm day. Calm. --

Robillard & George splitting shingles. Jacob & L'Gamine sawing blocks & carrying shingles out of woods. Lamane wh the cart hauling do. Nap:- variously employed. --

Saturday 2d Weather unchanged. --

Men employed as yesterday, finished shingles & finished carting them here. --

Sunday 3d Weather continues fine, warm, calm & clear. --

All quiet. --

Visited sheep stations at Little Mountain, John Bulls & Lamane at the north end of the Island, found all well, the first two flocks lambing fast. --

Monday 4th Weather beautifully fine, calm, & clear. --

Nap: commenced sowing /oats/ in big field, L'Gamine & Lamane harrowing. -- Jacob wh horse cart hauling wood rafters &c &c. -- Robillard group cutting rafters, splitting beams[?] for roof of pig styes. -- Aleck: dairyman, he has 10 milking cows. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. Ewes lambing fast. --

Mr Hubbs left for Port Townsend. --

[*marginal note*] **Comd Sowing**

Tuesday 5th Weather unchanged. Very warm. --

Mens employments all as yesterday except Jacob rolling field, Robillard & George covering pig styes &c. --

A number of northern Inds arrived & passed. --

Wednesday 6th Weather unchanged. --

Robillard & George forenoon erecting two new stalls for cows, the others as yesterday; afternoon all hands filling bags wh potatoes. --

A boat arrived from Victoria wh 300 bags, seeds, &c. -- the former to be filled wh as many potatoes as I can spare which the "Beaver" on her return from Langley is to take. --

Thursday 7th Heavy rain without ceasing all day. --

George & L'Gamine wh a yoke of oxen out at Prairie du Chine getting oak for a new truck. Robillard making an axle tree for do -- & looking for some good cedar trees for shingles. Lamane cleaning out sheds &c. -- Nap: variously employed. Jacob wh horse & cart getting firewood. --

Mr Hubbs returned from Port Townsend. --

Friday 8th Continued raining all day, until about 3 pm: when the wind veered to the westward & cleared up fine. --

George & Robillard making a new truck. All the other men cleaning out sheep shed. --

Saturday 9th Fine, clear day wind fresh from Westward. --

Men all variously employed .--

Served out rations of mutton 168 lbs = 14 rats.--

Sunday 10th Forenoon fine & clear, afternoon heavy showers of rain. --

All quiet. --

Mr McNeill & others arrived from Victoria wanting to purchase potatoes, I told them I could spare none. --

Monday 11th Very hard frost during the night with a little snow. Wind fresh from North& continued do all day & very chilly. --

George & Robillard out at Mount Finlayson cutting cedar for shingles to cover granary. -- Napoleon sowing peas. L'Gamine, Lamane & "Joey" wh a yoke of oxen each harrowing. Jacob wh horse & cart forenoon hauling firewood, afternoon rolling the big field, -- Aleck: dairyman, he has now 12 cows.

Shepherds all wh respective flocks. Ewes lambing fast. --

Mr McNeill left for Victoria this morning. Mr Powell accompanied him. --

Tuesday 12th Cloudy & dull with a cold southerly wind. --

George & Robillard splitting shingles. Nap:- sowing peas in field in front of Estblmt. L'Gamine & Lamane harrowing. Jacob rolling the big field. -- The others as usual. --

Wednesday 13th Raining all day wh a fresh S:W: wind & very chilly. --

All hands as yesterday. Nap: finished sowing peas & men finished harrowing do today. -- Jacob rolling in big field. --

"Gwier[?]" left. --

Thursday 14th Fine clear day wh a fresh S:W: wind. --

Nap: L'Gamine & Lamane cutting potatoes for seed. Robillard & George planing shingles. -- Jacob rolling in field in front of my garden. --

Two large canoes /Stikenes[?][5]/ sent from Victoria for potatoes arrived late this eveg.--

Friday 15th Beautiful warm calm day. --

L'Gamine & Lamane I sent out to Jno: Bulls to haul park rails & fencing wh two yoke oxen. -- Aleck:- & Jacob wh horse & cart cutting grass for calves in the swamp near Port L'Enfer.-- Nap: George & Robillard carting done potatoes to canoes. --127 bags. -- They left about 8 am: -- 3 pm: two more canoes arrived they took 70 bags & left again immediately. --

Mr Powell arrived in these last two canoes. --

Saturday 16th Blowing fresh S:W: & chilly. --

George & Robillard squaring wood for sawing for roof of granary. -- The others all variously employed. Jacob wh Aleck: out in the swamp cutting grass. -- Rations of pork to 15 men = 180 lbs. --

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[5] The Stikenes came from the Stikine River, near Prince of Wales Island; they were part of the Tlingit group (see Map ??).

Sunday 17th Fine, calm, clear & warm. --
All quiet. --

Monday 18th Blowing a strong westerly breeze & chilly. --
All hands out at Port L'Enfer wh 3 yoke of oxen hauling logs to make the original fence higher. Nap:- out there sowing oats. Lamane harrowing do -- 9 bus.- Sum[?]. -- George & Robillard squaring cedar for sawing plank for roofing of granary. --
Ignace[?] engaged for 1 yr & today sent out to Port L'Enfer in charge of the flock now there. Angus[?] old band of ewes. --

Tuesday 19th Beautiful fine, warm, calm day. --
All hands out at Port L'Enfer putting up log fence except Nap: & Lamane hauling cedar logs for sawing.

Wednesday 20th Weather beautifully fine, warm & calm. --
All hands out at Port L'Enfer finished fence & cutting fallen trees on the road. L'Gamine I sent out to John Bulls to do some fencing & clearing land out there. Nap:- cutting potatoes for seed. -- Angus castrating all the lambs. --

Thursday 21st Weather as yesterday. --
Jacob & Lamane wh a yoke of oxen making drills for potatoes. Nap:- sowing do & 3 Inds hoeing. Robillard & George sawing plank for roof of granary. The others all as usual. --

Friday 22d Weather unchanged. --
Mens occupations all as yesterday. --

Saturday 23d Beautiful weather calm & clear. --
Mens employments unchanged. --
Served out rations of mutton. --
Angus, Aleck: , John Bull, Friday & Kanua[?] whose contracts have all expired left this morning for Victoria to settle their accounts receive advances &c. --

Sunday 24th Weather continues fine. --
All quiet. --

Monday 25th Weather fine wh a very chilly westerly wind. --
Robillard & George finished sawing couple[?] plank for roof of granary. Afternoon cutting wood for shingles, splitting, planing do. --

Jacob & "Joe" ploughing drills for potatoes. Nap: & 4 Ind^{s} sowing d^{o} -- "Lamane" at new station in change of Fridays sheep during the latters absence. L'Gamine at John Bulls in charge of his sheep during his absence at Victoria. -- Ignace[?] w^{h} his flock at Port L'Enfer. --

Tuesday 26th Blowing a fresh & cold westerly wind. --
Mens occupations all as yesterday. --

Wednesday 27th Fine, calm clear day. --
Mens occupations unchanged. --
Angus & Aleck: McDonald returned from Victoria. --

Thursday 28th Weather as yesterday. --
Nap: finished sowing potatoes in field near ho:- afternoon assisted by Jacob castrating calves, pigs, horses &c. -- Robillard & George finished making shingles & laying plank on roof & shingling granary. --
Mr Machie[?][6] arrived from Bell^{m} bay. --

Friday 29th Weather unchanged. --
Nap: sowing beets, carrots, parsnips in big field. Jacob & Lamane harrowing &c. -- Robillard & George covering granary. --

Saturday 30th Weather continues very fine & warm. --
Jacob & Lamane hauling more cedar for shingles. The others as yesterday. --
Nap:- serving out rations 17 = 204 lbs mutton. --
Friday, John Bull, Lamane, Kahahopa & Fridays Boy engaged as shepherds for one y^{r}.--
Lamane goes out today to remain at John Bulls w^{h} L'Gamine to plough & sow out there. --

MAY

Sunday 1st Weather fine, warm & calm. --
All quiet. --

Monday 2^{d} Weather fine, but cloudy, calm. --
Joseph & Napoleon sawing blocks & splitting wood for shingles. -- L'Gamine & Lamane out at John Bulls ploughing -- they commenced to-day. -- Jacob & Robillard I have given a fortnight leave to work on their

[6] Mr. Machie ??.

claims. -- Aleck: attending cows &c. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. -- Four Chimsian boys, Miss, Jake[?], Liggesano[?] & Swecometoke[?], left to-day for Victoria to return to their country.[7] --

Tuesday 3d Weather much as yesterday cloudy, westerly air. --
George & Nap: planing shingles. The others all at the same employment as mentioned yesterday. --

