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Monday 1st. Showery. Squally all day long. Chaulifoux¹ & Cowie,² Keavhacow³ & Tapou⁴ as before. Fiandie⁵ & two Indians F. noon⁶ clearing out Store at beach. A. Noon⁷ Fiandie with Barnes⁸ & Thornhill⁹ at work in slaughter House cutting up gelace¹⁰ boiling Horns &c &c. McPhail¹¹ (who has recovered from his sickness) with Indian gang¹² picking & sorting potatoes. Oxen Forenoon carting f^e. wood. A. Noon carting up Flour from beach which arrived last Night with Young¹³ from Olympia.¹⁴ Mr. Miller¹⁵ & Mr. Moses¹⁶ (brother to the collector of customs P. Snd.¹⁷) here this Morning.

Tuesday 2nd. Rain all day. Chaulifoux & hands as before. Remaining hands employed thrashing Oats & Wheat in barn. Indian gang F. Noon picking up potatoes. A. Noon with Hand Cart bringing gravel to Fort yard & filling up holes therein. At the request of the Ladies,¹⁸ despatched a canoe off to Olympia to enquire as to the detention of the Vessels.¹⁹ Oxen employed carting Firewood.

Wednesday 3rd. Still gloomy Weather. Received a letter from Dr. Tolmie²⁰ this morning stating that both the Comp^{ys}.²¹ vessels had been seized up at Olympia by the Americans.²² The "Mary Dare" was seized because the Cask Sugar on board did not amount in lbs. weight which would have been required to have

Thursday 4th. Fine & pleasant Weather. despatched a canoe of Indians to the vessels at Olympia, with 6 Quarters of Beef for their use. Barnes & Thornhill thrashing Wheat for seed. Fiandie,

1 A servant. 2 A servant. 3 A servant. 4 A servant.
 5 A servant. 6 Forenoon. 7 Afternoon. 8 A servant.
 9 A servant. 10 Hardly "gelose." Possibly a local term for gelatin.
 11 A servant. 12 Indian employes. 13 A servant.
 14 From the mill at "Newmarket" now Tumwater, above Olympia.
 15 Winlock W. Miller, surveyor of the port of Nisqually.
 16 A. Benton Moses, brother to Simpson P. Moses, the collector of customs.
 17 Puget Sound.
 18 Mrs. Suzette Work, wife of Chief Factor John Work; her daughter, Letitia Work; and Miss Rose Birnie. See this *Quarterly*, XIV, No. 2 (April, 1923), p. 148.
 19 For an account of the seizure of the *Mary Dare* and *Beaver* see this *Quarterly*, XIV, No. 2 (April, 1923), pp. 147-148.
 20 William Fraser Tolmie, chief trader for the Hudson's Bay Company, and superintendent of the Puget's Sound Agricultural Company.
 21 Company's—the Hudson's Bay Company.
 22 That is, by American customs officers.

been in a single package. The Steamer Beaver has been seized as she was entered in ballast & had no ballast on board. All hands employed raising potatoes ploughed up by Slogomas.²³ Oxen out after Beef, three slaughtered to day. [Ms. Page 22] Northover²⁴ & Thornhill ploughing. McPhail & Indian gang raising potatoes in Swamp. Oxen Forenoon carting in firewood. Afternoon carting Barrels of Tallow to Store on beach in readiness for Shipment.

Friday 5th. Late last Night Dr. Tolmie & Mr. Work²⁵ arrived from Olympia, both vessels at present in the hands of the Americans, but Steamer²⁶ it is expected will be allowed to take her departure, there being no positive reasons for her detention. Dr. Tolmie accompanied by Miss Burney²⁷ & Mrs. Work, this evening set off for Olympia. The Ladies being required there, before they can obtain possession of their luggage. Hands employed as yesterday.

Saturday 6th. A fine breeze from the S. West. Clear pleasant weather. despatched a Canoe off to Olympia to bring back Mrs. Work & Miss Burney. The Canoe they went up in yesterday having been hired by Dr. Tolmie at Newmarket²⁸ (or Olympia). Chaulifoux & Cowie Shingling new Stable. Barnes & Thornhill thrashing Wheat. McPhail & gang picking potatoes. Oxen hauling firewood.

