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*Tuesday 13th.* Showery. Work as yesterday. In the evening Lieut: Dement<sup>137</sup> arrived on his way to Vancouver and two hours later Governor Colville<sup>138</sup> and Mr. Douglas<sup>139</sup> from Victoria.

*Wednesday 14th.* Cowie<sup>140</sup> fixing posts to support beams in slaughter house. Messrs. Colville and Douglas rode in the afternoon to Steilacoom to visit the officers.

*Thursday 15th.* Fine. Messrs. Colville & Douglas started for Vancouver accompanied by Mr. C[hief]. T[rader]. Paul Fraser [page 48] and W. Macneill app[rentice]: P[ost]. M[aster]. their horses having been chiefly borrowed from Indians. Mr. C. T. Tod also arr[ive]d. per *Cadboro*.

*Friday 16th.* Rainy. Messrs. Ogden<sup>141</sup> and Mackay<sup>142</sup> started for Cowlitz today, having returned yesterday from their trip to Port Discovery. Adam Beinston,<sup>143</sup> who on the 31st Oct[ober] had his thumb severely lacerated by the bursting of a gun is now suffering from Traumatic Tetanus, which is becoming alarming severe.

*Saturday 17th.* Rainy Mr. L. M. Collins<sup>144</sup> settler in Nisqually bottom, who has just returned from California, called today and paid a balance of 42.75 due since the 15th March. He also made some purchases.

137 Lieutenant John Dement, 1st Artillery, U. S. A.

138 Eden Colville, Governor of Rupert's Land, head of the affairs of the Hudson's Bay Company.

139 Chief Factor James Douglas, resident at Victoria, and in charge of the affairs of the Department of the Columbia.

140 A servant.

141 Not the Chief Factor Peter Skeen Ogden of Vancouver but a nephew William S. Ogden, former apprentice clerk and apparently at this time in the service of Allan & Mackinlay upon a cruise about the Sound in search of likely sites for sawmills.

142 Now in the employ of Allan & Mackinlay but in 1841 one of a number of colonists imported from the Red River settlement founded by Lord Selkirk to carry on farming operations for the Puget's Sound Agricultural Co. Those settled by the Company at Nisqually were: Baldro, William; Birston, Alexander; Birston, James; Buxton, Henry; Calder, Horatio Nelson; Calder, Mickle; Cunningham, John; Flett, David; Flett, John; Flett, William; Johnson, John; Joyal, Toussaint; Mackay, Charles; Otchin, John; Spence, Archibald; Spence, John; Tate, John.

143 A servant.

144 Luther M. Collins, a pioneer of Oregon in 1847 later the first settler in King County.

*Sunday 18th.* Showery. Rode down in the afternoon to see Capt[ai]n. Sangster<sup>145</sup> who is complaining. Several drunken soldiers and Indians at the beach.

*Monday 19th.* Rainy. S. W. gales. Sandwich Islanders occasionally drunk, and often trafficking in one way or another with the crew of the American ship *Inez* to the neglect of their work.

*Tuesday 20th.* Rainy. Cowie placing tubs in slaughterhouse and arranging carts preparatory to the carting of beef from the plains.

*Wednesday 21st.* Fine. Sent a present of three carcasses Mutton to Captain Corser<sup>146</sup> & the crew of the *Genl. Patterson*.

*Thursday 22nd.* Showery. Men and Indians employed by turns in watching poor Adam Beinston who is becoming very weak. He made a will yesterday in favor of his two children, and appointed Thos. Linklater<sup>147</sup> executor of the Will and guardian of the children.

*Friday 23rd.* Showery. Had a visit today from Capts. Hill<sup>148</sup> and Corser. They had dinner and sat for a couple of hours after. In the evening Major Lee<sup>149</sup> of [Page 49] Genl. Smith's<sup>150</sup> staff arrived from Cowlitz. I proposed today to Captain Mosher<sup>151</sup> of the "*Inez*" to take about a thousand sheep to Victoria offering him a dollar pr. Sheep as freight, but he declined.

*Saturday 24th.* Fine. Major Lee after dinner, proceeded with his retinue to Steilacoom. Cowie and others repairing carts. Settled accounts with Captn. Mosher.

*Sunday 26th.* Incipant rain during last night and today. The three S[andwich]. Islanders Cowie, Kalama<sup>152</sup>, and Keavehaccow<sup>153</sup> went on board the "*Inez*" yesterday, with their women, after the anchor had been raised, and they have not yet returned. The canoe they went in returned yesterday afternoon, the Americans Glasgow<sup>154</sup> and L. A. Smith<sup>155</sup> having come passengers in it. Ploughmen thrashing out Oats. Mr. Ross<sup>156</sup> in, making arrangements for commencing slaughtering.