Wednesday 4th Blowing a gale of wind all night, to-day fine wh a fresh westerly breeze. --
Nap: & George shingling roof of granary. The others as on Monday. --
Engaged "Kamaka" for one year. --

Thursday 5th Beautiful fine calm, clear day, very warm. --
Mens employment unchanged. -- Kailiaka[?] weeding carrots. --

Friday 6th Weather cloudy & showery wind light west. --
Mens employments unchanged. --
H:M:S: "Satelitte " arrived in Griffin Bay almost 9 am went with Capt Prevost[?][8] & all the officers round the Island. --

Saturday 7th Fine calm & clear. --
"Satellite" left at an early hour this morning for Esquimault.--
"Miss", Charly" & Joey" left for Victoria to be paid off & to return to Fort Simpson[?]. --

Sunday 8th Weather fine wh a fresh westerly breeze. --
All quiet. --

Monday 9th Beautiful calm warm day. --
Nap: & George finished shingling granary. Jacob & Robillard have still this week to themselves. -- Kamaka weeding in garden. Aleck: dairyman. -- The shepherds all wh their respective flocks. L'Gamine out at John Bulls sowing oats & peas & harrowing do -- Young "Lamane" in my kitchen as Cook &c. --

Tuesday 10th Weather continuing beautifully fine. --
Nap: & George sticking peas in garden weeding &c. -- The others as usual. --

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[7] Tsimshiams returning to their country (Fort Simpson); see also Saturday, May 7th.
[8] James Prevost was captain of the HMS Satelitte as well as commanding officer for the Northwest Boundary Survey.

Wednesday 11th Very warm & calm. --
Men weeding in garden. Nap: sowing some more peas in big field. --
U:S: Rev: Cutter arrived in the Bay late this eve.g. --

Thursday 12th Excessively warm not a breath of wind. --
Men working in garden. --
Officers of the Cutter visited the Estblmnt. --

Friday 13th Weather unchanged. --
Robillard, George & Jacob squaring wood for sawing plank to fill gable ends of granary. -- The others as usual. --
Cutter left early this morning. --

Saturday 14th Oppressively warm & calm. --
Men carting rubbish & cleaning up barn & round house &c. --

Sunday 15th Weather cloudy & unsettled , calm. --
All quiet. --
A boat arrived from Dungeness[?][9] wh an American who I am given to understand purposes settling here. he land[?] 2 or 3 pigs & other property. --

Monday 16th Heavy rain wh a southerly breeze. --
Jacob, George & Robillard hauling cut logs for sawing. -- Nap: sowing some more peas in big field, but the rain prevented our harrowing. --
Angus wh all the kanakas & spare Indians **washing wethers**. --

Tuesday 17th Beautiful warm calm clear day. --
Jacob harrowing & rolling peas &c. in big field. -- George & Robillard sawing 1/2 in cedar boards for gable ends of granary. -- Napoleon forenoon transplanting **cabbages**. -- Kamaka cleaning sheep shed. --

Wednesday 18th Weather much as yesterday but foggy. --
Jacob, Nap: & an Indian weeding potatoes -- the others as yesterday. --

Thursday 19th Weather unchanged. --

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[9] Dungeness Bay, located on the north coast of the Olympic Peninsula (see Map ??).

All hands except George & Robillard [*insert* (sawing)] weeding potatoes. -- Angus w^{h} L'Gamine commenced **shearing** rams & wethers Pakee bagging fleeces. --

I propose going to Victoria tomorrow if nothing occurs to prevent my going. --

Friday 20th Excessively warm & calm. --

Nap: w^{h} Robillard closing in gable end of granary. Jacob w^{h} Ind^{s} weeding potatoes. L'Gamine, John Bull, & Angus shearing. Kamaka tying wool. -- Last eve.g late 6 canoes of Hyders landed below new station & completely sacked Fridays House, broke the windows & left nothing whatever in the Ho:-- I had intended going to the Fort to-day but was detained in consequence. -- Friday sheep are now at the Little Mountain.[10] --

George & old Pakee left for Victoria this morning their contracts having expired. -- L'Gamine & Robillard leave w^{h} me tomorrow morning. --

Wednesday 25th Fine day w^{h} a fresh westerly breeze. --

Returned from Victoria in the "Carolina"[11] almost 7 P:M: found all well. --

Thursday 26th Very warm & calm. --

Men variously employed. --

Friday 27th Weather unchanged. --

Nap: Robillard & Jacob squaring wood for lower flooring granary. -- All the rest washing sheep forenoon & afternoon weeding in fields. --

Saturday 28th Fine all day w^{h} heavy rain at sunset. --

Men as yesterday. --

Sunday 29th Beautiful day calm & clear. --

All quiet. --

Monday 30th A fresh S:W: breeze & very chilly. --

Robillard, Napoleon & Jacob squaring wood for lower flooring granary. -- L'Gamine, John Bull w^{h} Angus shearing. François tying wool. -- Lamane w^{h} Indians weeding & transplanting cabbages. Shepherds all w^{h} their respective flocks. --

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[10] Raids by northern Indians, such as the Haida, were particularly dreaded by the Salish Indians, and Americans squatters on San Juan formally petitioned US troops to protect them. See also 11/24/1859.

[11] The identity of the ship "Carolina" is not known at this time.

Tuesday 31st Wind fresh S:W: fine & clear. --

The three men squaring as yesterday. Aleck: & Mr Powell wh two ploughs[?] ploughing up a place in big field for turnips. A month ago we sowed carrots in the same place but they have not come up. -- Indians hoeing potatoes. --

Shearers shearing gimmers. -- comd to-day. --

JUNE

Wednesday 1st Oppressively warm & calm. --

Mens occupations as yesterday, except Jacob & Lamane wh 3 yoke oxen hauling logs for lower flooring granary. Robillard & Napoleon laying do. --

Thursday 2d Weather excessively warm not a breath of wind. --

Nap: & Robillard laying flooring granary. Jacob & Lamane hauling wood for do -- Inds weeding potatoes.

"Constitution" arrived wh cattle for John Witty[?].[12] --

Friday 3d Weather unchanged. --

All the Men & Inds as yesterday. --

Saturday 4th A thunder storm wh heavy rain all forenoon, afternoon fine & clear. --

Men & Inds as usual. --

Shepherds finished shearing gimmers[?] --

Killed a young year old heifer for rations, she has been sometime ill, in examining her, tumours were forming in the lungs & chest. -- She could not have lived long. --

Sunday 5th Fine calm & warm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 6th Showery all forenoon & cloudy, afternoon fine. --

Shepherds & Inds washing Ignaces' band of old ewes. -- Napoleon & Robillard finished flooring of granary & repairing flooring in small park in sheep shed. Jacob hauling rails & out at John Bulls to bring home a plough. --

Mr Hubbs left for Victoria. --

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[12] The ship Constitution has not been identified. John Witty or Wittey was one of the American petitioners for American troops in 1859; he is also listed in the 1864 'census' of American settlers enumerated by the American Camp commander in 1864.

Tuesday 7th Cloudy but fine & very sultry[?]. --

Robillard & Napoleon making cladding[?] for gable ends of granary. "Moss" & "Small Boy" sawing plank. -- Jacob wh Lamane ploughing potatoes-- loosening the dirt. -- Angus & shearers packing wool. --Gimmers[?].-- Inds hoeing & weeding potatoes. --

George Beuche[?] returned. --

Wednesday 8th Very warm wh a light air. --

All hands as yesterday, before breakfast. Robillard wh Napoleon squaring wood for Inds to saw. Afternoon at granary putting locks, hinges, saddle on roof &c. --

Thursday 9th Weather very sultry, afternoon showery wh very loud thunder & vivid lightning. --

Robillard, George & Nap:- squaring wood for sawing. The others as on Monday. -- Shepherds shearing old ewes /Ignaces/. --

Friday 10th Strong westerly breeze & cool. --

All hands as yesterday. Inds weeding turnips. Jacob & Lamane ploughing potatoes. --

Saturday 11th Weather much as yesterday. --

All hands as yesterday. Jacob & Lamane finished ploughing potatoes. --

Sunday 12th Warm wh a light westerly breeze. --

All quiet. --

Monday 13th Blowing a strong westerly breeze & very chilly. --

Napoleon wh 3 Inds in a canoe I sent to north end of the Isld for oak to make axle trees, cradles & axe handles. -- Robillard laying upper flooring of granary. George planing plank floor do, two Inds sawing do. -- Jacob & Lamane hauling logs for another potatoe[*sic*] cellar. Two Inds cutting logs. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks except John Bull, L'Gamine & Angus shearing Ignaces flock of old ewes. Kamaka tying wool. -- Aleck:- dairyman. --

