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Wed 21st At daylight that morning in the other with four
 21st B. D. K. for that hour. The wind was from the
 sea we saw them in a sail, till midnight
 when we brought up a little above the cutter &
 that we might not pass the new land - the night
 being weather.

Wed 22nd Clear fine warm weather - and we came
 at daylight, and shortly after met the new land
 opposite the cutter. There was nothing very deep
 & we could not see a line of pasture - few cows
 & sheep, yet tobacco, & indigo & such to be seen
 about the hills. The hills are not very high, mountain
 top of few days here, this night from the fact - There
 seems so strong a wind that we were stopped
 from being of the offering, during the time the
 men were employed mending the sail - Continued
 an evening light wind till about midnight, and
 did not begin to abate, I attended this
 morning when the tide was setting against us.

Wed 23rd At daylight could see a corner of a sail
 but the men mistook the channel, and ran
 the boat aground at 7 o'clock, and all our efforts
 could not get her off, so we had to wait till ten
 o'clock for the tide, when we got off and made
 the port at 7 in the evening - It was fine weather.

In India at the Port of the Plains, we were
 wounded by one of Captain's Men, who is supported
 by his master. He has some in the fort and is most
 expected to be long.

March 1825 (2)

Underneath in the morning, to heavy and in the afternoon - Heavy all the forenoon loading the other and sent her off in the evening with an additional man B. Thomas who is in charge of her. I am to go up in a canoe with her, but have to remain till tomorrow morning. A boatman and two women and an estimate formed of the number of traps that will be yet required to take up the remainder of the property. Some writing is also to be finished.

Friday 25 Heavy rain & blowing strong from the bottom the greater part of the day

Embarked in a canoe manned by four of the furmen's Indian slaves, there being also a black heavy rain & snow made but also foggy & only got to opposite M'Kensie's camp about 10 o'clock. The snow completely soaked with it. - Heavy only two mats to make a shelter for my self in the night, my bedding is not very comfortable.

Saturday 26 Fair weather - embarked at day light and reached camp near the lower end of deer island in the evening - all the things in my baggage I am making use of I cannot get the time to go in as quick as I wish. Had 4 bottles

Sunday 27 Fair pleasant weather, in the forenoon it was only snow, and snow at night in the afternoon, 3 of the men here at the lower end of the M'Kensie's and the others are going to the top

Copy of letter to the company

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March 1825 Heavy weather remained at the fort
Monday 28 do do do
Tuesday 29 do do do
Wednesday 30 Heavy rain the greater part of the day

Thursday 31 Rained hard all day very much in the afternoon. Late last night the Otter arrived. 8 was unloaded this morning. At noon embarked in her for Fort George. The wind was favourable and we continued and sail till 11 o'clock when it became calm and the ice very much in our way to stop near the last

Apr. Friday 1 Mild fair weather, except some light showers in the morning. Got under way at 10 o'clock in the morning and arrived at Fort George at 12 o'clock. It was calm and snowed but little way when pulling against the flood tide. Arrived four hours getting from Toque Point to the fort. Most of the all down going off at the point on Sunday

Saturday 2 Showery in the morning & very heavy rain afterwards. - The men employed packing the furs. Some things in the other stores are also examined & prepared for packing. - The furmen are off to the new fort at an early hour before I was aware, but

Apr. 1822 (14) Desirous to inform Mr McLaughlin his
office stood by Mr McKee's but a canoe
after the initial letter, but it was found
with the evening not being able to come
up with this.

Sunday 3. Clear weather.

This being Easter Sunday & it not being in
towing for the Canadians to work they
were not employed. But Mr McKee & I
were busy packing all day.

A Boat with four men arrived from
the west port. As the boat is behind

Monday 4. Showery forenoon very heavy rain
afterwards.

All hands were busy packing up
all day. The other boat arrived this
morning with a little refreshment. Mr McKee
reporting that 7 boats would be forthcoming
to get ready beside the other four to be
manned with two men each, with one
and a whysaw and the other three with 20
flaves. Part of the men were employed
preparing canvas, but the day was so
wet that nothing could be done at joining
the boats. Some of them are so all around
away that it is feared they will not be
got in order fit to go up with any cargo
without damaging it. especially as they
are to be so weakly manned.

Apr. 1822 (15) Clear & fine weather for part of the day
Tuesday 5. Heavy afterwards. Wind S.W. by E. The
fish in the night and part of the day.

The most of the men were employed
preparing the boats, the rain in the
afternoon interrupted them - the
men employed with the rest of the people
packing up and preparing the cargo.

Wednesday 6. Fair weather. Some heavy showers of hail
and rain. Wind S.W. the day - though it
was very Breeze employed loading the other and
loading to office the evening under the charge
of Mr. Carter & 4 men. - And getting the
cargoes for the other boats in making the
load the and to off tomorrow.