*Tuesday 27th.* Rainy. No accounts of the Sandwich Islanders.

145 Captain James Sangster, of the *Cadboro*.

146 Identity not ascertained.

147 A servant stationed at Tenalquot in the capacity of shepard.

148 Captain Bennett H. Hill, 1st Artillery, U. S. A., commanding officer at Steilacoom.

149 Major H. A. G. Lee, U. S. A.

150 General Percifer F. Smith, U. S. A.

151 Identity not ascertained.

152 A servant.

153 A servant.

154 Thomas W. Glasgow, a settler of 1847, and recently a squatter upon the Company's lands at the mouth of the Sequallitchew Creek where he proposed to build a mill.

155 Possibly Lyon A. Smith.

156 Mr. Walter Ross, clerk, but now living at Tlilthlow, a company station near Stella-coom.

*Wednesday 28th.* Clear, frosty. In the forenoon the S[andwich]. Islanders arrived having got a passage from where they quitted the "Inez" near Port Orchard, in as far as Steilacoom in the canoe of Pattakynum<sup>157</sup> the Snoqualimi chief.

*Thursday 29th.* Clear & frosty. Cowie assisted by Kalama and Keavehacow (who is henceforth to be employed about the Fort) making a new cart wheel, and repairing another which will serve as its partner. Hytin, a Cowlitz<sup>158</sup> farm Indian lately engaged here, soeing wheat.

*Friday 30th.* Rainy. [page 50.]

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*Sat. 1st.* Cloudy. Kanakas<sup>159</sup> employed making cart wheels and gutters for carrying off the rain water from the house roofs.

*Sunday 2nd.* Partial Sunshine. Showery. In the ev[enin]g. arrived at the beach from Victoria nineteen American passengers from California by the Am[erica]n. barque *John D. Cater*<sup>160</sup> which has been obliged to put into Ft. Victoria in distress. One of the Am[erica]ns. called in the ev[enin]g. accompanied by Thomas [Quamtan] the Interpreter who bro[ugh]t. letters C[hief]. F[actor]. Work<sup>161</sup> for Vancouver and this place.

*Monday 3rd.* Fine. Frosty. A busy day trading with the Americans who purchased to the amount of \$121. Sowed 6 bushels Wheat.

*Tuesday 4th.* Frosty. Am[erica]ns. still here, horses for their transportation to Cowlitz not having been collected yet—shopping occasionally. Men employed as on Saturday. Beef arriving daily from the plains but no less than two cart wheels already broken. Genl. Smith and suite are said to have reached Steilacoom this evening.

*Wednesday 5th.* Frosty. Amr[ican]s. off this morning. Mr. C[hief]. T[rader]. Tod visited with the officers at Steilacoom and returning in the ev[enin]g. brought intelligence that Genl. Smith is to be here tomorrow.

*Thursday 6th.* Cloudy. Genl. Smith accompanied by Colonel Hooker<sup>162</sup> and Major Vinton<sup>163</sup> officers of his suite arrived in the

<sup>157</sup> Patkanin. See, for his biography and description of a recent attack upon the Fort, this *Quarterly*, July, 1919, pp. 212 *et seq.*

<sup>158</sup> The Cowlitz Farm, a separate post maintained by the Companies in the present townships 11 and 12 north, range 1, west Willamette meridian. At this time it consisted of some 1200 acres of tillable land fenced in, eleven barns and a mill.

<sup>159</sup> Natives of the Sandwich Islands.

<sup>160</sup> The passengers are bound for the Columbia and Oregon.

<sup>161</sup> Chief Factor John Work.

<sup>162</sup> Colonel Joseph Hooker, the "Fighting Joe Hooker" of the Civil War.

<sup>163</sup> Major H. D. Vinton, Quartermaster of the Pacific Division.

forenoon and remained to dinner—all very agreeable gentlemanlike men.

*Friday 7th.* Went to Steilacoom to dine with Genl. Smith and the other officers and to settle some business with Mr. Talmadge<sup>164</sup> and the master of *Genl. Patterson*. Mr. Tod preferred remaining at home as we could not both conveniently leave. Beinston either better. [Page 51.]

*Saturday 8th.* Frosty. Sandwich Islanders at wheels and jobbing. Ploughs having been stopped for some days F[ort]. Indians employed in thrashing also all the others not occupied about beef curing.

*Sunday 9th.* Frosty. Accompanied Mr. Tod to Steilacoom to bid farewell to Genl. Smith and party, returned immediately in order to send on board the *Genl. Patterson* some potatoes (60 bushels) sold to Colonel Hooker.

*Monday 10th.* Showery. Mild. W[in]d. S[outherl]y. Mr. Ross who went down with the potatoes for the *Genl. Patterson* returned in the forenoon with the payment \$120. Sandwich Islanders dressing wood for wheels. Keavechacow cut his foot.