Tuesday 14th Calm warm & clear. --

All the men employed as yesterday. --

Nap: & others returned early this morning having procured the oak I sent them for. --

Wednesday 15th Heavy rain during the night & showery all day, light wind. --

Shepherds packing wool, finished shearing Ignace's flock last eve.g. -- Jacob & Lamane hauling logs. Robillard & George sawing oak for hay carts, cradles &c. -- Inds weeding &c. --

Napoleon left for Victoria to have his account settled. --

An American shot one of my pigs for trespassing!!!--

Beaver arrived wh Messrs Dallas, Fraser & Dr Tolmie.[13] --

Thursday 16th Forenoon calm & warm, afternooon chilly wh a fesh westerly breeze. --

All hands shipping sheep on board Beaver say

400 gimmers
10 old rams
10 young do.
1 mare 3 yr old
2 gimmers for Beaver
1 steer 2 yr old do.
2 kegs butter --

Napoleon returned from Victoria. --

Friday 17th Beautiful day warm calm & clear. --

Robillard & George splitting logs for potato pit. -- Jacob & Lamane finished hauling logs. -- Indians weeding & hoeing. -- Shearers repairing parks, gates &c.-- Aleck: dairyman. -- Shepherds all wh their flocks. --

Mr Powell engaged as my asst his services begin from this day.[14] -- Napoleon left in the "Beaver" this morning he is required at Fort Hope. --

Messrs Dallas & Fraser & Dr Tolmie left this morning about 9 am: --

Saturday 18th Warm calm & clear. --

Shearers & all the Inds & Kanakas out washing Fridays band of old ewes. --

Robillard, George & Jacob cutting cedar posts rack poles &c. -- for new potato pit. --

Powell serving out rations &c. --

Sunday 19th Blowing a strong westerly breeze & very chilly. --

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[13] This is the official beginning of the Pig War (see introductory essay). Alexander Grant Dallas was a director of the Company; Donald Fraser was a member of the Victoria Council; and Dr. William Fraser Tolmie (1812-1886) was a Chief Factor as well as one of the founders of the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, having managed that Company's farm at Nisqually.

[14] The position of assistant—basically second in command—probably carried some financial benefit.

All quiet. --

Monday 20th Calm & very warm. --

Robillard repairing my chimney white washing &c. -- George wh Lamane hauling cedar post & cutting rack poles for cellar &c. -- Angus & shearing[sic] cleaning parks & repg park fences. -- "Miss" & "Small Boy" sawing plank. Powell superintending work about the Estblmnt. Jacob out visiting[?] the studs recently castrated. -- Inds cleaning potatoes in cellar. --

Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Mr Wallace[?][15] & 2 others arrived from "Lummy[?]". --

Tuesday 21st One of the most oppressively hot days we have had yet. --

Shearers commenced shearing Fridays flock of old ewes. -- Powell, George & Robillard commenced building a new pit. -- Indians cutting & Jacob carting turf for covering do. "Miss"& "Small Boy" sawing. -- Aleck: attending cattle, calves cutting & carting grass, water &c. --

Wednesday 22d If anything warmer than yesterday not a breath of wind. --

All the men & Inds employed as yesterday. -- Aleck: wh hay cart & oxen out cutting grass for calves in the swamps beyond Port L'Enfer. --

Thursday 23d Weather much as yesterday excessively hot. --

Men & Inds employed as on Tues: & Wed:-. I forgot to remark last night that a quick susceptible shock not unlike an earthquake was felt all over the Isld /from enquiries I have made to-day/ yesterday afternoon between 5 & 6 ocl'k.[16] --

Shearers finished shearing Fridays band of ewes. --

Friday 24th Blowing a gale from S:W:- fine. --

All hands except George, Robillard & Jacob out washing sheep. John Bulls flock old ewes. George & the other two laying turf on pit. --

Saturday 25th Wind continues the same, cloudy. --

All hands at potatoe pit, laying on turf, cutting do & carting it.--

Sunday 26th Cloudy & overcast, sprinkling showers. --

All quiet. --

Last night a schooner arrived from up the sound wh cattle, pigs &c. -- belonging to some[?] new squatter. --

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[15] Mr. Wallace from Lummi ??.

[16] Unfortunately, there is no known published confirmation of this event in the region, although there were tremblors that same year near Olympia and San Francisco.

Monday 27th Weather much as yesterday showery wh a light southerly breeze. --

George & Robillard making a covering for chimney in potato cellar. Jacob cutting some turf for roof. Inds cutting poles & wh Powell putting fencing round all the pits. Lamane carting rails. -- Aleck: wh his cows &c. -- Angus, L'Gamine & John Bull commenced to day shearing Jn: Bulls flock of old ewes. -- Kamaka tying wool. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 28th Very warm & calm. --

George & Robillard covering anew the pit we built last summer. 'Lamane' carting turf, 3 Inds cutting do & one Ind: weeding potatoes. Powell making rakes &c. -- Jacob I last night discharged for having been beastly drunk all yesterday, & having connived wh Clalam "Joe" in stealing liquor from an Amn. --

Mr Hubbs left for Bellingham Bay. --

Wednesday 29th Cloudy but calm & warm. --

George & Robillard covering old pit afresh wh turf. Lamane hauling & an Ind: cutting do. -- The other Inds weeding in potatoe field.-- The others as on Monday. --

Thursday 30th Showery all day wh a dull fog & calm. --

George & Robillard commenced making two new hay carts. Inds & Lamane all weeding. Shearers finished shearing Jno: Bulls flock. --

JULY

Friday 1st Dull cloudy weather. --

George & Robillard making new hay carts. Inds all weeding potatoes. Lamane & Kamaka wh them. Shearers packing wool &c. --

Saturday 2d Weather continues very cloudy & dull every appearance of rain. --

All hands as yesterday. --

John Bull went out to his station wh his sheep to remain, Kauna in here wh the gimmers on Mount Finlayson. --

Sunday 3d Weather very warm & calm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 4th Weather continues calm & very warm. --

L'Gamine, Kamaka & Lamane wh 4 Inds weeding turnips. -- George & Robillard making two new hay carts. -- Aleck: attending his cows. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Steamer "Beaver" arrived wh Mr Dallas about 7 Pm: --

Tuesday 5th Very warm wh a light westerly air. --

Forenoon all hands employed getting up provisions &c. -- See Invoice Book this date, from wharf, afternoon shipping sheep on board "Beaver"

200 wethers Sp.g '58
253 gimmers -do.-

Wednesday 6th Fine warm calm day until about 2 pm: when it blew furiously S:W: --

George & Robillard at hay carts all the other Men Inds & all weeding turnips. --

Mr Dallas left about 9 am: --

Thursday 7th Weather fine wh a light westerly breeze. --

George & Robillard as yesterday & the Inds likewise. Powell, Lamane & L'Gamine wh 2 ox carts hauling hay from Port L'Enfer.--

Friday 8th Weather continues fine & warm.--

All hands as yesterday -- finished hauling hay.--

Saturday 9th Weather unchanged.--

All hands weeding in big field.--

U:S:S: Massachusetts" wh General Harney & suite arrived here about 12 am:- came on shore for about 20 min:- & went away again, did not go farther than top of the hill above the wharf.[17]--

Sunday 10th Very warm & calm. --

A Mr McKay[18] & two other gentlemen arrived last night from Victoria wh the intention of purchasing sheep. -- I with them visited two of the flocks to-day. --

Monday 11th Weather unchanged. --

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[17] General William Selby Harney (1800-1899) was commander of the US Army's Department of Oregon. Built in Boston in 1845, the USS Massachusetts was used to transport troops throughout the Puget Sound region. She was a slow-moving, propeller-driven steamship that also had sails, and was 161 feet long with 31 feet at the beam.

[18] Mr. McKay ??.

I went out again this morning wh these gentlemen & visited John Bulls flock, but it seems they want to cull the best of my black face S:D:- wh Mr Dallas has imperatively ordered me not to do.--

All hands weeding turnips carrots &c.