Thursday 7. Heavy rain the greater part of
the day. Squalls of wind from the S.E.
Breeze all day loading 7 boats, with
the intention of getting off with this
afternoon tide. - When they were load
one of them a very old one got a hole
broken in her bow by bumping against the
wharf or hauling her up to be repaired
she was found so rotten that she was con-
sidered unfit for the voyage, some
heavy coals were therefore taken out and

Apr. 1825 The remainder of the cargo distributed among the other boats, this caused so much delay that we had to defer starting till the night tide, although it is the law in readiness for that purpose. A man sleeps in each boat to take care of her for the night.

A ship was seen entering the river at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, the weather was thick and hazy, so that it could not be distinguished exactly, what kind of a vessel it was, perhaps it was a description.

On account of leaving having the old boat, or an another by having some more slaves, to put their hands in each boat. - Not knowing whether the ship may be a friend or enemy, we wish to get off with the few as expeditiously as possible.

Tuesday 8 Stormy from the S. B. with constant heavy rain in the night & almost all day.

In order to be ready to go off with the

Apr. 1825 my little side I stand up all night but at long stormy, such a fear of rain and very dark I considered it unsafe to attempt doubling Tongue point & deferred starting till morning tide and went off at 9 o'clock. It was stormy doubling Tongue point, just as we were getting round one of the slaves who was kind from sleep the previous, dropped dead in the boat. No cause could be ascribed for his sudden death, he was not complaining of ill health before hand, but sudden death are very common among the Indians. He was on foot about 4 miles above Tongue point at 3 o'clock and buried him.

Saturday 9 Squalls of wind from the S. B.

with almost constant rain sometimes very heavy.

Embarked at 2 o'clock in the morning with the flood tide and anchored in the evening a little below Cook's Bay, perhaps the unfavorable weather would be as a good deal. - Bought 2 small casks of gunpowder for the people.

Sept. 1826
Sunday 10 Steaming from the S.C. with an
against heavy rain in the night &
with some short intervals, heavy rain
all day. - I had to take care of the
boats, which we kept at anchor in the
night, I sleep in one of the myself and
make a man sleep in each of the others.
The men completely drenched in the night,
the mats which cover the property in the
boats are quite wet, and with time
it is impossible to keep the property
dry with them.

Monday 11 Embarked at 4 o'clock with the
flood tide and encamped later
in the evening a little above the
bar, the men detained more
than two hours waiting for the boats
with the deck hands which fell behind.
Came up with boats & the other.

Tuesday 11 Steaming with excessive heavy
rain in the night & morning. - The
weather was so rough that we were
detained two hours in the morning
very heavy showers during the day.
encamped in the evening a little
below Carriacou - Indians passed
us in the evening, with letters informing that
the ship had arrived.

Sept. 1826
Tuesday 12 Steaming in the night, a heavy
rain, very much, then fair & halcyon
Embarked at daylight, and
reached to a little below the fort
in the evening. we could have got to the
fort had we not been obliged to wait
for the deck hands.

Wednesday 13 Rained very little in the night,
but very heavy rain in the morning
& occasionally during the day.
Came up to the fort early in the
morning and had the boats im-
mediately unloaded, carrying the
property up to the fort & unpacked
the most of the day. - The whole
of the things were found very wet, par-
ticularly the furs. - They are spread &
set about to be dried directly.

Thursday 14 Shanty weather.
The Otter arrived in the evening.

Friday 15 Fair fine mild weather, busy
getting the furs on deck.
The Whymett now arrived from the
port George with letters pertaining to the

1825
Apr. 15th The arrival of the ships, in consequence
of which Mr. Douglas's found it more
expedient to go below, & a boat manned
principally by slaves.

The boat went off, also.

The boat arrived in the evening.

Saturday 16 Clear fine weather. Busy day
the work properly. - The boat was unloaded
and sent off in the afternoon.

Sunday 17 Cloudy mild weather, shows

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May 1st 25 Clear fine weather kind breezy
Wed. 11 Left Fort Vancouver with 5 boats for
Fort George, at 10 o'clock. It blew fresh
part of the day & the wind being ahead we
made but little way, in the evening we
put ashore to sleep, approached the Cambeltah,
length 32 miles, where we put up the tent, & set
out the boats, & a little below the fort.
Mr. Douglas & Dr. Scudder accompanied.

Thursday 12 Fair pleasant weather kind breezy, strong
fresh part of the day.

Cambeltah after supper tent pitched & shown
down the river, passed about 10 o'clock
early in the morning, and arrived at 10 o'clock
in the evening, we were greatly surprised to
find a head wind.

Friday 13 Fair pleasant weather kind breezy.
Reached the falls, which has been done this
day, & sent the off on the charge of J. D. Smith
and 3 Indians. - The men were employed
part of the afternoon getting 2 horses for
yards to the vessel.

The boats were pumped & ready to be
beached tomorrow morning.

May 1825
Saturday 14

Heavy rain the greater part of the
day, Wind S.E. & S.
Hear the men at work at day light
loading the boats but at seven in the
rain so hard that we had to stop
and defer going off till tomorrow.
The powder would have been injured by
taking it out in the rain. Have it put
up a little in the evening when we get the
boats all landed except the tops which
will be embarked in the morning.