*Tuesday 11th.* About 3 inches snow on the ground this morning. Partial Sunshine in the afternoon and slight frost in the shade altho drops continue to fall from the eaves of the houses. Work as yesterday. Some Indians employed thrashing with horses.

*Wednesday 12th.* Snow. Mild. Keva making saddlebags. Cowie at wood for wheels, Kalama making a small cupboard for holding wine.

*Thursday 13th.* Strong gale during night. Rain. Snow rapidly disappearing. Slaughterhouse closed and hands belonging to it employed in thrashing oats and wheat. Sandwich Islanders employed as yesterday.

*Friday 14th.* Frosty, fine. Kalama still at cupboard. Cowie at wheel wood.

*Saturday 15th.* A busy day in the shop.

*Sunday 16th.* Cloudy. About noon arrived from Vancouver Governor Colville and Mr. Douglas accompanied by an English Baronet Sir Edward Poore and his trad[in]g. companion [page 52.] Mr. Franklin. They brought the home [Ms. illegible] letters forwarded by the Y[ork]. F[actory]. Express<sup>165</sup>.

*Monday 17th.* Mild. Part[ia]l. Sunshine. Work of last week re-

<sup>164</sup> Lieutenant Grier Tallmadge, 1st Artillery, U. S. A., stationed at Steilacoom.

<sup>165</sup> York Factory, on Hudson Bay.

sumed. Some beef and part of the baggage shipped on board the *Cadboro*. M[ornin]g. snowy.

*Tuesday 18th.* Cloudy. Evg. rainy. The travellers after a daylight breakfast embarked and the *Cadboro* was under way by ½ past eight o'clock. Sent waggons to the plains, as beef killing is to be continued.

*Wednesday 19th.* Cloudy & mild & rainy, a S. E. squall about sunset followed by drizzling rain. Jollibois<sup>166</sup> with some Indians building a shed against slaughter house, under which grease tallaw can be rendered out in rainy weather.

*Thursday 20th.* Rainy. Work as yesterday. Four carcasses Beef received from the plains in the evening. Wrote Mr. T. M. Chambers<sup>167</sup> warning him that in marking off a claim at Steilacoom as he has lately done, he is trespassing on the lands of the Puget's Sound Company. Copied said letter to Mr. C[hambers]. into the letter book.

*Friday 21st.* Rainy. Carts in with beef. Cowie sick as well as Keva. Kahannin parkshifter<sup>168</sup> at Muck<sup>169</sup> also reported sick.

*Saturday 22nd.* Rainy. Jack cleaning pease in barn.

*Sunday 23rd.* Showery.

*Monday 24th.* Rainy. Christmas Regals given out. Some of the Beef killed on Friday proving rather tainted was selected for present use, and some given out to be smokedried. Kahannin employed in slaughter house in place of Jollibois sick.

*Tuesday 25th.* Fine. Christmas passed quietly by. Mr. Tod dining with the (U. S. A.) officers at Steilacoom. Regal same as last years items of which are entered in Journal. [Page 53.]

*Wednesday 26th.* Fine. Hoar frost in the morning. Cowie and Kalama repairing Cart Wheels, a neverending business. Jolibois with some Indians getting salt to hilltop whence two loads were brought in the dray.

*Thursday 27th.* Foggy. Mild. Cowie and Kalama hooping wheels. Oxdrivers bringing Oats from the beach. Slaughterhouse people washing salt once used in order that it may be again employed in

166 A servant.

167 Thomas M. Chambers, a settler of 1847, living on Chambers Prairie, southeast of the present city of Olympia. In the latter part of June, 1849, he as one of the executors of the estate of Mr. I. T. Heath, a company settler at Steilacoom, conceived the idea of staking out, in the name of his son, David Chambers, a claim on Steilacoom Creek, later Chambers Creek.

168 In order to conserve the land around Fort Nisqually the sheep were pastured out in small enclosures termed parks. These were removed to fresh pasture from time to time.

169 A farmsite and herdsman's station maintained by the Company near the present town of Roy, Pierce County. The creek of the same name was known as Douglas River.

salting beef. Visited by Mr. Bishop <sup>170</sup>, Agent for Captain Crosby<sup>171</sup> at Newmarket.

*Friday 28th.* Frosty. Foggy. Some Soldiers from Steilacoom shopping. Two animals butchered at Shimmish<sup>172</sup>. Work as yesterday.

*Saturday 29th.* Mild. Ev[enin]g. drizzly. Cowie & Kalama dressing spokes. A load of salt from the beach. Keva making saddle bags. Mr. Bishop purchased to the amount of \$150 he priced the batteau left here by Mr. Douglas. I offered it at \$100.

