

James Cameron (1824–1912)

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Mr James Cameron Island 28th December

Saturday the 28th cold this Day Freezing hard not making much ice with the North West wind sun Went Down under a cloud Drew a Drag went with the scow to the Bush Went around the Island slippery for Gray Washing my Slips washed my feet Dreaming of seeing a splash in the Water a Great Ways off Great Dreams every night about Summers's Folks, Frosty tonight all well using oil for Light

Sunday the 29th The ice made a Little East Wind circle round the Sun Seen Charlie going to Ross's Island I suppose for Wood Went to the Pitt Point Made a Musenjango of Whiskey Essence of Peppermint Molasses & water so I would have something for the New Year good canoeing yet a Pair of Sugar Birds around all this Fall here Seen the Blue cat I got at Hamiltons and I did not see her since We tooke her here which was on the third of August

30th Snowed some Last night Nor West wind Began to thrash Whe{at} thrashed 2 Floors of Loose & 2 of sheaves put the straw in the hen house Made candles My Favourite Watch out of order

31st Last Day of the Year East Wind Thrashed a Floor or 2 Fanning 1 & Peck my Measure cutting Stove Wood all Well all alone this night Mr David Summers's Ball The cars going to Day Hell to split very Little ice around the shores Set up to 1 o clock Shooting}

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Shooting away the old year or Should be Shooting in the new year put out the Basswood canoe Went to the Little Island south side got some corn Went with the canoe to the Head of the Island turned it over so to have Ready wind changed Raining Began to Blow very hard took a sleep at night almost Blew the house down mending my coat Blowed in the Master Ball {Bull} in Kintail {illegible}

the 2nd 1862 Mr James Cameron Island January the Wind Last night put Down the Plaster fixing Boards on the cracks stuffing the cracks with Rags & Paper very frosty if it holds on the ice will take slippery walking Put the Blanket on Gray cold NorWest Wind Seen the New Moon Wish if there was no wind the ice would take

3rd Allens Birth Day, a cold Day the ice is thinking to take anchor ice commenced going down I Believe it is taken Between here and Christies tonight not taken on the north side only little past the little Island I seen this evening what I did not Believe before that is the Sun Moon and Star I seen the 3 of them a little Before Sunset water raising close to shore a frosty night

4 Ice made acrofs to Christees Went to Head of the Island caught a Live Duck Bitter cold Anchor ice going Down Drew some Drags air holes Before the Door But small foxes crossed last night from Christees went in the Evening to the Little Island put out 3 or 4 bushes I think the channel will Jam to night open on Both sides of the Hog Island the Wind high and cold Mending sox

5 The Ice took Last night I crofsed to Henerys took supper there Saluted about being married some air holes Found a Black Duck on the ice at the head of the Island Drawing my canoe Water Raising very High

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Mr James Cameron Island January the 6th Councillers in the Williamstown to Day I Bushing the ice to Francis Island East wind crofsed went up to the store great Joy wishing me Bought of A Summers 3 1/2 lb Butter 2/6 4 1/2 lbs 3/- Stove Polish -/5 Butter Plate - /4 £2..10..in Cash to Return the Pail a Treat at Davids -/7 1/2 Paid Paid AJ Baker 3 Dollars & 70 cents got a Recept a Treat Bakers Paid -/3 in Nicholsons greatly Put out Jim Hopkins came acrofs Angus suple on the Bosure caught a Duck at Kenneths

7th I crofsed to Henerys with my Pants to Make Storm some Henery Fishing EELs Baking Begun the Barrel of Flour made 2 Pills of Poison went to Bush the upper Road Very Rough Fox Tracks Plenty the Water higher than ever seen it not so cold now Making candle

8th went home with the pail school Meeting Bought of AJ Baker 2 chairs 2/6 (a Treat Paid cotton Bale paid) went the Upper Road Took Dinner at Tillenues

9th Drawing Drags 2 Foxes playing on the ice But Don't come to the Poison Fine soft Day cutters crofsing to Salmon River EEI Fishers in the Big Bay on the other side of Rofs'es Island

