Journal continued

The conclusion of a Winter

and

Commencement of Summer

in

Hudson's Bay

A.D. 1816.
Thursday, March 21st, 1816

The Thermometer this morning was 16° below the freezing, the weather bleak and nasty. In the afternoon, Mr. Rufus,Chrestie Captain returned from Point Kegn. accompanied by the Chief, Mial of each Pep. Mr. White of the Bigstone & Mr. King of the Head Lake, also two Delinquents selected from the Bigstone's crew were brought for burnt punishment as a warning to the others. After the Travellers had taken a little refreshment & perhaps taken rather a copious draught of genrous liquor, they set out to proceed to Kinsman. That is, to try the above 2 men, for refractory conduct & abusive language to honest officers. Every thing was arranged for, the prison being fitted up, with no little ceremony, the bow-keeper's stick was ornamented with a ribbon & piece of sealing wax given to the Constable. The Judge were to
bade suspended over his shoulders by
a ribbon. This was a small circular
piece of cloth on which the figure of
a crowned and officially recognized
ruler. Counselor Christie wore a simi-
lar badge, but with only 2 crowns.

At Secretary counselor Rivington wore
also 2 crowns. And Sheriff Russell
was distinguished by a badge of honor.

The Books of Law, copies of which were
placed on the table.

The men were about to be summoned
before the court, when a disrup-
tion took place among themselves.

At Rivington, a paroxysm of rage struck.

At Russell several blows were struck.

The judge, the 2 coun-
selors, the sheriff, their dogs even
were all engaged, embroiled. The Ta-
ble was upset. The ink was spilt
upon the Holy Bible. Some blood
was shed and it was nearly termina-
ting in murder, but this was happily
prevented by locking the combat-
ants in separate rooms.

This was to the impotency of this infa-
rious scene, i.e. that the 2 counsel-
ors were ear witnesses to the whole tran-
scendence and observation of some of the
blasphemous incantations which Riving-
ton uttered, that even they had something to
learn yet in the language of impiety.

It is said this affair must have led to all
judicial proceedings of this day, a
profound calm succeeded this Omen.

All assembled to suffer except the Rup-
ters who continued some business.

Friday March 22d. Fine, mild,
beautiful weather, but gone not a bit
more pleasant. Then out today I was
thinking whatever... The great men
seem to bravely reconciled again. In
the afternoon they resumed their legal
inauguration and interrogates the 2 States
on both aspects, respecting the return of the life.

The coming afternoon was spent with
the almost convivially good humor,
apparently till a late hour, but as I
afterwards discovered it was a scheme for

ded by Vincent Rivington... to get these two
officers made drunk. Then sufficiently

to answer these ideas. The économique
role another soon replaced himself be-
drew the door to listen. Rivington contin-
ued as one of the company, pushing
round the gayly... at last all had dis-

ged off to their own apartments but at a
word Rivington and I stepped to see
The beverage held was completely done.

Hewson embraced the favorable opportuni-
ty when he could extract any thing
he pleased from him. He reached the
subject of the Pike-cluding, called
himself Prosecutors General.

If he were to make him repeat
every part of the testimony he had given
this afternoon 2 or 3 on, not wishing
to be doing to any unjust criticism
conclusions that might be thrown
out against any one. He retired but
of afterwards concluding that all
the same said that "had we persevered
longer we might have got home
on the command of the
painted boat, ship he would have per-
sued longer." This did not escape
the ears of the Great Man behind
the door. Excepting day Mr. W. then
who was made to confess what he
had said when drunk

An Indian called Teckham saw and
a boy came in today with further
the former pretended to be a great
conjurer, a wanted one he knew the ship
would return soon before the heard of
it. But on asking him if he knew
that the crews were to be very sick
they that a great many would die,
the announce in the Magazine is except
bitterly on being told of it. He expres-

his regret that he could not restore
life. They were already dead, but he was
tends to prevent any more falling
souls to the power of death. At
the same time he wanted Medicine
from one for his wife.

I omitted mentioning that on Sun-
day last the 17th of March in the
Harrows men departed this life.

Saturday March 23. The sea
was calm today that it has been
since the commencement of the winter.
The Keel was 2 or 3 degrees above
freezing in the morning 2 or afternoon
are much higher, so that there was a
partial thaw with a fall of light snow
which rendered walking bad. I
stood at home all day. In the after-
noon the Deal posts underwent their
examination and were accepted.
The evening was spent in the great con-
scivity in homage at the shrine of
Pacchus.

Sunday March 24. The weather
all forenoon was so mild as to be thor-
ing, however in the afternoons we were
visited by a Tempest surpassed in other
storms by none that have preceded it.
This winter it rlated in the evening was
followed by a brilliant display of
Monday, March 25th. This morning Mr.
Bennett set 28° below the equator and the
weather fine. About a block a large
ridge down low to men was visible.

To Shotton with further supplies. It
was followed soon afterwards by Mr. Ken

While with whom I accompanied a little
way, I saw several of my hunting, but

I got another fox. Here, the bridge on

Pence's road taken was brought

from the North side of the River.

The Big Hedge sent off today is to pro-

ceed from Shotton to Repean House

Then from thence back to

Shotton, before they return to E. W. They

will be a foot right or more in com-

pleting this laborious task.

Hearing receives an intimation through

the wife of W. Vincent, that our private

letters has not been forwarded to Europe.

Stock occasion this evening to ask it to

whether they were gone or not. He was

not prepared for such a question & could

embarrassed what reply to make, he did

he could not possibly say he believed

some were sent and some were not.

Some were too large to be contained in

the drop & could not be sent. There was

one particular letter addressed to the owner

of the Headlow that I sent because I
thought it might concern the Judge, but at any rate, if this note you read
give yourself no concern about it for
I requested Mr. Lewis to write to the friends
of all those connected with the ship to
inform them of your safety... I told him
Mr. Lewis could not possibly know where my
friends lived therefore that would be of
little avail... Mr. Lewis who professed
silence & a sudden aspect betrayed the secret.
at length said, that it would have been
impossible to send them... for the company's
pocket might have been seized this
it... I believe that it was he who arranged
these letters up to Mr. Dunstan at Westmin
which most likely he had a hand in putting
up the packet he would certainly
show whether they were sent or not?
he denied all knowledge of them... He
told them assured me that mine were
gone... I told him I could not be per
suaded that mine had shared any better
fate than the rest... I told him for guar
anced that none of them were sent & we
would therefore expect the restitution
of them... Adding that, to open or con
stuggle, a letter was a crime of a very
discouraged nature... by the laws of beng
sland it is felony. The cleaning of
Rennie's pistols now reached it's height
and he said with warmth... I had made
very serious accusations & hoped I did not
suppose any one in the hookey company's
service would be guilty of felony... I sup
pose I should be very sorry to think have
occasion to think so... I had made many
accusations... I had only spoke conditionally
and stated a well known fact.
The governor said that he was also surprized
to hear one make use of the expression
but attributed it to the sensibility of my
feelings on this occasion & rather dep
ed me... But I saw a storm was begin
and I left the room... At that sentence
immediately took place... the governor at
first by some great... he was soon cont
ed to acquiesce in the sentiments of that
Rennie... lying... in order to escape a
valley of abuse himself... Vengeance
was denounced upon me... their anger
increased to madness... Mr. Christie and
Mr. Russell stood my friends, the pre
ence of these and Mr. R. went to close
before the affair ended they had begun
to demolish the furniture, & I was
apprehensive of being attacked... During
the night that I took the possession
of placing my gun near me &
sleeping with my hatchet by my
side... wish... the men who told the
The highest offices in the respectable service of the Hudson's Bay Company, men who by selfish, interested, and corrupt means enrich themselves at the expense of their employees and by the mean of their affairs, have succeeded in blinded their eyes to keep up the deception and shut up every avenue of information, have recourse to every art that necessitates the exigency suggests, and a consciousness of guilt and fear of exposure drives them to desecrations, which is franc by their daily conduct.

Tuesday, March 25th. The weather begins now to announce the approach of a more genial season; this is the midst day there has yet been in the summer. There was a fall of soft snow, afterwards it thawed as well as night as by day, a phenomenon that has not before occurred during the winter. Today our great snow was not so far recovered from the effects of the last night's inclemency, to be able to get safe before dinner. The Governor General had so vehemently threatened me with a Hudson's Bay prosecution, that I was somewhat surprised that not a syllable was mentioned on the subject of last night's disturbance, and I was not able to resume the subject lest it might appear as a wish to offer an apology. I was also warned to be cautious that I declare is Mr. Christie, from which I suspect he is a Snake in the grass.