*Sunday 30th.* Cloudy. Soft showers. In the evening Mr. Tallmadge's boy arrived with receipts from Mr. T[almadge]. for my signature for pay[men]t. of our acc[oun]t. ag[ains]t. U. S. Gov[ernmen]t. Have preserved his note which in case of accidents will serve as a voucher that I have not received the money receipted for.

*Monday 31st.* Cloudy. A poor day for work. The serving out of the New Year's day Regals having proved a partial interruption. Cowie arranging roof of stable. Kalama putting batteau at eights.<sup>173</sup> [Page 54.]

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*Tuesday 1st.* Mild. Occasional Sunshine. Mr. Tallmadge called & paid to account \$949, some dollars more than the sum I gave receipts for. In the evening Captain Dunham of the Am[erica]n schooner "*Orbit*"<sup>174</sup> called to obtain an Indian to pilot him to Newmarket.

*Wednesday 2nd.* Sunshine. Pleasant day. Captain Dunham or Denham accompanied by several Americans passengers I presume, called after breakfast and purchased some Mutton. The *Orbit* sailed from S[a]n Francisco on the 2nd November and reached Cape Flattery after a run of 8 or ten days. She was then driven by S. W. y winds as far N. as Cape Scott<sup>175</sup> and after some delay and danger of being driven ashore she made Neah Bay<sup>176</sup> where she was

170 Mr. H. Bishop, agent for Crosby & Gray, recent purchasers of the milling interests at New Market, now Tumwater, above Olympia.

171 Captain Clanrick Crosby.

172 A farmsite on the plains.

173 Installing eight oar-locks.

174 The brig *Orbit*, William H. Dunham, master, Calais, Me., one of the many vessels participating in the gold rush. At San Francisco she was sold to Messrs. Isaac N. Ebey, B. F. Shaw, Edmund Sylvester and a Mr. Jackson who bought her as a means of effecting their transportation to Puget Sound. They, with Charles Hart Smith, constitute the passengers alluded to in the *Journal*. Simmons later purchases the controlling interest and brings in a cargo of goods for his store in Sylvester's soon-to-be town, Olympia.

175 North cape of Vancouver Island, in latitude 50° 46' N.

176 A small indentation on the southern shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca adjacent to Cape Flattery and a well-known landmark at this time, having been in 1790 the site of a Spanish settlement, Nunez Gaona.

detained about fourteen days windbound. Capt: D[unham]. states that owing to the favorable representations made to him of the navigation of the De Fuca Straits, he had not properly ballasted the *Orbit* at San Francisco. He touched at Victoria.

*Friday 4th.* Fine. Frosty. In the ev[enin]g. Dr. Haden<sup>177</sup> arrived from Steilacoom on his way with the mail to Vancouver and Oregon City. I am to visit the sick at Steilacoom occasionally during his absence. Mr. McAlister<sup>178</sup> bro[ugh]t. the remainder of his contract shingles.

*Saturday 5th.* Fine. Cowie as on Thursday—placing gutters on big house.

*Sunday 6th.* Cloudy & Showery. Wind S. W. Rode to Steilacoom yesterday ev[enin]g. & ret[urned]. today. No serious cases in hospital.<sup>179</sup>

*Monday 7th.* Calm. Incipant rain. Cowie repairing Wheel barrows after finishing gutters.

*Tuesday 8th.* Incipant Rain from 10 A. M. till night. Carcasses of three bullocks brought in but all too wet for salting. In the ev[enin]g Corporal Handy arrived from Vancouver having a large mail for the officers at Steilacoom and some letters also for the denizens of Nisqually.

*Wednesday 9th.* Incipant rain. Cowie jobbing inside Fort and Kalama making a wheelbarrow. Keva making saddle-bags.

*Thursday 10th.* Showery. Partial Sunshine. Rode to Steilacoom to visit the sick, the number of whom has been increased by the late rainy weather. Agreed with Serg[ean]t. Hall<sup>180</sup> to exchange fresh Beef for salt pork at the rate of 1¼ lbs. or one ration of Beef for ¾ lb. (one ration of) Pork, which will make 334 lbs Beef equivalent to a Bbl. of Pork cont[ainin]g 200 lbs. Wrote Captain Hill at his own suggestion a letter which he is to enclose to Gov[erno]r. Lane<sup>181</sup> complaining of Glasgow's having squatted on the Company's land<sup>182</sup> and hoping that means may be taken to remove him. See Letter Book. Capt[ain]. Hill is to write Gov[erno]r. Lane inclosing mine.

*Friday 11th.* M[ornin]g. frosty. Sunshine A. M. P. M. Partial

<sup>177</sup> Dr. I. N. Haden.

<sup>178</sup> James McAllister, a settler of 1845, one of the Michael T. Simmons party, now settled in the vicinity of Tumwater, but later identified with his claim on Medicine or McAllister Creek, south of the Nisqually River.