10th Bushing the upper Point Road Went to Henery for my Trousers Gave her an order on AJ Baker for 1/3 which makes us Clear till this Date Henery cut my hair Raining East Wind

changed West Wind Blowing hard & Raining I am afraid this will spoil the ice But if not it will help to crush down the hills of ice Henery making a Wash Board a Team Broke in on Summers Island where the ice {illegible} water fell away Lewis Bosell sick

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Mr James Cameron Island January 11th I went to Williamstown Left my axe at AJ Bakers Found a Duck on the ice left it on the end of Davids Island Treat at Bakers 1 worth of sweets Paid a Party at Jessemas cold night

Sunday 13th Preaching on the Front Began to snow I came home in at John Mr Gillis in the Gore very dry {illegible} Lewis Bosell Poorly (G ot 8)

13th Drawing Drags

14th Lashey came Found a Bottle I went to see Lewis Bosell took my shirt to Henerys wife to wash to charge me 2 1/2 for washing at Nicholsons took home there Bottle A Great Talk about War Lashey went for an axe Broke the Whippetree I am thinking of going to Salmon River tomorrow

15th Lashey came had his axe Made a Bargain with him to chop me 50 Cords of Maple & Beech for 2/3 a cord to have it chopped all on the 1st of March a Great storm of E Wind & Snow

16th Lashey Began to chop Drew some Drags the old cat came in the house a Blustering Day with wind & Drift

17 stormy Lashey went to for his Provision Drawing Drags chopping stove Wood made a Waterhole washed my feet South West Wind put some wood in the Cellar

18th Training in Williamstown I went to A Summers the Lotterry 2/6 Slept in John Summers with Andrew Summers took supper & Breakfast

19th Sunday came home stopt at Henerys had Dinner went Down to see Lewis Bosell Got my shirt at Henerys 2 1/2 for washing not paid

Mr James Cameron Island January the 20th 1862

Monday 20th of January To 1 order to Lashey for Tobacco on AJ Baker Lashey went Took a Quart of Whiskey Brought home my Axe From Bakers East wind snowing Blowing & Drifting Lashey in the house all Day

21st (St Agnefs Night) Drawing Drags Lashey chopping Breaking the Road Tried the Dice twice the same turned for me & ----

22nd Drew some Drags Lashey chopping snowing E Wind Fixing the Marsh hay in the Barn

23 Lashey went in the afternoon to A Summers for Flour weighed it for Lashey 22 lbs Bag & all at 3 cents all he said that there was 32 but 22 is the Weight drew a Drag Fine Day a Thawing some chopped 1/2 of this Day

24th I crofsted to summerstown Bought of A Summers 1 Pair of Braces 1/6 Bought of AJ Baker crackers & cheese -/6 Paid) To 1/3 for subscription for a young Woman From Brockville Whose name is Mary Lawlor who had Good Luck at having a young Daughter at Mat Murphys The Father supposed to be a Man By the name of Quinn a hardware Merchant but there is another Man she gives in two or too Brought 6/3 cash & candles 1/ 1/2 lbs

25th Robie Burns Birth Day Me Very Unwell Right side of my head very sore and my Teeth aching all from cold I suppose took some Ginger A Very stormy Day since about Daylight this morning Baking

26th Sunday Lashey & Me alone a Little Better this morning had EELs for Breakfast Stormy from the West not very well this Evening my face is very sore House warm cattle such as they are are all well & hearty Banks of snow all round

27th Lashey commenced a Big Maple Tree cold came home cut 4 Logs of it Drawing Drags Breaking Roads cut a Waterhole clearing out the cats snow pretty deep

28th Thrashing Wheat & Fanning 1 Bushel My Measure Lashey chopt I seen a Fox crofsging

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Mr James Cameron Island January the 29th

Went to the Bush to split Began to Rain spoiled the axes Grinding Lashey went to the store I gave him an order on a {illegible} for 13 1/2 lb Pork 5/7 1/2 11 lbs Beef 2/9 which came to 9/4 1/2 70 1 Bar of Soap 1/3 1 Quart Whiskey 7 1/2 1/10 1/2 New Moon to night

30th I went to Summerstown Bought of AJ Baker 1 pair of Braces -/5 sweetys & Fred paid this) Went to Williamstown got a Ride from J Cattnach & then From Jim McIntyre a treat at Patnos -/6 Bruce on the Front Collector of customs Angus was Bad with a Boil on his neck