Wednesday, March 26th. The snow still sticks with thick snow on the forenoon; drizzle and sound rain in the afternoon accompanied with wind. I went out a hunting or procuring as usual, but saw nothing I had a terrible, disagreeable walk from the softness and moisture of the snow. Two of the Governor's attendants set off early this morning on their return to Montreal. The Governor has given the Governor General, Counsellor Bute, attendants and equipage, that is the day carriage for the Governor's lady to take their departure tomorrow, if the weather will permit. The day and evening passed over peaceably. Mr. Vincent instead of presenting my late conduct has been more than usually complaisant since. I am informed that he and his wife spent that night in tears; perhaps he now sees his error and reads the consequences.

Thursday, March 27th. This morning,
The mean was 18° below the equator.

The weather was very stormy. The ingenuity of the Officers of the ship was marvelously exerted. The regular passage is now rendered impossible, the gales are raised up by a bank of snow 15 feet high and windward, and the only thoroughfare now is over the top of the barnhouses. Travelling today being impracticable, our visitors were detained, but as they intend going in the morning they resolved to be very abstemious to-day, but the force of habit overcame the powers of Resolution; they went back to bed as usual.

Friday, March 29th, Hissamore.

The mean was 26° below the equator. The weather delightful, consequently every one was active at an early hour preparing for the Moore expedition. Breakfast was served up at ten o'clock, but they manifested no inclination to move, except with the Governor. The Secretary General complained of being very much out of order, with such complaints as the heart could.

The hickorys... Belching the like which they ingeniously attribute to their having eaten some of the fish called “musse” for breakfast.

From this we now state. Debauch—a standing., Mar又能 Melly

A there was no appearance of their immediate departure, I went out to my farm as usual... on my return, they were gone, to my great satisfaction and Mr. Russelstered his joy by welcoming me to Brittainy again and thanking for all his kindness... congratulating Mr. Russel on her being once more at home.

The time again passed pleasantly. The conflagration, noise, and discord is no more heard and order, peace and rational amusement is the more enhanced by the change. A young man named Kennedy, Dr. Donald with his wife and 2 children went with the Moore party with a view of accompanying them up the Red River, consulting in the Printing: they go up the Albany, which communicates by tributaries branches with the lake into which the Red River empties itself. Some very large Mussels were caught today, one weighed 8 lbs; they are a species of Eel.

Saturday, March 30th. The weather was very beautiful. But among myself. Today I got nearly snow blind with the brightness of the Sun reflected from the snow... There is no game about...
of any description — all the Factory women and children have left their tents and come home. This evening there was a fall of snow, without wind which is rather a rare occurrence.

Sunday March 31st. Upwards of half a foot of snow had fallen during the night and the weather was cool. I clean this morning. This additional quantity of soft snow will render walking very tedious: it is unfortunate for those at present on the expedition to Rouse's house, who in addition to the fatigue of walking in such weather in a train like Beasts of burden have to drag an enormous load the distance of 20 or 30 miles. That European, especially those should voluntarily transport themselves to a country of savages to be exposed to the cold. Occupation of savages may appear surprising to theWARDS, which they understand almost incredible. Travelling here, scores of miles in not extraordinary hard labour, falls to the lot of William, but there are few countries where the many travellers cannot find a habitation where he can retire, regulate himself, or take refuge from the storm, but in these hyperborean regions, the most endurings the rigor of the cold.
Monday, April 1st, 1748

The weather very cool and pleasant; a little wind and a light sea.

The sound of the cannon to keep the sea like it, forms a delicious repast; it is salt from the sea which is my greatest objection to it, but I can eat it without objection, perhaps if quite fresh I should be fond of it. The salt is the greatest delicacy. The salt is brine, not salt, even with a saltish dish.

The weather in the evening was very fine.

Tuesday, April 2nd

The storm this morning had quite subsided, the day was very fine. Early in the morning Maj. Gough was dispatched to send letters with some flour. I sent letters by them to Capt. D. and N. After breakfast I took my usual walk, continued to set snares' look after them, and thought I got nothing to express me for my trouble. In the afternoon some Natives with their families came 1
with their winter's fare... They take care to complain of scarcity... starvation. They report that an Indian called Tusk, Son has literally starved to death. That his 2 wives and their children came to beg skins to eat. He sent them to go for his husband, for they were too weak themselves, they could not do it—or as King's father on the next day in this manner. He was at great length and the Indian are generally manoeuvring; for my part I hear of the death of one of them. I heard the story of one of the appearance of it, much less experience it myself... every day brings forth some thing good in its kind... a few days ago I rested on Beaver... yesterday there were beef steaks for dinner... venison steaks for supper... Today we had a pike stuffed... and roasted, a dish to my taste as it was excellent. — About 1 in the evening the two men returned from Fort... bringing the accounts of another being 2... Deeds to the list of the Dead... Wiscansin writes one that he hourly expects the dissolution of another man.

Wednesday, April 3. The weather keeps mild... the thermometer to be above the sun. The snow begins perceptibly to waste away. In the evening the Indians traded their furs which consisted of Foot, Beaver, Marten, Otter, Rabbit and Lynx or Wild cat skins. Also Easter.

Saturday, April 6. Rain was heavy, fall of snow in the morning, followed by a strong gale of wind in the middle of the day, making but...
Thursday, April 4th. Today it continued raining most of the day, for it rained incessantly the whole of the day. The thermometer was 40° above the cypher. In the afternoon, the wind veered to the NW, instantly theweeping eyes of heaven were once up, the earth became immersed in frost, blowing hard, with snow drifts. SW. I sent away all the Indian women and children to hunt for themselves & detained the men in order to send them to Stiltons, as there is no appearance of approaching spring.

Friday, April 5th. The weather, being very favourable, the Indians were sent off early this morning to Stiltons with flour $6. The moon was a few degrees below the cypher, which immediately decreased the thaw of yesterday, and rendered it excellent walking. The men wanted me to get out, and take the horse. Mr. Miller was also out but got 2 sheaves of wheat. The men were got from the hocks, and 3 women sent to angle for trout got 8. Old Peggy came in with some rabbits & partridges & went back immediately to her tent again. She fished as high as the fishing point today but did not have.

Saturday, April 6th. There was a heavy fall of snow in the morning, followed by a strong gale of wind throughout the middle of the day, but towards evening became calmer again. The Indians have sent back some more, & gone to see their children. I gave them all a piece of battle hide and some tobacco. Notwithstanding the badness of the day, the 3 Indians returned from Stiltons and arrived about 10 in the evening.

Another man died on the 3rd. The same evening on which the last was heard. This is the 7th and brave ones died but likely to recover. The Big Ridge arrived at Stiltons yesterday from Rupert's House. But the state of the weather was such to-day that the men considered it unsafe to attempt coming up. The Indians lost their way. Some for a little while believed I only did not they came caught by the hocks & 2 persons taking for trout caught nothing.

Sunday, April 7th. The morning after Breakfast I took a walk to Stiltons, about 2 miles off where the Indians are encamped, in order to see their tents.
or Barracks, as it is generally known now, but I found they had pitched their tent in which they all reside to the number of 20... each family sitting together with the children about their mother and the husband by the side of his wife, he who has 2 cows set between them... each woman was surrounded by her own children... in constructing a tent the place fixed upon is always in such a spot that will shelter it from the wind and where there are trees near the site... some slender poles are cut down for tent poles, and two of these are tied together about a foot and a half from their small extremity, they are then elevated and the lower ends drawn round to the extent of the diameter of the tent, and these form the key stone which supports the whole fabric... two more poles are placed at right angles with these, crossing each other at the top and resting on the angle formed by the 2 first... in this way poles are placed all round forming a perfect circle at the bottom and entering with each other in a point at the top... they meet with their latches and draw doors fit and shut all the... snow till the reach the Peace camp... the poles are then covered with clear... These in losing the upper part... one immense to allow the smoke to exit... a fire is not kindled in the centre, and all round... the bottom of the tent is covered with some green boughs, making a clean comfortable couch to sit on and a shelter to sleep on... I remark... cable that these Indians are in at the Factory... they generally defer their departures until the evening when it is too late to make their tent, and they sleep in the open air contentedly as they would on a bed... it don't appear that since the children suffer from this exposure to the cold... In the afternoon the party arrived from Fortons with the King's ship... at no more than 2. Mate of the Peace... 2 sailors came with it... some of the latter were so tired that the Factory had been obliged to have them on the Hayes... a considerable part of the way... Before these people left Roberts Town... the Peace Soup is off... there came in with three children in a state of rapture... starved... she had left the other wife (who was also her sister) to perish being...
unable to proceed. At Donovan she went to bed for the dead lady. It seemed to me to cover it up, but she could not find it. It was found by her own father, but he was yet worse.

The weather extremely fine all day.

Monday April 8th. In the forenoon the thermometer was up to the freezing point, but did not thaw. The weather was extremely fine, but in the afternoon a strong gale of wind came on in a contrary, kept blowing, drifting snow, lasting for 2 hours then ceased.