Sunday 7th. Fine. Mr. Anderson²⁹ of Fort Colville arrived with the express from other side of Mountains also some few packs of Furs. Evening, Dr. Tolmie returned from Olympia. The Customs Officer Mr. Moses [Ms. Page 23] has seized the "Beaver" Steamer upon the grounds before mentioned. Captn. Stuart³⁰ arrived with Dr. Tolmie.

Monday 8th. Fine all day. Chaulifoux, Cowie, Keavahoccow & Gohome at New Stables, Thornhill & Sales unpacking & airing Furs that arrived yesterday. The man Sales is an hand from Victoria³¹ who arrived by Steamer in search of his wife an English woman [*sic*] who came here some time ago on a visit to Mrs.

²³ An Indian employee.

²⁴ A servant.

²⁶ The steamer *Beaver*.

²⁷ Miss Rose Birnie and Mrs. John Work.

²⁸ Now called Tumwater.

²⁹ Alexander Caulfield Anderson, chief trader for the Hudson's Bay Company.

³⁰ Captain Charles Edward Stuart of the *Beaver*.

³¹ Fort Victoria, around which was built the present city of Victoria, B. C. After the settlement of the Oregon Question in 1846, Victoria was made the headquarters of the Department of the Columbia, in place of Fort Vancouver, now on American soil.

²⁵ Chief Factor John Work.

Dean.³² Sales wishes to stop & work out his time at this Fort. Barnes preparing Barn for tomorrows thrashing with Horses. Northover & Fiandie sowing & harrowing wheat. Tapou & Indian gang raising potatoes in Swamp. Oxen out after Beef three animals slaughtered. Horse Cart bringing home firewood. McPhail indisposed.

Tuesday 9th. Fine clear Summer like Weather. Thornhill, Sales & Barnes with a band of Horses treading out Wheat. Tapou & Indian gang raising potatoes. Northover, Fiandie & Slugomas com^{d. 33} ploughing land for oats, finished sowing Wheat, quantity sown 57 bushels. Oxen F. Noon carting firewood. A. Noon carting Salt from beach. Dr. Tolmie & Captn. Stuart busy all day writing despatches to Victoria giving an acc. of the late proceedings at Olympia regarding "Mary Dare" & Beaver, Late in the evening despatched canoe off to Victoria with a packet in charge of Cootie.³⁴ [Ms. Page 24]

Wednesday 10th. Showery. Early this afternoon Dr. Tolmie accompanied by Mr. Anderson & Captn. Stewart left by canoe for the vessels at Olympia. Barnes, Thornhill & Sales thrashing oats, Chaulifoux and hands as before, Indian gang sorting Potatoes. Oxen carting firewood &c &c.

Thursday 11th. dull slight showers of rain, Chaulifoux & hands with four oxen hauling sticks for floor to Stable. Gang picking potatoes. Sales & Tapou jobbing about Fort. Oxen F. Noon carting firewood. A. Noon off to Montgomery's³⁵ house to be in readiness for tomorrows killing, plain³⁶ wagon in with three animals intended for the vessels.

Friday 12th. dull. Foggy weather. late in the evening Dr. Tolmie & Mr. Anderson returned from Olympia. hands employed as yesterday.

Saturday 13th. dull Misty Weather. Mr. Sinclair 1st Mate of the "Mary Dare" arrived with a boat load of Goods, part of the consignment to this place. Chaulifoux, Cowie & Keavhoccow at New Stables. Barnes & Sales thrashing oats. McPhail & gang picking potatoes. Thornhill employed about Store. Oxen carting

³² See note 51.

³³ Commenced.

³⁴ An Indian mail carrier.

³⁵ Precise location not ascertained.

³⁶ The wagon used on the Nisqually Plains.

firewood &c. A band of horses driven in in readiness for Mr. Anderson & Miss Birnie who start Monday next. Tapou sick.