31st in Williamstown putting in the straw in the Barn Bought a Pork of Gat Beau 139 lbs From & I went for it

1st of February in Williamstown cut the Pork & salted it came home took a 4 Boxes of Segars to David Summers from Charles Olders David Killing a cow Bought of AJ Baker 6 lb of cheese 2/- 1/2 lb Saleratus -/4 1/2 lb Tea 2/- came home Lashey all Right

Sunday 2nd Lashey & me alone

3rd Baking Drawing Drags Lashey chopping all Day Very Cold Volunteers in Williamstown to Day East Wind Lashey at the Big Beech Tree

4th Thrashed a Bushel of Wheat Lashey Broke a peice out of his axe at another Beech cleaning the pipes a very fine afternoon A great Smoke over the way of Salmon River as the Lines like form here Great Dreams

5th Lashey to the store Bought of A Summers 100 Flour 30 lb 4/6 Tea 2/3 Saleratus -/3 Cash -/7 1/2 10 lb of Pork for myself

6th me Washing Lashey Broke his axe Went to Salmon River for another

7th came Back with an axe Drawing drags & cutting Drags Heard that is was Mr Patrick Buchanan's house that was on Fire on the 4th

8th Lashy Grinding his new axe and my axe Broke a peice out of his axe Dreaming of Granda a Great Deal

1862 Mr James Cameron Island February the 9th

Sunday the 9th Lashey and me alone a Fine Day Thinking Charles Alders & Donald Cameron would come But did not

10th Thrashed 1 Bushel of Wheat Went to the Bush Helped Lashey to split the maple Tree split Well

11th Drawing Drags

12th Began to Draw Drags Grinding his axe Began to Bake Wind changed snowing some stormy Fine afternoon

13 I started fro Williamstown Got 2 Dollars from David Summers the First payment for the squartimber stick Gave Grendell Streeter 10/- had 3 treats at Davids Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Tob 1/- Lottery Tickets 2/6 plaster Got a Ride From Doctor Shaver Got Present of Lance From the Doctor Bought of AJ Baker Treat -/4 & -/3 of nuts at old Sniders took supper there

14th in Williamstown Valentine Day A Great Ball at D Summers over 100 couple

15th Ver sick with a pain in Williamstown

16th Sunday Vary Dowell

17th came home Settled with A Summers clear Bought of A Summers 2 coats-~~L3L~~ Bought of AJ Baker 1 lb sugar 17 1/2 came home all{cut off}

18th James Hughs Birth Day Lashey Fixing chopping Drawing Drags

19th helping Lashey to split Lashey to the store got an order for 8/8 on A Summers Taxes running about plenty a storm of snow to night

20th Lashey to the Bush 197 Lottery Drew some Drags

21st Drawing Drags set 4 Baits for the Foxes Lashey chopping the Big Birch

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Mr James Cameron Island 22nd Feb 1862

Washingtons Birth Day helping Lashey to split the Birch Tree Fine Day

Sunday 23rd Lashey & me cutting holes for EEIs got none Set 2 More Bates for the Fox one at the Upper Point 3 in the Bay Back of the House now Lashey set Traps for Rats A Storm Brewing I here the Fort Covingtons Bells sound so plain

24th St Matthias Day Stormy East Wind Drifting & Blowing Baking

25th Lashey got a Rat cold Day Lashey Dreads to Move to the Bush it is after 10 oclock now Drew some Drags Snow uncommon Deep in the Bush Began the North East half of the hay in the Barn the South East half is Finished cold Windy Bad Kind of Weather no right thaw yet

26th Went to the Head of the Island to see the poison chopping Stove Wood Laying By a small store of Stove Wood a Large Blister on the upper right Gum whats the cause I don't know not sore cold East wind Grinding Lasheys axe Looks as we were going to have another storm no such a thing as crofsing on the ice with deep snow & water if his wood was all split I dont think he has more than 20 cords and then it will take him some time to do that is to split & pile

27th Drawing Wood to the house Lashey chopping East Wind storm in the Morning West Wind storm in the afternoon all night Took up his Traps very Deep snow

