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*Wednesday 19th.* light rain greater part of the day. In the afternoon, J. McLeod, Montgomery, Peter Wilson, Edward Shearer & Mathew Nelson came in from their Stations to have an understanding about getting [page 38], higher wages & Bills for their Balance up to last June, and if they failed to get them they would leave the service at once. Dr. Tolmie explained to them that he had just received orders from Mr. Douglas to raise the two first mentioned wages to £15 more and the three later to £20, and also a promise that should the Company be bought out, before expiration of their Contracts, that they would not be required to go anywhere else, but be paid off in full here, and the same if they had to make out times; but as to giving Due Bills he did [not] feel justified in doing so, in case they designed to leave at all risks, whereby the Company would sustain loss & Damage, and if they did leave, they would forfeit all their wages according to their agreements. They rejected all three offers, and gave notice that they would all leave if the following conditions were not complied with, to get their due Bills as requested, when that got, to make new agreements, their wages to be 100 Dollars a month & to be paid monthly. Dr. Tolmie gave them to understand that he had given them the best offers he had in his power, and he had no authority to give more; and also dictated to them of their dishonorable like conduct, in leaving their posts, before the end of their contract, when they were so much required, and the probability of their losing all their wages in case they left; The party left with notice that they should all come in next Saty. to give u ptheir charges. [page 39.]

*Thursday 20th.* Fine clear weather. Cowie & his party setting up new slaughter house, the balance thrashing out oats in Barn. Montgomery & others brought in a lot of working oxen. Dr. Tolmie & Mr. Todd visited Steilacoom.

*Friday 21st.* Agreeable weather. Neopalu & Lahannui with two lots of oxen hauling filling wood for Cowie. The others as before.

*Saturday 22nd.* Fine. About noon Capt Livingston accompanied

by Mr. Moatt arrived.<sup>107</sup> Capt. L's vessel, *Barque Collooney* Brought about sunset, she is come for the purpose of getting the lumber contracted for between Mr. Simmons and the Company. Mr. Moatt's time is out and is going to try his fortune in California.

*Sunday 23rd.* Sunshine. No news.

*Monday 24th.* Sugar discharged from the "*Collooney*" this morning, and thereafter Capt. Livingston set sail for Newmarket having Mr. Ross as passenger and pilot. About noon the *Cadboro* arrived with a small supply of goods.

*Tuesday 24th.* Fine. *Cadboro* discharged her cargo. Cowie & Kalama at slaughterhouse.

*Wednesday 26th.* Fine. Captain Saingster reported this morning that three of his crew had deserted during the night. W. F. Tolmie rode to Newmarket to see how the loading of the *Collooney* [page 40] proceeds.

*Thursday 27th.* Fine. Report says that the landsmen deserters having been joined, last night, by the three runaways from the *Cadboro*, started for Cowlitz this morning. W. F. Tolmie returned from Newmarket in the evy of all goes on smoothly with the "*Collooney*" and Mr. Ross may be expected home tomorrow. Simmons has sold out to Crosby & Gray of Oregon City.

*Friday 28th.* Fine. Charles Ross, who has been employed since Monday, sent to Steilacoom today with some Shingles and wine for the Officers. Commenced burning swamp land.

*Saturday 29th.* Fine. Work as before. Fort swept out.

*Sunday 30th.* Agreeable weather. Judge Bryan<sup>108</sup> and a large party arrived, for the trial of the Snowqualmie prisoners.

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*Monday 1st.* Weather still continues fine. Dr. Tolmie & myself<sup>109</sup> both absent at the trial as witnesses. The furs were treated. Mr. Todd with two Kanakas looking out for a site for a sawmill down the Sequallitch stream & made some commencement for a claim to one.<sup>110</sup>

<sup>107</sup> Captain Lewis Livingston, bark *Collooney*. The other gentleman is Captain W. A. Moat, of the brig *Sacramento*, and apparently an agent for the firm of Allan & Mackinlay, although still in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. His picture appears in Lewis & Dryden, and his name is frequently encountered in the account book of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company.

<sup>108</sup> The men are Judge William P. Bryant, District Attorney A. P. Skinner, and David Stone, attorney for the defense.

<sup>109</sup> Mr. Walter Ross, clerk.

<sup>110</sup> The treaty of June 15, 1846, guaranteed to the Puget's Sound and Hudson's Bay companies their possessory rights, but left the question of land rather indefinite. The officials, accordingly took such precautionary measures as is here recorded. Despite efforts claim jumping took on a serious aspect in the early fifties, Steilacoon, Cowlitz farm and other choice localities being taken by the settlers with the connivance of federal and local officials. For a full account see *British and American Joint Commission for the final settlement of the claims of the Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sound Agricultural Companies, Papers* (Washington, D. C. and Montreal), 14 volumes.