Tuesday April 9th. The thermometer was 8° below the freezing this morning. The weather fine which induced me to take my customary walk. I shot 2 partridges. I passed at Donovan she was with me, became snow blind, therefore we returned.

The yesterday a gale of wind came from the sea which lasted a few hours and afterwards the night was fine.

Wednesday April 10th. This morning the sky was clear. We went off again to St. John's by 10 Men 2 Dogs. Mr. D. returned with them. Having got breakfast they left 2. I went out to hunting. I was not unusual to get 3 Partridges. The thermometer was so low as 25° below the

cipher. It scarcely sun to the offshores all day, but there was not a breath of wind and the sun shone a bright that the weather was delightful. The heat also oppressed. I was induced by the few spoils of the weather to penetrate through the woods to an isolated hill, called Beaver hill, which is about 3 miles from the House. On reaching the summit the labour was amply repaid by a most gratifying and enchanting view I had of the surrounding country. The prospect was extensive, interrupted on one side by the convergence of the globe and on the other by a ridge of hills at a great distance inland; for many many miles the ground is entirely flat and smooth covered with extensive forests, large plains covered with snow, which could the table line of the sky forms a striking contrast. When I reflected that the sun now going upon the Face of Nature forms by the almighty creating the Universe, I was overcome with such scenes of wonder, amazement, admiration not easily described.

Thursday April 11th. This morning the weather was tolerably mild, extremely fine. Sun shone as usual. In the evening Peggy came in with some Rabbits & Partridges.
Saturday April 13th. The weather throughout the whole day extremely storming, blowing from the N.W. with great force and snow. A woman called Tomatoes, a girl or Mrs. Belland was very tardy with her treatment so she was in a dangerous state.

Sunday April 14th. The weather was still very stormy and blowing snow, and in the evening it began to snow very thick, making the roads of the weather a table of Indians came in, one Jack Weather Find. He was Jack's cousin. There was also a younger boy, each hunting a sledge heavily laden with victuals for the place, consisting of Venison, Rabbits, and Dried Fish. Likewise, their women's tasks, and their Indians called before arrived with some Bacon from the Rupert House.

The old Indian is a very respectable Indian, he professes a degree of information and shrewdness for one prior to the natives of the country in general, and few foreigners can speak the English language as well as he does. Whenever it is to be understood.

Monday April 15th. The weather continued as bad if not worse than the day preceding being snowing day, snowing besides the weather very very cold. The weather was difficult and disagreeable. In spite of all this, the men who went to Stonington having got tired of waiting, ventured to return at the great hazard of missing their way on the treacherous sea. The sea indeed was such their way but reached...
The Mainland about 10 miles to the Southward. They were then past danger by the accounts of the captains it appears that several of the men are in a hopeless state, and they propose having some of them conveyed here. The only means of saving their lives but owing to the weather they could not be brought today.

In the forenoon the Indians traded their furs and got their supply of powder and shot for the approaching game hunt. One of Metepense family came in with some rabbit skins.

**Tuesday, April 18th.** All day the weather was quite soft with snow and there rain, sleet, and snow. At noon the thermometer was 58° above the zero. In the morning Hester and Metepense family went away and in the afternoon for this came in with Furs. Esquimau came with Messenger boy with Meana and Partridges.

**Wednesday, April 19th.** At the 12°. o'clock the weather was very rainy. The snow which attended the hunting has freeze nothing whatever. In the afternoon part of the day it thawed.
Sunday April 21st. Fine clear weather. The temperature considerably above freezing. Metacapa's family returned this morning leaving their canoe with us until they can return in a few days. They also took with them for a young woman's birthday, a bottle of water. Their complaints are very common among these people. The young ones cut off many in the bloom of youth. Their precarious mode of living obliges them always to be moving from place to place. Almost at all times they are engaged in dragging a heavy burden or carrying a heavy load in the snow. If they have any provisions at all, they will give them away half a Worlds' share for their family so there is no game to be had. The weather all day was most delightful, but I did not go out, having for some days past occupied my leisure time by drawing a sketch of Newton's Island for Capt. D. I staid at home to finish it.

Saturday April 20th. This morning Mr. quaternion's wife came in begging some of the cattle. She then went out and got away half a Bullocks' share for her family so there is no game to be had. The weather all day was most delightful but I did not go out, having for some days past occupied my leisure time by drawing a sketch of Newton's
left recover afterwards join their
tribe. It is not an uncommon
thing for children to destroy their
parents when they become helpless
and unfit to support themselves.
In this they do at the request of the
Do people themselves; they generally
kill them by strangling them,
but not many live to an age to
require their services—b ut when
they really do become so helpless
as to be unable to walk, it is
certainly more pitiful to allow
them to terminate their suffering
at once, rather than leave them
a prey to hunger and cold.

Monday, April 22. The wind
there so warmed today as to render the
snow very soft for walking and the
rays of light so powerful as to reflect
from the snow very conspicuous to
the eyes. But Mr. Rice has furnished
one with an admirably continued blind by which
I am able to perceive mine from
all its baneful allure.
I found a Horse had been eaten
out of one of my snares by a
Fox, but I had ample satisfaction
on the depredator by knocki
hand on the head with my hatchet.
I also got another Fox in a trap
at Wood's Island, but it was either
brought by the Butcher Bend (called
here Whiskey Jacks) which had probably
it in the back and nearly separated the
animal leaving nothing but the head
and the skin. Both were red Foxes.
Mesquite Bay was preparing a
number of Decay gesees at Butler Point for
the use of Mr. Rice, who at the approach
of our gesees the snow which in many places is very
decaying.

Tuesday, April 23. The weather
continued that of Spring. It was far
too in the night, but throughout the day
the sun was very powerful, though
constant, so that as it is from the soft
crop of the snow I went out within
that in the forenoon to fish around
the time. I got a pheasant and some
small birds called Snow Birds from
their coming about in great numbers
but when the snow is frozen all
ground is done therefore the harbingers
of Spring. They are generally seen
followed by the Gesees. Mesquite
brought on 10 Beads. Pleaseante Robinson
Wednesday, April 24th. The weather continues extremely fine. I went out after breakfast as usual to get along the west meeting with two of the islanders coming from Ranton with letters. I returned home to hear the news.

They have relinquished the idea of sending the sick here, as it would be attended with so much difficulty, danger, and bodily pain to the men in their infirble state. There have been no serious deaths since we last heard from them but one man is daily expected to take leave of this world. Capt. D. writes one of his letters is being hastily written. The residence rejoices in the prospect of a speedy release from their present shackles of Ice & Snow. The days with great exertions assiduously he has only procured 38 hares, 13 partridges & 7 Geese during the winter.

Thursday, April 25th. The mildness of the weather indicates the rapid approach of Spring. The two factors were dispatched back again without delay and to all appearance we shall hear no more traffic to Ranton by sea. After breakfast we all went out. At 10 A.M. I went to Butters point to make their goods. They met with some breeze a strong southerly. I left them.

Friday, April 26th. The appearance of the weather this morning seemed to encourage some but it proved otherwise. The sky was clear & quite settled. The thermometer was nearly 70° above the cyphers at noon but it fell in the afternoon and the same temperature which at another time would have been hot I now felt very cold.

I took my usual range during the forenoon but only got one Threasa. I saw some Threasa backing in the sun but could not get within shot of them. Walking is extremely tiresome.

Saturday, April 27th. A fine sunshine continuing. Morning as for several days past. After breakfast - A fine morning. I went to the March to see
our goods stands. Mr. B. went well with us to show me where to pitch it & point out what would be land & what water. Saw a stranger coming across the river she returned home & left one to freeze my ammunition according to my own taste. Served well by making a small circular enclosure just large enough to sit or lay down in & turn about with ease, sheltering it with a thick hedge made by sticking willows bought in the snow then lined the inside with the brush...at a proper distance from this the decoy geese are placed when a flock of geese are flying past the person concealed within the enclosure imitates the call of a goose which the foolish birds think proceed from the decoys come towards them. In this way the sportsman has an opportunity of firing at them. But if the weather has been warm & it is the usual time of their appearing none have been seen yet. I begin to fear they will participate in the general scarcity. In the morning I got another horse today. The person who came from the North was a young woman in the stage of a consumptive. She was sent by Metacappa to be maintained in the same I. Dean sent in a message that he wanted victuals of his to get any he must be down & die, some might be down & die. This seems to imply a kind of threat. That if they were not sent him he would not have any victuals for us.

Sunday, April 28th. The weather gloomy and overcast seemed to forebode rain, which would make it very desirable to carry off part of the immense quantity of snow which covers the face of the earth to such a depth, that although it has been doing very for these 10 days past its diminution is not perceptible on land. The day religiously.

Monday, April 29th. Twenty during the night, the day and evening with a continued breaze of fog.