George & Robillard laying upper flooring of granary. --

Americans all electioneering at Hubbs. --

Mr McKay & party left about 3 pm:- I let them have 25 --? herd S:D: rams. --

Tuesday 12th Heavy rain during the night, to-day fine calm & clear. --

George & Robillard making a wooden cylinder for steaming wood for cradles. --

L'Gamine cutting yoke collars & hay forks. Powell & all the Inds out at Port L'Enfer cutting rails & hauling do for a new park for Ignaces sheep. --

Wednesday 13th Very warm & calm. --

George & Robillard cutting, steaming & making handles for cradles. -- L'Gamine wh 3 Inds out at the north end of the Isld in a canoe, to cut garry oak, for axletrees, yoke collars &c. - 2 kanakas cutting logs & Lamane hauling do to make a standing park at sheep shed for separating lambs &c. --

Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Thursday 14th Excessively hot & calm. --

George & Robillard making cradles. L'Gamine wh his 3 Inds returned about daylight wh oak for axletrees & yoke collars. -- After breakfast he commenced making collars, steaming do &c. -- Inds out cutting rails to fence in an enclosure in front of the barn. -- Lamane & Jess[?] hauling logs for new park. 2 kanakas cutting logs out near Port L'Enfer. --

Friday 15th Dull & cloudy wh occasional showers of rain. --

Men as yesterday 2 Inds 2 kanakas & Louis[?] out on Cowitchin road splitting cedar rails. -- Lamane & Jess[?] hauling logs. --

Saturday 16th Very warm & calm. --

All hands employed as yesterday. --

Sunday 17th Very warm & sultry & calm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 18th Oppressively warm not a breath of wind. --

Robillard & George burning shells for Louis & cutting more logs for park at sheep shed. -- L'Gamine Lamane & "Jess" hauling logs wh 3 yoke oxen. -- Louis 2 kanakas & 2 Inds out in Cowitchin road splitting cedar rails. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. Aleck:- attending cows & sows wh young[?] pigs. --

Tuesday 19th Weather as yesterday, very hot. --

Powell accompanied by Ignace & three Inds I sent this morning to Victoria for advances for men & get some blacksmith work done for cradles &c. --

Robillard also left for good & all. --

George making a new axletree repairing a cart & arranging ox collars. -- L'Gamine & Lamane hauling cedar rails from where they are splitting them in the Cowitchin road out on the Prairie near the Forks, from thence he will haul them wh the big carts. -- 2 kanakas & Louis splitting rails. -- Aleck:- attending cattle, calves & pigs. --

Wednesday 20th Another very warm day, calm. --

George dressing ox collars & cutting posts for new fence or enclosure in front of barn. -- L'Gamine & Lamane hauling rails as yesterday. 2 kanakas carrying rails out of woods on to road. -- Louis finished splitting rails from Cowitchin road. --

Thursday 21st Weather unchanged. --

George & L'Gamine planing posts, pegs &c. & 2 kanakas making post holes & sawing posts. -- Lamane hauling rails from Cowitchin road. --

Friday 22d Weather unchanged. --

George & L'Gamine putting up new fence, gates &c. -- 2 kanakas & Inds weeding turnips. --

Powell returned from Fort. --

Saturday 23d Dense fog all forenoon, afternoon very warm wh a light southerly air. --

All hands weeding turnips. --

Sunday 24th Very calm & warm. --

Mr McKay & Mr Morris[19] arrived here about midnight last night from Puget Sound. --

Old Ignace & others returned from Victoria. -- Aleck:- left to see the doctor he was suddenly taken very ill. --

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[19] Mr. McKay and Mr. Morris ??.

Monday 25th Dense fog but warm & calm. --

Mr McKay & others left early this morning for Victoria. --

Angus wh L'Gamine & other shepherds washing rams in tobacco water. -- George making rakes for harvest. -- 2 kanakas & 3 Inds weeding turnips. --

Tuesday 26th Beautiful fine warm clear day. --

Angus, L'Gamine & Kahaliopua out at Grande Prairie cutting hay. Lamane & 2 Inds in big field weeding turnips &c. -- George making cradles. --

Wednesday 27th Dark & cloudy wh constant thunder & showers of rain. -- wind fresh west --

L'Gamine wh two kanakas out at Grande Prairie cutting hay. George at cradles. Inds whitewashing house. --

Last eve.g late the U:S: Steamer "Shubrick" & "Massachusetts" anchored in the Bay. They have been all day landing stores &c &c -- wh the intention I fancy of building a military station a number of soldiers, officers &c- wh tents stores &c are encamped near the Lagoon at my wharf.[20] --

H:M:S: "Satellite" came to anchor in Harbor about 6 pm:- I went on board & saw Capt. Prevost -- returned about 9 p:m:--

Thursday 28th Fine calm warm day. --

Angus commenced weaning Ignaces flock of lambs. 3 Kanakas helping him. -- George squaring wood for saw logs. Inds whitewashing house. --

Went on board "Satellite" about 8 am:- saw Capt. Prevost & remained until about 11 am: when I landed wh Mr DeCourcy & Lieut: Peile, on arriving at Estblmnt the latter gentleman in presence of all our men read Mr DeCourcy's commission as Magistrate for this Island.[21] --

"Satellite" left Griffin Bay about 5 pm:-- A report has just /9 pm:/ reached me that two more steamers have anchored in the Harbor -- came in late. --

Friday 29th Calm & very warm. --

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[20] US Steamer Shubrick was built in Philadelphia in 1857 and used as a revenue cutter and lighthouse tender throughout Puget Sound. One hundred forty feet in length and twenty-two in beam, she was a single engine steamer rigged as a brigantine.

[21] John Fitzroy de Courcy was appointed "a Justice of the Peace and a Stipendary Magistrate for the District of San Juan" by Governor Douglas on July 23rd (Miller 1940:59). Peile, First Lieutenant of the Satelitte ??.

Shepherds weaning lambs. Ind^{s} weeding in big field. --

Yesterday forenoon "Shubrick" went out to meet "Constitution" both returned or rather anchored late in the [*insert* Thursday] eve.g in Harbor. -- this morning early I went down & found them discharging from "Constitution" provisions, stores, &c besides 4 mules, 1 yoke oxen & a number (4 or 5) of riding horses. --

"Beaver" w^{h} Mr Dallas & Mr Carly[22] arrived about 6 pm:-- H:M:S: "Tribune"[23] came to anchor about 9 pm: in Harbor. --

Saturday 30th Very warm & calm. --

Mens occupations as yesterday. --

This morning I lodged a complaint before Capt Picket personally his being a trespasser here & warning him off the Island -- see official correspondence. -- Mr Dallas left in "Beaver" about 1:30 pm: --

Sunday 31st Calm & warm. --

"Shubrick" arrived about 2 pm:- & the small steamer "Caledonia"[24] from Victoria w^{h} a number of passengers on a pleasure excursion. -- H:M:S: "Plumper" passed thru "Griffin Bay"[25] on her way to Fraser's River, she remained only long enough to send dispatches on shore & proceeded on.--

AUGUST

Monday 1st Heavy rain during the night & cloudy all day. --

George & L'Gamine arranging new axles & wheels for hay carts. All the other hands w^{h} Angus separating wether, ewe & ram lambs.

Steamer "Enterprise"[26] arrived from Victoria late this eve.g w^{h} passengers. --

U:S:S: "Massachusetts" arrived from Port Townsend toward sunset. --

Americans moved camp from wharf to behind spring in front of Home Prairie.[27] --

Tuesday 2^{d} Very sultry & calm. --

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[22] Mr. Carly ??.

[23] HMS Tribune was one of the five warships of the Pacific Station of the Royal Navy.

[24] The identity of the steamer "Caledonia" is not known at this time.

[25] This is the first reference to Griffin Bay, formerly "Grande Bay" and "Belle Vue Bay" (see f.n. ??).

[26] The steamer Enterprise was probably the boat originally built in 1855 for the Willamette trade and later brought by Captain Tom Wright to the Frazer River. (Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, Ships and Shipping Database [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/cgi/shipcgi2.exe]).

[27] These springs, near the cliffs at present-day South Beach, had been used by the Company.

George & L'Gamine sawing more plank for upper flooring. Angus wh shepherds gone to Grande Prairie wh a flock of lambs. -- Two of my calves of this spr.[?] were suddenly attacked yesterday wh some unaccountable disease & died to-day. One had an inflamation in the throat & the other its liver seemed effected. --

H:M:S: "Plumper" arrived this morning wh marines[?] &c. -- Col. Moody likewise[28] -- he took passage in the "Enterprise" & has gone to Victoria this afternoon. --

Wednesday 3d Weather much as yesterday. --

All the men as yesterday. --

H:M:S: "Satellite" anchored in Griffin Bay this morning, there is now here "Plumper" & "Tribune". -- We have heard no particulars as to what has been done to-day. --

"Constitution" left for Victoria about 1 p:m:- the "Massachusetts" for Bellingham Bay.--

Thursday 4th Very sultry & calm. --

George & L'Gamine sawing plank. Inds weeding turnips &c. Aleck:- out examining the cows & calves he took to John Bulls yesterday. Angus re-counting all the flocks. --

During the night the "Julia" arrived wh ex Governor Stevens[29] & a large party, they left early this morning. -- H:M:S: "Satellite" left at daylight for "Semiamoo".-- H:M:S: "Plumper" left for Victoria. --

Friday 5th Dull & cloudy wh a northern air, a few slight showers of rain. --

Powell & George down on wharf repairing park & gate[?] &c.-- L'Gamine & an Indian hauling stores. -- The other Inds weeding. -- Aleck:- looking after our cows out at John Bulls, lost another calf /broken leg cows/ yesterday from the same disease the other two died of. -- Angus killing sheep for rations. --

Saturday 6th Fine, calm & clear. --

Steamer "Beaver" wh Dr Tolmie arrived about 8 am: & left again about 2 pm:- wh 400 old ewes. -- All hands Inds & all embarking sheep. --

U:S: Steamer "Active" & Rev: Cutter "Jeff Davis" left the Harbor about 1 pm:- the former went in the direction of Victoria & the latter Port Townsend. --

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[28] Col. Moody??.

