

James Cameron (1824-1912)

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January 1st 1863

Mr James Cameron Island

New Years Day Firing with the Pistol wind changed at 12 or 1 o'clock this morning West By north and by south West about 6,0 o'clock. Went around the Island cut Down 2 Oaks that was dead Feeding the cattle Well

2nd A Very fine Day seen a 2 canoes Fishing EELs made the Bed in the Kitchen

3rd Went to Dundee George Greaves & Gabriel Got in with the Horses Going for Fish Jim Allens Birth Day went to Cornwall for Baker & Frank Mrs Maryville a young one Last night Races on the ice to Day at Normans Bought of Norman 1/2 lb saleratus paid this sweetys - /-1 nothing on credit got Baker to take 5 sheep allowing 15 dollars for them Witnefs to a note John M cBean Gave for 100 Dollars Bought of Baker 1 lb of cut tobacco to be paid got a Whippletree iron ofor the end from Bill Brought home the mits Got some papers from Bill Old Mrs Donald Cameron Carpenters Wife was Buried to Day I heard so a very Fine old Lady she was Went so I would Get Abe & List a school came home

Sunday the 4th Was a fine Day East Wind a Boat going to Lancaster Jim Hopkins & George Graves called here on there way Back Wind Began to Raise Treated them about 8 o'clock the wind very high the change in the moon does it

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Mr James Cameron Island January

Hansel Monday Drew the 2 oak Trees up on the Hill took home some Drags The Calve Died with Drinking too much skinned her. setting Fires in the Marshes High wind a Fine Day Wind Last night Blew some old Trees Down

6th cleaning the pipes Drew the calve away took the Hay From the End of the Barn to the stable put the Calve in the hen house

7th Began to thrash the Oats the the Black 1 1/2 Began the other cold Freezing a little snow
Last night put the sheep in the Big shed the Waterhole axe in the River

8th a Mink on the Island dont come to My Traps the Fox on but very shy Threshed oats
Went to the head of the Island ice made well in the Bays the Mice Eating the oats Like the
Devil

9th Thrashing & Fanning 5 - Bushels Lavinia helping me to Fan all the Potatoes covered now
in the cellar 6 he{cut off} 1/2 Bushel in every heap turned warm in the Evening East Wind

10th Drawing Drags a Great Miracle in Finding a shirt Button in the Bush I happened to Turn
over in Fun a Rotten Piece of a Log chunk Like as i turned it i commenced cutting the
Ground as it was a little Frozen and what did i cut out But a shirt Button it Looked as if I was
Just set to do it South Wind & snow cam in a hurry

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Mr James Cameron Island

January the 11th Sunday Fine Day snowing & Raining at night

12th Thrashing the Last of the Oats Vin. Washing got a Rat

13th Fanning 3 Bushels thats 8 Bushels of White Oats & 1 1/2 of Black Oats a Great yeild set
My Trap tied to the calfs Leg went to Little Island chasing a Duck put some of the Marsh
hay out of the Barn Began the Good hay for Gray a Fine Day But East Wind Raising at night
some

14th Drew some Drags hacking at a Log of Lasheys for wood. Raining some

15th Going out to the Bush for to chop I met with a Deer's Track came home for my Gun
chased him Down 3 Times from the Head of Island I Fired at him but I was too far off I
Lamed him a little all day after did not Get him I am thinking he'll stop all night with me he or
she is a Bonny Beastie Turning stormy after Dark Blowing hard

16th a very stormy Day Found old Min the cat in the Trap Dead went to the Pitt Point to see
if I would see the Deer did not see him East Wind changed to the Nor West if it would
Freeze the ice would take chopping stove wood Gave Gray a pail of Milk some cold to night

Good Fires warm house though the snow came in. Thomas Munroe Out on the Lake all night. him and Gabriel got his Feet Froze Badly

17th the ice took after the Deer to Kit Kit Old Mr Alexander Cameron Departed this life

Mr James Cameron Island

Jany 18th 1863 I crofsted to Henerys the ice Good came home and went to the Wake caught a Duck on the ice Gave it to Henerys children

19th Went to Dig the Grave John Duncan Henry William Rose John Rose & one of Long Johns Boys & Myself the Hardest Job to Dig a Grave that ever I seen almost impossible to Dig it. Thomas Munroe Taking home From Hopkins came Down to R{illegible} had Dinner came Home Thomas Froze on the night of the 16th

20th Drawing Wood at head of Island put out some Bush

21st St Agnes Day Taking the Wheat of the Hay on the West side of the Mow

22nd I went to see Thomas Munroe Angus Came sent out 18 Pounds of Butter Basket & Towel Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Tea 1/4 1/2 Tape -/4 Powder canister 1/6 shot -/6 1/2 2 sp{cut off} -/6 Got the Dog Bull TARRIER about 1 year old Paid 5 Dollars to Streeter for him seen young David But He looks very Poorly Bought A Lottery Ticket

23rd Went for the Mare to Walters Bought of A Summers Led Pencil -/2 1/2 Horseshoe nails -/4 Got 2 shoes From Joby Rose got a Mouse in my Trap Bushed some of the Road to Francis Island Thawing some Killing Hogs at David Summers Sherriff McIntyre Down to Ranald G{cut off}

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24th 1863

Mr James Cameron Island Very stormy some East Wind cutting Wood

25th Sunday Robie Burns Birth Day

26th Drawing Drags Fixing the Roads for to Draw the hay went to spear EELs got 1 Henery Big Frank Tom skutters George Semo came to Fish I cut Holes for them got 32 out of one

hole got 12 from tom cotters some a Great many small ones Peter and another indian
Fishing stopt all night Got 45 or 46 from them in all

27th went with Henery & Big Frank cutting holes for them Got about 70 or so Gave me 31
EEIs took Dinner here Heard Antwine Bosell was called Last Sunday with Jessimas Girl
Henery told me Heard Old Mrs Donald McDougall Broke her arm Peter went home a Mink on
the Island set 2 Traps Fishers in the Big Bay

28th Heard that John Grave Died in California old Mrs Wright John Camerons wife Mrs
Lablaw (Old Martins McMartin Buried to Day) Heard Bill McKay put in Jail for at his wife
sawing Allens Logs semo & Henery Bosells. Went to Williamstown got a Ride from Keefe the
Baker a treat at Ranalds 1/- seen Finlay Rofs and Wife and Margaret Rofs in James Summers
store got a pair of Mits 2 Headstalls a sale of Lasy Firmans in Williamstown

29th got a Ride home snowing no Mink in the trap Heard Dany Duncan was poorly

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Mr James Cameron Island Jany the {30} th

Went to head of the Island with Gray Went to the Little Island with the truck Drawing Drags
put out 3 Pills for the Fox on ice in the Bay snowing

31st chopping Wood Drew a Big Basswood stick

1st of February Sunday a Fine Day Wind Raised through the night about 3 oclock the pipes
took Fire in the Morning of the 2nd the house near Going cleaned the pipes the Big Maple
came Down with the storm and the stump in the Marsh My canoe Blowed into the airhole
and out of it. shingles of of the house

3rd Went to the ice put out some Bushes chopping stove wood cold Day to Day

4th a very cold Day the coldest we had this year this far came for the hay James Grant
Angus about 3/4 of a Tun upset with the Load on the ice Laurie's Birth Day (21 now) cold
night

5th colder Day still east Wind snowing to night Freezing hard everything Froze in the house

6th a snowy stormy Day went for the Truck the ice snow Deep went to see the traps

7th Breaking Roads went to Head of the Island took home my Traps from there snow Deep
2 Foxes at the airhole all Day Playing William Hamilton Departed this Life Malcom Dingwall
poorly M Lauchlans Daughter poorly Se{cut off} poorly

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Sunday February 8 1863

Mr James Cameron Island Livinia sick a very fine Day the Baby Born Gordon a son I crofsted
Heard of William Hamiltons Death Semo went for Mrs Morris I had to turn Midwife Myself
crofsted for Margaret Henerys Girl

9th Went to A Summers Bought 1 Gal Whiskey 2/6 nails -/6 Tallow -6/6 Tea 1/2 lb 1/4 1/2
Saffras -/2 nutmeg -/6 Sugar 2 lbs 1/3 Broom -/5 2 yds calico 1/8 Soap 1/3 Left my Horse at
Roses Antwine Bosell Married to Day to Jessimas Girl a Treat on the Boys at the store 1/3
came home stormy East Wind William Hamilton Buried to Day