March the 1st 1862 Mr James Cameron Island

Saturday March the 1st 1862 helping Lashey to Split March came in Stormy Like a Lion I suppose it will go out Like a Lamb Lashey to the Store Got a Letter or Valentine From a Very Loving Peice as it has a Warm turn in its contents Gave Lashey an order on A Summers for 4/5 1/2 to myself Pork 4/2 The Ice almost impossible to Travel (Postage 7 cents) Sunday the 2nd A fine Day

3rd Shrove Monday Lashey Chopping the Hicory Maple Tree all nots Lent himm 13 lbs of Flour Bag & all Baking most of the Day Stormy East wind

4th Shrove Tuesday Lashey Making an Hand Sleigh for himself Stormy Rain Snow & Wind

5th Ash Wednesday Lashey Chopping the Ironing & Mending Stormy some

6th Drawing Drags helping Lashey to split 1 Tree I see Great crofsing to & From Salmon River hurted Grey in the Deep Snow or crust

7th A Fine Day helping Lashey to split Ducks for the First I seen going Down Christee & Wife here brought a very fine iron Wedge to see Gave them Salt for nothing wanting to Buy hay for his cows Lent him the inch augur Making a Bargain for to Keep his cow to Pay me in sugar for the Hay

8th Lashey went to hunt cleaning the pipes took home a Drag Killed a Rat a Very fine Day
Cattle what there is is all hearty

Sunday the 9th Bill Morris & another Man here to Sending the Book to Livinia a very fine Day
Went Down to the hay Island Good crust this Morning the 1st we had this Winter Ducks
Going to the West

10th Cleaning My Guns and putting my ammunition in order for any emergency Raining
some Lashey came the Eagle came Wind high to night cleaning the canoes some

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Mr James Cameron Island March 11th A Fine Day Lashey chopping A great deal of snow &
water on the Ice Drew some Drags Baking 2 hens went out

12th This Day McMaster came to the Island First Lashey to the store Came cnows to 14/9
out of the store Seen Charlie Drawing from Rofs Island Bad Travelling the snow so soft
cutting Drags in the Bush

13th Good crust this Morning Drawing Drags Looking for a sleigh crook cut Down 2 ashe
Trees a Fine Forenoon East Wind Looks Like snow seen a Team crofsing Summers's Road

14th Christee here for hay Seen a Fox splitting the sleigh crook in the Bush

15th A Very stormy day Lashey Made a Box for his sleigh took in a Channel Cat to cook
Wrote a Letter for --- to show some Body East wind Blowing hell to Split Great Dreams
Ships Barges Latitudes papers church

16th Sunday Stormy Day East Wind

17th St Patricks Day in the Morning Lashey Went for his Flour Little Stormy Great Banks of
snow Trimming trees took home the crook for the sleigh Washing Most awful Dreams no
Very well these Days

18th cutting Beames and shafts for the sleigh Bad going in the Bush with Deep snow

19th Last Day of Winter Seen 3 Wild Geese for the first came 2 of Christies going up on the
ice nothing will do them but they much come the way of my poison and their Dog made

free in Taking it which will be the end of his Days Fine Day Great Going to Salmon River
Parsons not many Trimming Trees in the Grove

20th First Day of Spring and a very fine Day it is Went to Salmon River

Mr James Cameron Island March the 20th 1862

Frist Day of Spring I went to Summerstown brought my Boots to Suply to Fix -/7 1/2
Received From Mr David Summers 276 cash Bought of AJ Baker crackers & cheese /7 1/2
paid) To 3 Treats of Davids 2/6 Paid this Went with D McGregor to Salmon River Paid Peter
Buchanan 10/- Got the Loan of a Bottle & 3 1/2 Pints Paid Norman 15 cents I owed him 2
Treats at John McGregors 1/9 stopt at Morris's Coming Back stopt at Lukes come to
Summertown Seen John Duncans Son after hay for Ned McGillivary David McLean came
Down the Road with Mat Christee here for hay got it got the herald From AJ Baker paid Mrs
Bone 1/2