Sunday 14th. Fine Sunny Weather. [Ms. Page 25]

Monday 15th. Dull. Signs of rain. This Morning Dr. Tolmie started for Vancouver,³⁷ whence he goes to consult the Law concerning the late seizures. Chaulifoux, Cowie, Keavhoccow & Tapou at New Stables. Thornhill & Barnes thrashing oats. Northover & Fiandie breaking in a Wild Horse to the Plough. McPhail & gang sweeping out Fort. Oxen F. Noon carting firewood. A. Noon carting up goods from beach. Received a note from Captain Balch³⁸ asking if he could be supplied with Beef at 7 cents per pound. Replied that I³⁹ could not take it upon myself to let him have Beef for less than 8 cents.

Tuesday 16th. Fine. Mr. Anderson & Miss Birnie departed this morning for Cowlitz.⁴⁰ Chaulifoux repairing Ploughs damaged by the Wild Horses. Cowie & Keavhaccow at New Stables. Squally and Gohome with four oxen hauling timber for flooring to Stables. Barnes thrashing oats. Thornhill employed about Fort. Sales put into kitchen to act as Cook and Steward. McPhail and gang sweeping out Fort &c. Oxen hauling firewood.

Wednesday 17th. Fair. hands employed as yesterday. Tapou still sick. rec^d. an order from Captain Balch for 800 lbs. Beef to be delivered tomorrow.

Thursday 18th. Frosty. Cold Morning. Evening Foggy. Chaulifoux & the Kanaka's⁴¹ flooring Stable. Thornhill weeding in garden. McPhail & gang (4 Indians) took the Beef by Canoe to Balch at Steilacoom. Oxen F. Noon carting firewood. A. Noon off to Montgomery's⁴² for tomorrows killing. [Ms. Page 26]

Friday 19th. Fine. Frosty Weather. hands employed as before. An Indian arrived from Cowlitz with letters.

Saturday 20th. Fine. A Strong breeze from the North. Thornhill sifting Flour, remaining hands as before. Sent a canoe off

³⁷ Fort Vancouver on the Columbia River.

³⁸ Lafayette Balch, proprietor of the town of Steilacoom.

³⁹ Edward Huggins, clerk and keeper of this *Journal*.

⁴⁰ The Cowlitz Farm, a company post on the Cowlitz River, near the present town of Toledo, Wash.

⁴¹ The word "kanaka" in the Sandwich Islands' language means "man." Many natives of these islands were in the employ of the Hudson's Bay Co. The reference here is probably to Cowie, Keavhaccow and Tapou.

⁴² See note 35.

to Victoria with a packet in charge of I. Goudie,⁴³ who arrived here in the Steamer.

Sunday 21st. Fine and Frosty, freezing hard toward Evening.

Monday 22nd. Very cold, ink freezing in pen. Whilst out with the intention of killing Cattle Mr. Ross⁴⁴ met with a sad, unfortunate accident in the act of pursuing an ox, his Horse (a spirited animal) fell with its whole weight on his (Mr. Ross's) left leg, and broke it very severely. Dr. Haden⁴⁵ was sent for and attended immediately. No animals killed to day. I myself rode out to Mr. Balch's⁴⁶ and got his signature to a petition to be presented next court praying to have portion of road from Steilacoom to Olympia reviewed, which road, if carried out according to first view will run through one of the Company's Fields. Captain Stuart arrived for a supply of fresh Beef. Thornhill & Young employed killing & dressing a couple of Hogs for ourselves & one for the vessels. ploughing stopped on acct. of the severe frost, ploughmen employed Winnowing oats. Chaulifoux & gang at Stables. [Ms. Page 27]

Tuesday 23rd. A heavy fall of Snow in the early part of Morning which disappeared before Night. This Morning, the canoe which was sent off to Victoria in charge of Cottie returned with a packet of letters. Hands employed as before. Horse and cart employed carting in firewood—two Oxen hauling firewood.

Wednesday 24th. More Snow. Chaulifoux & Cowie flooring New Stable. Barnes, Northover & Fiandie winnowing Oats. Served out a regal to the people the same as given last year. Captain Stuart left for Olympia. Major Goldsboro⁴⁷ called on his way down with "Orbit" which vessel is bound for the Sandwich Islands. A pint of American brandy purchased at Olympia was served out to each Whiteman.