10th I went for Semos Cutter took it Home

11th Went home with Mrs Morris stopt at Henerys took home the Basket

12th chopping Wood cold some

13 Margaret went home to go to the Ball. Mary Ann came A Ball; to night at Davids Valentine

14th Valentine Day Mary Ann went home Thrashing Wheat The Feet cut off Thomas Munroe
Margaret & Henery came

Sunday 15th Henery went home Thawed & Rain some Last night Warmer to Day High Wind

16th Thrashing Wheat a fine Day

17th Took home a Drag Henry & Wife here all night

18th James Hugh's Birth Day Ash Wednesday Gave Henery an Order for 4/- on A Summers
Bought of A Summers Flour {illegible} 2/9 candles -/6 Castor oil -/7 1/2 Treat 1/3 Got Some
{illegible} with me gave him 1 Bushel of Oats . (1-90 11/2)

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Mr James Cameron Island February the 19

Went to Salmon River called on George Renshaw got 6/- from him paid Peter Buchannen 4/- to my credit paid a Treat at Normans -/6 Bought of Buchanan 1 Ball of Wick 17 cents paid this Bought of D Baker 1/2 lb Tobacco -/6 to Be Paid Got my Boots Fixed By Streeter 1/- got the other Boots at Buifs 7/6

20th Angus came for Hay him and Motty Ruso upsets on the {cut off} Malcom Dingwall Departed Fanning Wheat 1/1/2 stormy Day Took the sleigh to me

21st chopping stove Wood Drew a Drag Cold Day Pipes a fire

Sunday 22nd Washingtons Birth Day Mary Ann Phiney Antwine & Augusta Prudhoe here to Dinner a cold Day

23rd Fixing the Rack for the Sheep Drew a Load of Wood Got a Weasel in a Trap Malcolm Dingwall Buried Christees came home

24th Seen Charlie yesterday & to Day a cutter to Christee Found a Fox after eating the Poison Mary Went home this evening cleaned the cook stove Drawing Wood A Soiree at D{illegible} ~~Last Night on Favour of Thomas Munroe~~

25th Ellen cam for Granny Bob & Wife here a Great many Fishing EELs Brought a Drefs for the Boy Shoeing Gray put 2 shoes on Henery a Bee Little Henery here for Milk

26th Henery & Wife here stopt all night Rover eat the Poison to Day Henery and I chopping

27th Henery & I to see eels holes found some on the ice

28th Henery chopped 1/2 Day Jack came Fishing EELs seen crows

1st 29th Writing Letters for Henery Jack Went off Stormy Jack {illegible} & 3 more

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Mr James Cameron Island March

Jack here Fishing EELs

2nd Went for Charlies ashes

3rd Stormy East Wind Charlie here

4th Went with the ashes to Summers got 70 cents cash Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb starch -/7 1/2 yds Muslin 2/- 1/2 bus salt 1/3 Matches -/6 1/2 quire -/7 1/2 2 lb sugar 1/3 Charlie a Bottle Drank it all got a Bottle from A Summers to be Returned

5th Went to Salmon River with 7 Bushels of Ashes at 18 cents Paid 1/1/2 lb of Tobacco got Bonnet Borders 1/2 Take 3 cents needles -/4 32 cents cash a pair of sox 1/3 Got 40 1/2 Dollars from Smart paid Mears 4 Dollars paid Minkler 10 Dollars paid Grange 1 Dollar paid Berry the Butcher 2 1/2 Dollars Gave Grindel Streeter 1 Fox 6/3 Mink £1.0..{cut off} 16 Rats at 1/3 4 Dollars 1 Calf skin 5/- 10 Cash I got 1 pair Boots 5/- Mended Vins Boots for nothing Paid Norman 2/3 i owed him i did not Get my change Back Les came home with me Thowed of 4 1/2 of the 11 Dollars that was coming on the sheep thats 7 Dollars for myself Lost 1 of my Bags

6th Stormy Drifting soft some Drew some Woods with the Mare cleaning the pipes Mary Ann here all night her Brother for Milk Lent the cover of the Tin Kettle to them Fishing EELs 2 Men before the Door Got a Mink at the Lower End of the Island Took up my 2 Traps in the marsh

7th Biil & Abraham came for the Pease Straw got it got 3 1/2 Bushels of Oats got 2 Trace Chains

Mr James Cameron Island March 7th 1863

A Stickler here Looking as he said for Timber for John Rankin that Frank sold Lis went home on the Load of Straw Got 2 of My Bags to take the Oats 3 Men here Fishing EELs Lashomb Jessima & Left their horse here Margaret Bosell went home her Month is up gave her a Pair of Boots put out 3 Pills and one out Before

Sunday the 8th Stormy Drifting snowing

9th cut a Waterhole Broke the Road Both ways went for a Load of Wood Turned stormy a Very Great Storm would turn Fine and Begin again I suppose it is these Days the Equinoxial Gales are Sun about the Line it is so Very Blustering The Dove came

10th Went to Salmon River Brought A Summers Bottle home Mrs Morris went up with me at Lukes at Kimballs Bought a song Book -/10 Bought Essence of Peppermi{n}t sold to Streeter 1 Mink 4 Dollars cash Bonnet Borders at Tuthills 37 cents got 2 almanacks a Treat at M{cut off} 10 cent 11cents for Whiskey Bought of A Summers 1 Quart Whiskey -/7 1/2 1 lb

sugar -/7 1/2 1/2 lb Tea 2/3 Bought of A Norman 1 Broom -/6 The Prince of Wales Married to Day Firing at Night Mr Henderson came with me to Thrash

11th Stormy time I went to Williamstown Brought carpet stuff 1 Keg of EEIs Jar of Milk got the Big Jar A {illegible}

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James Cameron Island March the 12th

came from Williamstown cold Morning Bought of A Summers 1 Bar soap 1/ 1/2 Fanning the Last of the Wheat 2 Bushels chopping some stove Wood Henderson the Pigeon Gone off (Dove) this Day McMaster came to the Island first

13th Gave an Order to Henderson on A Summers for 3/9

14th got a Rat Knocking about Waiting these 2 Days see if they were coming for the Hay cold night this. cattle all well

15 Sunday a cold morning Freezing very hard but a Fine Day A Strange Bird on the top of the Barn

16th a very cold Morning But a most Beautiful Day it is, cut one EEI hole and stopt at that the Ice is so very thick very near 3 Feet in the Thicknefs Fixed my spear made a hole for another nail Drew home 2 Loads of Wood with the Mare the Wolf on the Island a Dog on his Track

Sunday 17th Stormy snowing West Wind St Patricks and a stormy Day it is waiting for them to come for the hay set 2 Trap in Back Part of the Island either a Rat or Mink hole thats 5 Traps have set 4 piles out

18th I went to Salmon River to settle affairs Brought some hops to Bills horse him dead Seen old David Summers & John Cameron there took me to Coles Tavern and Treated well to 2 Treats at Coles 1 at Normans 1 at Bakers paid Norman for the Broom Came home started with the Boy Gordon to Morrises took the short Road at Alexis Island

19th went to Mr Wells & to the Presbyterian at Paddocks Bought of Ba Ellen Married on the 18th

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Mr James Cameron Island March

Bought of A Baker 1 Quart of Whiskey 74 1 Pound of sugar -/7 1/2 Paid this Gave him 2.6 cents did not Get my change came Down Livinia wanting to get her sheep Got my 2 Bags from Bill seen William McDonell Ocine From Williamstown Buying hay in at Morris. A Great many taking hay from the other side

20th Setting Traps for a Mink

21st Went to Christees Sandy Came caught a Rat

22nd Lavinia Birth Day Jacop & another Indian here Both Staving

23rd I went to Fort Covington took home Bakers Bottle Artimas Sick Bought of GA St{cut off} 3 Bushels of Potatoes at 33 cents a Bushel Paid this Gave him 2 Rats 60 cents paid me Promised Mr Minkler the Butter went Mavills Road Angus & John Cameron here for the hay Semo here to see if I would Give him hay

24th Sandy commenced to Chop Sandy Crofsed I went with the Butter Sold it to Stewart Mears for 18 cents Bought the Tennet Back from him for 1/3 1 lb shot -/6 Blue 4 cents 2 lb sugar 1/3 pins 8 cents Axe 3/9 not Warranted Bought of D Baker 1 Grindstone at 1 1/2 cents a lb Weight 52 lbs 4/- paid this (a Treat at Normans 10 cents paid) Got 10 Dollars Cash American Money Good Travelling ice Good Fine Day

25th Raining hard got a Black Muskrat Fixing a Crank in the Grindstone

26th Went to Semos gave him hay 300 Weight or so took Dinner at Henerys water on the Ice Sandy came The Dove came Back again to see us went off