<sup>179</sup> That is, in the military hospital at Fort Steilacoom.

<sup>180</sup> Sergeant James Hall, Company M, 1st Artillery, U. S. A.

<sup>181</sup> General Joseph Lane, territorial governor of Oregon.

<sup>182</sup> Glasgow squatted on the Company's land at the mouth of the Sequelitchew Creek on November 2, 1849, intending to erect a mill thereon.

Sunshine. Black Birds singing. Cowie & Kalama squaring wood for gutters—for small dwelling, and mens-houses. Mr. Chambers called about noon *en route* for Steilacoom accompanied by a Mr. Ebey.<sup>183</sup> Some soldiers shopping.

*Saturday 12th.* Partial Sunshine A. M. Ev[enin]g. rainy. Sent 56 bbls Pork to beach store to day, and got up a load of salt.

*Sunday 13th.* Sleet and rain. About dusk Messrs. Chambers and Ebey returned from Steilacoom, on their way home. When I wrote Mr. Chambers on the 20th Dec[embe]r. [18]49 regarding his trespassing on the Co[mpan]ys lands at Steilacoom I informed him in another note that having now a complete copy from the commencement of the supplies to the Steilacoom farm lately in occupation of the deceased Mr. I. T. Heath,<sup>184</sup> I could now ascertain whether certain articles sold at the public auction of the Farm property on the 25th July, had been originally charged against deceased's private, or farm account, and as our inability to discover how the above mentioned articles ought to have been charged has hitherto prevented the closing of the accounts, I now hope he Mr. C[hambers]. could make it convenient to be here in time to admit of my forwarding a statement of the late Mr. Heath's affairs to England by the 1st January mail from Steilacoom Barracks. When Mr. C[hambers]. passed on the 10th I spoke to him about closing the accounts, and understood him to say that he would be ready to do his part or words to that effect when he returned from Steilacoom, altho he did seem rather inclined to avoid the subject. This evening after Messrs. Chambers and Ebey had supped, knowing that they were to start for home early tomorrow, I proposed to Mr. C[hambers]. to finish the little remaining to be done in the settlement of the late Mr. Heath's affairs, and was greatly surprised to learn from him that he declined proceeding farther in the business on the plea of having been informed by Judge Skinner<sup>185</sup> when at Steilacoom with the Court in October, that he had acted illegally in having officiated as one of the valutors of the property at Steilacoom. Mr. Cham-

183 Isaac N. Ebey. For an extensive biography see this *Quarterly*, vii, p. 240.

184 Owing to a break in the Nisqually Journals it is difficult to determine the precise time when Mr. Heath took up his residence on the farm described but he was there in 1846, and is the subject of a paragraph in one of Tolmie's letters to the Board of Management on Feb. 23, 1848. "On the farm in occupation of Mr. I. T. Heath, there are now 170 acres enclosed, 60 of which are under wheat. All the buildings on the farm have been erected since Mr. Heath took possession and the expense defrayed from the supplies he received from time to time, and by charges for labor from this place. Mr. Heath having made use of building logs and fence poles from the abandoned farms of the Red River Settlers his farm is liable to additional charge of £10 Sterling on this score a note of which is now forwarded to the Board of Management of the Hudson's Bay Company, Fort Vancouver, where the accounts of this place are annually made up." Mr. Heath died sometime in the early part of 1849, his executors being Dr. Tolmie and Mr. Thomas M. Chambers.

185 District Attorney A. P. Skinner.

bers requested Mr. Ebey<sup>186</sup> to give legal explanations on the matter, and Mr. E[bey]. held forth at some length and asked several questions which I replied to. I requested Mr. C[hambers]. to give me his reasons in writing which he declined doing at present. I then proposed to make minutes of the conversation which we should both subscribe, but he also objected to saying that he was unwilling to commit himself. He said that he would explain his views by letter to the late Mr. Heath's brother in England and I then gave him the address of T. M. Heath, Esq. the brother alluded to. Mr. Tod, Mr. W. Ross and Mr. Ebey were present at the above narrated conversation.

*Monday 14th.* Sleety & showery. Presented Mr. Chambers with a letter written last night & copied into letter book requesting him to sign along with me the valuations we jointly made of the property at Steilacoom, also the account of Sales by auction and to look over the accounts generally to see that all was correct ere they were closed & to make his charge for having officiated as valuator. He pocketed the letter without reading it and said he would reply to it soon. Mr. Tod & Ebey present when said letter was delivered. Messrs. C[hambers]. & E[bey]. left after breakfast.

