

December the 23rd 1858

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island Lake St Francis
23rd Of any time this fall the Ice had not such a notion
as this Morning as the Anchor Ice partly parted between
here and Chustees I went to the Upper Point to rise
my Canoe Drew home a Log found the Canoe at the
Lower Point Fixed and I saw the Big Canoe & the
Canoe the Boat and the other Canoe all in a block
on the stocks. Before the Door 3rd Boat Before
the Door 1 at the Upper Point and 1 at the Lower
Point making in all 5 Canoes & 1 Boat I really
hard ice not taken yet and its night when I froze
24th The Ice taken Between us and Chustees
But the ^{Court Day in Williamsstown} cut hole is before the Door took
in the afternoon. Between us and Francis Island
Crows flying about 25 Christmas Day
all alone crossed the Ice in the afternoon met
Henry & Jim Nicholson on North side of Francis
Island Went to Henrys no Christmas
Came Home ice not very good Jim Hopkins
Crossed at Davids Heard of Lewis Bosell got his
Foot Hurt shot at a Gull and killed
her as I supposed put out my Canoe and
she began to flutter and went off 26th
Sunday Charlie came up I went to meet him
Henry Lashy and Jim Nicholson came to fish & El
27th Charles went to the store for one Quart of
Whiskey to Bushing the Road on the Ice.
Snowing & Thawing some of the Ice skin at the
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28th Charu went home gave him a 29th Charlie went
to Lancaster came up here to sell me
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The wind Cameron Sir John's Island Dec
 East Wind The coldest night this winter
 As yet, set 2 traps for the hunk
 at the Upper Point 30th Charles here
 a cold day and night Potatoes froze some
 31st Charles went by the last day of the
 Old Year went to Lancaster Got 5' cows 21
 Fining the Old Year away Went Down to meet
 Charlie Making Candles The old thing around
 The Ball in Williamstown tonight, 1st Day
 of January 1859 Charles here Nicholson
 taking away their stock of hay got the
 Loan of a Rope Charles went home 2nd Sunday
 all alone went to the head of the Island
 3rd Allen's Birth Day Council in Williamstown
 I went to Baker's brought a Summer
 1st worth of sweets got a Paper from Davy
 Andrew Baker got the molasses out of the
 Barrell 5' went across 2 of Nicholson's &
 3 Boscills to hunt Rats got the coat at
 Baker's pipes ^{almanack} Went the Upper Point Road
 Came back by Francis Island in at Niche
 at Semow's Dan Simon Departed in
 Williamstown the Road not Bushed
 at Summer's but good cropper 4th
 at home cutting wood set out porson
 3 Bates for the Fox the water commencing
 to rise on the ice 5th Drawing Drags Angus
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 a broom & baskets of ~~the~~ History of England for Ell
 Horse Rug & an Almanack a Roman paper
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January the 6th 1859

Mr James Cameron Sir John's Island
Drawing Drags from the Pitt Point Went to
Fish Hills cut 2 Hooks got one 7th chopping
Looking for Broom Sticks 8th Went to Williamstown
Keeney's Dog here heavy Wind last night
muddling Frosty after the Main Sunday the 9th
Preaching on the front a very cold Frosty
Day and the night the Frostiest on Record with
no wind Angus came as far as Bosells
with the horse got 4/4² in Cash from him
for the ginger and Soap I got the cloth got a Basket
the Dog met us on the Road near the
Roman Church The Red Boy waiting the Post
The Broach to be fixed The Cattle all right 10th a cold
Day something wrong with the small Bull, chopping
stone wood 11th very cold & Wind ~~to~~ seen a Fox
Night Back of the house the Calf Bull died
Skinned him almost impossible
clayed Part of the pipes and the top of the Big
stove 2 Mack Sews in the West before the
Sun went Down & 1 Right over her The
Air hole before the Door shutting up Wonderful
12th Drew home 2 Drags very cold 13th took
my provisions to Bosells Paid for them
2/- George & I went to Fort Covington Bought
2 pipes at a Summer 1^o a treat at David's 7²
David gave us a Ride over to Hopkins
Got my Catalogue from Evans & Co n. 27
The Dog followed us Jane Luke's wife 7² Clear
met John York on the Ice Bought 2 Lamen
ginger 1^o Soap 1/3 Bought of J. Cameron
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January the 13th 1855
 Mr James Cameron on Lake St Francis
 Kenneth Mac Donnell taking a Load of Sea crops
 got a Ride home from him stop at
 Kenneths for the first time I was in his
 New House got a Treat came down to
 Bosells made supper for George & I came
 home 14th seen the Fox around the Barn
 15th Charlie here I & I rains up fishing 2 1/2
 at the Door ^{The Marriage of Captain & Gail} Charlie got the Loan of World
 Commodore Ansons Voyage Round the
 The Ice with the Rain Freezing on the trees
 coming down making a Harve in the Bush
 16th Sunday all alone Slippery walking for the
 Cattle to the River 17th East wind & stormy
 in the forenoon Charles Rose & George Bosell here
 took home my Trousers had a game of Cards 18th
 Draining the Road to Draw Druggs the
 crust ^{Walter Makers mee a ounce a grass} about an 1 1/2 inches thick
 19th Draw some Drigs Went to Nicholson
 for a Rope got it took home their
 Bottle, Charles to Williamstown
 John Mac Donalds Wife departed in the
 Glen on the of January 1855 20th
 old Bull & young Bull Smith here trading
 Georges left event of Grey stop in her
 Place took out the Wheat 3 Bushels Pro
 on and the Nest of very fine Day a Raffle to be
 at Williamstown to night Lent my
 Dream Book to Belle Smith
 21st St Agnes night The Garter & Stocking night
 22 Chopping John Nicholson for the Mill
 The Draps stole on George Bosell & Jim Nicholson
 23 Sunday alone 24th Fried Grey Smurwell