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Mr James Cameron Island March the 27th 1863

Sandy & I chopping on the Bank

28th Sandy chopping I commenced to Draw cord Wood for the first i Drew. Drew what Henery and I cut First Wild Geese is heard Christie Wife here with Baskets commenced to snow no Eggs yet Ellen Morris's Birth Day

Sunday 29th Stormy Day snowing & Blowing

30 Drawing some in the Bush took home a Load of wood Made the Beetle a fine Day
(Intercalary Day 29)

31st Last Day of the Month Sandy crofsted I went to Salmon River Bought of Mears &
McPhee 1/2 lb Tobacco 1/- Tea 2/- Bought of G.A. Streeter 1 pair of Boots 6/3 Babesh 1/- a
Treat at Stoughtons -/6 Got the Strainer Fixed -/7 1/2 Bought of Norman 8 Dishes for 2/2
paid 20 cents of this Got a Ride from a Caller Angus Motty Ruso Heard Sandy Cameron had
the small Pox Got a Ride part of the way from William McGreggor Seen Cranes on Alexis
Island

1st of April All Fools Day Took in 2 Eggs the Cats eating them Stormy Day chopping stove
Wood This Day 5 years ago Duncan Died

2nd Thinking to have a Bee to Day But it is so Stormy no one could come Drew the Last of
what wood I had chopped to the Bank

3rd Good Friday Jo here Jim Nicholson after the Hollo Adze got it Jacop & Anneas here
Fishing EELs gave them a peice of Bread

4th Jo went for his cloths I went to A Summers Bought 1 Gal Whiskey 2/6 1/4 Tea 1/2 lb 1/4
1/2 Soda -/4 Herrings 2 Dozen 1/3 combs -/8 shot -/6 Soap 1/1 1/2 Pink & Semo {illegible}
(9..3) account of A Summer the same on the other side of the Leaf.

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Mr James Cameron Island April 4

Went to a Summers Bought 1 Gallon of Whiskey 2/6 2 Dozen of Herrings 1/3 1/4 of Tea 1/- lb
Tea 1/4 1/2 Soda 1/2 lb 4 1/2 Soap 1/ 1 1/2 Shot -/6 Combs -/8 Pink & Senna -/6 not very well
Luke & Emmanuel here with a Letter from Mr Norman concerning the giving over the
movable Property to Mr Frothugh Caught 1 EEL Ice thick in the Channel I {r?}owed off cut an
Stick for Spear poles Me very sick through the night

Sunday Easter

5th Charlie here Gave me -/6 for cabbageseed Sandy Came very sick

6th Christees went off Jacop Left the spear for Charlie and Marys chest of cloths Peter Small Tree took the spear away Fenny here for milk they went to Charlies Lewis Christees boy with him very sick Set a trap took up my Big Trap

7th Stormy Day of Snow Sandy Making my mits

8th Went to the Bush for firewood

9th Began the hay on the East end

10th ice Opened in the Channel Lots of Teams crofising to Day with heavy Loads I went to Salmon River Bought of Mears 2 lb Sugar 1/3 caps -/4 1/2 2 papers for myself & 2 for Charlie 20 cents 2 Bats to Streeter 60 cash paid this to me A Treat at Keefs -/6 paid Norman 20 cents & I owed him on the tart Dishes 10 cent for Crackers and Treat 1 paper cabbage {seed?} 1 paper Needles Gave the Writings to Frothingham agent a Lawsuit about a Prue got 10 cents from Artimas a horse got in Dan Duncan over with McMartin Seen these Gannets going

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Mr James Cameron Island April the 11th 1863

Drawing in the Bush the soft Maple & Oak swallows came Robins came snowbirds Plenty BlackBirds & cranes all the Feathered inhabitants now came the Dove came again (Seen these Gannets going Down on the 10th) Hens not Laying Fine Day Livinia made a Taste of Sugar Sandy chopping the Oaks on the Bank Feed Plenty for Man and Beast

12th ice Opened Before the Door Raining some. cattle out Picking some ice not opening Fast

13th Began Cording the Wood on the Bank Drawing some

14th Livinia sick Fired 2 shots at a Rat did not get it The Churn impossible to make Butter Firing commenced ice opening very slow Drew the Canoe Behind the Barn Loons Roaring

15th Drawing set a Trap shot a squirrel with Thomas Davis Fitsstephen Gun Cording some Drawing Went out with the small Canoe for the first time this year ice Jamming some

16 Drawing & Piling

17th sick some Sandy making 2 Whippetrees Light in the Light House Raining got a Rat

18th Our Duncans Birth Day Bought of A Summers 1/2 Gal HW 2/6 Knife 1/6 Tobacco 1/2 lb
1/4 1/2 Salts -/2 Crema Tartar -/3 envelopes -/3 Tax -/5 got my account from him Sandy
Staving Sandy shooting

Sunday 19th Charlie here Charlie sick me not well a Fine Day

20th Drawing in the Bush Heard the Frogs for the first time High Wind

21st Drawing to the Bank 2 Indians on the Pitt Point Lewis Christees Boy & Smalltree Shot a
Rat set 2 Traps ice going Down ice in the Marsh Fishing EELs got 2 in the Mud great shooting

April the 22nd 1863

Mr James Cameron Island

Wednesday Spearing EELs Charlie & I got a Few Nursing some

23rd St Georges Day A Fine Day Fishing EELs got 8 Drawing to the Bank ice going Down
Hens not Laying hard Frost Nights snow got 2 Rats Fixing the Fence in the Upper Feild Cows
going to the Bush Feeding them yet Burning some of the Rubish Before the Door

24th ice going Down cleaning the Pipes cleaning the cookhouse & Milkhouse Drawing up
Stick with Bolts in it at the Lower Point ice in the Back Bay yet a Bird came in the House
Sandy chopping A Barge in to Salmon River i think it is Mr Bakers 2 Master

25th Drawing in the Bush

26th Windy Took Medicine

27th Began to plough before the Door got a Rat

28 Went to Salmon River Bought of Congdon a Bottle of Medicine & a Box of Pills 3/9 Paid
Bought of P Buchanan 10 lb salt 1/- 1/2 Bushel of Potatoes 18 cents paid this paid 2 Dollars
but it stood only 7/6 to my account (I owe now {illegible} to him \$1.94 cents one Dollar &
94 cents) Bought of Minkler a sank /7 1/2 1/2 Dozen of Spoons 1/10 1/2 paid) Brought 2 1/2 of
Wheat to Mrs Morris that I Took out of their Wheat on Bargain got my Gun took Dinner their
Sandy & I stopt at Lukes had a Round or 2 to gave Sandy 10 cents the Prisoner escaped
Sunday from John Birch Old young alek Departed yesterday not very well

29th setting fires Fixing Pitt Point Fence Found a Fox

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Mr James Cameron Island April 29th 1863

First Steamboat Passed a Propeller name _____ I Put the Cats on the Little Island set Fire on the Island First Lights for Boats in the Lighthouses tonight Took Pills the Clock astray Sandy Chopping

30th Sent Sandy to A Summers sent the Whippetree Irons to Tom Kennedy to Fix Tom sent me his own Harnesed the Horses together for the First time Bought of A Summers 1/2 Gal Whiskey 1/2 1 lb of Tobacco 2/9 got no sugar Sandy Staving ploughing before the Door Planting Potatoes About 40 hills of the White & Blue noses at Last Row of the Furrow 6 square) A Boat Went Down Charlie Fishing Eels Fishing at night got 2

1st of May Sandy ploughing the Pease Ground me planting Potatoes the Dog Killed 1 hen & almost another shot 2 Ducks put in the pigs set Fires in the Grove a Great Deal of ice Going Down The Lottery to come of to night

2nd Salaberry Came up First Trip ploughing the pease Ground some snow Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point

Sunday the 3rd Sandy and the Boy & Lavinia went to Mrs Morris's the Bowmanville went Down Lis came Down with them Thomas Munroe went for his Boat I went to the Little Island very unwell Lots of Wild Geese & Ducks close to the shore since it is Sunday

4th very unwell 7 or 8 Boats Passed up and Down Tow Boats commenced put in the Calves

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Mr James Cameron Island May 5

Ploughing East Wind Frost Last Night sowed another Paper of Cabbage seeds in 3 Troughs Christee here Going for his Folks to Kenyon took 1 of Marys shirts out to her steamer Huron went up on her First Trip setting Fires Driving for Sandy Took up my Traps very unwell Taking Medicine Began Down next the oak Tree

6th Sowed 3 Bushels of small Peas very sick

7th 13 pecks of Black Oats sowed & Sowed 2 Bushels of the Big Pease Fixing the Gate