*Tuesday 2nd.* Strong Gales from the Northward work much as before. The trial of the Indian prisoners not yet over. [page 41.]

*Wednesday 3rd.* Barque *Collooney* arrived from Newmarket late lastnight, most of the hands employed today shipping shingles, the rest about slaughter house. The jury of the Court held at Steilacoom having found a verdict of "Guilty" against two of the Indian prisoners, Copass & Qualawout they were sentenced to be hung, which sentence took place at 4 A. M.<sup>111</sup> this afternoon, the other four were liberated after a strict charge.<sup>112</sup>

*Thursday 4th.* Fine. Work as before. The Court passed this way, on their way home. Barque *Harpooner* loaded and ready to start tomorrow. Mr. Fearon Supercargo up in the evening squaring accounts.

*Friday 5th.* Smoky. Barque *Collooney* off by daylight.

*Saturday 6th.* Foggy greatest part of the day. Linklater sent to Tinalquot to take his station as Shepherd for which he was engaged to remain another year.

*Sunday 7th.* Hazy.

*Monday 8th.* Thick Fog all the day. Cowie and Kalama employed about slaughter-house. A gang of Indn. women sent of to the plains under Cush to take up potatoes at the different stations. [page 42.]

*Tuesday 9th.* Fog still close & disagreeable. Work as yesterday. A party of Lummiess<sup>113</sup> arrived down the beach.

*Wednesday 10th.* Weather clearer than yesterday. Cowie & Kalama & Gohome cutting rafters for new building. Squally with two others were sent yesterday to repair the road on the other side of Tinalquot, for the convenience of the waggons which are expected here soon, with Specie from Vancouver, & which only now detains the schooner from starting in order that the Specie may go home by the homeward bound ships this time.

*Thursday 11th.* Cloudy, Fog & Smoke clearing up. Men employed about Slaughter house. Squally & the others returned, no word of the waggons. Killed 30 sheep which were shipped on board Schooner for Victoria.

*Friday 12th.* No Fog, light drops of rain throughout the day. Work as before. 6 live Sheep sent to Steilacoom & 8 others slaugh-

<sup>111</sup> An error. P. M. is intended.

<sup>112</sup> The two found guilty were clearly so; of the remaining four three were innocent, and one, a slave, was shown not to have participated in the affair at all. His presence seemed to indicate that the Indians had hoped to sacrifice him in the stead of one of themselves, the guilty. See Sen. Doc. 31 C, 2 S, Doc. 8E, Serial No. 587.

<sup>113</sup> A Salish tribe inhabiting the island of the same name and the shores of Bellingham Bay.

tered for use, after which counted the remainder of band of Wedders. No. 450.

*Saturday 13th.* Cloudy. Mr. W. Ross sent out to reside at Tlithlow<sup>114</sup> and look after the people in the Plains. After dark Mr. C. L. Allan<sup>115</sup> accompanied by Thomas Pambrum, arrived, having the returns and specie from Vancouver in two wagons. [page 43.]

*Sunday 14th.* Cloudy. Returns and specie shipped.

*Monday 15th.* Cloudy. Live sheep and pigs shipped on board *Cadboro* and everything ready for her departure by 11 A. M. but there being no wind she does not leave till the evening ebb commences. Mr. C. L. Tod goes passenger.

*Tuesday 16th.* Fine, a busy day in the shop some priests and others having arrived yesterday evening. Some Indians thrashing wheat. Cowie and party going on with house. *Cadboro* off early in the morning.

*Wednesday 17th.* Fine. Mr. C. T. Allan started after an early breakfast accompanied as far as Tinalquot by W. F. T.<sup>116</sup> Work as yesterday.

*Thursday 18th.* Fine. Work as yesterday. All going on well in Tinalquot and T. Linklater seemingly comfortable and contented. Lieut: Dement<sup>117</sup> of the U. S. troops at Steilacoom returned from an Express Trip to Vancouver & O. City,<sup>118</sup> bringing letters to me from Mr. Ogden. Cowie roofing slaughter-house.

*Friday 19th.* Cloudy. Women employed burning swamp. Other work as yesterday. Mr. Ross in with working oxen.

*Saturday 20th.* Cloudy. Had a visit from Qmaster<sup>119</sup> Tallmadge and Dr. Haden<sup>120</sup> of the U. S. Troops stationed at Steilacoom. Work as yesterday. Genl. Smith<sup>121</sup> Comr. in chief of the U. S. troops on the Pacific is soon to visit this quarter.