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January the 24th 1855

Went to Bakers Bought 9 lb. Baker's 1 lb. Sugar
 1/2 paid Bought of A Summers 1 Quart Syrup 10
 paid 25th Burns's Birth Day drawing 1 or 2 Drags
 Went to Nicholsons for their Cutler ^{Charles here gave 3 pence of salt} Stopt all night
 They in Salmon River about the trap ^{not} very
 well got ready to go to Williamstown got there about
 dusk 27th went to Dundas Street got what I
 went for stopt at J Smiths chained the Bull
 Dog & came home by Lancaster
 Met Robert Mr Killop after coming from Montreal
 came home then went home with
 Nicholsons Cutler 28th chopping 29th
 Dan came I brought my shirt sent
 him to Bakers for 1 Quart of Molasses
 1/2 1 lb. Sugar 1/2 Paid Drawing Drags
 Set Poison in the Bush 30th Watch
 Came home after being away since the 13th of
 January Dan went & gave him a pair of ^{See} Platectas in
 31st Monday Began to thrash Wheat I thrashed
 about 2 Bushels 1st of February Went to
 Bakers Nicholsons came home with the
 Mill Bought of A Summers 1 pint 1/2 got
 a paper from J. Munroe John Carey very
 poorly in to see Campbell the Weaver I
 2nd Laming 2 bushels of Wheat Thomas Munroe here
 for 1/4 14 Hats 10/6 1 lb. Milk - Tessima a
 Bee to Day Drawing 3rd very stormy & Wind
 4th Went to Charles Supper for his ashes
 gave him 1/10th Cash for them Charles came
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Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis Feb 4th
Bought of a summer 1 Quart Syrup & Whiskey
which came to 1/3 paid seen Horatio at Baker's
5th Snow came to thrash I sent his Boy after
Nicholson's Cutter - did not get it gave the
Boy 1/3 & Breakfast Charles went home
I went to Williamstown stopt at Rossells
got a Ride from the Rail Road Crossing
from Mr Gregor Made a Bargain with Judgson
Sunday 6th Got a Ride to Francis Island expecting
Snow tomorrow 7th Snow did not come went
to Semow chopping for Walter Baker
8th James Ronald Married I went to Williamstown
Brought 2 Bushels of Wheat 5 Carpet Balls
Wool 1 Sheep felt 1 Wolf Skin also Spyz to go to
get Fixed Left the (Jar Quart) took home Bread towel
9th came home Before Daylight Snow did not come
10th Snow and son Francis came sent Francis to
a summer for Whiskey 1/2 paid sent De Neve
& Big Bill here for the New House I treated them
11th Francis went home George came in his place
12th Tanning Wheat 4 and near 1/2 Snow got the
Loan of a Bag got 1 Bushel of Wheat sent for the
Loan of Nicholson's Cutter did not get it Went to Williamstown
Met Gregor on the Ice coming for Straw seen
Judgson got 2, over at Edred got 3 coppers from Dan
Go Laplants child Did I another on Sunday
Sale in Williamstown got out 1 1/2 Bushels
of Wheat 2 Baskets 1 Cook Book 13th came home
got 3 Loaves came up the Glen Road in at Campbells
for the Books he was away came down by
Hamiltons on the Ice 14th the St Valentine
Celebration at Summerstown Williamstown Lancaster & Martine