[29] Julia and Richard D. Gholson had been appointed Governor of Washington Territory on March 5, 1859, but did not arrive to assume his duties until July 10th; hence the former Governor, Isaac I. Stevens, acted in his stead (Miller 1940:65).

Sunday 7th Very calm & sultry. --
All quiet. --
U:S:S: "Massachusetts" came to anchor in Bay about 11 am:--

Monday 8th Calm & very warm.--
George & L'Gamine [*insert* laying] flooring in granary. Aleck:- out hunting up cattle. -- Powell wh all the spare Indians weeding. --
Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --
"Shubrick" & "Active" anchored in Griffin Bay to day -- the former from Semiamoo & the latter from Victoria. --

Tuesday 9th Oppressively warm & calm. --
George as yesterday. Powell wh Inds as yesterday. -- Angus, L'Gamine & John Bull left for Victoria at day light to get their shearing money[30]. --

Wednesday 10th Weather fine warm & calm. --
Mens employments unchanged. --
U:S: Steamer "Active", "Shubrick" & "Julia" arrived this morning & landed in front of springs some 100 or 150 more soldiers, wh Col: Casey & other officers.[31] -- "Satellite" arrived about 1 pm: & left again about 3 pm:--

Thursday 11th Very warm & calm. --
George making steps for granary. -- Inds weeding &c. -- Angus & the two kanakas returned from Victoria about 9 pm: --

Friday 12th Weather warm wh a fresh S:W: air. --
Inds weeding & assisting to kill bull. George at various odd jobs about the Estblmt.--
"Massachusetts" arrived this morning. --

Saturday 13th Blowing a strong southerly wind.--
Men branding cattle. Inds cutting peas. Angus out visiting stations. --
H:M:S: "Satellite" arrived about sunset. --

Sunday 14th Blowing fresh S:W: chilly[?].--
All quiet. --

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[30] Shearers were paid money in addition to their wages as shepherds and labourers; for instance, in 1856 the two McCleods received one pound sterling per 100 fleeces.
[31] Lieutenant Colonel Silas Casey was deputy commander of the 9th Infantry Regiment.

Monday 15th Oppressively warm & calm. --

Commenced harvest. Powell, George & L'Gamine cradling oats. Louis & Inds cutting peas.-- Aleck: dairy man & securing vegetables for Man a War. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. Angus visiting stations & flocks. --

H:M:S: "Satellite" left at day light for Nanaimo. -- Amn steamer & small boats in & out of Harbor almost every hour. --

Tuesday 16th Weather unchanged. --

All hands as yesterday. --

Wednesday 17th The hottest day we have had yet. --

Men & Inds all harvesting. --

Thursday 18th Very warm & calm. --

Men & Inds as yesterday. --

Last night the "Julia" arrived landed more troops &c. -- The "Active" arrived in the eve.g. --

Friday 19th Blowing a strong S:W: wind but fine & calm. --

Men & Inds harvesting. Commenced this eve.g carting in oats. --

Late last eve.g H:M:S: "Satellite" came to anchor in Griffin Bay. She is from Nanaimo & has come to relieve the "Tribune", wh vessel left Griffin Bay this morning for Esquimalt. --

U:S: troops removed their camp up to behind my sheep shed.[32] --

Saturday 20th Very warm & calm. --

Finished cradling oats in big field -- 2 carts carting oats into barn. -- Inds tying oats & helping to load. --

Amns still removing camp to behind sheep shed. --

"Massachusetts" arrived late this eve.g. --

Sunday 21st Very warm & calm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 22d Weather continues warm & calm. --

Powell, L'Gamine & Inds tying up oats. -- George wh the "Satellites" blacksmith repairing cart wheel. -- Louis drunk all day unfit for duty. -- Angus out visiting flocks. --

"Shubrick" arrived this morning. --

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[32] This location is the third and final encampment of the American troops, which would eventually become "American Camp". Griffin's entry underscores its close proximity.

Tuesday 23d Cloudy & overcast, calm. --

Powell & L'Gamine wh Inds tying up oats. Inds carting in oats & peas. George in barn packing oats & peas. --

"Northerner"[33] arrived last eve.g & left to day about noon. -- More troops arrived. --

Wednesday 24th Fine clear & calm. --

All hands as yesterday. --

"Julia" arrived this morning & left for Victoria. -- Governor of W:T:[34] arrived in "Julia".

Thursday 25th Heavy dew last night -- all day foggy & calm. --

All hands getting in harvest. --

Friday 26th Dense fog al day & calm. --

All hands cutting & carting in peas. -- Finished carting in all the oats this morning. --

Saturday 27th Fine warm clear day. --

Men & Inds cutting peas. --

Served out rations of mutton to all hands. --

Sunday 28th Calm, clear & very warm. --

All quiet. --

Monday 29th Weather as yesterday. --

All hands getting in peas -- some cutting & others carting in those cut last week.--

Tuesday 30th Fresh breeze S:W:, fine. --

George & 4 Inds threshing peas. Robillard & Kamaka cutting peas. L'Gamine out at Port L'Enfer carting in rest of oats. --

Powell I sent this morning wh 3 Inds to Victoria wh letters &c. --

Wednesday 31st Dense fog all day & chilly. --

All hands at peas in big field. --

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[33] The side-wheel steamer Northerner customarily ran from California to the Puget Sound. On January 5, 1860 she struck Blunts Reef near Cape Mendocino and sank with 40 people dead. (Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, Ships and Shipping Database [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/cgi/shipcgi2.exe]).

[34] This would be Richard D. Gholson; see f.n.29.

"Julia" left for Victoria. -- An immense number of small boats in & out of harbor every hour of the day & night. --

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 1st Calm, warm & clear.--
All hands cutting, turning over & carting in peas.--
Powell returned from Victoria. --

Friday 2d Weather as yesterday. --
George wh Inds cleaning salmon barrels, carrying them down to the beach, cleaning cauldron pails[?], &c.[35] -- Robillard making collars for sheep bells -- 25 -- Powell, L'Gamine & Kamaka turning peas. --

Saturday 3d Dense fog, chilly, but calm. --
George & Inds cleaning up garden, securing seeds &c. -- Robillard making a harness bridle. Powell serving out rations. L'Gamine left for John Bulls, he wished to leave the service. I told him I thought he could not manage wh his family to live & feed them only working on his claim.[36]--

Sunday 4th Weather much yesterday drizzling rain this forenoon. --
All quiet. --

Monday 5th Cloudy wh a drizzly rain. --
George making flails, Robillard repairing gates fences &c. -- Kamaka cleaning out barn yard, 4 Inds threshing oats. -- Aleck:- looking after cattle & various other occupations. Angus visiting stations, all the shepherds & Inds wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 6th Fine calm weather , slight fog. --

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[35] These tasks, at this time of year, were clearly in preparation for salting down salmon; unfortunately, no mention is made of these operations.

[36] James Douglas, as part of the 1849 Company agreement with the Crown concerning the colonization of Vancouver Island, apparently attempted a system of land settlement on San Juan Island by making "free grants of land, to the extent in all of 500 acres, to any British subjects who would occupy and improve the land" (quoted in Miller 1940:23). The Journal mentions claims a few times in association with L'Gamine and Robillard, but whether these were official claims cleared through Douglas or homesteads through the US government is not known. Lila Hannah Firth, in "Early Life on San Juan Island", says that Mary Legamine, "a Kanaka girl", worked for her mother; presumably she was the daughter of L'Gamine, whose family probably lived at Kanaka Bay, near the Hannah farm.

All hands carting in peas. 2 ox carts. -- Robillard making troughs[?]. --

Wednesday 7th Weather much as yesterday. --
Finished forenoon hauling in peas. -- afternoon all hands weeding carrots, garden &c.