*Tuesday 15th.* About 3 Inches snow on the ground this morning. Sunshine A. M. Afternoon snow and sleet. Mild. Rode to Steilacoom in the afternoon accompanied by Cowie to look a site for a house adjoining the north field there where I have some thought of establishing a dairy. It will at all events be highly advantageous that some one connected with the Company should reside there. Mrs. Kalama delivered of a stout boy. Visited the sick in the Military Hospital.

*Wednesday 16th.* Showers of snow. Partial Sunshine. Cowie & Kalama at gutters. Two bullocks bro[ugh]t in from the plains.

*Thursday 17th.* Sleet & snow. Busy making out a report of my transactions with Mr. Chambers relative to the settlement, which I shall forward to Mr. Ogden who will obtain a legal opinion as to whether Chamber's objections are valid or not. S[andwich]. Islanders at gutters. Sent three Indians to Steilacoom to cut wood for a log house 30 x 18.

*Friday [18th.]* P[artial]. Sunshine Sleety. Ev[enin]g frosty. Work as usual. The *Cadboro* arrived in the afternoon bringing a supply of Blankets. [Page 58].

<sup>186</sup> Mr. Ebey was an attorney by profession.

[February, 1850.]

*Wednesday 27th.* Frosty, fine. *Cadboro* arrived yesterday evening from Victoria. W. F. Tolmie returned thence after an absence of about a month during which Mr. C[hief]. T[rader]. Tod conducted the business here, but omitted journalizing. Two Sandwich Islanders Cowie & Kalama making cartwheels. Leclair,<sup>187</sup> a man lately from Cowlitz farm sowing Oats. Beinston and Jolibois discharging *Cadboro*. The Brig *Sacramento* (Capt: Mouat<sup>188</sup> formerly of the H[udson]. B[ay]. C[o]. S[hip].) arrived on the 25th chartered by G. T. Allan Esqre. to take the shingles he had purchased from the Co[mpan]y. The Am[erica]n. Barque "*Pleiades*" is lying in the Roadstead taking in logs. John McPhail formerly Shepherd at Vancouver arrived here a few days ago having been engaged by Mr. Ogden to act as Shepherd.

*Thursday 28th.* Frosty. Fine. Work as yesterday.

[March, 1850]

*Friday 1st.* Sunshine. Pretty brisk trade in the shop. Sandwich Islanders variously employed, and spare Indians thrashing.

*Saturday 2nd.* Cloudy. Mr. N. Macarthur,<sup>189</sup> who arrived in the *Cadboro*, started for Vancouver with the Victoria packet for the Express, he was accompanied by Mr. Grahame, a young gentleman lately from Scotland & brother to Mr. G[rahame].<sup>190</sup> of Vancouver, who came passenger in the *Sacramento* from California.

*Sunday 3rd.* Fine.

*Monday 4th.* Showery. Commenced packing Beef for exportation. Cowie heading beef casks. Kalama jobbing, and others thrashing in the barn. [Page 59.]

*Tuesday 5th.* Showery. Work as yesterday.

*Wednesday 6th.* Ground white with snow in the morning. *Cadboro* and *Sacramento* taking shingles.

*Thursday 7th.* Showery. Hail. Shipping beef on board *Cadboro*, the same being packed headed up and carted to beach *a la mesure*.<sup>191</sup> *Sacramento* moved across to Wallace's island<sup>192</sup> to take in logs.

*Friday 8th.* Hail, Snow, Partial Sunshine. Sandwich Islanders jobbing and thrashing out pease.

<sup>187</sup> A servant.

<sup>188</sup> Captain W. A. Mouat now in the service of Allan & Mackinlay.

<sup>190</sup> James Allan Grahame.

<sup>191</sup> According to measure. Possibly used here to convey the idea that the barrels were rolled to the beach.

<sup>192</sup> Anderson Island, known locally at that time as Wallace Island after Leander C. Wallace, who had been murdered at the Fort by Snoqualmie Indians on May 1, 1849, and who is thought to have taken a claim on the Island.

*Saturday 9th.* *Cadboro* sailed about noon with a fair wind. It having been hinted to Captain Sangster that two soldiers from Steilacoom were concealed on board the *Cadboro*, he has search made before sailing while Lieut: Gibson<sup>193</sup> U. S. A. and myself were on board, but the mate Dixon reported that he himself had looked in all corners, without Success.

*Sunday 10th.* Sleet and snow. Rode to Steilacoom.

*Monday 11th.* Visited by Mr. Christie supercargo of the *Pleiades* and agreed to let him have Nine Hundred Bushels Potatoes for 450 lbs. Rice, when the Barque returned to the Roadstead.

*Tuesday 12th.* Sleet and Snow, about 8 inches snow on the ground which however is rapidly disappearing. Work as usual.

*Wednesday 13th.* Rain & Sleet. Some Americans arrived from the Sinahomish River, where they have been exploring.

*Thursday 14th.* Showery. Part[ia]l. Sunshine. Captain Hill & Dr. Haden dined here today.