After breakfast I went to take my usual walk along shore, but from the dark appearance of the weather I thought it unnecessary to wear my hat. However I soon found the haze in the atmosphere produced by the exhalation from the snow is as injurious to the eyes as...
Tuesday April 30th. The wind was almost calm today. The weather continues just as cold; there were even a few slight showers of rain this forenoon. Today I saw with a good many Thesauri just below the house. I shot several of them but only got two, owing to those fishing in the woods where the snow was very soft, I could not possibly go in search of them. With much trouble I got through into what is a big Plane in counter to the house for the cats, but I found at one entire sheet of water. and there being some dangerous quantities here which at times have forced fatal to the cattle, there I made the best of my way back again I went down the ridge path to convey my Décor to my house and here I got a wood partridge and coming homealong shore again I shot 2 more Thesauri. Walking today was extremely laborious from the moisture that the Snow Shoes absorb and quantity of slush that clogs their surface. Their weight is so increased that they appear like a millstone to each foot, yet to walk without them would be still more fatiguing and absolutely impossible but then ending.
to the large extents of the coast. Therefore of the two costs the weight test one is the least.

For when she was so solicitous about his wife was in no hurry back to her with the extended family... he did not

leave the till the afternoon. Peggy

herself the little girl went to the

seventh to live with Margaret,

during the Goose hunt. 

Wishing the last leg, we are yet con-

structed since the late spring dew

attack went by sea to an Island

12 miles off where to their tent it is.

They came in from the Indians to

the North... for some medicines, here

present them to be snow blank and

striving... yet these beings are so

unprovoced that 3 large families

of them are all huddled together in

one tent, whereas of they were upon

eating 50 miles apart. They would have an opportunity of procuring game sufficient for their support.

Goose Month is continued without

one Goose having been seen.

Wednesday 1st May Frog

Month... so called from the Frogs be-

ginning to croak in this Month;

During the night there was a sharp

post which made its excellent walking

this morning. About day break Mr Ha

breakfast alone I went out with great ex-

ception's success from a selfish wish to

have all the sport to himself, because I

had got a few neighbors yesterday. I was

afraid I would be before hand with him;

I was somewhat pleased to find him

return without any thing & he was

a little lonesome, wishing that he

Mylodemon. I went out between 5

to the get nothing, I only got at

a Hare from one of my encampes. Came

home to breakfast at 8 block and

not go any more out this day. This was

their all day was done and not very hot.

Thursday May 2nd Early this

morning... Sharp way... George the son

of Margaret, Day... came to consult me

about her child and husband who are

ill... He got some Medicine I went

away again... Then was 9 of Peter

this morning... but the day was clear

wasn't pleasant, with a strong mostly

calm... but in the evening it cooled

to the N.W. I spent the afternoon ac-

cording to custom, but saw none of

the feathers tribes... a Hare was

cought in one of my encampes...
I was setting the snare again another come in my way when I shot. I headed my piece 2 a 3. Have come to the unlucky spot it also fell into my hands.

Friday May 3. There was a few iniques of feet during the night which induced it excellent walking this morning, so the weather was so inviting I went out between 5 to 6 o'clock. I saw a few hares shot one return to breakfast. During the rest of the day I was busy drawing a plan of the farm for H. Ralph.

In the forenoon Esquranimma the brother of Top skin bought us some venison they having killed the deer which was seen here a few days ago — Esquranimma says 5 here yesterday. I saw one in the evening flying to the sky. The weather kept it fine, but for want of rain the snow disappears very slowly.

Saturday May 4. It being a beautiful morning I took an early walk down the delightful ower the Ridge path, expecting to see some poor unsuspecting hare basking itself in the morning sun.
Sunday, May 5th. The much wished-for weather has arrived at last. 

The afternoon & evening was tolerably dry & very few geese were flying so that none of us got any thing.

Tuesday, May 7th. Early this morning a curious & rather an entertaining incident occurred. Mr. Ruskell was waked out of bed by a noise which seemed to make the whole house tremble violently.
In the afternoon the squaw that came to the Factory in a very dejected state, complaining of starvation, said she had not shot one goose yet, they have none on the coast. The swans frequent the places whether it is comfortable or not to look for them, for the winds of the coast during the night prevents the geese from making any impression on it, that their tracks may be seen as to set names for them, thus cannot be pursued, because they do not set their nets last the ice breaks up, they would lose them. Therefore, these poor Indians on the Sea coast must be all in an extremely deplorable state.

Wednesday May 8. This morning Mr. Ray lost very humanely sent men to the South and North with a small supply of victuals (chiefly oatmeal) to the Indians lest they be on want. The squaw Poppy, he says,听说ＴＲＡＹ, his servant, and his daughter Nancy (Mrs. Baker) are all very ill and likely to die. They beg me to visit her. She is about 80 miles from here, but the quantity of water on the ice renders walking very bad, being subject to the cold. In every way. Mr. R. Don't wish me to undertake the journey. The Indians to the North have been much punished for good.
for the last two days had not extended
thing... the younger children were laying
in the tent so warm it was as to be
unable to walk, yet even children so patient under suffering that they
don't complain. Metacappa sent
the only horses they got before the man
came away, thinking when he gave
it to him that, "he had now made a
hearty meal so he could live very
well upon that for two days."

Thursday, May 9th. We all left
about 5 o'clock this morning. went to
the Goose Hunt. The front in the morning
was pretty intense, but being quite
calm. The sun was very powerful
all day. Several flocks of geese and
swans passed to the N. but flew so
high that one might as well shoot
at the stars as expect to hit them... Mr.
after firing many shots in
 vain at last brought down a gray
winged or small species of goose. we all came
home at 5 o'clock. Dined off an
excellent roast goose... Mr. Russell
\I were both out again in the evening
\I but got no geese... shot 3 wood-patras
guns in the Ridge bath.

Friday, May 10th. The weather con-
tinues extremely fine... We all went to
the Marsh about 5 o'clock and remained
all denneen times, many geese came
\I Flocks passed to the North but nobody
\I set any but Mr. B. who being led down
\I a Wayway... the whole marsh is over
\I an intense bottle patch of water, that
\I was in going after the common
\I Goose but was obliged to desert any.
\I Snow Shoes almost driven away with
\I one. About the same time Captains
\I 9 daughter Sally came coming along
\I with some geese from Capt. Hins that
\I the tough old coonians whose life was
\I despaired of but a few weeks ago visible
\I carrying a paralytic arm on a thing,
\I was not only able to perform such an
\I intricate journeys, but to carry a box
\I of 14 geese... She brings a message from
\I Jack Bester requesting me to visit him
\I as he continues very ill... if the night
\I is pretty so as to harden the snow about
\I probably I may take a walk to see him.

Saturday, May 11th. There was no
\I Frost during the night but the morning
\I being very fine... I undertook to go to visit
\I the Yick Indians to the Southeaster... and
\I set off about 4 in the morning for that
\I tent which is about 14 miles off.
I was accompanied by 2 Men & 2 Dogs with orders to bring what goods they had found out. The commencement of the journey was the worst part of it. On going to the number of streams running from the marsh to the river which required to be passed or leaped over with snow shoes on. In walking over some congelated snow on the surface of a foot of water, the great pressure gave way & I got drowned in the water before I had advanced 1/2 a mile; however after getting to the nearest place able to walk the rest of the way without snow shoes. Several geese and swans flew past us I heard the Dives flying all along the coast, but it appears their success is very bad indeed, there is very poor sport in the Goose Hunt fasting all together. I found my patient Hester setting out amongst some stones watching the Geese, she immediately conducted Dame to the Tent and paid me every possible attention. As these people place great faith in medicine or salts in a medical man whom they consider a conjurer, it is necessary to make a show of doing something to satisfy them. Therefore I gave Dr. Hester one of his Laudanum grains to make simple drinks.
about that I did not go out with my friends superintending, which too often usually
but amused myself with gathering presented on their also half-life unperturbed
perishes which proves here in great places women, most in his first son. Look with
and an excellent at the season of the
it is unnecessary to observe that in many
places the snow has frozen the ground
In the evening the young men all came in from hunting of his birth. 3 summoned sons, flying cloud
sprayed much objected with them
She success, having only got the geese
all day. The Old Man inconsiderably said,"he thought Almighty was very strong with his geese." The expedition was from the mouth of a Heathen. Can how many
come there those consider themselves Christians
that are guilty of greater blasphemy. 20
Times a Dear. At this hour was a coming
e of savages to the number of 15. The other
Dunmire was divided, my showing an exclamation to go to sleep was a signal for
It all that rest. A immediately all came
stretched out, with the feet to the head
the head on the opposite direction the
So many die coming from a country
sheeted up in my Blanket. I enjoyed
night of comfortable repose.
The inmates of this Fort were expected
the Senior Foster's hands. The
Dunmire, the very same on this old Digeon face there incredible proofs of her

Sunday, May 12th. At one clock we
left Foster's tent and passed in his house
but went a little aside from the straight
road to an Island off the point of
Bar a, know. To see Mrs. Foster who
by the bay is the Relief of a Medical person
we reached the island between 5 to 6
the morning. I met her present house
and Foster going to his spouse stand he
had his face painted in a ridiculous
manner. I suppose from a superficial
thoughts dear that it would please the gods
bring them about him. Required of
him whereas his tent was, he pointed
helped on without speaking a word
it was with some difficulty that I got
it out. I bid Mrs. Foster had a little
tiwaddie for breakfast in after the expect
ment concluded my journey. After I
was gone a girl came after me with a pair of bees' houses—Suppose to be had a feast later but was disappointed. Jack Dexter told me he believed Fox had shot some scarce yesterday. If that were the case there was sure to be a feast. This would have been a great gratification to me and I, for it is one of the principal ceremonies that the Indians observe and is generally repeated with the first of the season of all their particular ceremonies, as known there.