8th Mr John Campbell here Washing his things Lashey here for his Lines pail & hooks The New Era or Emprefs went Down Sandy & I ploughing East Wind the Traveller a Great Tow coming up Drew the Big Canoe Behind the Barn A very fine Day Frost Last Night

9th Mr Cambell washing & lrening Thomas Munroe Down with Pat Charlie to Lancaster Sandy crofsed with Thomas took Dinner ploughing above the house Mary Christee here for her chest Lent them the saw & Gimlet sent over the Broken neck Bottle to David Ploughed the Garden

10th Sunday Preaching on the Front Mrs Bosell here for Canoe Pat & Charlie here got 3 apples From Pat Huron went Down Took salts Wild Geese & Ducks Plenty before the Door Ticks commencing a bad Mosquito Commencing to come Rain in the night

11th Raining tried the Perch got none Sandy Came have the News of Rob Summers John Cameron & Sandy gone to Frasher River

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Mr James Cameron Island May 12th

Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point Campbell crofsed Sandy to the Store Called at old Bosells for the Line got it for 2 Dollars an order on A Summers for a Dollar got the rong Line

13th Went to Salmon River with Elizabeth To Streeter 7 Rats at 32 cent 2 & 24 cents Bought of Streeter 1 Bushel of Potatoes /10 1/2 Paid) got the Boots Fixed on the Heels Bought of Mears 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 Bought of Congdon 1 plaster 18 cents Worm Tea 1/3 Got an Almanack Bought of Buchanan 2 Bushels of Barley 1 of American Money & charged 2/6 more on it Being Yankee Money Salt 30 cents Rope 1/3 2 Papers seeds 12 cents 2 lb Sugar 1/3 Broom 2 cents Soap 10 cents Came Down took Tea at Mrs Morris's Layna came Down Charlie & Pat here

14th Holy Thursday Sandy Chopping Old Mrs Angus McDonald Departed this Life

15th Sandy making Rockers for the chair went to Bosells for the Line got a peice of Line

16th Set the Line Caught the First Perch 4 of them Found a Sheep in the Water took the Wool off took home the Black Cat Baited the Line for the First time Thunder & Lightning Old Mrs McDonald Buried to Day Boats Going in abundance Drawing some in the Bush Sandy chopping

17th Sunday Sandy went home with Laurie Pat & Charlie here gave me a Glafs of Gin Got a Sturgeon for the first

18th Ploughing above the house hailstones & Rain Broke the Line the Sheep 2 Lambs they Died planted the Sugar corn & popcorn or Rice corn & 2 hills of White corn

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Mr James Cameron Island May 19th

19th Planted the corn some Ploughed a Little above the Lane & Behind the Barn But it is too wet with the Rain Broke the coulter

20th A Hen to Hatch with 10 Eggs on the stable Loft Ploughing Behind the barn Ploughed a Ridge down at the Plumtree took over the Bun to Mr David Summers Bought A Summers 1 pair of Overalls 3/- 1/2 lb Tea 2/- 1 Bar of Soap 1/1 1/2 saw File -/6 Hoe 1/10 1/2 which comes to 8/6) (Big Jim in the Glen Buried on the 20th) Speaking to Kenneth about their colts

21st Sowed 2 Bushels of Barley Sandy crosed seen Angus on the Front Rob Summers came home

22 planted potatoes in the Garden and some above the house the Bluenoses in the Garden took home sticks for a Harrow Drew a sawlog up out of the River

23rd Sowed near a Bushel of Pease at the end of the Big Bease, Sowed above house 3 1/2 of Oats the Potatoes peeping up Before the Door Sandy came Staving got a Ducking got a Plough Point from David Summers for me

24th Sunday Queens Birth Day 3 men here from a Raft wanted 12 withs gave me 12 cents cash Sandy Bad with the Piles

25th Keeping the Queens Birth Day me shooting at night Ploughing Behind the barn Lashey here

26th Frost Last night shearing 3 of the sheep Ram my Sheep and the one thats got the Lamb Fishing Sandy and I making a Harrow planted some pumkins and white Beans at the Pig Pen

27th Went to Salmon River Bought of GA Streeter 1 pair of Boots for Sandy 6/10 1/2 a Rat got 32 cents Bought A Bushel of Potatoes 1/10 paid {illegible}

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Mr James Cameron Island May 27th 1863

Bought of Mr Mears & C 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 12 yds calico at 1/6 yard 1 spool 10 cents Bought of Grange 1 Ladle 1/- 1 skimmer -/6 Bought of Bill Morris & Co 1 Bull calf to Cash on it 2/6 To 1/2 Bushel Potatoes 15 Cents Les came Down with us Sandy at Congdons for the Piles Watson's First Trowing on the Lake for Lunge

28th Sandy crofsted for the Wheat to A Summers did not Get it putting manure on the Garden ploughing some 1 lb of Tobacco 2/3 at the Garden Taking the Banking from the house

29th Went to Salmon River stopt at Renshaws scow Bought of Quaw 2 Bushels of Wheat 15/- Bought of Norman 5 Bunches of Line 1/3 not Paid Paid the other 12 cents to Bill for the calf Ellen came Down with us Left the Horn at Grange to he 6 cents

30th Sowed 1 of Wheat 1/2 Bushel sowed next to the barley sowed 1/2 Bushel or so above the Oats 2 Ridges to sow their yet Began to Rain Sandy hewing the house fixing the saw Let the Horses out for the first time to Grafs Went to Little Island Trowing some took the oats out of the Wheat

31st Davidson & 2 girls and Uncle Duncans John here Wind high

1st of June an Eclipse sowed the Wheat at the side of hay & some Behind the Barn harrowing at the scoring the house

3rd Sandy crofsted with Ellen took home the horn Hoeing corn and Potatoes Planting corn & squashes at the Pease Making the Soap not very well

4th of June Finished hewing the house Began the Rafters Making the soap got a pike yesterday

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Mr James Cameron Island June 5

Friday 5th of June Put the Rafters on the House & Boarded some on North Side Went to Charlies Got some Turnip seed & Onions & the hammer 2 Men here Lee & Reuben Martin's Son all night Raining Mary Birch Pafsed in a Boat close to shore

6th Went to Christees seen Mary Anns Baby about a month old Christee says it Belongs to Thomas More got 13 Pine Boards & 1 hemlock Board Cost 2 Dollars paid 1 Dollar of it I owe him a Dollar yet on them go the scyths 2 of them saw & Gimlet cut the Door of the house Raining

7th Corpus Christe Grand procefsion in St Regis Sandy went home with Lis took Ellen down Ellen made a Cap for the Boy Brought a hammer from Morris's Sandy did Charlie here Gave him potatoes to plant pease soap Found 5 Large staves & 4 small ones.

8th Raining Fishing perch caught 44 put them in the pen but 20 of them got away Sandy & Ellen sparking a Raft cutting poles Left them

9th Our MarysBirth Day Went to Summers a Treat at Davids 1/3 on credit Bought of A Summers 2 Bunshes of shingles 12/6 10 lb nails shingles 2/6 Donald Summers & Robert Down for the Canoe went to Alexis Island for Boards Richard Greav here

10th Began to shingle the north side

11 calling for Charlie Sandy working at the Door cleaning out the cellar

12h Went to Salmon River with the wool 15 lb only got 12 Ba{cut off} 7 cents a lb oiled and carded paid 10 cents Duty got the Receipt of the wool for 4 cents Bought P Buchanan 4 lb nails 1/- 1 Bushel of potatoes 1/6 crackers & cheese -/7 1/2 Got the churn Fixed at McGiffens 1/3 not paid to Day John Angus came

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Mr James Cameron Island June 13th 1863

Working at the house Began to shingle the South Side John Angus & me Fishing got none went to Fish with the Light Sandy Lost a Sturgeon the City of Hamilton Began to tow here

hoeing some Mosquitoes Bad Ticks some young chickens 14 of them Jack Bad with Boils
Ellen made a Puzzle hens scratching the Wheat

14th Jack Ellen & Sandy went to Christees 3 canoes went Down

15th I and Sandy & Jack crofsted Gave John Angus the Berries to take to Ellen Left the Dog
Tippoo on the Island Settled with old Bosell about the Line all clear Got the round adze
From Nicholson took a hook out of Semos Boys hand Henery Bad with a Felon on his Finger
A Great Gale of North Wind coming home Sandy & Ellen Crofsted for the Shingles & for the
Wheel & Reel Gave Sandy an Order to get them cedar shingles 7/6