Thursday 25th. Christmas day. dull gloomy weather. all quiet. the men enjoying themselves moderately. in the evening arrived from Olympia J. Swanson, J. Sinclair & Watson officers from the "Beaver" & "Mary Dare." Mr. Ross improving.

Friday 26th. Fine, a holiday for all hands. I Myself⁴⁸ rode out

⁴³ Identity not ascertained.

⁴⁴ Mr. Walter Rose, clerk, in charge of the company's post at Tlilthlow, near Steilacoom.

⁴⁵ J. A. Haden, government surgeon at Fort Steilacoom.

⁴⁶ At Steilacoom.

⁴⁷ Hugh Allan Goldsboro.

⁴⁸ See note 39.

⁴⁹ William P. Daugherty.

& requested Mr. Dougherty⁴⁹ to present the road petition at Court, he promised so to do.

Saturday 27th. Showery. likewise an holiday to the men. [Ms Page 28]

Sunday 28th. Showery. Mr. Watson 2nd Engineer to Steamer "Beaver" left this Evening by canoe for Victoria. he is to proceed to England by "Norman Morrison", he having procured his discharge. Messrs. Sinclair & Swanson also left to rejoin their vessels at Olympia.

Monday 29th. Wet and uncomfortable Weather. Chaulifoux, Cowie & Keavhacow at New Stables. Tapou with four Oxen hauling sticks for flooring hay loft in Stable. Barnes & Thornhill thrashing Oats. ploughing resumed, four Oxen employed hauling firewood. Sergt. Hall⁵⁰ up & settled Beef Account. Mr. Dean⁵¹ in. Reports that Mr. Ross is progressing favourably.

Tuesday 30th. Showery. Chaulifoux & hands employed as before. Barnes making dip Candles. Oxen employed hauling home Potatoes from pits in Swamp.

Wednesday 31st. No change in the Weather. Chaulifoux & Cowie at Stable. Tapou with 4 oxen hauling sticks for Stable loft. Keavhacow & three Indians cutting fuel. Thornhill & Barnes with Horses treading out Wheat in barn. Oxen hauling firewood. Served out a regal to people, the same as on Christmas day. [Ms. Page 29]

[January, 1852]

Thursday, 1st. Heavy dull rainy Weather. people all drunk, McPhail in particular, fighting & quarrelling with the Men. he is a utterly worthless fellow.

Friday, 2nd. Rain all day. A holiday to all hands.

Saturday 3rd. Fine mild Weather. likewise a holiday. Mr. Ross doing well.

Sunday 4th. dull hazy weather. Evening arrived a canoe from Victoria bringing a few letters. The "Damascope"⁵² Captⁿ Balch's

⁴⁹ First Sergeant James Hall, Co. M, 1st Artillery, U. S. A., of Fort Steilacoom.

⁵¹ A Mr. Thomas Dean, foreman at Tilthlow.

⁵² The *Demaris Cove*. For an account of this event see H. H. Bancroft, *History of*

vessel which started from Steilacoom last week for Queen Charlottes Island, with the intention of rescuing the crew & Passengers of the unfortunate "Georgeana" wrecked a short time ago on the coast of Q. C^a. Island & crew & passengers made prisoners by the Indians called in at Victoria & made purchases of Goods to the ammount of \$1800.00.

Monday 5th. Showery all day. Chaulifoux & gang at New Stable, Thornhill & Barnes winnowing Wheat. Oxen hauling firewood. Mr. Balch's Store at Steilacoom has been broken into by Indians, & several Blankets stolen therefrom. [Ms. Page 30]

Tuesday 6th. Heavy rain all day. Water beginning to appear in Swamp. Chaulifoux, Tapou, Cowie & Keavhaccow preparing Wood. By Horse Backs Thornhill & Barnes winnowing Wheat. In the Evening Mr. Sinclair arrived from Olympia for a supply of Beef. Mr. S. says that Judge Strong⁵³ arrived yesterday at Olympia. Oxen fetching home beef, three animals slaughtered.