Less 50... A Goose Feast consists in each person being presented with a Goose to eat, which is to be seen done in a limited time, not a joint is to be violated on a bone broken. The bones are all to be clean picked and polished. The master of the family makes a speech and the Skeletons are burned with a great deal of formality. The bones of all the game they kill are religiously preserved in a stage is erected to lay them on to prevent dogs. The poultry and tame animals get to them if these observances were not scrupulously attended to. They want the spoils of any success on hunting.

At the first fish caught in a net are come up at a feast. Of they were not so numerous the net would not be worth a farthing. The Indians

To return to my journey. The walking was much softer today than yesterday. The last 3 miles I walked to the house in water. The weather was very warm in the afternoon, the sky was overcast. The tree on the north side of the river is therefore it has become so much decayed that it cannot keep much longer together.

Monday May 13. The weather today was so gloomy with wind I knew that we were not a Goose hunting, and yet a few gosse were seen flying past the house. Moritz von Boy brought his on the farm returned to his boat again.

Tuesday, May 14. This morning we all went to the beach about 3 o'clock the wind was southerly, the weather misty...
Wednesday, May 15th. After the longest continuance of fine weather that I have seen in this country, winter with all its effects has found me another, but I hope a good start for this season. The storm raged furiously all day. The cold very intense. The quantity of snow fallen since last night prodigious. Two to 3 feet of it. Perhaps this weather mayード by retarding the flight of the geese to their breeding places by freezing over the ponds again, cause them to fly about in quest of water. The wife of Mr. Jacques was very well today. Begging some clothes to help them from starving, being quite blind, he cannot shoot.

Thursday, May 16th. This morning the wind having abated, the first blowing pretty intense. Pennoit cheguy returned to Pe's Tent. Shaffey, going to her own. A man and boy were despatched to the North to get skins of sea otters. Returned about 10 o'clock with 2 Men and 2 dogs. Jack Thebaud, one of the latter, returned about 10 o'clock with the 2 women, but 5 Bladders. The Bay Doctor whom they met at sea, being 100 grey. The other man went to Pe's Skins Tent, but did not get a single grey. Mr. P. returned again.
two women. They often getting some cheer.

But during the night the sun was powerful enough in the daytime to melt
the snow. The weather was clear; we were late
of the Marshes in the afternoon but got nothing
there was now scarcely a glimpse to be seen.

I shot a Hare on the Ridge Path about
get one on a course a wood partner was
shot by a piece of it. Carlisle a little girl
of 13. an age at which boys in the country
would hardly be suffered or perhaps even
dare to handle a gun; the two was her
first attempt. This afternoon Mr.
looked into his hand to send to Fortuna, to
learn the state of affairs there before the
breaking up of the ice, and persons send
any off live Men on the morning promis-
ing they are agreeable to undertake
the journey; for being extremely hazardous
one at this Demised period of the season.
be avoid by no means cause them to go against their will; one of the men
hastened but another volunteered to
his施展. Indeed, everything was just
considerate for starting as soon as the
first should harder. The snow a little for
Right is now the only time for travelling.
I intended to accompany them but
the weather appeared so mild in this
evening, that I relinquished my purpose.
Sunday May 19th. During the night there was snowfall of rain. Southerly wind first, but towards morning it veered to the N.W. It began to blow violently from that quarter as it generally does, consequently the expedition to Kentons was frustrated. We had no hopes of it being accomplished.

Monday May 20th. At 10 o'clock this morning the Thaw was at 14° 18' of T. According to the 2 men set off for Kentons. The weather was then good but before 3 o'clock it became very thick with a strong north wind and after wind caused great fear, but fortunately cleared, so as to enable the men to see the Island. Otherwise they would have been in considerable danger. At the morning immemorable flocks of geese were flying to the North. As it was only the first of the weather none of us went out till 9 o'clock. I had so often without effect that I lost patience. I came home to M.R. Band long but got nothing. At noon the 2 women ugly cows came with about 10 geese which they left at an Island called Dilly Valley.

Tuesday May 21st. The weather in the morning was remarkably cold. The Thaw was never higher than 22°. About 10 a.m. the 2 men got back from Kentons and as usual being unexpectedly cleared, a boy belonging to the Indians was on Sunday last crossing the sound to get blueberries on the opposite Island he broke through the ice in the strong current which carries there except here away under the ice to be seen even a man who was with him at the time. His clothes were also, but he was in a most desperate condition. He was content to have his assistance as encouraged to keep holding by the edge of the ice till he was extricated from his perilous situation. He was completely exhausted & declared he could not have held so long had he not seen
Thursday, May 23rd Today all the
River is about the Factory is quite
broken up, but Bishop’s House Island in the middle of the river obstructed
the passage of the ice for some time
but at last it forced its way down
the northern shore, the side next the
House is still fast.

The weather all day was fine, but
not warm, and no geese at all flying
but they were sitting in great num-
ders upon the ice and floating about
in the water. — Early in the morn-
ing 3 men were dispatched to the
South... to bring geese from the In-
dians they returned in the evening
with only 3. Old Peggy brought 3
from Marguerite Bay which he
shot today, he was so famished with
hunger, that he no sooner got them
than he cooked them, as soon as he
ate

Marguerite Bay sent on to me
Today for medicines. Being extremely
ill... he says the geese ptacto-
he is going to die and therefore was
come near him... The woman who
came with the message only bought
2 geese from him.

Wednesday, May 22 The weather
still severely. Late in the season of the
year. Among other remarkable events
mentioned is the case of one of the men, his car
saw yesterday, the 21st of May.

Nobody went out to try to hunt.

Friday, May 24th Today the men
then proved more warm, which one
more animated to find mature
The grove resounded with the songs
of little birds... Swallows in great
members returned to take possession of their deserted homes... warm
times and other insects started into existence to multiply... to annoy.

The ice continued to break up... the current is rarely the case... When

As soon as the river is seen breaking up the great guns at

by their distance from the Falls in

Therefore all the ice from above is broken to pieces by coming

The weather so agreeably changed.

Saturday May 25th... In the

As the current of the river, forces the water over the banks

occasions an inundation.

As soon as the river is seen breaking up the great guns at

3 ducks and at supper we feasted on the Snow.
From October till the end of May, an incessant snow falls upon the earth, during this period the most extensive and rapid snows cease to water the Plans. The beautiful waterfalls, surmounting rapids are hidden in silence; and even the raging ocean, yields submissively to the all enervating pressure of Winter, and becomes still. But no sooner does the general warmth of summer return to renovate such Nature, than the snow rapidly disappears; this descending in streams, obliterates temporary banks to the lakes and rivers, swells them up; breaks asunder their frozen bounds; and in this breach begins in the rivers, soon extends to the sea which, in its turn, yields to the influences of the Season. But the change produced on the land is not less surprising; the clearness with which the trees shoot forth their buds; and the meadows, dispersing their rudest flowers of the Field ornament the earth; and forth a blossoming down the waters teem with a variety of fish of the finest quality; numerous flocks of wild fowl sport upon the lake; and afford both food and pastime; and it would appear that even the natives of this intertropical region have a season of pleasure; but it is not so. Insects soon succeed to many visits to them; the number of vermin, led by the common heat, marshy bottoms, and stagnant pools, in the imperfect regions of America, is infinite. The whole air is filled with multitudes of Mosquitoes, which produce unceasing torment, and embitter all the comforts of life, and the millions are destroyed still millions more succeed to exert their deadly influence. The grills of Jupes gives but little meaning, it is some stones heavy to beans about our heads, at night, and keep off the approach of sleep by the apprehension it causes. But here, scarcely the out of snow or his utmost precaution can prevent them interfering his repose. Besides the Mosquitoes, there are a kind of gnats called Mosquitoes. The commence number of Flies and Toads which, everywhere around the bounds cannot be considered as...
but the reverse, they are not only homeless but beneficent by preying on
more noxious insects, worms
and grubs whose destructive effects often blast all the beauties of a luxuriant garden. So in a few hours convert it into a picture of sterility. Desolation.
Another inconvenience which the summer brings with it, are continual wet feet of travelling in wet clothes.
The land abounds with marshes, ponds, swampy regions that in summer go many yards without meeting with moisture. For in the woods the rays of the sun never penetrate to dry it up. Fine navigating or journeying in a boat, it is impossible to keep dry, so that on the whole I would give the preference to the winter season. The climate is severe but it appears terrible only to us, while the whole face of nature is clothed in snow the lazy Indian venues neither the sunshine nor the fertility of the more southern landscapes, inured to the weather he sleeps with comfort in the midst of ice. Daily ranging the boundless woods for his precarious subsistence of useful roots is his occupation. He eats all he can and seeks for more.