16th came Back Ellen & Sandy Tom Davis came high Wind working at the Potatoes

17th working at the House Finished shingling the South Side Began the West Gable end
hoeing some

18th This Day the Deciding the Battle of Waterloo Finished the West Gable end put out 2
Lines Tom Went off John Cameron & Fray here stopt all night

19th Went to A Summers Bought 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 1 lb Tobacco 2/3 1/2 Gal Whiskey 1/3
Soda -/4 1/2 Pepper -/1 7 lb nails 1/9 1 Bottle Porter 1/- 2 Bowls -/9 a Hat for nothing Wind
very high Began the East End of the Gable

20th Fixing End of the House {illegible} Wife here Bought a sturgeon & Basket from her
Gave some Meal and Potatoes

Mr James Cameron Island June 21st 1863

Sunday 21st Sandy went to church Ellen was home A Smallman here

22nd Our Dans Birth Day a Fortunate Day Christee here I went to Renshaws Mr Harper
Treated me

23rd Fixing the stone wall in the cellar Digging and putting Out Ground 2 Men were here
with Bob Getts Dunee & Watson From PlatsBurgh Raining

24th St John the Babtiste Day Great Firing of Cannons Back of St Annicet Or there abouts 3
Men here all night Fishers) Sandy Digging the Cellar Berres some Ripe now StrawBerries)
Fishing at night at the Little Island for Pickerel got none

25th Shows in Salmon River Sandy & E Morris went Found an Elm stick on the water
Turned with it I fetched it to the shore hoeing corn Potatoes Pulling Cotton out of the Grain
Mustard bad in the Grain Angus came at night

26th Sandy & Ellen came Brought 4 Plains From the Estate of the Late D Morris to Be
Returned Sandy Staving at the show Drawing up the Elm stick Drawing stones Donald Suple
here Got a Rod Davidson & Miller with him Angus went off

27th Sandy went off with Ellen The Boy out on the water with us hoeing some

Sunday 28th Pophams wife here for Milk Sandy & I went to Williamstown with 2 Bushels of
Big Pease about 18 lbs of Wool without the Bags {illegible} at Sheep 60 heads of cabbage
Plants 1 Bag of Potatoes Pie Plants or Rubarb

29th Came home took scantling canoe load got an old Buttertub

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Mr James Cameron Island June 30th

30th Charlie and me to Dundee with Ashes Bought of Norman Beer 2/6 Bought of P
Buchanan 2 Bushels of Potatoes 2/6 1 lb nails -/3 2 pipes -/1 Signing the papers for the
Race course

July 1st 1863 Wednesday A Stickler here sold him the Elm stick for his Boat Gave me 1 Dollar
on Bargain Drawing Stone for the cellar Drew the stick to the River with Gray

2nd Christee here for a snaith & ring got it 2 Men here From Rankins for the stick Gave me
the Rest of the Pay Gave them a Tin Dish to Drink Opend my Boil A Great Deal of stuff
coming out of it Drawing stones Let out the hogs

3rd Hiram Stephens here Paul Grant gave me a Paper a Hooker of Gin caught an EEI Last
night with the hand Line fixing Logs under the East & West ends of the house Thundering
to the South East Wind plaining the Boards Found New Potatoes 2 of them when hoeing
Mosquitos Bad Gave Sandy 2/6 cash for his share in the stick

4th of July the Salabery a Pleasure Trip up to Cornwall Sent Sandy to A Summers To 1/2 lb
Tea 2/- 1/2 Gal Mollasseys 2 lb of sugar 1/1 1/2 lb salts -/6 Very Bad with my Boil on My Ribs

Sunday 5th Our Johns Birth Day Granny Morris Lis & Abe here Sandy went to church got the Lend of their Saw

6th cutting sticks for the Cart caught 3 Pickerel Mr Campbel came Alexander Hamilton took him Rasberries commencing to Get Ripe put some Fires on the Pitt Point Heard Henerys Boy was sick

Mr James Cameron Island July 7th 1863

Sandy and I caught 6 peices of Timber took 4 of them to the Raft and 2 to the shore got some Staves the owener Henery Toulds the Bofs John D McMillen went to Alexis Island A Lincoln here Left his Fish till he came From Lancaster A Great smash of Rafts Francis Lost the Anchor Campbell Washing his clothes, a year ago to Day Bill and Cambell Married

8th Went to see Antwine Bosele Semo Cutting Francis Island Took a spree stopt at Mr David Summers all night the first time I ever slept in that House Bought of A Summers Tin pan 1/2 Sugar 2 lb 1/3 Cotton 3/3 1 Bottle Beer -/71/2 Angus at Davids Allen McDonell On the Boshure

9th Went to Renshaws got 2 Dollars & 3/4 from him (13..9) Christee here Grinding Scythe Henerys Girls & Boys here Gave them Marsh hay for Bedding a Great Wind Last night Broke the corn (a Fortunate Day) I Went to Dundee Bought of D Baker 1 Barrel of Flour L1..5 Paid Norman 3..6 cash I owed him Bought of Norman 3 Thimbles -/3 1 pen 1/2 2 peace with Sandy on the Matches paid all this a Treat -/2 paid this Took Supper at Mrs Morris's Sandy & I

10th took away 2 peices of Elm Went to Get My Pay Gave me 5/- Cash and a pail of Greese Drawing some of the cord Wood Making Roads in the Bush setting stump and Brush a Fire took home sticks for the cart Bosells at the Rasberries

11th putting the Floor in in the house Drew some Wood Began to use the Flour the Salaberry went Down Currants commencing to be Ripe

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Orangemens Day

Mr James Cameron Island July 12th 1863

12 Sunday Bill Bule & Cambell here took Dinner

13th at the Floor & cellar Door Finished now

14th at the Drew the Last of the Cord Wood

15th Finished the Floor up Stairs Mrs Bowen Clarissa Mary Ann & Mr Bayville & wife here at Berries A Pleasure Trip on the Salaberry going Down Fishing at Night got 3 Great many Rafts a Going Down Keeping in the calve & Pigs a Great Bother with them

16th Began the Car for the Cart Sandy and I Got New Potatoes yesterday on the 15th for the first we eat EEI Flies very Plenty

17th Mrs Morris & Abe & Laurie at the Berries Brought Gordon A Had stopt all night Sandy to the store Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Tea 1/10 1/2 1 lb Tobacco 2/3

18th the Men of M Aults Raft got the canoe and 3 Loaves of Bread gave me 3 lb of Pork & 2/6 cash

Sunday 19th Took Breakfast in the new house for the first time Sandy & Boy & Livinia went to Mrs Morris James Hopkins & Family here Took Dinner with them up in the Bush Tom Davis Sold his gun to James Hopkins 10/-

20th Sandy went to Bells Bee Charlie here Grinding his Scythe Went to A Summers to 1/2 lb powder 1 lb shot Rake -/10 2 stones -/8 2 lb sugar 1/3 1/2 lb Tea Mowing some Commenced to Mow

21st Mowing some Sandy came from the Bee

22nd commenced to mow on the Pitt Point Jock took his spear Gave them Paddles to Make

23rd Mowing put in 2 Loads

24th put in 3 Loads a very warm Day a Race the emprefs & Alexandra

25 Mowing Grove at the Raft Got an axe Gave the Bread Butter Milk

Mr James Cameron Island July 26th 1863

Sunday 26th Livinia Gordon Sandy & Myself went Down to see Charles Tupper for the First Time ever she or Gordon was on the Butternut Island Took Dinner there got Cucumbers got A Birmingham Paper a great Many Rafts a Going Down

27th Mowing Below the Grove side of the River Down at the Apple Tree Gathering Behind the Garden Wind very high

28th a Fortunate Day put in 3 Loads of Hay cutting some on the Lower Point Went to Mayorells to see about the Hay a Great Many Cranes a Flocking Berries Plenty currants Plenty Blackbirds Bad

29th Went to Williamstown for the Boys Charlie and I Bought of J McLaurin 200 Bricks no change took 30 More Brick for 5/- 2/3 a hundred he sells them Working at the hay on Murdys Place

30th Put in 1 Load the Rain commenced Mowing

31st Mowing got a Paddle From the Indian John Burch here gave us a Hooker and Left us a Hooker 2 Men with him

1st of August Mowing in the upper Feild Put a Board on the calf a Race the Huron & Alexandra (John Rankin went Down with George Renshaw or George went down with him Racing took Breakfast alone in the new House

2nd Sunday Boys Picking Berries Went to Christees Got the sash from him for the snaith 4 of them all clear now eat Corn Black Berries