Wednesday 7th. Incessant rain. Chaulifoux & hands at New Stable. Barnes & Thornhill making Straw into Bundles for carting to Stable. Gang of four Indians employed ditching in Swamp. Oxen carting Wheat down to Store on beach in readiness for sending to Mill. Horses & cart employed carting fodder to New Stable. Myself started on horseback for Olympia, to receive payment of a bill for \$1838.81 drawn on Collector Moses, for goods purchased by the Master of the Damascove at Fort Victoria. Mr. Sinclair left with a quantity of Beef & Potatoes for the use of "Mary Dare" & "Beaver."

Thursday 8th. Fine. Myself⁵⁴ returned from Olympia. Mr. Moses not in town. I left the Bill of Exchange with Captⁿ Stuart whom will present it immediately on Mr. M^o arrival. found the roads extremely bad. Rivers very high. Judge Strong has not arrived at Olympia as reported by Mr. Sinclair on Tuesday last. Horses moved into New Stable, one side of which is complete for their reception. [Ms. Page 31]

Friday, 9th. Fine and pleasant weather. Hands employed finishing Stable, thrashing Oats, ploughing&c. Oxen out after Beef. In the Evening Mr. Swanson arrived from Olympia, bearing a letter from Victoria to Mr. Work, brought to Olympia by the

⁵³ Judge William Strong.

⁵⁴ See note 39.

Am Brig Susanna recently arrived from Victoria. The letter to Mr. Work contains the Melancholy intelligence of the Wreck & entire loss of the Compy's Brig "Victoria"⁵⁵ off Cape Flattery on her way to Victoria from Queen Charlottes Island, she was driven by stress of Weather on to the rocks, and was there plundered and is supposed, set afire by the Indians, all hands saved. Mr. Ross improving fast.

Saturday 10th. Fine & Frosty. hands employed as yesterday. Oxen carting firewood. Mr. Swanson returned to his vessel taking with him two Q^{ts}⁵⁶ Beef.

Sunday 11th. A continuation of frosty weather. This Evening about 9 o'clock S. Hatal (one of the Indians that accompanied Dr. Tolmie) arrived on foot from Cowlitz carrying a packet of letters &c, he states that the roads are very bad, almost impassable to Horses. Rode out to see Mr. Ross, found him improving. Water appearing in Garden. [Ms. Page 32]

Monday 12th. Frosty & Fine. Young off to Olympia with a load of Wheat to be ground into Flour. Chaulifoux, Cowie & Tapou making Mangers for Horse Stable. Barnes & Thornhill with a band of Horses treading out Oats. Ploughs not at work this F. Noon on a/c of the hardness of the Soil. Men employed carrying fodder to Horse Stable. Oxen carting firewood.

Tuesday 13th. Weather the same. Chaulifoux repairing large canoe which received considerable damage on her last trip to Victoria. Barnes & Thornhill winnowing Oats, remaining hands employed as before. Two Indians despatched to Cowlitz with the letters that arrived from Victoria last Sunday week. have taken & confined in one of the Bastions, two Indian boys for taking Work Horses out of Stable during Night and severely running them.

Wednesday 14th. Very cold, freezing hard. Young returned from Olympia having left the Wheat (which could not be ground on acc^t of the Mill being injured) at Olympia. Myself⁵⁷ off to Olympia by Canoe to see Mr. S. Moses regarding the Bill for \$1839.90 for goods supplied Mess^s Dement⁵⁸ & Balch at Victoria and which he (Mr. Moses) accepted in due form. Barnes &

⁵⁵ No such vessel is mentioned by Bancroft. Possibly the *Una*. See Bancroft, *History of Washington, Idaho, and Montana*, p. 53 note.

⁵⁶ Quarters.

⁵⁷ See note 39.

⁵⁸ Lieut. John Dement, 1st Artillery, of Fort Steilacoom. He officiated for the U. S. government in the rescue of the gold seekers.

Thornhill with a band of Horses treading out Oats. The Men arrived this evening from Victoria having received their discharge from Mr. Douglas. [Ms. Page 33]

Thursday 15th. Still Frosty. Returned from Olympia. Saw Collector Moses and requested payment of Bill, he replied that he could settle by giving an order for the amount on the United States Treasury, or perhaps he might be able to give an order on the Bank of San Francisco, he had written there for advice on the subject and he expected a reply by the forthcoming Mail. Several sailors, runaways from the "Norman Morrison" at Olympia, hands employed as before.