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14th Feb 1853

The Amos Cameron Lake St Francis
 Went to Semour Semour sick could
 not Thrash ^{B^r} went to Bakers Bought
 of a Baker half Gallon Syrup 1/10th Paid Ben
 Donald Summers. Raining. 16th Training Drags
 at Semour put out poison Chopping, 17th Charlie
 here Looking for cranberries ~~to the~~ ~~to the~~
 Sant a mee in the New House 18th
 I went to Semour & Micholsons at Henry
 he cut my hair 15th Went to Fort ^{Con} ^{ing}
 Bought of A. S. Cameron 1 Bush Cotton yarn
 6/3 1 lb Sugar 9 cents 1 penny worth Candy
 Put My Letter in the P.O. 1 Dollar & 18 cents
 paid all, for Mrs Partinglows Carpet Bag & Fur
 Nicpas Evans & Co 677 Broadway New York
 got a Ride over with Deq Rose Henry and Dan
 De mee on 2 Basswood Logs got a Ride Back from
 Patrick Buchanan stoppt at Lukes had
 3 flaps not paid came to Bakers then home
 got ready for Wilmanstown started at 5 o'clock
 Spent all my money. seen Mr judgeon got
 the Watch paid 12/6 a man killed at the
 Railroad crossing seen Thomas & Sandy
 Mr. Donnell in French Hills James Hopkins
 married some time the fore part of this week to Miss
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 Raining some High Wind Snow melting on
 the Ice Shawy Weather 21st Went to Semour
 at night ice slippery Semour chopping for
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 23rd Looking at the Poison nothing at it but
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 Bought 1 plug, Solace of 1 cake cheese 1/3 yard tape 1/2
 from A. S. Baker which comes to 2/ Paid then Bought
 of A. Summers 1 lb Candles 1/6 Meat 1/4 envelope
 comes to 110^{3/4} ^{3 Paid} at Davids 2 Treats 1/7 not paid
 Seen Pat Glacken. Left a Letter for John Carey
 Seen Ashes Davidson a Sweet Lad a Summer
 A Bee putting over Logs Left my Mts at Baker
 Seen Clay, very Bad with a Cold a Dance
 in the new House 24th East Wind Chopping
 Going the Ice at Trashers to Lancaster cutting a Waterhole
 25th East Wind Stormy Drifting and Snowing some Cold
 Gathering Bags & Paper Bags Found a Mouse or Rats
 Nest in the ~~way to~~ ^{in the} ~~Basin~~ ^{Basin} full of Clean
 27th I Mistook it for Monday it was Sunday
 I Went to Williamstown Stapt at 11th Min
 Got a Treat in the P.O. got to Williamstown
 After Dark as usual. 28th Came home lost
 My Watch either in the House or Brausing
 up the Cutter Shaft Thinking of Ambo
 here before me came home went to
 Senecus came home began to thresh Cato
 to Bushell 1st of March threshing Wheat
 1 Bushel an Indian here. 2nd of March threshing
 1 Bushel Went to the Post Office got a Letter
 a Book & a catalogue 10 pence to be Paid the Invoice
 in Williamstown ^{Sold Locket} came down to Senecus my Mts lost
 I Bought a Pair of Socks to Pay for them 1/3
 3rd Court Day in Williamstown I went to Salmon River
 Paid Luke 6 pence & owe 4 pence Bought of Kimball
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March the 3rd 1855

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis
In Mr Bottoms Shop came across to summer
Bought of A Summers 2 lb. Candles of 6 paid
got Phillip L. L. L. to come and then
Bought 1 lb. of tobacco of Phillip commenced the
Oats 4th I went to A Summers Bought 1 Quarts
Whiskey 1st 1 Quart Syrup 10th paid Phillip went
off thrashed 3rd Bushels gave him 1/3 Cash Cleckly
here wanting Sea & Salt got it Wanting to
See if Semors father might come and then
Put the straw out of the Barn in the
shed 5th I went to Williamstown have Andrew
Summers the Catalogue of Books seen a Mr. Henry
gave him a Ride brought out the Locket & the
Book Mrs P. & B. of Fun the Big Pot
and 2 Bushels of Oats 2 Quarts of Vinegar and
All of Sugar 6th Came home went to Semors
for to see the Old Man went to Charlies
Charlie came up the old man came
Semors boy a Dray of Sea 7th
The Old man Threshing at Wheat
Charlie went home Tom Jarvis here
Brought Cabbage Plants 8th Stormy
The Old man and I Famine 2 peck Stroke
measure Tom here 9th 11th Wednesday Tom
crossed I gave him 2 Hays to fix I went to
Salmon River Bought 2 lb. Tobacco 7th
1 Twisted Ball 5 cents Paid Grange 2/6
Bought 2.50 Crackers 6/3 paid Little 4
Brought of Buchanan 2 lb. powder 7th
Came home went to Williamstown Brought out
the Beaver seen Tom Kingsmill took out the
Cabbage Plants got my watch glass broke