3rd Mrs Morris Ellen & Mary Birch here for Berries Gathering Hay Put in 4 Load of Hay Ellen stopt Mr Watson & Mr Spencer here all night Jacops Wife for salt got 3 EEIs from here

4th Thats 16 Loads of Hay in the Barn now

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Mr James Cameron Island August 5th

5th Eglantine McDonald Married to Day to McDonald Lagare put in 1 Load Gathering and coiling hay Wind high Bouquet Down with a Raft found a stave in Rushes

6th A Fortunate Day Rained some Last night the Black Birds almost Finished the Barley at the Peas Tethering Gray choke cherries Turning some

7th a Fortunate Day I Went to see Norman about Kimball Affair Bought of G A Streeter 1 Pair of Boots 4.25 Lace Boots \$1.37 1/2 Cents this is a Beginning of an account Bought of Minkler 2 1/2 Calico 45 Cents Crackers 8 cents saleratus 8 cents Bought of Congdon Turpentine 5 cents salts 10 cents Bought of Derushie 1 lb candles 20 cents Whiskey 40 cents saleratus 8 cents ink 5 cents Bought of Baker Lines 20 cents cloves 2 cents Saleratus 8 cents a Treat at Normans of Beer 12 1/2 cents paid Bought of Buchanan 14 lbs salt 21 cents Left 25 cents with Norman to Pay the Cooper American Money took Dinner at Mrs Morris's Gave Morway a Ride Down James Hugh at Fort Covington with us on the Boat for the first Time John Angus came

8th My Canoe taken away this Morning By the Prescott Pilots went to look for it at Hamiltons Sent Sandy & Jack to Frashers Point Found it there 2 Men here of Calvins Raft Left an Axe for there Board which comes to 6/.3 Lost all Day Looking for the canoe Highlander went Down Cameron Raft going Down Black Birds Very Bad Pease Ripe some of them the Barley all eat Henery making a stack on Francis Island Hamilton Thrashing Wheat Sandy & Jack for the Canoe to Frashers Point found it took it home

Sunday 9th Went to Williamstown with the Boys Allen I Hugh and John Angus Brought Currants Cherries

Mr James Cameron Island August 10 1863

10th came from Williamstown took 1 Quart From John Frasher took Breakfast on Dans Point Cutting in the upper Feild Christee here wanting my Canoe Ellen spinning Sandy Bad with Boils Sent Sandy with a Order to A Summers 1/2 lb tea 1.b Tobacco Began Mowing the Barley Oats & Pease McArthur the schoolmaster Getting Married to Day

11th Went to Get Livinia Tooth pulled Dr Gilles pulled the wrong tooth 1/3 paid Bought of Norman 1 Quart and the Bottle to Be Returned not paid yet Left My Coat Exchanged the Dishes got a Dipper and salt cellar got a treat from Jim Hopkins taking Down Board Between 2 Canoes Bill Making his stacks on Laports Island in at Pains on Niggarr Point A very Warm Day and a very stormy Night Blew Down 4 Trees in the Grove and the Big Butternut in the Pease

12th cutting the Barley Finished it Reaping the Oats Big Oats

13th put in 2 Loads of Pease 1 Load of sheaves Smallman & Palmer & Allan here stopt in the new house Gave Me 55 cents for their Trouble Pat & Charlie here Gave us 2 Hookers a peice

14th shot a Duck Began the stack Drew 3 Loads in it

15th put 2 1/2 Good Loads in the stack 1 Load of Pease put in

16th Sunday Ellen & Sandy crofsted Laura came

17th Went with Livinia with her Teeth Got 2 pulled out by Peck 2/6 Bought knitting needles - /1 1/2 settled with Norman 15 cents Returned the Bottle Brought home the wheel Charlie here

18th Cutting the Big Pease put in 1 Load of Barley Found a Canoe put in the 2 Rams

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Mr James Cameron Island Aug 19th 1863

19th put in the Big Pease 2 Loads of them a Load of Hay and 1/2 Load of Barley thrashed 2 Floors of Barley cut some of the Oats & some of the small pease Fixing the Fence at the Pitt Point Lots going down to the Long Black Berries shooting commenced cut the window in the East end of the House

20th Shooting commenced to Day in Canad East I went to Dundee Bought of P Buchanan 17 lb of Pork at 10 cents 1.70 cents 1/2 lb Powder 1/- 1 lb shot -/6 Raining cutting the window in the West end of the house

21st Donald young Alek here from the Long Black Berries cut the Last of the Pease Put them in cut the Last of the Oats Fanned near a Bushel of Barley went to the Kit Kit Island

22nd Drawing up Drags with Gray Drew the Canoe Back of the Barn took up 3 Barrels of water cleaned the stove Began to cut the Marsh Hay in Front of house Laurie and Sandy to Dundee Mr Spinks came From Burying the old Gentleman his Father wind high

23rd Sunday Angus came made a Bargain with Sandy for 1/4 of the Grain that would be Raised Me the 1/2 half put Angus to the foot of Hamiltons Island

24th Monday put in 1 Load of Oats the Wind very high Rained in the Evening Thunder & Lightning cut a soft Maple for a stone Boat at the Box of the car Burnt 3 pannets of the Fence

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Mr James Cameron Island Aug 25th

Began to Thrash the Barley 4 Bushels altogether Thrashing 3 Floors of Pease Sandy went to A Summers 2 lb sugar 1/2 lb Tobacco 1/1 1/2 1lb Tea no Whiskey

26th Went to the Kit Kit Fanned 1 1/2 of Pease got a Stave 1 sucker cut the Wheat down next the Barley Turning the oats Sent Sandy with an order to George Renshaws did not got 1/2 Gallon From A Summers

27th Charlie here had Cucumbers shot a Duck got the Peice of the Line put in the Last of the Oats put in the wheat 1 Load

28th cut some Marsh Hay Making the stone Boat

29th Raining Moving the Hog Pen Drew some stones to the River cut one of the cherries that was on the Bank of the River put in some Butternuts

Sunday the 30th Sandy & Laurie crofsed very high had a Row Laurie & Sandy

31st Put in a Load of Wheat & a Load of Marsh hay in the stable took 2 Bushels of Pease out to Williamstown

1st of September Got some onions from her got some fat Pine on Big Dans place cutting Marsh hay Fixing my ashes & iron for Salmon River

2nd 52 lbs of iron & 3 bushel of Ashes Bought of Baker 3 bushels of Lime at -/9 got 30 cents cash 1lb shot 1 Box caps pipes 4 cents Bought of Deroshie 1/2 lb candles -/6 crackers 5 cents 2 Bushels of Barley to Mill Gave Ann a Ride Down Thomas Munroe at Lukes John Cambell Married on (the 23rd of August)

3rd Blacking the West end of the House piling the cord Wood shot a Duck Raining

4th cutting Marsh Hay Fishing Perch husking some of the corn put in the Pig the cattle on the inside of gate now opened a Boil

5th Began taking of the stones took in the Last of the Grain 1 of Wheat) Fishing perch Dan on the Front for the school

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Mr James Cameron Island Sept 6th

Sunday Bob & Clarisa Bone here took in a Basket of hazelnuts Sandy & I

7th Fishing Perch Angus & Tom Davis came had 4 Traces and the swivel Dan commenced to Teach for the first turn out of his Life coiling the Hay in the Front Marsch 5 coils put in 6 Before Sandy at the stones Cut the Pig

8th Angus & Sandy crofsted gave Sandy 6 cents Andrew Summers selling of his store coiling hay in the Back Marsh high wind Sandy working at the Ground for the fall wheat Shot a Duck some one at the cord Wood Lashey went to Cornwall to fish at the stones

9th putting out Manure on the Peice for fall wheat

10th putting out Manure

11th coiling the hay in the Back Marsh

12th Thrashing 2 of Big Pease Salaberry a Pleasure Trip Antwine Russel came home

13th Sunday alone Wind high

14th Sand Crofsted to Summers's Sandy staving putting out Manure Antwine Trowing Christee here making a Bench Antwine set his Line

15th commenced to plough spreading manure Antwine Thrashing Wheat high Wind very smoky with fires out

16th Ellen & Lis & Abe here for Grapes Fanning 2 Bushels of Wheat

17th Went to Mill Bought of Norman 1 Knife 1/10 1/2 Tobacco 1/3 Matches -/6 Line 1/3 which comes to 4/10 1/2 Loan of Bottle Bought of P Buchanan 1/2 lb Tea 2/6 Took Dinner at Morrises Ellen came Down with us

18th Raining Making spokes about 70

19th Cutting Hoop Poles about 100 Antwine Thrashing the Big Pease Sandy at a Pounder