Friday 16th. Not quite so cold. Signs of a change of Weather. Ploughs delayed on acct of the hardness of the Soil. ploughmen employed thrashing Oats. Barnes & Thornhill Winnowing Oats, Chaulifoux and gang partitioning off Stable, McPhail & Indian gang cleaning out old Stables. Horse cart fetching in firewood. Oxen out after Beef, three animals slaughtered. The Am. Brig "G. W. Kendall" is reported to be lying at Steilacoom. flogged the Horse Stealers & let them go.

Saturday 17th. Soft Mild Weather. At four o'clock this Morning Mr. Nivens arrived from Victoria & proceeded forthwith to Olympia whither he goes to recover the two sextants which were left on board the "Susan Sturges." Dr. Tolmie returned from the Columbia. Judge Strong & the Comp^{ys} & U. S. lawyers accompanied him as far as where the road leads to Olympia. [Ms. Page 34]

Sunday 18th. Dull gloomy weather. Dr. Tolmie accompanied by Mr. Work rode out to see Mr. Ross. found him doing well.

Monday 19th. Showery. This Morning Dr. Tolmie's pack horses arrived. Chaulifoux & Tapou repairing Wagon. Keavhacow & Squally cutting sticks for axe handles. McPhail & three Indians making good fences. Horse & Ox Cart out after Beef. 7 animals slaughtered. Steamer's boat down after Beef. Dr. Tolmie accompanied by Mr. Work sett off by Canoe for Olympia to be present at the investigation con^g. the Compy Vessels.

Tuesday 20th. Fine Mild Weather. Chaulifoux & Tapou repairing Wagon. Keavhacow and Squally closing up crevices in kitchen. Cowie not at work. Ox cart carting up Salt, firewood &c.

Steamer's boat returned with 20 Q^{ts}⁵⁹ Beef. Barnes & Thornhill preparing Barn floor for thrashing Wheat tomorrow, cleaning out Stores &c. Ploughs breaking up New land for Oats.

Wednesday 21st. Fine. Early this Morning Captain Stuart arrived from Olympia the bearer of a Note from Dr. Tolmie desiring that a canoe should be got ready immediately for Capt. S. who had eben advised by the Co^{ys} lawyer Mr. Marie⁶⁰ to fly and make the best of his way for Vancouver's Island, as he would in all probability be brought in liable for all the fines attached to the charges against the Steamer [Ms. Page 35] Beaver in accordance with which a canoe & 10 hands, Cowie for one, were got ready and Captⁿ Stuart set off at 8½ A. M. taking with him a packet of letters. A band of Horses treading out Wheat. Barnes & Thornhill driving them. Chaulivoux finished repairing wagon. Tapou mending chimneys to dwelling houses. Ox cart carting clay from Old Fort.⁶¹

Thursday 22nd. Fine F. Noon frosty. This A. Noon at ½ past one arrived with a warrant for the apprehension of Capt. C. E. Stuart, Mr. Poe⁶² temporary marshal & several other Americans. They searched the buildings about the Fort, but as a matter of course they could not discover him, they had been a long distance down the Sound. Mr. Poe says had Mr. Stuart remained he would have been let off with a comparatively small fine, but now they intended detaining the Steamer until he should make his reappearance. No news from Dr. Tolmie. Chaulifoux making Saddle girth rings. Tapou repairing chimneys, Keavhacow & Squally Ox Collars. Wagon & Oxen carting home Clay.

Friday 23rd. Fine all day. Rain & Snow toward Evening. Chaulifoux making Saddle rings Keavhacco & Squally preparing wood for Ox Collars. Tapou lime whitening chimneys. Barnes & Thornhill Winniowing wheat. The Canoe which conveyed Mess^{rs} Tolmie & Work to Olympia, returned this Morning bringing a note from Dr. Tolmie, stating that the [Ms. Page 36] "Beaver" & "Mary Dare" would arrive at Nisqually tomorrow. The "Alice" Captⁿ Cooper's Vessel arrived from Victoria & anchored at landing. he has come for Goudie's Horses.

Saturday 24th. Fine all day. Evening Rain. Captⁿ Gove of the "G. W. Kendall" (now lying at Steilacoom) up at the Fort en-

⁵⁹ Quarters.