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The weather delightful. Paved the day as the Sunday is in generally spent, devoting a small portion to religion. The rest to pastime of keeping fires, eating, drinking, vague conversation. A great part in the innocent exercise of walking for the purpose of passing away the time. The Ridge Path is nearly all clear of snow & today it was one scene of beauty, the feathered tribe busy employed in building their nests or catering for their young, but most conspicuous were the birds engaged at their bowmen causing too loud remained watching & admiring them for a considerable time. They are extremely numerous & some are of an enormous size. There were some pheasants in the path, which the sacredmats of the day preserved from the foot of the bowmen, but some wood partridges were not so fortunate, these birds
Monday, May 27th. In the morning I went out before breakfast but met with no game. And I have got so tired of hunting geese without getting any that I have given that up. When the Indians came to our camp, they had very little game, but I have very little chance. 

Musquegutt Bay and his family, coming today, they brought only 3 geese. The weather in the morning was very fine, but blowing a fresh breeze from the westward, as the day advanced it increased to a gale with rain and heavy snow and sharp frost. Some fishing nets were set & a few fish caught today.

Tuesday, May 28th. Cold windy weather blowing hard from the N.W. The Musquegutt Bay went away to the Brandon Islands to fetch Popikin Rene to accompany me inland.

Shadway, quaws, and timmawtig a quay went across the river to examine the net, but got very few fish.

Wednesday, May 29th. The weather still blew from the S.W. I went out in the afternoon but did not meet with anything. Several geese were flying but it was too cold to sit in my stand. In the afternoon the Indian Musquegutt Bay returned with Forskin-Esquaninnich carrying with them 58 geese... so that the sea is still navigable to Fort. At the same time Popikin arrived with 58 Rts of fish mostly cod. This reasonable supply will prevent the necessity of killing any of the young cattle which otherwise must have been done. The place being quite destitute of victuals. The home sets produced but little... Popikin went away again immediately. One of the men shot an eagle & Musquegutt shot a goose.

Thursday, May 30th. The weather today was tolerably fine. At daybreak Esquaninnich went back to Brandon Island accompanied by 2 men & 2 dogs to bring some more geese from Bester's tent. He returned in the evening with 16 geese. In the afternoon we made a trip to catch some fish in the River.
a Secot. The bed of the river is so strong that every now and then the net was getting entangled and had to be lifted over the stones. However we got 80 Fish, namely Pickaway, Crunts, perch, Suckers. The last of these are not much esteemed. Generally fall to the share of the poor women and children. The guts of the Fish are also their provision. Those of very delicate stomachs my husband at times such a dish, but I am told they are the most delicious part of the Fish. Everyone about the place were assisting at this necessary work, missing about 10 in number in men, women and children. Mr. Russell, I have posted a barelegged woman one canoe... At 8 am another with some of the men carrying out the Net. No.

Friday May 31st. All day there was constant rain, with warmth, which gave life and vigor to the toque People, and their conversation today was universal. A thousand resonant notes perfectly strewed the neighbourhoo. The cooking of the Fish is well known to me.
francony Mr. W.R and family Mr.
y. I all took a walk to Mr. Senn's
house spent some time there.

The after part of the day was occu-
pied with reading Mr. Pope came
down the river with a few fish to
lay and went away again.

Monday June 3rd. This morning we
had breakfast between 5 to 6 Mr.
W.R. Wy. and Mr. F with 5 men went
across the river in canoes to fish
with the Seaw... by the 1st draught
we got upwards of 60 fine Tichomy.
the next about 20... we tried at two
more places which produced
nothing we returned about noon.

The Brent Geese were flying in
cloudy day & in the afternoon Mr.
Ridgell and Mr. Gladman went to
the marsh but got nothing in
the mean time I was employed
breaking out a piece of ground
for a garden and collecting manure
into it... For scourge we had part
of the fruits of our mornings la-
ter and a delicacy which I never
before partook of. viz Fish guts
which are really excellent and
but for prejudice would become
a great dainty... between 9 to 10 in
the evening a pleasant was draw.

& keeping on the top of the wa-
house I ran down stairs for my gun
I fixed at it, it seemed to drop but
being nearly dark it could not be found.

The weather all day proved very
good the morning was cool but this
evening was very mild with the Frogs
are to be believed we may expect
came, the whole neighbourhood is
vocal in their notes so curious that
I not imagined the rude harmony to
proceed from Geese & Ducks alike
the inhabitants of the grove con-
cluding together to form a concert
of Discord, until I was informed it
was the Frogs.

Tuesday June 4th. The Frogs it
seems for its true... the morning
commenced with very heavy rains
which continued the whole day, blow-
ing fresh from the East... I amused myself all day with taking
a few rough sketches of some of
the scenes in this country.

Wednesday June 5th. All day blow-
ing a violent gale of wind from NW
and east weather... In the forenoon
Mr. went down to the marsh to shoot ge-
and ducks but got none... I amused
myself at home with reading...
Thursday June 6. This morning there was a fog of least wind continued all day. Blossing a strong gale from the NE. The unaccountable e.g. has again blasted all the rising vegetation and the face of nature again expose the aspect of midsummer. - Both the native Euphrates say: they never saw such a season.

These violent gales of wind must occasion the breaking up of the ice at sea and probably the fate of the ships at Connecticut is by this time decided. - This forenoon I sowed a quantity of garden seeds in a spot of cleared ground in the woods.

Friday June 7th. The weather continued westerly & cal. The sea is entirely clear of ice as far as far as the eye can reach from here. - I should suppose the whole of this part of the bay is now broken up.

Saturday June 8th. Late last night Peggy arrived she had been nearly upset in her canoe & had put ashore some way & walked down 2 men were sent up for her fish. They weighed 16 lbs. - Early this mon.

Brought 30 hogs more of them small Surgeon & some of them large. The weatherner the same as f the last 3 days. But upon the whole rather mild. - I amused myself all day with gardening merely the recreation, for I don't expect the produce will ever repay my trouble. - Today on the battle keeper going to Derry Island to look at the battle, he found a young Bell just enjoining, as soon as he man returned with the things, the Indian woman went off, she and directed it, brought him the bricks on their back, and had a noble feast.

Sunday June 9th. This morning there was a short cessation of the NW gale, but the breeze soon springing up again from the same quarter the weather cold and gloomy. Looking over the Meteorological Column from the 13th of August last till the 8th of June. The winds stand as follows: From NW 136

129 days. Between NNE 389 days.
between M. & N. 74 days, calm 3 days, Total 77 days.

More disasters.

Almost 3 M. Torshen arrived here, in consequence of a fatal accident, he was obliged to come back. They had got about the business of carrying flour where he was on shore dragging the canoe up a rapids, when the line broke. The magnetic boy who was steering the canoe was Downed, the canoe floated down till it came to the Fall, then it upset all the heavy commodities sunk to the bottom, a few boxes of cloth and blankets broke on shore by means of a long pole he also got the canoe safe to land.

Torshen travelled part of the way down on foot through the woods and in some places he made canoes to float himself down the river and cross. He did by binding pieces of drift wood together with the roots of trees. He had no hatchet, or apparatus wherewith to make a fire, no food to eat, no clothing to keep him warm, nor every thing was in the canoe when it upset—only one but a Native would have perished with the cold, but the Indians are so inured to hard ship that they will survive almost all.

The deceased is the last of a large family who have all been washed off in their prime either by untimely accidents or by some dreadful malady. Their parents murdered their 2 eldest children and eat them. The Mother, the Governor, some of their towns, went away with the Father in his Dragoons. Lately the Son, his wife, and child the death of the old Mother (Tuton) a few weeks ago. This last event has plunged his mind more since, and lately he acted and talked in such an一带 manner as to indicate signs of mental derangement. Dick's wife always brings it own punishment. Her deeds is here at present and she seems to feel with as much sensibility as any person would in a similar situation. She is left with 2 children, which she did by a former husband, a brother of the last one. They are both (he & she) too indolent, worthless creatures.

Monday, June 10 M. R. was going to send a canoe up the river to search for the Indian's body's being down the all the goods they own of 3...but Torshen
was so ill both in mind body from the late hardships that he was unable to go and it was defered till another day.