Sunday 20th Bill his wife & Mother Abe here Antwine Bosell wife and sister here gave an oar to Abe got a sturgeon

Mr James Cameron Island Sept the 21st 1863

Monday 21st Sandy & Antwine went to Salmon River Me Harrowing the Fall Wheat for the first Harrowing cutting the Butternut tree and the cherry that fell with the wind Bought of P Buchanan 66 cent for Pork 6 Rounds 100 Poles Gave a Dollar Gave Back the change 1/2 Bushel salt charged to me

22nd Thrashing Big Pease

23 Fanning the Big Pease 3 Bushels Sandy went to Williamstown 1st Day of Autumn

24th Making stack of Marsh Hay Began to Rain

25th Raffle of Rob Summers of a cow

25th Began the chimney Antwine Thrashing the Small Peace

26th Finished the chimney

27th Sunday Antwine & Sandy went to Rosses Island for Nuts Sandy went home with Ellen

28th Fanning the Pease 7 Bushels Put a Board on the calve Sandy Ploughing Lashey here Found a cow that was skinned took her ashore

29th Ploughing shot a Duck & A Ruster took the Tallow out of the Cow Antwine at the Ashes St Michael Wild Geese Plenty

30th Last of the Month helping Antwine with the Logging put 2 Loads in the stack ploughing Killed the hog

October 1st Finished the Marsh stack 60 or 70 coils in it stacked the straw ploughing set Fire in the swamp taking in Butternuts

2nd Antwine underpinning the house Banking some Sandy Ploughing in the upper feild

3rd Went to Salmon River with Ashes

4 VA Peck Got 50 cents & Antony 50 cents Bought of Norman 1 Bottle 1/3 on credit
Tobacco (5 cents paid) Bought of Baker 1 1/2 Lime 1/1 1/3 paid Bought of Buchanan pins 10
cents

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Mr James Cameron Island Oct 4th

Sunday John Angus here in the Bush at nuts

5th at the spokes salted eggs Antwine and me sawing Sandy ploughing

6th splitting spokes Mowing grass Sunday salted 9 Dozen of Eggs put them in the cellar

7th Tom came with the Line Antwine and me to the Kit Kit got a Gull alive caught 4 Perch
Tom left his Grappling and hook

8th Sandy & Antwine went to Summers took an awful spree had a Bottle could not find it
Sandy took A 1/4 of tea got some Money from A Cameron Shelling corn me

9th Looking for the Bottle I Found it all watered plastering some set the Line

10th Our Hugh Anns Birth Day Antwine went for a Quart to Renshaws Plastering

11th Sunday went to Harpers and then to Salmon River One of the Frashers women
Departed about this time Livinia Gordon & I to the Bush for Beech nuts

12th Put in the stack of Hay alone they came staving then went to Christees for sticks for
David Summers stopt all night the old Man Both staving shot a Mud Hen

13th Working at the House old Man came had Christees canoe Banking the House shot 2
Ducks did not get them

14th Went to A Summers to settle £19.. gave my Note to him Bought 5 cent worth of sugar
went to see Mr Harper about the wood Sandy & Antwine to Christee for 2 Sticks Brought
them Found 6 peices went over with 2 of them Antwine went off to Christees Sandy stopt
all night at Summers

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 15th 1863

Sandy came here & a skidadler took over 4 peice took Bags for Potatoes shot a Duck got a sturgeon plastering some of the House with clay & ashes Charlie here got my Pants took me 40 punkins and a squash

16th Sandy away with Hunte to Lancaster Drew some Wood

17th High wind a Great Deal of Thunder & Lightning changeable winds Sandy came staving Lost his Paddle his Knife Brought 2 Bushels of Potatoes from D Summers got another Paddle from David splitting 5 or 6 Logs at the Cord Wood

18th St Lukes Day Sunday Charlie came up with the Pants Charlie Rose & A Hamilton to Rofs Island for Nuts great shooting at Christees

19th Monday Sandy crofsted to work on a Barge to Load Henery Fishing EEls in the Mud and an Indian got a Good many Fishing for Bart got a chub Baited 36 Hooks Fixing Traps Boiled the Brine of the Pork took all the scum of it & Let it cool before putting it on opened the Boil on my crooked finger feeding the cows Pumkins to the cows

20th Got a Sturgeon Fishing EEls Got 4 Thomas Munroe Andrew Summers Antwine here seen the Fox a Letter From Mr Harper about the Timber Set my traps 12 of them

21st Got 4 Rats

22 Got 4 Rats Sandy and Lis came Found my Dream concerning the Bottles got 3 Baskets Dreamed of 3 Bottles gotting a Cedar Broom

23rd went to Mr Harpers about the Wood Had a Treat Bought 1 lb Bicult -/3 1/ lb candles - /4 1/2 Bought 2 Bushels of Lime 1/10 1/2 to be taken out of the Wood

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23rd 1863

Mr James Cameron Island Oct

went to Charlies with the Pants wind high

24th Our Hugh's Birth Day got a Rat Plastering Sandy sick cleaned the Floor of the New House

Sunday the 25th my Birth Day Antwine here had a Bottle Sandy went home with Lis Antwine went and got 1/2 Gal at Harper No Rats water Very Low Ell Fishing Great now wild Geese Plenty ice Last night for the first in the canoes has a notion snow But not come yet North East Wind the Hawk trying to take the hens

26th Antwine went to Summers Sandy came no Rats took up my Traps some of them put the Boards around the side of the house Antwine staving one of the McMasters Boys Getting Married to Day to Buy a Girl Sunday Mrs Skarret Moved away from Morris A Barn Belonged to someone Burnt up Salmon River a Day or 2 ago

27th Sandy crofsted to Summers plaining Boards

28th Emmanuel here fishing Ells got a small sturgeon plastering some {illegible} went off

29th Went to Mr Harpers Bought of him 1 lb candles /9 1 Dozen Fish 1/- 6 lb crackers 2/1 Flour 6/6 Treated us plastering some Fixing the chimney and Windows

30th Went to Williamstown Met Charlie came with me Brought 2 of Pease saw Knife 1 Bag of Nuts 1 Basket of Hazelnuts Peice of Pork got a mess of Potatoes got some Red Pepper from Charlie

31st Drawing spokes water very Low the west wind is so high All Hallows Eve cracking nuts put in spotted pig

The harvest month of Death

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 1st 1863

Sunday 1st all alone Sandy went to Salmon River Sent a Sturgeon with him to Mrs Morris the Water getting high yesterday the Lowest I seen for some time now cut my hair turned the canoe some one cut 2 hicorys at the Head of the Island put in the sow

2nd Plastering up stairs Went to head of the Island found a Board & cedar Rail the Black Cat in the Trap Plaining the canoe

3rd Taking Down the Petition Plaining some of the Boards On this Day Granda Departed put the Beds up stairs moped it out

4th plaining some Boards Puttying the Windows & put them in Boats a Going in abundance high wind wild Geese & Ducks plenty took salts

5th Guy Fawkes Day a Fortunate Day Moved in the New House put in the stove & Bed a Fire in the chimney of the old House the Wind change to and smoked then Raining East Wind changed the West Boats going up & Down Like Mad Racing a deal of shooting

6th Drawing Drags Robert Stuart here all night wind high

7th Robert shot a Duck went off Our Ellens Birth Day

8th Sunday Str Battwece here Fishing EElS Sandy came

9th Went to Salmon River 126 spokes Left at Buchanan sold the Cooper 40 small staves 60 cents 12 Big ones 72 cents Got 1 Dollar & 25 for the Lot Gave 5/- stood 3/9 to my account Bought of Buchanan fine comb -/7 1/2 pipe 1 1/2 platter 35 cent paid this with the Rags 12 lb Bought of Norman 1 lb saleratus 10 Ce crackers

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov 9th 1863

Bought of J Cameron 6 yds of Cotton 30 cts a yd Bought 1/2 the candles of McRae 10 cent hard came home snowing & Blowing got Lost stopt at the Round Island came home

10th Fixing the Door upstairs

11th Thrashing 2 of Oats gave the hogs 1/2 bushel more Mixed 11 peck of Pease with 2 of Oats making the stairs high Wind snowing with the change of the moon

12th a Fine Day Ploughing John Gray came set 7 Traps for Rats on the halves had a couple of Bottles of Whiskey

13th John Gray made 2 Paddles got 3 Rats Ploughing Killed a Ruster wind very high

14th a Fortunate Day wind high John Gray got 2 Rats ploughing Before the Door Gave the hogs 1/2 Bushel of the Big Pease Sandy & John Gray went to see Mr Harper as they were very Thirsty took his Rats