Thursday 8th Very warm , calm & clear. --
4 Inds & Kamaka threshing oats. -- George & Robillard making troughs[?]. --
3 Inds wh ox cart hauling gravel. --

Friday 9th Weather much as yesterday. --
Men & Inds employments unchanged. --

Saturday 10th Left for Victoria wh Major DeCourcy in a canoe wh my Inds.-

Sunday 11th Calm & very warm. --
Returned from Victoria at 4 pm:--

Monday 12th Very warm & calm. --
Robillard making book shelves for me. -- 4 Stikenes[?] threshing oats. 3 Chimsians cutting rails -- Shepherds all wh their flocks. --
George I turned away to-day for repeated drunkeness. -- Old Montreal[?] I have engaged from today. --

Tuesday 13th Weather much as yesterday. --
Robillard erecting posts from foot of my garden fence to log fence. -- Indians all as yesterday. --

Wednesday 14th Cloudy & overcast. Rain during the night. --
Robillard & Inds as yesterday. --

Thursday 15th Raining more or less all day wh a fresh N:E: wind. --
4 Inds threshing peas. "Joey" carting rails. 2 Inds digging a drain behind barn. -- Robillard making pig troughs. --
Powell collecting pigs. -- since last week we have found sows, all shot, laying dead all about -- I have made every effort to find out who shot them but cannot.[37] --

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[37] Obviously Cutlar's June 15th shooting of the boar was not the only porcine casualty of the Pig War. This appears to be a case of American harassment.

Friday 16th Weather cloudy wh light showers of rain. --
Men & Inds as yesterday. Robillard making two new oak axletrees. --

Saturday 17th Weather fine wh a light N:E: air. --
Men & Inds occupations unchanged. "Joey" carting water & bark.--

Sunday 18th Fine clear calm day. --
All quiet. -- "Massachusetts" anchored in bay about 11 am:- from "Steilacoom". --

Monday 19th Weather dull & cloudy. --
4 Inds threshing peas. -- 4 Inds digging up potatoes to make a road thru potatoe field. Robillard making a fence. -- Montreal[?] conducting[?] Inds. Aleck: dairyman & looking after cattle. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 20th Fresh breeze N:E: wh a drizzling rain[?] all day. --
Men & Inds all as yesteday. --

Wednesday 21st Blowing a fresh westerly breeze fine & clear. --
Men & Inds occupations unchanged. Robillard making boxes &c. -- in granary for peas & oats. -- "Julia" arrived from Victoria. "Active" left for do. --

Thursday 22d Beautiful fine calm clear day. --
Men & Inds as yesterday. --

Friday 23d Weather as yesterday. --
Men & Inds occupations unchanged. --

Saturday 24th Cloudy wh drizzling rain. --
Men & Inds as usual. --

Sunday 25th Cloudy wh rain forenoon -- afternoon fine & clear. --
"Stikenes"[?] all drunk, soldiers took one of them & confined him.-

Monday 26th Fine wh a fresh S:E: wind.--
All hands digging up **potatoes**.--

Tuesday 27th Cloudy wh light showers of rain. --
Forenoon at potatoes, afternoon threshing in barn. --

The "Northerner" came in last night & left again early this morning. --

A report was made to me today of a settler /Williams/ who is trying to squat out at Port L'Enfer. -- he has cut my fencing for logs to make a cabin. -- I have seen Mr Crosbie & wait for tomorrow for the result.[38] --

Wednesday 28th Fine day wh a strong westerly breeze. --
All hand digging up potatoes. --

Thursday 29th Heavy rain all night & throughout the day. --
Inds, Men[?] threshing peas, cleaning pig styes, barn yard, sheep shed, &c. --

Friday 30th Weather fine & clear. --
Inds & all hands digging up potatoes. --

"Julia" arrived from Victoria. -- Major deCourcy returned in her. -- The Inspector of Customs refused to allow his landing, & was unable to do so, until Capt. Prevost sent Mr Peil (1st Lieut "Satellite") to Col: Casey to report the matter. It was found to be a mistake on the part of Mr Hubbs & he apologized to Major deCourcy.[39] --

OCTOBER

Saturday 1st Beautiful fine clear day & warm. --
Inds & men digging up potatoes. --

Sunday 2d Weather unchanged. --
Visiting the stations all well. --

Monday 3d Beautiful weather calm. --
All hands digging up potatoes. --

Tuesday 4th Very fine calm & clear. --
All hands as yesterday. --

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[38] This incident illustrates the extent to which American squatters had usurped some of the Company's best agricultural lands and even destroyed their improvements.

[39] It is unclear what grounds Hubbs, the Inspector of Customs, had for denying the British Magistrate landing, but it appears that he exceeded his authority and the matter was settled diplomatically.

"Massachusetts" from Cape Flattery[40] arrived during the night -- & the Rev: Cutter "Jeff: Davis" wh Mr Foster[?] from Port Townsend. -- I saw Mr Foster[?] during the day -- he gave me to understand the Leg: Laws were not to be enforced in the goods &c -- loaded here by the Company.[41] --

Wednesday 5th Heavy fog afternoon fine warm & calm. --
Men & Inds digging up potaotes = 22 blls. --
Powell I sent to Victoria this morning wh letter of requisition for Estblmt & Men & Inds. -
"Massachusetts" left for Olympia. --

Thursday 6th Showery all day wh a fresh S:E: breeze. --
Men & Inds a portion of the morning & afternoon digging up potatoes 11 blls. -- the rest of the day threshing peas &c. --

Friday 7th Heavy rain all day. --
Men & Inds threshing clearing out sheds & various occupations. --
Powell returned about 5 pm:- all well. --

Saturday 8th Fine clear day. --
All hands at potatoes. --

Sunday 9th Beautiful day. --
All quiet. --

Monday 10th Cloudy & dull, calm. --
All hands at potatoes. Robillard making a table for me. --
Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --
Engaged Lewis by the month Ł 2/10 from to-day.--

Tuesday 11th Weather much as yesterday. --
Robillard & Lewis & Ecu wh an Indian each digging up potatoes. --
Montreal wh Inds digging up & carting in turnips. --

Wednesday 12th Weather fine & clear but chilly. --
Forenoon men as yesterday -- afternoon the above three men making a coffin & digging a grave for Aleck's wife who died about 11 am:-
"Julia" arrived from Victoria. --

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[40] Cape Flattery is the northwestern-most tip of the Olympic Peninsula (see Map ??).
[41] Mr. Foster, Inspector of Customs ??.

Thursday 13th Dull cloudy weather & very chilly. --

Men digging up potatoes. Inds digging up turnips & carting them in. --

Buried Aleck's wife this morning. Father Risle[?] performed the funeral service.[42] --

Friday 14th Blowing a fresh southerly air, very heavy rain all night. --

Men at potatoes. Indians at turnips. --

Saturday 15th Fine day wh a strong westerly gale. --

All hands as yesterday. --

Sunday 16th Weather much as yesterday. --

Soldiers, Inds & Men all been determined to be drunk together. I never saw anything like it.--

Monday 17th Blowing a strong S:E: gale wh drizzling rain. --

Robillard & Lewis wh 4 Inds digging up potatoes. Montreal wh the rest of the Indians digging up & carting turnips. --

Powell commenced taking inventory. Aleck:- Angus & "Little Man" out collecting cattle, horses &c. to be seen & corrected[?] & put in inventory. --

Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 18th Heavy rain all night & a little calm[?], today cloudy & calm.--

Robillard Lewis threshing peas. All the Inds digging up & carting in turnips. --

Aleck:- & Angus hunting up cattle. --

Powell taking inventory. --

Wednesday 19th Raining more or less all day -- calm but chilly & very disagreeable. --

Men as yesterday. Inds digging drains:--

Thursday 20th Blowing fresh southerly & light showers of rain at intervals.-

3 men & 3 Inds digging up potatoes. The rest of the Inds digging up & carting in turnips. --

Friday 21st Beautiful fine clear day. --

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[42] Father Risle ??.