21st Stormy Lashey commenced the sleigh 22 Lottery Night spent at Davids 1/3 Seen Angus
& Jim Grant & John McGregor Henery & I at Sniders all night got my Bag at Nicholsons
Mary Christie & Christee here Bought a Quart on credit had Breakfast at Sniders got a
Bottle of Poison from Jo Henery & I came to the Island Bought of A Summers 16 Bag & all
Pork 5g Butter 2+9 A Very Fine Day

24th Lashey & me at the sleigh one of the Fortunate Days the 24th is

25th Lady Day Finished the sleigh got a pair of Lines From Lashey he owes me 4 lb Flour
Lashey splitting in the Bush Good Crofsing on the took home a Load on the sleigh hens not
Laying yet

26th Went to Williamstown Stopt till Saturday came to the Front got 5/- for David
Summers

27th 28th Williamstown 28 got 1/3 From AJ Baker 1 pair of mits From A Summers

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Mr James Cameron Island March

Crosted to F Covington John Cameron & Angus & I got what we wanted came Back to Williamstown

30th Sunday came to the Front in the Squires for the first time I ever was in there seen Sally Smith stopt all night John not very well A Great Day at Davids Old MA Dougale Buried to Day in Williamstown Sandys Grandfather in at the Patnos Tavern

31st Last Day of March Raining stopt at Thomas Munroes took Breakfast came home the Dog Poisoned Raining Drew a Load of Wood to 1 Calf Skin From James R Grant Tanner Williamstown 3/6 I Doctored the Dog so he got well Lashey to hunt at Ferguson Island

1st of April all Fools Day so called by the Anchients I went to Salmon River with 2 Bushels of Wheat 1 Rat 17 cents cash Bought of Buchanan Japanese Tea 1/3 to 1/2 lb sugar -/3 Returned the Bottle & 1 to Norman Bought of Norman 1 Quart -/ 7 1/2 1/2 lb candles -/6 on credit to 3 Loaves at the Bakers 1/3 Took my Dinner at Mr Morris's Talking about the Hay stopt at Lukes A Summers at Hopkins came home Lashey here Christie here for Hay got it Andrew Summers a Bee John Son on John Camerons Place

2nd Blackbirds Gray Birds & I think it is cranes I seen twice now but I am not certain that come to Day Raining some Lashey to Salmon River Gave him an order on A Summers 1 1/2 Wheat 1 lb Tobacco Christee here for hay took it over for him 5/- charge him had a Mefs of Salted Eggs for the first at home 2 Cranes Before the Door on the ice

Mr james Cameron Island Lake St Francis April 3rd 1862

Robins came Baking crofsing Summer's Road ice seems to be good yet thought the Feathered inhabitants of the spring came and some of them is almost Lost to see so much ice and snow and more appear and more. Lots of hay & straw Lashey Came with his Flour I helping him to split the Maple Tree crofsing yet

5th Lashey to A Suimmers for the Remaining part of the Order I Gave him 12 lbs of Pork 5/- Making his mits Washing Fellending Irening Lashey went to Tom Cotters for his spear or to see Phillips Girls Snowing & Blowing crofsing Good yet ice opened about this time Last Year

6th Sunday Lashey came preparing to go to Hunt with Jim Hopkins to the Place they call Soft Wood went off to get Mary Christee & the 2 Girls came with the hens 1 Rooster & 2 hens 1 Tom Cat to Leave here till they come Back Great Fighting of the Cocks Put on my new Fine coat to Wear Lent Lashey 6 of My Traps Snowing & Blowing some

7th Christee to Keynon Mary & the other Grild stopt here coming Back from Summerstown I wrote a Letter for her to a Gentlemen in Fort Covington J Moore by name sold me one of the Hens for Flour Got Great news concerning Francis Girl Catherine Drawing wood from the upper Point to the hill cant go to the Bank But went with one Load Lent them a Bag went for {cut off} and they were away Good crust pretty good sugar weather

8th Came home with the Bag John More & Henery Birch at Christees along with Mary all night

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Mr James Cameron Island April

I went to See Mr Morris Very Poorly stopt all night

9th I & Bill went to James McElwains for hay that night went to the Baptist Minister to be Married James Lucretia Laura Elisabeth Emanuel Bill Laviniah & Myself Paid 5/- Gave me a certificate Mr Webb gave 3/9 for Stopt all night