15th Sunday 4 of the Indians & Sandy came from Harpers all day here

16th Went to See Norman about the school affair took 242 spokes 3 Bushels of Provender took home 4 plains hammer & the little Saw & the Pot Bought 2 1/2 yds cloth 12/6 Foggy coming home

17th Raining Fixing the stovepipes in the old house Charlie came went Down for his corn came up

18th Charlie & me to Mill 77 spokes took Mrs Hopkins home Gave £1.5 to Lucy Baker gave me a R{illegible} Left it with Norman a Treat at Jessima 1/- with old D Cameron Norman got his Goods thats 126, 242) 77)) (445 spokes Left at Buchanaans Sandy Crofsed

1863

Mr James Cameron Island Nov 19

Charlie here cutting stove Wood him & I 2 Indians went Down high wind put in the small Merino Lamb with the Ram Grinding the Axes Ellen a young Daughter on the 15th one of those Days

20th Wind high Charlie c

& me Fishing got 4 Sandy Came got a Rat Geese & Ducks plenty

21st On this Day Donald McMaster Departed 17 years ago Sandy went off Charlie at Harpers with us took in his Goods Bought of Mr Harper Whiskey 3 Quarts 1/6 1lb sugar -/6 a Treat - /6 paid all this Bought 1/2 Barrel of Herring 12/6 Bought of out of A Summers or McDonell 1lb starch 1/- Whitewash Brush 1/8 Salt 5/-

22nd Sunday Laurie came Charlie here

23rd Charlie & I went to Harpers Bought 1 lb candle -/9 1/2 lb Tea 2/- Got the Loan of his pot for to Kill the Hogs Bought of McDonald 3 1/2 yds of stripe shirting at 1/3 4/4 1/2 3 1/2 of Cotton at 1/2 1/2 4/3 thread -/d 1/2

24th Killed the 2 Hogs Charlie and I

25th St Catherines Day cutting the Pork 240 lbs & 250 cleaned up the old House

26th a Boat aground Below Charlies Charlie went Home gave him pork Herring Heart Muskrat sold Fixing the West sheds set a Fire in the oak Feild and some on the Back Marsh

Laurie at my Pants Livinia at my Striped Shirt Huron went up Pasport went Down Windy a sore knee I got

27th Fire in Front Marsh Fixing the East shed My Pants Finished the Bouquet at the Protection

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Mr James Cameron Island Nov the 28th Charlie came up went to Mr Harpers Brought home the Pot Bought of Mr Harper 1 Barrel of Flour 5.75 cents 1lb candles -/9 3 Quarts of Whiskey 1/6 1 lb sugar -/7 1/2 Fishing EELs got 6 Raining

Sunday 29th Charlie here

30th St Andrews Day Charlie & I all of us Keeping the scotch Saints Day Charlie cutting wood for himself Salmon River Froze now the Osprey went up

1st of Dec put in the horses Drawing wood put out some manure put in the calves set 2 Traps set Poison for the Fox the Traveller went up & a schooner in to the Sir Colen Campbell after No Light in could see in the Light house with the Drift of snow But I see it after a while it cleared off

2nd Whitewashing went around the Island got a Broom a steamer 2 pipes at Renshaws wharf wind high high a small steamer went up a puffer Rain hail and snow Freezing hard Light in the Lighthouses yet Cows picking some out yet ice on the Marsh White owl coming around

3rd White washing the inside of the house at the Petition

4th Finished the Petition White washing outside get the house

5th set fire to the Marsh

6th Sunday Lashey here

7th Fishing EELs got 3 Henery & Lashey & William Fishing a very fine Day

8th A Fine Day crossed with Laurie Went to Renshaw himself there a Treat for 3 of us took Dinner with Mr Harper & Mr Renshaw Oxy there put Mr Renshaw across No Light in Mr Hills Light Nor in the scow But Light on Cherry Island

9th 1863

Mr James Cameron Island Dec

Mr Harper & George Renshaw here came to Measure the Wood 30 cords Took a Bottle of Whiskey to me cold & Windy Feeding the cattle out of the Barn & stacks cut a small Hicory for Axe helves Freezing hard to night

10th change in the Moon making a Rack for my sleigh drew a Load of Wood from the Bush cold Windy the Fox dont come to the Poison Finished my shirt Livinia sick Keeping sheep in Killed 2 Rusters

11th Doing a Little or nothing

12th put some feathers in the Bed Drawing wood ice Froze pretty well in the Bay East Wind this Long time now Blowing hard Raining

13th Sunday Raining East Wind horses out up to head of Island no Boats nor Canoes on the River this some Days now

14th Grinding the axes and some of the Tools Raining East Wind cleaned 9 EELs cleaning the Canoes of Water took up Box or Fish Pen Drew in the Bun Making a cap for Gordon ice all Brok up around shore

15th A Fortunate Day cut some cord Wood & claring for the first at the Head of the Island. Horses out Weaning Gordon this is the 2nd Day now for him very high Wind & Cold

16th Tippoo her puppies to Day 5

17th Easterly Winds cold water Raising trying to snow Rain or hail at night Cutting stove Wood Putting some Hens in the old House Fixing canoes Good Fires

18 cutting stove Wood

19th Drawing Wood 3 Loads cold Windy weather

20th Sunday all alone Ducks before the Door

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Mr James Cameron Island Dec 21st

set 4 Traps in the Front Marsh

22nd First Day of Winter a Fortunate Day cold Freezing hard Went to Sturgeon Island Went to the Head of the Island to Leave my canoe there Just as I got it on shore there came a Jam of about 3 acres of ice Bang on the shore where I was Drawing up my Canoe the wind is East making ice wheather it will stand or not I Dont Know

23rd the ice took to Christees open on the steamboat channel I think it is taken to Charlies as far as I can see taken to the Kitt Kit Seen 7 wild Geese Ducks Plenty the wind changed to the West afore Daylight Made a Ramrod for the Long Gun Fixed one of the chairs Gray & the Mare out to night not cold Weather

24th The ice not taken at the Head of the Islands but between here & Captain Frasers it is taken Put 8 or 10 Bushes on the Road to Charlies the Fox Left Last night 3 or 4 pills out no Foxes yet Gordon not well Freezing Hard to night Change in the moon Fed the cattle all Extra

25th Christmas Day A Fine Day went to see my Poison no Foxes Feeding the cattle well Health & Peace Plenty But no Whiskey Charlie crofsing to Rofses Island

26th Went to Mr Harpers crofsed at the Foot of Hamiltons Island ice very Bad Jim Hopkins crofsed a Treat at McDonell paid Bought of Mr Harper Tea 1/2 lb 2/- 1/2 lb candles /4 1/2 Basket -/7 1/2 sugar 7 1/2 Broom -/7 1/2 Treat paid this Matches & pipes -/2 Donald McGregor for salt

Dec the 26th 1863

Mr James Cameron Island

Donald McGreggor at Harpers took over a Bag of salt George Renshaw came acrofs from the Island with the Horse Fired a shot with Johny Sandfields Rifle at a Mark

27th Sunday took up my Poison Seen Charlie taken home a Load of Wood

28th ice Brok up some lats night with the Wind Thrashed Better than 1/2 Bushel of Wheat turning stormy

29th Bushed the Road acrofs to Francis Island Took home a Load of Wood at the Head of the Island Lavinia Making stockings for Gordon

30th Went to the Bush cut a small Maple put a Handle in the Big Axe seen a fox crofsing From Christies

31st Last Day of the year Went to Mr Harpers him at Summerstown I crofsed Bought of Andrew 1 lb of Powder 1/8 3 oz of Cloves -/4 1/2 Tallow 1 lb & 12 oz Bought of Mr Harper 1 Gal of Whiskey 2/- & Treat 1 Ball of Cotton -/7 1/2 1/2 lb Tea 2/- 2 lb sugar 1/3 Made up the Wood Maple 11 1/2 Beech 11 1/2 Soft 6 3/4 £10..18..5 Set up till after one Oclock Fired 3 shots Stormy at night the New Year came in Stormy with East Wind

1st of January 1864

Raining snowing Blowing wind changed Blew hard from the West Me Firing in the New Year Great cracks

2nd Livinia Bad with Tooth ache

3rd Allen's Birth Day

Sunday 4th Hansel Monday chopped and cutting poles for Rails

5th set my 3 Pills of Poison at the sturgeon Island Bushed the Road at the Head of the Island ice Good Cutters crofsing to Salmon River took Home a Load of Firewood {illegible} went to Henerys Henery came to Fish EEls Antwine a Young son Monday night cutting Holes with Henery got a Basket of EEls From him.

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