*Friday 15th.* Partial Sunshine. Showery. Called on Captain Mouat, who is anchored abreast of Wallace's Island. Hancock<sup>194</sup> & party arrived from Cape Flattery having [Page 60.] the present abandoned their undertakings there, and seemingly soon to break up the copartnership.

*Saturday 16th.* Showery with Sleet. Cowie, Sandwich Islander, declined taking rations today, saying that he meant to leave the service. He removed his things into a mat lodge outside the Fort.

*Sunday 17th.* Snow & Sleet. Kalama and Keva removed their things today, intending to leave.

*Monday 18th.* Snow & Sleet. The three Sandwich Islanders did not go to duty today. Jolibois repacking remainder of salt Beef into Tierces. Leclair sowing Pease. Indians thrashing wheat.

*Tuesday 19th.* Sunshine. Ev[en]g. partly. This morning H. M. S. Sloop "*Driver*," Captain Johnson, with Governor Blanshard<sup>195</sup> of Vancouver's Island as passenger arrived from Victoria, and anchored alongside of the "*Sacramento*" at Wallace's Island. In the

193 Lieutenant John B. Gibson, 1st Artillery, U. S. A.

194 Samuel Hancock, a settler of 1847 at Tumwater, but since the spring of 1849 a seeker of gold in California. He had but recently returned with a stock of goods and intended to set up for himself at Neah Bay, which he actually did, but the venture was a failure. Hancock, who is more of an adventurer than a settler, finally took up a claim on Whidbey Island and married Susan Crocket. According to her brother, Mr. Samuel D. Crocket, a schoolmaster Henry Y. Sewell, prepared in Hancock's name several hundred pages of marvelous manuscript descriptive of the latter's alleged adventures, which manuscript was sent to a publishing house, but returned, a copy of which is in the University of Washington Library.

195 Richard Blanchard, first governor of Vancouver Island, rival for the same office of James Douglas, and by virtue of his position not on favorable terms with the Hudson's Bay Company. He had arrived at Victoria on March 10, 1850.

forenoon Gov[erno]r. B[lanchard]. and Capt: J[ohnson]. landed accompanied by Capt: Sangster of the *Cadboro*, and had dinner at the Fort. The "Driver" at the requisition of Governor Blanchard has come for a cargo of Cattle and Sheep from this place for the use of the infant colony at Vancouver's Island.<sup>196</sup>

*Wednesday 20th.* Partl[y]. Sunshine. Provided horses for Gov: Blanchard, Capt[ai]n. Johnson and Mr. Sangster and they rode to Steilacoom to visit the officers of the garrison there. Had a note from Mr. Ross<sup>197</sup> stating that he will be ready to drive cattle tomorrow.

*Thursday 21st.* Fine. The strangers who slept at the Fort last night had a shooting excursion this morning before going towards the beach. Two herds of cattle driven in, making in all about 90 head. Twenty seven shipped by sunset. Captain Hill accompanied by Dr. Hayden dined on board the "Driver". Captain H[ill]. conversed a good deal with Gov[erno]r. Blanchard about recovering the two deserters who it seems did get away in the *Cadboro*. [Page 61.]

*Friday 22nd.* Cloudy. Three attempts at parking cattle failed today. I was absent from the beach when the first attempt was made and on board the "Driver" writing Captain Hill regarding the deserters. 85 cattle shipped in all, and about 800 sheep. About 3 P. M. Captain Grant<sup>198</sup> arrived from Victoria for the purpose of purchasing cattle, and paid for some of the cattle & sheep on board the "Driver." About 4 P. M. the "Driver" started for Victoria.

*Saturday 23rd.* Rainy. Spare men thrashing. Ploughs idle, the horses being fatigued after the cattle driving.

*Sunday 24th.* Rainy.

*Monday 25th.* Rainy. Jolibois jobbing. Leclaire with Indians thrashing. Plowing potato land. Express off for Vancouver.

*Tuesday 26th.* Work as yesterday. Mr. Dement<sup>199</sup> called in the afternoon to settle the Gov[ernmen]t. a/c and paid \$729. to a/c.

*Wednesday 27th.* Mild & fine. Vegetation advancing rapidly. Mr.

<sup>196</sup> The first settlement under the crown grant on Vancouver Island was made by W. Colquhoun Grant, a former captain of the Scottish Guards, who fitted out a small colony at his own expense and shipped them via the chartered ship *Harpooner* to Soke Harbor where they arrived in June, 1849. Here the settlers, eight in number, tilled the soil under the Captain's direction until 1851, when he became tired of his project and leased to a number of the men. But they, deprived of their leader, soon fell out, whereupon Grant, to save his property sold and left the country.

<sup>197</sup> Mr. Walter Ross, clerk, but now at the Company's station Tilthlow.