All hands at potatoes & turnips. --

Saturday 22d Weather much as yesterday, northerly air. --
All hands as yesterday. --
Mr Moore[43] arrived from Victoria wh a letter from Dr Tolmey[?]. --

Sunday 23d Beautiful fine clear day & calm. --
All quiet. --

Monday 24th Blowing a gale wh rain & very cold & disagreeable. --
All hands variously employed, threshing sorting potatoes &c. -- in root ho:--

Tuesday 25th Beautiful day calm & clear wind N:--
All hands at turnips & potatoes. --
tl[?] we finished to day.--
800 bus. potatoes
700 " turnips

Wednesday 26th Weather much as yesterday. --
Lewis & Powell wh Inds making preparation for slaughtering pigs tomorrow. -- 4 Inds threshing peas. -- Robillard commenced erecting & making a porch for my front door. --
"Jeff: Davis" arrived, reports the arrival of Genl Scott in the mail steamer wh has gone up the Sound. The Genl they say is direct from Washington.[44] --

Thursday 27th Cloudy & showery with little or no wind. --
All hands slaughtering pigs. --

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[43] William Moore, if this be he, is an interesting case. Apparently he was specifically accused of selling some liquor to Powell on September 16, 1859, and arrested by US Army officials, but pleaded British citizenship, and eventually was released. In the official correspondence over the case, it was revealed that he was a native of Sligo, Ireland, but claimed American citizenship and that in early 1859 he had been sick and destitute and a ward of Whatcom County (to the tune of $300), and had later relayed intelligence to the Americans in the Pig War. The Anglican Colonial Bishop George Hills in his 1860 diary notes a February 4th meeting with a man named Moore who had come from England and done a variety of jobs including being a Special Constable during the 1859 Fraser River gold rush, a policeman in Victoria, and a "labourer on a farm [at San Juan] at 3 L a month & board, wages which no working man would take" (Bayshaw 1996:65). Apparently he had obtained a note from a Company agent to reemploy him, and was about to return, which explains his discharge on January 25, and reappearance on February 8th in the 1860 Journal.

[44] General Winfield Scott (1786-1866), known as the "Great Pacificator" for his earlier efforts to resolve Canadian border disputes with the British, was sent by President James Buchanan to quell the San Juan situation.

Friday 28th Beautiful, calm, clear day. --

Powell, Mr Moore & Lewis cutting up & salting pork. - Robillard building a porch, front door of my ho:--- Inds threshing peas & cleaning up around barn &c. --

Saturday 29th Dense fog all day & very cold. --

All hands variously employed. --

Sunday 30th Beautiful fine, clear day. --

All quiet. --

Monday 31st Weather much as yesterday, wind North & chilly. --

Lewis & Robillard wh Powell killing a young steer &c. -- Old Montreal wh all the Indians cleaning the sheep shed out. --

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st Cloudy & dull little or no wind. --

Men & Inds killing cattle /Blk Steer & Blk Cow/ & salting it down &c -- Put **rams wh ewes**. --

Wednesday 2d Cloudy & dull wh a cold S:W: wind. --

Robillard wh men from "Satellite" & 2 pr oxen & cart out cutting oak for ships use. -- Lewis finishing salt meat cleaning up store &c-- Inds all variously employed. --

Thursday 3d Beautiful fine clear day. --

All the Inds sorting potatoes & turnips in pits. -- Robillard & Lewis building a porch for my back door. -- The others are variously employed.-

Friday 4th Blowing a strong breeze S:W: & very chilly. --

Robillard & Lewis as yesterday. --

Powell paying off Inds as far as we have the means. -- Lamane hauling firewood. --

Saturday 5th Fine day wh a gentle southerly breeze. --

Robillard, Lewis & Inds cleaning up round Estblmnt. -- Lamane hauling firewood. --

Powell left for Victoria. I have discharged Montreal he left for Fort to be paid off. --

Mr Moore serving out rations to Men & Inds. --

"Otter" arrived about 6 pm: wh Mr Dallas & Dr Tolmy. --

Sunday 6th Wind seeming all round the compass, a very sharp shower of hail. Hills behind Victoria all covered wh snow.--

All quiet. --

Monday 7th Strong South & S:W: wind very chilly. --

Mr Moore wh a yoke of oxen & cart & all hands over at old Fishery repairing Park, road &c. to ship sheep as soon as the weather permits. --

"Massachusetts" in Harbor arrived about 7:30 am: & left again about 12 -- Genl Scott on board. -- All the troops are ordered away except Capt: Picketts Co:-[45]

Report reached us of the blowing up of the small steamer "Caledonia".[46] --

Tuesday 8th Blowing a strong S:W: breeze -- fine. -- a great deal of snow seem to have fallen last night -- everywhere except here. --

All hands shipping sheep on board "Otter" --

50 old ewes
100 ewe lambs. --

Mr Dallas & Dr Tolmy embarked about 12 o'clk -- the "Otter" left immediately. --

Wednesday 9th Very hard frost during the night wind northerly & exceedingly cold, but beautifully clear & fine. --

All hands at carrots. --

Aleck: lost another calf during the night, died of some disease, it has been ill a long time. --

Thursday 10th Without exception the severest weather I have experienced since '53 -- very hard frost clear wh a strong northerly breeze. --

Robillard & Lewis building a cupboard in one of the mens houses for milk. -- Inds /3/ cutting firewood &c-- Lamane hauling do. --

Mr Gifford[?][47] arrived from Victoria left again immediately. -- H:M:S: "Plumper" came into harbor signaled the "Satellite" & left in ~~pursuit~~ search of the wreck of the "Caledonia". --

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[45] Part of Scott's solution was the removal of all troops ordered away except for one company.
[46] While on a trip from Victoria to the Fraser River, the Steamer Caledonia exploded November 2, 1859, killing a fireman and injuring several others. The ship drifted for 28 hours before coming ashore on Orcas Island (Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, Ships and Shipping Database [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/cgi/shipcgi2.exe]).
[47] Mr. Gifford ??.

Friday 11th Blew a terrific gale all night from the northward & very cold -- to day it is much calmer, fine & clear. --

Inds threshing oats. Lewis putting cotton[?] & paper[?] in Major D'Courcy's room.[48] He commenced this morning. -- Robillard working at my desk. --

"Eliza Anderson"[49] arrived from Victoria. --

Saturday 12th Wind subsided & not so cold. --

Men & Inds as yesterday. --

Sunday 13th Wind round to the S:E:- during the night heavy rain -- today cloudy & dull & mild. --

All quiet. --

Monday 14th Cloudy & dull wh light showers of rain all day. light air S:E:-

Robillard & Lewis covering roof of my privy. -- Inds threshing in barn. --

Major deCourcy left in "Eliza Anderson" for Victoria . -- Amn troops shipping off stores &c. &c. --

Tuesday 15th Weather as yesterday. --

Men & Inds employments unchanged. --

Wednesday 16th Dull heavy weather, wind S:E: --

Sent Robillard wh an Indian & a kanaka out to forks of road to cut pickets for my yard.-- Lewis putting cotton &c in Major D'Courcy's room. -- Inds threshing. Lamane hauling gravel. --

Thursday 17th Blowing a fresh breeze from S:E: -- clear. --

Robillard as yesterday. -- Lewis likewise. -- Inds cleaning oats & peas. "Lamane" I sent out wh two yoke of oxen to haul home some oak for the "Satellite". --

Friday 18th Fine day wh a light southerly wind. --

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[48] On April 11, 1860, John DeCourcy had written Colonial Secretary Young in Victoria: "Will you kindly give me your advice, as to whether I had better make this hut of mine [wind?] tight. The cold makes itself felt in these huts [with?] their longitudinal holes" (quoted in Thompson 1972:171).

[49] The Eliza Anderson, launched in Portland in 1858, was a 275-ton side-wheel steamer 144 feet in length with a 25-foot beam. She worked the region's waters until 1889. (Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, Ships and Shipping Database [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/cgi/shipcgi2.exe]).

Robillard & Lewis employments unchanged. -- Ind^{s} digging up carrots. --

Saturday 19th During the night blowing a gale from S:E:- & heavy rain, to-day fine & clear. --

Discharged James Williamson. -- Robillard & Lewis repairing a cart, & putting new handles in shovels. -- Ind^{s} at carrots. --

Sunday 20th Blowing a strong S:W: gale -- heavy rain during the night. --

All quiet. -- I was not able to visit the stations to-day. --

Monday 21st Beautiful calm clear day. --

Robillard & Lewis repairing carts &c.-- Indians digging up carrots. -- Angus out at sheep stations. Lamane hauling firewood. --

Aleck:- variously employed. --

Tuesday 22d Fine clear day. --

Men & Ind^{s} occupations as yesterday. --

H:M:S: "Pylades"[50] came to anchor this eve.g. -- About 2 pm: the "W. G. Hunt"[51] arrived.--

Wednesday 23d Hard frost during the night, to-day very chilly, beautifully fine, w^{h} a light northerly air. --

Robillard & Lewis out cutting a road to where they have been cutting logs for my yard fence. -- Ind^{s} finished carrots. --

H:M:S: "Satellite" left for Victoria about 8 am:, the "Pylades" remains here. --

Thursday 24th Very hard frost during the night, to-day beautifully fine & clear. --

This morning early I sent Angus, Aleck: -, Lewis & Robillard out to "Friday's" to endeavor to search out & drive off the Island some "Hyder" Ind^{s} who have been killing some of "Fridays" sheep, but they did not succeed in finding them. -- I left here at 10 am:- w^{h} Capt[*sic*] D'Courcy[52] & went out there likewise but there was no sign of them. -- Lamane hauling gravel. --

"Kane"[?] I sent out to remain w^{h} "Friday". --

"Massachusetts" arrived from up the Sound. --

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[50] HMS Pylades was one of the five warships of the Royal Navy's Pacific Station.