10th James came Part of the way with us home Lashey & James Hopkins came home from hunting Ice opened in some spots people crofing a Foot

11th Fixing the canoes Drawing Wood Teams crofing at Lancaster Lavinia Washing

12th swallows came ice Jamming Drawing some Wood

13th Palm Sunday took in 6 Eggs

14th Drawing some wood Shooting Began Loons & Wild Geese Roaring

15th A Fox Left on the Island Emmanuel & Bill came Fishing EEs got 11

16th 3 Lambs to Day a canoe Going Down Norht side with 2 in it at night Lashey came

17th I went to A Summers Bought 19/4 worth of stuff Bought of AJ Baker 1 lb Cut Tobacco Promised to go with the {illegible} from Peter Grants for Donald Mc Pherson Lashey Grinding his axe

18th Our Duncans Birth Day Good Fridy The River Alive with Drift Wood Saw Logs cord wood Boards Fence Rails Ha{illegible}ed & square Timber got 2 EEs in the mud Drawing to the Bank Lashey commence the Big Maple Tree cut 1 Log shot a Duck for the First one I ever seen him shoot Raining some hens not Laying very well sheep and Gray hearty

20th Fixing Canoe Water Low Shot a Rat One of the Lambs Dead She would not Look at it thrashing the sheaves for {torn away}

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Mr James cameron Island Easter Sunday

Cloudy this morning the Sund dont Dance a Sign of a very hard year the Sheep laid on the other Lamb and Killed it Lashey crossed to Tom Cottery a Fine Day 2 Buildings came down with the high Water on the night of the 19th The Hogansburgh Mill & Mannings Storehouse we went to Mr Morris's Lashey Livinia and me the water very high

21st Took home her chest called at Mavilles Found a square stick on the way coming Found a Canoe Lashey chopping Began to Rain Raining all night East Wind

22nd The Water Log Moved with the Wind Went around the Island Fixing the Big Canoe Found a nest under the Barn Let out the sheep & Lambs ~~St Georges Day~~ Seen a Kingfisher for the First

23 St Georges Day Merrie England Set 2 Traps for the Fox Snowing Blowing Freezing

24th helping Lashey to split his Maple Trees cold Day but Fine

25th Donald Young alek here for his Boards Lashey went to hunt Fixing the cart for to Draw Wood getting a Rat or 2 now & again circle around the sun West wind Sap runs yet Angus came Emmanuel came

26th Fishing EEs got 14 or 15 of them Livinia sick Shot 2 Ducks got 1

27th Sunday something hurted the Lamb Tom Cotters here Bought 1/4 of Tea 1/3 Paid Japan Tea wanting the Powder horn got 2 RATs

28th Frasher here Wind high

29th Went to Mr Morris's stopt all day Bought of Grindel Streeter 1 Pair of Boots 9/{illegible}
for Livinia

30th Came with cow & colt in the {illegible} him a Trap sold the canoe Laura Ann co{cut
off}

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Lashey & Betsy Bone here James & Dan Cameron here Raining East & West wind got a Rat
A Barge saild up on south side around the Island

2nd A Propeller went down Traveller went down Raining East Wind no Rats Ticks
commenced Mosquitoes come water high Found a Rudder of a Jolly Boat

3rd Went to A Summers Bought Syrup 1/2 Gal 1/9 Whisky 2/6 Pitcher 1/6 pins -/6 oak Barrel
1/10 1/2 needles 1 1/2 Shot -/6 1/2 4/- Butter 4 lbs 3/- Andrw Bakers store closed up
Bouquet Began to Run Fixing Hamiltons Bridge heard A Summers Being seized & David

Sunday 4th High Wind no one here Boats going in abundance Salaberry in to Salmon River
St Lawrence Down Rafts going down Ground With snow on the Island yet

5th Seen a Weasel all Red

6th Francis here with 3 hens 1 Ruster allowed him 5/- for them part pay on the Lance Gave
him some oil Laura & Livinia went acrofs took the canow I sold to Mr Morris for a Lamb in
the Fall setting Fires to the Graf's Fixing ashes in the Bags took the Wood out of the cellar all
alone Took up my Traps hurted My Eye