The wind to day got to the South and the weather was fine and mild. In the forenoon we fished with the snares near the house & caught about 500 pickerel besides several suckers and one large Pont. In the afternoon I assisted in packing the fish.

Tuesday June 11th. At 5 this morning 2 men were sent off the River in search of the lost goods. The Indian remained so ill he could not go.

The weather all day was warm with showers of rain.

Wednesday June 12th. Early in the morning D. and one of the 11 men went away in a canoe to go to Haines' Point but the sea had Deiver so close in upon the coast that they could not proceed. The man returned but Deiver being anxious to get home his wife went forward on foot along shore. The weather during the fore part of the day was very disagreeable, but a few gale passing close over the house. At 8 word was sent to go to the marsh. He got no gale but he found a Beaver stuck had strayed down the river walking amongst the grass and shot it. The history of the careful animal is partly well known but most accounts guess of it are in some measure incorrect.

It is true that there is a house by the side of a reinulet that they have done bees and some of the water. But the use of this water is not for the common of walking cows but is then store of provisions for the winter. for they live on the Grout and three times which they would be sensible to procure of. They did not use this provisions. Their house is erected by the side of the river or lake. Where there is water in. especially it is only a mound of earth sur

vided into different apartments each of which there is a hole going underground to the water. There is no opening to this external air. This instance the Beaver remains in the domestic state always at the approach of winter they set about making a house if they are kept in a box the day they will block up the opening began making a hole through the floor in one corner but they are equally oblique to block of every other to the external air. Oblique it is.
Thursday, June 13... The weather being
very warm and sunny and our stock
of materials being reduced to one
single goose, we were ready to await
ourselves of the first favorable opor-
tunity to catch some fish. Accordingly
immediately after breakfast, Russell
Rowland and myself with 5 men went
to a large beach with the canoe
and spent the whole day at that employ-
cing with the able canoe at ½ past 6 and
came home pretty well prepared for
a good dinner that was waiting us,
namely a Roast Beaver.

Friday, June 14... Most excellent some-
some weather, but sea is still in sight
all along the coast.

Saturday, June 15... About 2 o'clock
in the Morning 2 men were sent away in a
canoe to go to Shorty's tent and they
returned... The green Ducks seem
now entirely gone and the swamp
snails are now solely occupied solely
by the Frogs which in numbers almost
exceed credibility, and the noise which
they make almost drowns every other
they are everywhere and don't seem
at all alarmed at the approach of man
many of them seem continued their way.
While I searched these books with a stick before commencing their note, they took in a full inspiration, and keeping their mouth quite close, they blew out all their force, which distends a pouch under the chin; producing a sound so loud that it can be heard at a great distance. They continue doing this for a few minutes till all the air is exhausted, then breathing rapidly for a little while, they recover their strength and go through the same process again. Though all these creatures are here comprehended under the name of Frogs, the species among our savages are many, and that is rather remarkable. The natives are fond of these, and feed the sight of a leaping Frog, which they say are always attempting to jump at their nostrils: whereas in England a person would almost as soon embrace a Rattle Snake as handle a Toad. There are few who have any antipathy to the Frog. I amused myself all morning with making a border of cypress wood around my garden. In the garden, in the woods, I met with a woodpecker, which after some time I succeeded in harming, but gave it its liberty again. In the afternoon I assisted to pack beans in the evening I went down to the Pond at Goose Point where there is a Murder house, to set some traps for these animals.

All day the weather was very warm and sultry. The Theatre at one time was as high as 80°.

Sunday June 15th. This morning before breakfast I went to examine the Beaver traps but found some caught. I confess, it was not very agreeable to my feelings to be plunging in the water among myriads of Toads, but I had courage enough to dismount every prejudice. The men sent up the river in quest of the lost goods, returning today with the news that Fopshew rescued from the water, but they found nothing more except the blanket of the deceased Indian. The men came returned from Ich Honolulu, with a quantity of Fish and only 13 geese. Pennant also brought in about 160 lbs. of Fish.

All day the weather was quite sultry and terminated in a Thunder storm with a night of heavy rain.

Monday June 16th. All day the weather was fair from 7 a.m. with a thick mist, and in every respect it was a
Wednesday, June 19th. Today in the afternoon some strangers arrived, no less than ten great men and four women and their families from inland, with a small quantity of furs. The captain had ordered the salute to be fired 3 guns. The salute was returned by the same number and the Parrot figure flag was hoisted in honour of the great man. His flag also, instead of a pole was placed in the yard. The captain was recently dined in a plain coat having taken off all the trappings. He requested that a boat quite plain might be made for him, the taste of savage furs is wearing out even among the Americans, to prevent their ambition from being more valuable and therefore higher ornaments; a gun, a blue shirt, and a blanket. The party of strangers consisted of 6 men and 2 women. Mr. heagan (a wench) Hitchacoctawana, both sisters, a 3 sisters named Nagaut, Nagaut, Nagaut, Nagaut, who agreed to be set on fire. The wife of Hitchacoctawana, in lieu of a late wife who had left him. A large family gone off with his brothers. There are about five
Thursday, June 29th. The Indian chief, after being satisfied with having drank 4 gallons of good rum the night before, left early in the morning for more trade. The intended to be home all day; consequently no further news came from Her Majesty's ship, which was anchored off Macao.

The Chinese presented us with some fine articles from that port, including an English horn, an Indian axe, and a mirror. The Indian, as is his custom, entertained us with a dance and a song, accompanied by some music. The Chinese also presented us with a valuable pearl necklace and a beautiful piece of silk. The Indian chief, as a mark of respect, gave us a piece of gold, which we accepted with gratitude.

We were informed that the village was located near the mouth of the river, and that the people were engaged in the cultivation of rice and tobacco. They also kept a small herd of cattle and a few pigs. The village was surrounded by a wall, and the houses were built of mud and straw.

The Chinese also presented us with a large quantity of spices, including pepper, ginger, and cloves. They also gave us some silk, which we accepted with great satisfaction. The Chinese are well known for their skill in weaving and the quality of their silk. The Chinese also presented us with some gold and silver, which we accepted with great respect.

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Friday, June 21. This forenoon the chief of his party paid the debts received from presents. The captain sent a Shaw—Red Hawk, chief, a boat's hat, the other hunting Indians receive merely a seat or boat. They also get knives, saddles, needles, powder, shot, and a present besides many other things which they ask for and cannot be refused them. About ten o'clock the fleet of canoes came coming up the river, with blankets heaped for sale. The strangers were Jack Wesley Jan. The closest wife next to their collection interesting little daughter quilt. To this oldest child's wife Nancy's two of her children clean and neatly dressed. Whitefoot his wife Mississow and 3 or 4 children. Supposed a poor white man. His wife was new, fair, young. Velasquez, little boy, Paw, was head, his wife, little child of theirs and a dog called cachasap and, as is usual on these occasions they have as much as they
remaining fire to the woods. Early in the morning, I was walking in front of the Stockades when my attention was drawn to a crowd of Indians who were all pointing to something & calling to me in their own language, which I found was some pleasure that were running about at the very gates, and I ran in for my gun but wishing to appear very expectant before such destitute marksmen, I hurried so as to miss the thousand to the severe amusement of the Spectators who laughed heartily at my expense. After Breakfast some licensees arrived & we have now a numerous assembly. It is remarkable that these different tribes who are many hundred miles apart, have no communication with from one year end to the other. I should be able almost immediately to meet here at the same time. The strangers landed a little way below the house & went near 2 hours depthing themselves before they came up. Those already here were as busy as bees from the lightning set:

Saturday, June 22nd. Day the whole atmosphere was clouded with smoke it is supposed from some distant conflagration. A thunder storm which in some countries is unattended with danger this frequently spreads fire and devastation over an extensive tract of country, from the lightning set:
Saturday, June 23. Early yesterday morning I was sent in a canoe to the Caurieh for grease. The Na-squone canoe was sent back with goods for that part. This morning I was sent off with a packet to the East.

The gates were kept that all day no Indians admitted except those who wish to abstain from drinking. The weather all day was surpisingly dark, gloomy, rainy & cold.

It seems President has paid his address to the mournful widow Trap, way, geege, but the smal children could not bear the thoughts she said of taking a husband so soon after the melancholy death of the last one, but he renewed his sent this evening & she gave her consent with great reluctance no doubt, but she said he would always be praying for her if she died.

Monday, June 24. Today there was no fresh arrival, but the Indians that are here continue the decal of Bacchus. In the afternoon I was sent for to see Yostowahshe who was in a fit but finding it was only a drunken fit, I did not think it necessary to do any thing to him.