[51] More about the steamer "W. G. Hunt" is not known at this time.

[52] Michael De Courcy, Captain of the HMS Pylades (and a distant cousin of the Magistrate John deCourcy [see f.n.??)], was senior officer in command in the absence of Rear Admiral Baynes.

Friday 25th Beautiful fine clear day & frosty. --
Robillard repairing my chimney. -- Lewis repairing wheelbarrows &c. -- Inds threshing oats. --

Saturday 26th Beautiful weather, calm, clear & frosty. --
Inds threshing. Robillard & Lewis repairing wheelbarrows &c. --
"Massachusetts" left about 9 am: for Lummy wh [*insert* 60 men of] Capt Picketts Coy. --

Sunday 27th Weather unchanged. --
All quiet. --

Monday 28th Southerly air, cloudy & every appearance of snow. --
Sent three Inds out to Lewis' to assist him making another log hut on Channel Prairie. -- 2 Inds threshing oats. -- Robillard & Lewis repg farm tools, making a table &c. --
Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --

Tuesday 29th Slow drizzling rain all day, little or no wind. --
Robillard & Lewis out wh "Pylades" carpenter getting oak. "Lamane" wh oxen hauling do. -- 2 Inds threshing oats. --
"Massachusetts" arrived about 4 pm:- the W. G. Hunt arrived same time & left immediately for Victoria. --

Wednesday 30th Fine clear day wh a northerly air, chilly. --
Lewis out wh "Pylades" carpenter for more[?] oak. -- "Lamane" likewise wh oxen. --
2 Inds threshing oats. --
Robillard left off work gone to his claim. --

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st Fine day, wind northerly. --
Lewis variously employed. 3 Inds threshing. Lamane hauling firewood. --
"Massachusetts" left wh 4 Coy artillery, about 200 men & officers, at home for Vancouver, via Columbia River.--

Friday 2d Blowing a strong S:E: gale & showery. --
Lewis repairing carts. Inds threshing oats. --

Saturday 3d Calm beautiful day, very little wind. --
Men & Inds as yesterday. --
Angus brought the rams home. --
Major deCourcy returned in "Pylades" boat. --

Sunday 4th Blowing a severe gale from N:E: -- bitterly cold wh hard frost. --
A scow[?] /"Genl Harney"[?][53]/ wh governments stores[?], horses[?] &c. was driven from her anchorage & cast ashore above the wharf.--

Monday 5th Still continues very cold, & snowing, wind light N:E:--
Lewis working for Major deCourcy. 2 Inds threshing in barn. The other 3 out at Lewis'[?] assisting him to put up a log house.-- Aleck:- attending stock. -- Angus out visiting stations. -- Shepherds all wh their respective flocks. --
An Indian /Chimsian/ was murdered last night by one of his own people in a drunken row[?].--

Tuesday 6th It has been snowing without intermission since yesterday afternoon. There must be at least 10 inches of snow on the ground. It finished snowing about 8 this eve.g & much milder. -- wind North. --
[*marginal note:* SNOW]
Sent Angus & Mr Moore out to visit all the flocks -- found them all well. Port L'Enfer, Jno: Bulls & Grande Prairie stations have plenty of fodder oats & pea straw. Lewis working for Major d'Courcy.-- Aleck wh two Inds looking after cattle. --

Wednesday 7th A fresh S:E: wind, warm wh a rapid thaw. --
All hands as yesterday. --
H:M:S: Pylades left for Victoria this morning early. --

Thursday 8th Snow nearly all gone. Country in an awful mess. --
Lewis still at work for Major deCourcy. 2 Inds threshing in barn. Lamane & one Indian hauling bark. --

Friday 9th Calm wh dense fog & mild. --

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[53] The General Harney, a schooner, was first used to transport lumber of a Catholic church in Port Townsend. As is clear from this passage, she was later used for the transport of troops and materiel between Bellingham Bay and San Juan. (Tacoma Public Library, Northwest Room, Ships and Shipping Database [www.tpl.lib.wa.us/cgi/shipcgi2.exe]).

Lewis working for Major DeCourcy. -- 3 Ind^{s} threshing. -- Lamane & 1 Ind^{n} procuring firewood w^{h} oxen. --

Sometime during the night the "Eliza Anderson" arrived & left at an early hour for Bellingham Bay w^{h} stores, animals &c. saved from the wreck of the "Genl: Harney[?]".

Lewis finished working for Major DeCourcy. --

Saturday 10th Beautiful fine clear bright day. --

Lewis overhauling root house, stopping leaks &c. -- Ind^{s} & Lamane hauling firewood threshing oats &c. --

Sunday 11th Cloudy w^{h} a thick heavy fog all day. --

All quiet. --

Monday 12th Weather much as yesterday. --

Sent 4 Ind^{s} out to Lewis[?] to assist him splitting shingles, rails &c &c -- for another station at Channel Prairie. --

Lewis repairing carts &c -- Shepherds all w^{h} their flocks. --

Tuesday 13th Weather continues mild cloudy & foggy. --

Lewis digging a drain. Aleck: carting the earth away. -- Lamane hauling firewood. --

Powell arrived. --

Wednesday 14th Weather unchanged. --

Men as yesterday. --

Thursday 15th Cloudy foggy & dull no wind. --

Lewis & Aleck: out at sheep wash repairing bridge. --

Sold 25 wethers to strangers from Frasers River. --

Friday 16th Heavy rain during the night, to-day fine w^{h} a light westerly air. --

Lewis finished drain. Aleck: hauling away earth &c. -- "Lamane" hauling firewood. --

Saturday 17th Fine clear day. --

Lewis picking out frozen potatoes. -- Mr Moore serving out rations. -- Sent "Kamaka" out w^{h} "Kane" to take Fridays sheep, brought the latter in here w^{h} his boy. --

Sunday 18th Beautiful day, calm & clear. --

All quiet. --

Monday 19th Another lovely day, calm & clear. --

Lewis squaring wood to begin making two new cats. -- "Lamane" hauling firewood. -- 4 Inds sorting potatoes & cleaning out sheep shed. -- Aleck: hauling away earth from ditch. --

Tuesday 20th Cloudy & every appearance of rain, all day. --

Inds up at sheep shed digging up manure & thoroughly cleaning it. -- Lewis making carts. -- Aleck: hauling manure &c-- Lamane hauling firewood. --

Wednesday 21st Dense fog wh a drizzling rain all day. --

Friday wh Lewis making new carts. -- Inds cleaning sheep shed. -- "Lamane" hauling gravel. Aleck: wh horse & cart hauling firewood. --

Thursday 22d Weather continues as yesterday dense fog & mist. --

All hands as yesterday. --

"Julia" came in last night about 9 pm: Capt Hunt[?] & Lieut: Shaaff[54] left in her for Steilacoom. --

Friday 23d Beautiful weather, light southerly[?] air. --

Friday wh 4 Inds cleaning calf park, barn yards, round the Estblmt &c--

Lamane hauling gravel. Aleck: hauling firewood dung &c. --

Mr Powell left this morning for Victoria. --

Saturday 24th Blowing fresh from N:E:- cloudy. --

All hands as yesterday. --

Shepherds & men received their Xmas Regal. --

Sunday 25th Xmas Day, fine wh a fresh S:E: breeze. --

All quiet. --

Monday 26th Beautiful fine clear day wind light S:E: --

Friday wh 3 Inds finished cleaning barn yards & repairing fencing.- Aleck: hauling firewood. Lamane carting away rubbish. -- Angus out at sheep stations. --

Tuesday 27th Cloudy & ~~cloudy~~ light S:W: air. --

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[54] Captain Lewis Cass Hunt, Company C, Fourth Infantry, later assumed command of American Camp in November. Lieutenant Shaaff ??.

Friday wh Inds threshing oats. -- Lewis & Lamane commenced ploughing potatoe field.-- Wolves are very numerous now in the interior of the Isld: they have killed some sheep at Lamanes.--

Wednesday 28th Beautiful fine clear day, wind Swest & light, hard frost during the night. --
All hands as yesterday. --
Powell returned from Victoria. --

Thursday 29th Beautiful fine clear day. --
All hands as yesterday. --

Friday 30th Beautiful day fine & clear. Wind NW[?]. --
Inds spreading manure in garden. The others as yesterday. --
Capt Hunt[?] Mr Shaaf & Dr Buckley[?][55] arrived on Cutter from Port Townsend. --

Saturday 31st Weather continues beautifully fine. --
All hands as yesterday. --
Powell left for Victoria. --

[55] Dr. Buckley ??.