*Sunday 21st.*

*Monday 22nd.* Cloudy. Thrashing wheat with Marrons. Sent ox waggon to Gravelle's for a load of straw for Steilacoom. [page 44.]

*Tuesday 23rd.* Cloudy. W. H. Macneill arrived from Victoria with the Express from the Eastside which had been brought across

<sup>114</sup> A herdsman's station near Steilacoom.

<sup>115</sup> G. T. Allen.

<sup>116</sup> William Fraser Talmie.

<sup>117</sup> Lieutenant John Dement.

<sup>118</sup> Oregon City, headquarters, until the removal to Fort Vancouver.

<sup>119</sup> Quartermaster Grier Tallmadge, of Steilacoom.

<sup>120</sup> L. A. Haden, not to be confounded with Hayden.

<sup>121</sup> General Percifer F. Smith. For an account of the establishment of the military in Oregon see Sen. Doc. 31C, 28. Doc. 1, part 2, Serial No. 587.

via Athabasca, Peace River and New Caledonia<sup>122</sup> by Eden Colvile Esqre. a lately appointed Governor of Rupert's Land.<sup>123</sup> Mr. Colvile is now at Victoria and accompanied by C. F.<sup>124</sup> Douglas is to proceed in a few days hence to Vancouver by Nisqually & the Cowlitz portage.

*Wednesday 24th.* Cloudy. Despatched after breakfast a messenger for Cowlitz with the packet and letters recd. from Victoria yesterday, and after dinner Mr. Macneill took his departure for Victoria.

*Thursday 25th.* Heavy showers during the night. Mild. Sunshine. Had a letter from Cowlitz today, which was conveyed as far as Tinalquot by Lapoitrie who along with some Indians is transporting wheat from Nawakum prairie to Tinalquot and has made one trip without accident. Potatoe lifters paid off. Two ploughs going today. The delving of the lately burnt ground in the swamp to be the job for odd half days for the Indians usually employed about the Slaughter house and Barn.

*Friday 26th.* Rainy. Mr. Ross with assistants drove in some cows, 10 of which with their calves are to be delivered tomorrow to an American named Glasgow in exchange for 300 bushels potatoes which have already been received. Glasgow accompanied by Mr. David Chambers arrived in the evening.

*Saturday 27th.* Showery. Partial Sunshine. Glasgow and Chambers with assistance from the establishment busy all day catching and tying the 10 cows and a two year old Bullock due Glasgow since last Spring. The cattle very wild. Mr. Ross came in about noon with a fresh lot, and thereafter assisted in securing the cattle. Mr. Jones<sup>126</sup> of Newmarket gave a promissory note payable in a month [page 45] for \$100 in payment of 2 cows & calves and the [Ms. illegible] lent him in Spring of 1846. Gave Mr. Glasgow a note on presentation of which on or after the 15th April 1850, he will be entitled to 8 Heifers, calves of 1849.

*Sunday 28th.* Glasgow off with his cattle but lost 4 cows and much bothered.

<sup>122</sup> Approximately the British Columbia of today.

<sup>123</sup> All the country ruled by the Hudson's Bay Company was from the beginning denominated Rupert Land after Prince Rupert, the first governor. With the amalgamation with the North West Company Rupert Land was reorganized into four departments, Montreal, Southern, Western and Northern. The departments were further subdivided into districts which in turn composed a collection of posts. The ostensible capital was Fort Garry, Red River, where an annual meeting was held, and orders issued for the following year. Transportation between the posts was effected by means of "brigades." For a source account of the workings of the Hudson's Bay Company, consult, Canadian Archives, *Publications*, No. 9, 1914, 2 volumes.

<sup>124</sup> Chief Factor James Douglas.

<sup>125</sup> At or near the present Newaukum, in Lewis County.

<sup>126</sup> Gabriel Jones, one of the Michael T. Simmons party, pioneers of 1845.

*Monday 29th.* Cloudy. Cowie & others at roof of slaughter house. Two ploughs going. Sowed 3 bushels wheat.

*Tuesday 30th.* Rainy. Work as yesterday.

*Wednesday 31st.* Showery. Roofing of Slaughter house finished. Adam Beinston while out shooting Beef cattle had his left thumb greatly lacerated by the bursting of his gun. In the evening Mr. Wm. Ogden nephew of P. S. Ogden<sup>127</sup> Esq. arrived, accompanied by Charles Mackay<sup>128</sup> of Tuality<sup>129</sup> and Marcel Bernier.<sup>130</sup> They are going to Pt. Discovery and that neighborhood in quest of mill-sites. Sowed 2 bushels Wheat.

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*Thursday 1st.* Heavy showers. Cowie & party commenced laying the flooring of store. Thrashing Oats with the flail.