7th snowing Blowing & Raining Salaberry went up

8th Began to Plough A Summers here & Long John Gave them 2 peiced of Timber Elm 24
Lenght Hemlock 32 Planted Potatoes before the Door Bill Liss & Livinia came

9th Setting Fires Found a Ducks nest 9 eggs on the Pitt Point

10th Ploughed the Garden setting Fire above the {illegible} Fence He{illegible} on the 9th

Mr James Cameron Island May 11th 1862

Sunday Went to the Little Island Steamers going in abundance Seen a Fox on the Lane all alone

12th Livinia Sick Lashey came planted 2 Rows more of Potatoes Lashey seen Angus on the Front has a Letter Christees came home gave Lashey his Knife setting Fires harrowed the Garden Fixing the Red Canoe some Wind high

13th Lashey crofsted to see if Henery would come to split his Logs Tried the Perch wind too high in the Evening caught 9 Perch for the first Hollowing to Charlie to come

14th Charlie Passed Henery splitting Logs I went to Charlies Mr Morris & Mrs Morris & Bill here I & Charlie to Williamstown Left the canoe at the Raft could not Pafs

15th came home went to Fish caught 24

16th Went to Salmon River Bought of Buchanan 1/2 lb Tea 2/6 3 papers of seed 18 cents sold 6 Bottles 24 cents took 1/4 of tea For them gave Mr Streeter 11 Rats £2.60 cents to my accompt got the Harnefs for the colt From Mr Morris came through Succour creek or Devils creek came home Lashey to st Annicet to Fish Bafs some one at the house Left a cake of sugar in my trunk 3 1/2 lbs cat & Ruster gone some of Christies I suppose Jar gone

7th Harnefsed the colt Harrowed some Planted 1 Quart of corn & Pumpkins colt Run off

18th Sunday Henery here gave me a sturgeon Livinia sick

19th Fixing the Fence on the Pitt Point Found 2 nest 7 in on 2 in another

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Mr James Cameron Island 20th of May

Angus came with the Cows Bought of A Summers on the 17th 5 Basins 3/- Rake 1/3 Hammer 1/3 1/2 lb Tobacco 1/- Brandy a Treat -/7 1/2

21st crofsted with Angus & 2 Boys Bought of A Summers 1 lb sugar 17 1/3 lb crackers -/9 5 cents to Henerys wife /3 1 Bottle Liniment 1/3 1 of Castor oil -/7 1/2 3 Tin Pans 1/6 4/6 Ploughing Bill for Pease

22nd Sowed the New Pease & harrowed them

23rd Sowed Peas

24th Queens Birth Day sowing harrowing & Ploughing Francis here aoub the Little Island
Mully her calf to night

25th Sunday I took her from the head of the Island the corn Peeping up Frosty night now
very cold Abraham came last night for Bill & the old Man

26th Sowed the Last of the Pease Sowed 2 Bushels of Barley

27th Ploughing Behind the Barn

28th taking off some stones Finished sowing the Wheat

30th Went to Williamstown stopt all night

31st took the sow & five pigs from Williamstown Went to Salmon River with the scow
Nicholssons shearing their Ram the Boston aground at the Lower Point

1st of June Bob & Ann here Lewis Christee here Mary Christee took away her hen

2nd Shearing the sheep planted Potatoes in the Garden Gave Lewis Christe order on A
Summers for 3/9 on account of Rent Vin not well

3rd Fishing Perch

4 of June Harrowing above the Barn for Wheat

5th Went to A Summers to 5 3/4 Ashes 3/10 Bought of A Summers 10 1.2..5 worth credit

Mr James Cameron Island June 5th 1862

Bought of AJ Baker Flints Waistcot Patten spoons stockings Fine Mug childs mug Thimbles
screws Needles 1 Quart high wine Treat paid this came home not very well 2 Bushels of
wheat 12/6 paid cleaning the wheat Left it all night in the wter

6th June Sowed 1 1/2 Bushels of Wheat above the Lane harrowing put in the hens steamers
in abundance going the River Towing Freight & Passengers A Very Dry time Just now