⁶⁰ Simon B. Mayre, of Portland.

⁶¹ The first "Fort Nisqually" built in 1833, and abandoned in 1842-43.

⁶² Alonzo M. Poe.

deavoring to make a trade for Ship, will call again on Tuesday next. hands employed as yesterday. Mr. Sylvester in with the Oxen for Captⁿ Cooper.

Sunday 25th. Showery. This afternoon Mess^{rs} Tolmie & Work arrived in the Steamer. The Steamer is entirely clear. The Mary Dare has been released on bond, the charges against her are to settled at Washington. Mess^{rs} McKinlay & Bunce⁶³ having given bond for her appearance when called for. Rode out to see Mr. Ross.

Monday 26th. Rain all day. Barnes & Thornhill cleaning out Store on beach in readiness for receiving Mary Dare's cargo. Chaulifoux & Keavhacow variously employed. McPhail & Indian gang cleaning out Stables. Oxen hauling firewood.

Tuesday 27th. Rainy miserable Weather. Barnes & Thornhill & a band of Indians employed unloading "Mary Dare". Oxen carting up Goods from beach. Mr. Nevins laid up with an attack of Fever and Ague. [Ms. Page 37]

Wednesday 28th. Fore Noon Showery. A. Noon fine. finished unloading "Mary Dare". McPhail & two Indians repairing fenceing along the road to Beach. Ploughs not at work on a/c of the rain. Fiandie thrashing Oats. Northover breaking in a young maroon to the Saddle. Cap^{tn} Cooper whilst shipping a pair of Oxen (Mr. Staines's⁶⁴ property) on board his little vessel, met with an accident, by which one of them were killed. Mr. Nivens much better.

Thursday 29th. Fine pleasant Weather. Dr. Tolmie & Mr. Work rode out to see Mr. Ross found him doing well. Northover & Thornhill with Horses & cart & Fiandie with Oxen & Wagon, all Forenoon carting up goods from beach. After dinner the carts returned to the beach, but were hindered from loading by Inspector Miller who told Thornhill that he (Mr. Miller⁶⁵) had taken charge of the Store & all that was therein, and he could not allow them to take any thing out, in consequence of which, the Waggon & Cart returned empty. Dr. Tomie not being in the way, rode down & requested Mr. Miller to give me his reasons for stopping out Men from their work, he replied he would give his reasons only to Dr. Tolmie he being Consignee. I then requested him to place the government Seal upon the Store Door, and deliver up the Key

⁶³ A mercantile firm in Oregon.

⁶⁴ Identity not ascertained.

⁶⁵ Rev. Robert J. Staines, of Fort Victoria.

⁶⁶ Winlock W. Miller, surveyor of the port of Nisqually.

to me, but he would do no such thing. A 5 o'clock in the Evening Dr. Tolmie arrived at the beach and had an explanation with Miller, who said that he had taken possession of the Store on account of there having [Ms. Page 38] been landed from "Mary Dare" three dozen of Sythes and there being only one dozen on Manifest & Invoice. Dr. Tolmie informed Miller that he had no right to seize the Store, but only the Scythes & referred him to the law for proof, upon looking over the law, he found the Dr. was correct, whereupon he gave up the Key of the Store & took possession of the Scythes—half a day's work lost to Wagon & Oxen & Horse & Cart on acc^t of the above foolish transaction. Captⁿ Cooper left with Goudie's Horses, for Victoria. Captn. Gove of the "George W. Kendall purchased 230 Wedder Sheep at five dollars per Sheep.

Friday 30th. Weather & Work as yesterday.

Saturday 31st. Fine pleasant Weather. Chaulifoux making a corn Bin. Indians cleaning out Stables. Northover, Barnes & Fiandie carting up goods from Store on beach. Oxen & Waggon bringing up goods also. The "Damarascove" Captn Balch is reported to have arrived, having on board the captives from Queen Charlotte's Island, late in the Evening The canoe with Captn S.' party returned from Victoria bring a packet of letters. The "Norman Morrison" sailed with a fair wind for England on the 21st of Jany. last.

[*To be continued.*]