<sup>198</sup> W. Colquhoun Grant. See note 196.

<sup>199</sup> Lieutenant John Dement, 1st Artillery, U. S. A.

Simmons<sup>200</sup> arrived in the ev[enin]g. Had also a business visit from Capt[ai]n. Learmont of the B[ar]que *Pleiades*.<sup>201</sup>

*Thursday 28th.* Fine. Leclaire finished sowing pease. Simmons after making some purchases left after breakfast.

*Friday 29th.* Showery. Squared accounts with Learmont of the *Pleiades* taking from him 1881 lbs. Rice, which along with 2 dozen Hoes @ 6—per doz: to 235, 12½—my contra a/c came to \$144.46, for details of which see Day Book folio 13. Flour was supp[lie]d. him at \$40 pr. bbl. L. Leclaire with a gang of Indians employed in carrying to the Yard the shingles belonging to Messrs. Allan & Mackinlay landed from the *Sacramento*.

*Saturday 30th.* Rainy. Work as yesterday. *Pleiades* off.

*Sunday 31st.* [Page 62.]

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*Monday 1st.* Showery. Commenced drawing drills for potatoes. Jolibois jobbing about.

*Tuesday 2nd.* Showery. Engaged a number of Indian women for potato-planting and commenced laying dung in the drills. *Sacramento* anchored in the roadstead this evening and Captain Mouat at the Fort settling accounts.

*Wednesday 3rd.* M[ornin]g. showery fine. *Sacramento* off with a fair wind. Five bushels Ladies Fingers<sup>202</sup> planted. Jolibois and Leclaire with an Indian crew sent to Newmarket with 76½ bushels Wheat to grind.

*Thursday 4th.* Frosty. Fine. Eleven bushels Potatoes planted. Gohome<sup>203</sup> & Bill<sup>204</sup> in barn. The *Orbit*<sup>205</sup> of Newmarket from California, which had been reported in the Sound since Sunday passed this afternoon with a fine Northerly breeze.

*Friday 5th.* Frosty, fine. Had the pleasure of a visit from Captain Hill who informed me that the vessel observed passing the landing yesterday was not the "*Orbit*" but another from San Francisco containing a speculation of goods for New Market.<sup>206</sup> The Captain and Mr. Ebey who was passenger had called on Capt. Hill and given some late papers, which he promised to send up tomorrow. Lumber & shingles were reported as low priced in California.

200 Michael T. Simmons.

201 The *Pleiades* took also a cargo of lumber from the mill at New Market, now Tumwater, to San Francisco.

202 A variety of potato.

203 A servant.

204 A servant.

205 See note 206.

206 Probably the brig *Robert Bowen*, Captain Cameron, mentioned in the *Journal* under date of June 11, 1850.

*Saturday 6th.* Fine, potato planting going on briskly.

*Sunday 7th.*

*Monday 8th.* Fine. Engaged some extra hands today and got nine bushels Potatoes in and well dunged.

*Tuesday 9th.* Fine. Jolibois jobbing & in the afternoon gardening. The most valuable potato land being still under water had a new & additional channel cut for the Seguallitchew<sup>207</sup> for about 60 yards which will I hope drain off the water in time to admit of "potaturing" the swamp land. Indians did *navvey* duty remarkably well.

*Wednesday 10th.* Fine. River fallen somewhat since yesterday. Work as usual except that Jolibois commenced building a [Page 63] a wing at the South end of the Big house. Leclair with Ind[ian]s. thrashing in barn. Commenced gardening operations yesterday.

*Thursday 11th.* Fine. Work as yesterday. Rode to Round Plain where Chalifoux<sup>208</sup> has squatted and warned him off as a trespasser on the lands of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Co. Called at Steilacoom afterwards.

*Friday 12th.* Fine. Potato planting going on well.

*Saturday 13th.* In the afternoon the *Cadboro* arrived, and, having a large number of Indians on pay and rations, I employed them in discharging the Schooner. A Mr. Huggins<sup>209</sup> lately from England in the *Norman Morrison* arrived p[e]r *Cadboro* to act as clerk and shopman for one year. Mr. W. S. Ogden & Mr. Fenton<sup>210</sup> arr[ive]d. in the ev[en]ing. bringing letters f[ro]m. Mr. C[hief]. F[actor]. Ogden informing me that the Cadb[or]o. was to be seized when next at Nisqually for non payment of duties.

207 The small creek to the north of the Fort.

208 Formerly a servant.

209 Mr. Edward Huggins, last person in charge of Fort Nisqually, who finally took over the place under the homestead laws of the United States. His son, Mr. Thomas Huggins, of Tacoma, is the possessor of the Nisqually Journals.

210 Mr. Robert Fenton, blacksmith.

[To be continued.]