In the evening, I went down to Goose Pond with an intention of bring some my Beaver traps, but finding a Musk Bear or Musk rat caught in one I seized it. The weather keeps very warm and agreeable. The Ice still very near to the shore.
on the great man became unhappy thought proper to give an answer to the command of fifteen about it both in English and French I am sorry to bear any insult from these creatures I sent him a good nothing which had the double effect of removing the one and sending the other for the sick man was soon after received in fact he was relieved by the coming of the cause of his quail feeling a great compulsion he wished to alleviate the anger of the angry and he went to the burial ground with a little pot of Reeve and after using a great many meaningless signs and expressions understood only by the inhabitants of the place he would attend accordingly to what they said in reply to their appearance angry with them occasionally giving them a little Reeve till he had satisfied them at that time in the evening by saying nothing more. The weather was cold and blowing fresh from the northwest. In the evening Peggy came in with about 10 lbs of fish some of them very large. 

**Tuesday, June 25.** In the morning I went down to Goose Pond to get another Muskrat. During the day I was occupied with some exciting fee. Showed how and Wappo-Nanacs took their debt for the next year and are ready to go away. All day it blew a fresh breeze from the south. The sea is still close in with the shore.

**Wednesday, June 26.** Early this morning all the Indians prepared to go away but before the tribes parted they resolved to have a friendly glass one followed another till they all got quite drunk and they did not go away until the evening. They sat on the beach all the time. The canoe all in readiness in the water in the great Captain's canoe his flag was all day flying the
Tuesday, June 27th. In the fore part of the day the weather was very warm, with showers of rain and Southernly wind; but after the rain ceased it began to blow hard from the westward with a thick fog, became very cold. The last of the Snow in the good disappeared today: don't tell today.

Friday, June 28th. In the morning the weather was briefer and cold with showers of snow, but in the afternoon it rather improved. I went to look at my traps but got nothing. Plenty of Ducks. Feal were in the pond but I could not get a shot at them.

Tom Pipes, his wife and child were in about noon and went away again in the evening, two of Parkwayham's girls came in for some piec for the

Saturday, June 29th. The weather to day was warm, a damp fog in the morning, blizzard fresh from the Westward during the day, and in the evening heavy rain. Two men were dispatched in the morning to the Northward leaving horses from Solacipps to Atapaseem if they can get to them.

Sunday, June 30th. This is the last day for which the people at Fluttons have supplies with victuals and if they have not gone beyond their scarcity allowance the present prospects must be truly awful, and life a Despair has caused them from a Mor. Today this morning went to top of Tsaven hill (a conical mound about 9 miles off) from the top of which the view extends nearly to Fluttons. I have been one of many myself on the winter, but the appearance and nature of things are so changed now that it was thought rather unsafe to go alone, consequently a woman called Deana was appointed to be our guide. I had nothing to fear from the gods of Plunder & being the Genius of...
The evening the Rain fell in torrents with Thunder and lightning. Today Mr. R. had the long Boat launched into the river, in order to be sent to Sullston tomorrow and in the afternoon we commenced to get some Fish with the Swan, to send there but we were completely unsuccessful.

In the evening 3 Indians arrived from Ruperts's House. They say that the Ice still surrounds Sullston so closely that they don't think the Boat can get there. - The Gipsy Schooner which is home for some time been expecting from Rupert's House with the first Gipsy from that Post, had not sailed when these Indians came away.

These strangers are Governor a great man. - Cooper his brother, Deaf Jack, his son Shandy Keeg, Hennops and Meshawee to.

**Tuesday, July 1.** The weather today was mild with a northerly wind.

In the evening Metaacoomen and one of his chases came in with guns, he comes very opportunely to go with me.

**Monday, July 1.** During the night the long boat to Sullston for the snow heavy rain, the weather today warm in the way there is an expert hand at managing a boat.
Wednesday, July 3rd. After sailing the Long Island sound for Nantucket with a favorable wind and fair prospect, we took in a few hours a strong gale a few miles off from the N.W., the wind had just before gone away and we were forced to return, all the morning was spent in considering the circumstances of the unfortunate Sally, a girl of 16 or 17, but sedentary with a cool temper, for the present she promised, however, to come again in the fall. Purchasing her with some decayed stock, Mr. P. liberated her, then stepped forward in her stead, while his son, Nantucket, burst into tears, her mother was still deaf to the voice of love and justice. She is a coward, and for his present sake, Mr. P. does not trouble himself, the proposal of marriage was sent to the young woman, who also rejected it. The anxious father next applied to Mr. P. for a piece of land, but only met with refusal for his presumption.

Nantucket the unfortunate woman, bore this neglect with the greatest indifference, he had no affection for any of his sons, he cared not what they enjoyed, or the state of their parents and she could give little care or concern to her husband, because she is their mother; constant to her husband because she does not know better; if an Indian has grounds for jealousy it is
As soon as girls arrive at the age of 6 or 7, they are considered marriageable, and some are betrothed at the early age of 10 years. This practice is common in the natives who have so great difficulty in maintaining a large family that they are glad to get rid of their daughters as soon as they can, but it becomes a shameful deformity in some of the men, who too frequently imitate the savages in this respect, and sometimes in the most disgusting one of having 2 wives. Polygamy is practised among the savages by those of very opposite character; the industrious, and the industrious, and those of very different natures, vanity and vanity. As a number of wives constitutes greatness, this industrious wretch, who can scarcely support himself, takes 2 wives to hide his defects and raise his consequence. The industrious man is obliged to add to his conjugal stock to enable him to preserve his occupation of hunting and fishing, for as his family increases he loses the assistance of his wife whose time is too.
Friday, July 3rd. The wind today was from the eastward with heavy and incessant rain.

Saturday, July 4th. Today the weather was such as fitted every one with the greatest anxiety. It was exceeding tempestuous and very foggy. Many fears are abroad respecting the boat sent away on Wednesday last which has not returned. A little vessel which has for some time been expected from Hudson's House may chance to be now at sea. if so she will inevitably be lost.—in all probability a vessel is now on her way from Moose, she would be in a perilous situation, lastly if no supply has reached Forts珺 from any of these sources, the misery there must be truly awful. Six days have now elapsed since their stock of provisions was expected to be done. Bereft as our present prospects are we shall yet hope for the best under the dispensation of an Almighty Provider who has hitherto sustained and borne us through many difficulties.

Sunday, July 5th. Everything still retains a very gloomy aspect; it was blowing fresh from the NE all morning with a thick fog. There was also a smart shower of snow rain.

Monday, July 6th. This morning it was frosty with frequent snow showers. The wind westerly. The weather foggy. In the afternoon S. R. went to set Rabbit snares (one stock of provisions being nearly exhausted again) in returning home she got a young hare. I also went to set snares but only made two. Peggy came in with a very reasonable sup. July 9th. F. E.

Tuesday, July 7th. Today the weather was a little warmer and more agreeable but foggy most of the day. A good deal of Ice is to be seen all along the coast, the wind is westerly and moderate, yet the long boat does not put up her appearance.

Wednesday, July 8th. Mr. F. D. arrives today and several young ones. She therefore took away her snares, rather than destroy the young Brrood.
Wednesday, July 11. The morning was fine. We dispatched a boat to the southward, to make enquiries respecting the Long Boat. The ice continues exceedingly, and this morning the ice was close in to the mouth of the river. The weather being so fine, I went to Bema Hill to view the state of the sea from thence. And in every direction it appeared covered with ice, so as to preclude the possibility of a vessel shaping either to or from Suttons. When I returned home I found a great Northerns laden craft A. Glenden, and his tribe had arrived in the same bringing an excellent wine.

Between 9 and 10 in the evening the cause of inquiry returned with agreeable intelligence from Hester that the Long Boat went from her tent to Suttons on Friday last. He has no doubt but she got there.

On the same day he saw the ships schooner from Rupert's House go to Suttons; and in consequence of the bad weather she has plenty salted geese on board, and one cow.

Thursday, July 12. The prospects began to brighten. A strong gale for.

Thursday, July 12. The weather today was quite sunny with light breezes from the westward. Indian arrived from Suttons. The whole of the day was occupied in trading with the Indians. One poor woman fell under suspicion who had been cruelly beaten by a man called Coh;, she would not become his wife; she is sister to his present wife. Another poor woman has taken refuge in the house to avoid being forced among either man she abhors, also the husband of her sister.

Jack Hester and his son Metawe- become acquainted. They brought me the model of a canoe and sledge.
About six in the evening some strange Indians made a smoke on the north shore of Muns. 2 canoes were instantly sent away for them... they proved to be two good men. Capt. Pettit belonged to Capt. Aquastto with their families. The whole of this tribe come from a great distance and as they went to the Factory but seldom, they are much more wild and untractable than those who live nearer. One of the party is a very old man who says he can read the prayer book, but where he was instructed I could not learn. He said also that he could write but on trying him I found it was nonsense.

The night was extremely hot and the mosquitoes excessively troublesome. The Frogs are yet very numerous but their noise has in a great degree ceased.

J.R. Herdstedt.