*Friday 2nd.* Showery. Partial sunshine. Mr. Ogden and party off this morning. An American named Glasgow the same who purchased the cattle came in the evening to say that he did not wish me as agent for the Hudson's Bay and Puget's Sd. Coys<sup>131</sup> to make any further improvements on his claim commencing at the sawpit at Nisqy<sup>132</sup> landing and running northward so as to inclose the Sequallitch creek, he handed me a written notice to the above effect, which I declined to accept, telling him that by settling where he had he was trespassing on the lands of the P. S. Coy.

*Saturday 3rd.* Showery. Partial Sunshine. Lieut: Gibson passed, on his way to the Cowlitz and Vancouver with the mail. Wrote by him to C. F. Ogden.

*Sunday 4th.* Mr. T. M. Chambers an American who arrived last night proceeded this morning towards Steilacoom where he is to mark off a claim in his son's name on the Puget Sound Company's lands, and including the millsites at the entrance of the Steilacoom creek. In the evening, Captain Mosher<sup>134</sup> of the ship "Inez" arrived, guided by Glasgow, and accompanied by a boat's crew of six, having left his ship a few miles below the narrows. After sitting for an hour or two he left and went to pass the night with Glasgow. The boats crew were supplied with supper and quarters in the different houses inside the Fort. The "Inez" has come for

<sup>127</sup> Peter Skeene Ogden was a Chief Factor at Fort Vancouver; William Ogden at one time an apprentice clerk, is apparently in the service of Allan and Mackinlay, inasmuch as his expenses are charged to that firm. See note 107.

<sup>128</sup> Charles Mackay.

<sup>129</sup> A settlement on the river of the same name in Oregon, spelled variously.

<sup>130</sup> Marcel Bernier, born at Spokane in 1820, one of the Red River colonists of 1841, but since this year (1849) a citizen of the United States.

<sup>131</sup> Puget's Sound Agricultural Company.

<sup>132</sup> Nisqually.

<sup>133</sup> Lieutenant John B. Gibson.

<sup>134</sup> Identity not ascertained.

the Lumber and Shingles contracted for, from Mr. Simmons by a Mr. Fruit.<sup>135</sup>

*Monday 5th.* Fine. Rode out today too kill beef and afterwards accompanied by Mr. W. Ross, proceeded towards Steilacoom to warn off Mr. Chambers as a trespasser on the lands of the Puget's Sound Coy. Could not find Mr. C. who was tracing out his claim in the woods. Accompanied Mr. Ross home to Tlithlow.

*Tuesday 6th.* Showery. Partial Sunshine. Assisted Mr. Ross during the forenoon at Tlithlow to put the Rams to the Ewes but on learning that the *General Patterson* was in the roadstead and unloading her cargo, I hastened in to the Fort. Cowie making a gutter to carry off the water from the roof of the Store. In the evening Captain Mosher made his appearance and staid for the night.

*Wednesday 7th.* Fine. Mg. showery, a smart breeze in the forenoon that drove the *Genl. Patterson* from her anchorage. Nearly all her cargo landed and in the store this evening. Commenced moving the salting tubs &c from old to new Slaughter house. Called at Glasgow's in the morning and warned him off as a trespasser on the lands of the Puget's Sound [page 47] Company in presence of Captain Mosher, Mr. M. T. Simmons, Charles Ross and Adam Beinston. Glasgow in his turn warned us against making any further improvements on what he called his claim. Continued on to the beach from Glasgow's accompanied by Captain Mosher, Simmons and Glasgow through a wide road opened by the Company some years ago, of which I informed Mosher and Simmons. Afterwards went on board the *Genl. Patterson* and saw Captain Corser.<sup>136</sup>

*Thursday 8th.* Rainy. Nearly all the *Genl. Patterson's* cargo landed. Lapoitrie with his Inds. retd. having in three weeks made the trips with wheat from Cowlitz & Newaukum to Tinalquot.

*Friday 9th.* Showery. Engaged C. Wren for a day and sent him along with Lapoitrie and some Islanders and Indians to make a slight dam a little above the entrance of the Sequallitch creek. Cowie continuing at flooring of slaughterhouse. Captain Corser spending the evg. at the Fort.

*Saturday 10th.* Mg. foggy. Fine. Mr. Ross drove in a lot of working oxen. Some Indians thrashing Oats. Others at flooring of slaughterhouse.

*Sunday 11th.* Showery.

*Monday 12th.* Fine. Lapoitrie assisting the ordinary ox drivers in taming the oxen brought in on Saturday. Cowie finishing floor of slaughterhouse.

<sup>135</sup> Identity not ascertained.

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