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Mr James Cameron like St Francis March the
Came from Williamsstown. Gave our wife for
Strom for Hats Will be in the
Air hole before the Door for the first
that came 14 or 15 of them crows plenty
ice food yet Went to Salmon River Bought
of Munkler 5¢ worth of crackers about 12¢
Bought of J. J. Cameron 9 Balls of Sealed yarn
in Balls at 3¢ per ball 45 cents Bought of David
Baker 1/2 gallon Syrup 11 per Quart 1/10 pint
Whiskey 4 The Loan of a Bottle to be returned
helping Allen Dr. Farris with his load
of Logs The Little River getting bad but
People travelling on it yet 11th Fine Day
Sacramento in Williamsstown Blackbirds
came Poisoning crows 12th Tanning Wheat
5 1/2 Wheat Stroke Measure, Went to
Williamsstown took out 2 Bushels of
Wheat took the cotton Balls 8 and 1 before
ice food yet in the channel The Baytown
Began Sunday the 13th came home seen
Mrs. Murre there Bomber came 14th Went
to A Summers a Foot Bought 1/2 lb Candles
3^d 1/4 lb of nails 4^d A Sessure at Kenneths Barn
of Sea Tobacco Mike Anderson & Bruce up from
Lancaster helped Berby with his Boxes
to get away Drawing Brick for the School
house Archy Grant in a cage about his
Bush got the Sablet Paper Got a Fox Skinned
him me and the old Man Christe Here meat
the Store 15th the Ice not good I went to the
Little Island Sturgeon Island South side crows dying
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March the 16th 1855

Mr James Cameron Sir Johns Island Call St Francis
One Cutter came Down the Ice I went over to see to
the Little Island Ice opened at Francis Ice opened
Before the Door Down to the Surgeon Island Fixing
Irons in the Boxes up Stairs 15 Pouches of Big & 2 of Small
Glas 2 Big ones Broke 17th St Patrick's Day in the Morning
Fanning Wheat 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels that's 14 Bushels the Old Man
Thrashed, not a going to stand for Semo. Began the oats
a Fox on the Island Saying for Eels got none 1 cat fish
Ice moving very slow Robins came cutting the Traverses
and Drawing them in one place chistee or some one
crossed over at the Foot of the Island 18th Raining
Bonum. Mending his ^{or} Moccasins East Wind Ice moving
slow & Shooting commenced Ducks in abundance
Lots of Hay and straw pease Wheat oats some corn stalks
19th Thrashing Bonum Ice going Down
20th He ^{is} commenced to lay the
First Day of Spring and it Sunday
Went to the Head of the Island
21st Shot a squirrel Ice going slowly 22nd
Shot a Duck 23rd launched the canoe at the
Lower end shot a Duck Charlie here brought
4 Quarts Corn I went to Bakers Bought of A. J. B. a
4 lb cod fish & paid Bought of A. Summers
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon Syrup $\frac{1}{8}$ 1 plug Tobacco 6 for Bonum
 $\frac{1}{2}$ for matches paid, ~~at~~ at Baker 24th
went to the Bush for Wooden forks for Bonum
25th Raining the Ice not away from the shore yet
Bill here for the Red Canoe to be returned
Monday 26th Ice Thrashing began to tan
the Oats 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels Bonum crossed to Senow
I went up to the store stopt at Sydney's

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April the 6th 1859
Mr James Cameron Lake St. Francis
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Bought of Nicholson the Baker Flour
of Bread 3/5 1 Box of Matches Slept at
Batterice Trapp's found a Basswood
stick of Timber Skilled, tied it to the
Light House, Making Vinegar Hiram
went off shot a crow got some potatoes
from Charlie made a Saste of Mollasses
8th a great Storm of Snow through the night
Wounded 2 Ducks did not get them
Trying for 6 lbs put Tobacco Juice on the Colt
9th fired a shot at the Big Owl Broke
the minute hand of my Watch thinking to
cross did not Sunday the 10th of April I snow
3 Boys here wanting Hay Irid there
short gun gave them 2 small bundles
Richard Nicholson left Berce's cellar
after being almost paid for it 11th Monday
alone Let out the Pig for the first
time ever he was out since the 12th
of August put him in again Snowing
and raining great shooting at chutes the
Ice not gone out of the Bays here yet 12th
The Laplants came took their cow dog
Mare & Colt & Furniture and part of their
seed no hay 4 pigs 4 Hens. 13th I went
to Summerstaden took 1 Fox 7/6 4 Rats 88
cents 11/8 1/2 sold to Thomas Munnos Bought of
a Baker 1 Bunch Matches 1/2 Bought of A Summers
1/2 gallon Syrup 1/9 1/2 lbs Candles 7/6 Tobacco 1/2 caps
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The 12th 1850

Mr James Cameron Lake St Francis April
 Went up to Secors told David Summers
 he might take the Basswood stick
 at the Light House Nicholson sent home
 the canoe Charlie here 13 Windy 14th Raining
 got a Duck 15th got 4 Rats gave Motty 1 pluck of
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 Pitt Point Shows not Laying very well Motty
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 the Horses Traces Whipple trees chains Harness
 got 2 Hooks with the size chain to draw the
 slabs on the Pitt Point 16th got 2 Rats
 Wind high George Bosell & Francis Laplante
 here stopt all night Duncan Ross poorly
 17th Palm Sunday Motty & his wife
 crossed to Bosell got 2 Rats Killed their
 Dog Monday 18th Duncans Birthday
 I went to Salmon River with 8
 Rats to Streeter 1 Dollar in cash
 22 cents for Rats which comes to 8/9
 5/- in cash 13/9 I paid took another pair
 at 4 Dollars now I owe him £10 3/9
 Bought of Munkler 3 Loaves of 5 per loaf 1/3
 Bought 3 pence worth of crackers Bought
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Aprille 19th 1853

Mr. James Comison Lake St Francis
 Angus & Walter cropped over forgot
 his handkerchief George Nicholson here
 for a canoe did not get one. St Lawrence
 Went Down Went Down to Charles in the
 Evening Stopt all night took the 2 Bushels
 of Wheat to Allen Wagon the morning of
 20th got Mr. McLean to make a Boat
 for the Point of the Slough \$6 paid
 Bought of the Baker 3 Coaves 1/3 gave
 Charlie 1/2 for a treat got Cabbage of Puta
 Baga seeds from Charlie got Peppermint
 from him Mrs. Laplante & Francis came
 the Boriquet went into Salmon River
 for the first time got 2 Kats the
 Geldersleeve went up with a tow
 Found a Ducks nest Charlie and me
 21st got a Ducks nest 4 eggs Went to Baker's
 with Cashes 1/6 got my account from
 Andrew Summers 15/- in it gave Thomas
 4 Mats 4/4 got a Dollar from Thomas
 gave Andrew Summers 5/- towards my
 account Bought of a summer
 1/2 gallon Symp 1/6 1 lb shot 1/6 Matches
 1/2 lb sugar 1/3 got Robert Bruce from
 Peter Grant got 2 Papers from him
 Working on the Roads putting on stones
 Mr. Donell Mr. Dougalls Men saw Dead
 Francis & Motty to Lancaster for Flour I stopt at
 Hamiltons them working at their cellar
 The Sallberry came out of Salmon River the Boston
 Went Down a Schooner anchored at the Foot
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April the
Got 4 Rats, pikes in the marsh but Wild
Bitterns came High East Wind 23 Snowing
& Raining High High East Wind the Water high
cannot go to my Traps Charlevoix went up with
4 vessels in Low Salaberry in to the Fort
The Bouquet in to Salmon River. Schooner
at anchor at the Foot of Hamiltons Island
yet the Boys getting Ducks nests Hailstones
24th Easter Sunday Plenty Eggs 25th
Went to the Little Island North Side Charlie
came up Went to Salmon River with ashes
Bought of the Baker 6 Loaves 2/6 Bought
of Buchanan's Watch Guard 1/2 1/2 1/2
Went up to Hopkins a Race Between
the Ranger & Whitty, 26th Went to
Bakers paid A. J. Parker for the administra^{tion}
3 1/2 gave a Summer 5/6 Walter gave me
7/6 Sold my Rats to Thomas Munroe 1
Rats 7/6 Took home Peters Papers Archy
Grant mortgaging his farm to the
Brookfield Loan companies agent
Archy Fraser 27th Heber & George here
I went to Hunt with them to Moovile
Island shooting at Blackbirds set 40 traps
The Fashion went in to Salmon River 28th
Got 12 or 13 Rats Went to Stuards Point took
Dinner on the Island Stopt on Courvells
Island 29th got 8 Rats searching for the
Big Trap a long time came Home Rats
going down Fine Weather Got 6 Rats for my
Shane John Nicholson here got some
Hay Planting corn Making Garden Rattle the
Plough got Bosells

To give my Dougall with