7th Sowed 1/2 Bushel of Wheat

8th Sunday East Wind high

9th Ellen & Emmanuel here

10th I went to Salmon River got From Mr Morris 1 & a Peck of Black Oats & 2 Bushel of White got From James Buchanan Bought of Buchanan & Brother I Butter tub 2/- 1 1/2 W{cut off} - /9 Fine Salt 1/3 paid all this to return the {illegible} got a Ring For the stove from Bob

11th Sowed the Oats 3 & 1 peck Morway & Emmanuel here a very warm day the canal in Cornwall Broke an Eclipse the ground almost Burning for want of Rain

12th No Rain with change of the Moon in the Evening Rain Thunder & Lightning

13th set out 15 Eggs but the hen did not set on them yet planted pumpkins seed the Russels here for Fish

14th Went to Shear the sheep at Mr Morris Donals Suple here when we was gone Setting the nets The Bouquet Towing Raft before the Door

14th Sunday Jessie as Boy did sold 3 Dozen of Eggs 1/10 1/2 3 lb of Butter 2/6 Bill & Briggs came took my canoe

15 hoeing corn & Potatoes {illegible} suple & Jim Nicholson Looking at there net

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Mr James Cameron Island June 16th

hoeing corn James Nicholson & Donald Suple here Gave me some Fish out of there net

17th Mr Morris here with his sheep Played cards Pitched Quoits Looking for Roots in the Bush Wind high Jessimas child Buried to Day

18th which Decided the Battle of Waterloo Wind high Boys gave a While at the corn Sold My Watch to Bill for £1.6.3 Bob & Bill went home corn finished for the first hoeing something wrong with the Traveller Raining and it is much wanted

19th Morway & Bill came for the Scow Peter Buchanan & Moody John Birch & the very Rev Mr Mahar or Machar Minister of Martintown

20th hoeing Potatoes

21st Went around the Island with the Boys to trowl got none got 2 Bottles from Pete and a trowling spoon Lashey came Raining at the head of the Island salted the sheep

22nd Our Dans Birth Day Tom Lucretia Bill & Bole here James Hopkins here Pat to Charlies

23rd Went to Mill with 2 Bushels of Wheat Bought of Mr Buchanan 1/2 lb candles 1 yd / 7 1/2 1 yd/9 Tape -/6 combs -/ 7 1/2 paper -/ 1/2 paid all this Returned the Jar Bought of Norman Quart -/9 1/2 paid) 2 Treats at Ick Gregors Bought of Minkler 1 Bottle of Extract of Lemon - /7 1/2 paid) Bought of Congdon 1 Bottle peppermint -/4 at Mr Huttons

24th Finished the first hoeing in the potatoes ch{illegible} 2 }illegible} Hogs commenced

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Mr James Cameron Island June 25th

Fishing Set the Line 20 {illegible} on Bill here and Abe and Lukes Boy

26th Cutting Roads in the Bush hoeing the Potatoes in the garden

27th Drew some Drags in the Bush to clean the Road the colts Bad set some Brush heaps a Fire

28th Fishing Blackbirds beginning to Flock Strawberries some Ripe John McElvian & John Dunn here Fishing A Great Many Boats and Rafts a going now Fixing the Waterlog

Sunday 29th Went to see Munnings Storehouse at Christees Seen Davidson Jacop there A Raft of sawlogs going Down got 50 F Rafters or scantling

30th Drew up the scantling Last Day of June

1st of July Drawing some of the cord wood

2nd Christee here Grinding his scythe & axe got the Loan of the crofscut saw

3rd Drawing in the Bush

4th American Independence

5th Our Johns Birth Day Peter Cold Left his ine & Jack here Lent him a Paddle Lavinia sick
Drawing wood in the Bush {illegible} Finished very warm

6th Sunday Bill & Elton Cambell & Elizabeth here Liz stopt

7th I went to Nicholsons for the churn Lent George the spoon went to Christees with them
about the hay Lashey Tom & Joshua Bordeaux came to Fish we went to Morris's Bill got
Married got a new certificate Bought of Buchanan 1 lb Tea 5/- 1 lb candles 1/- Tumbler -/6

8th came home Donald McDonald Rob Summers Dug {blotted out} Isaac B{cut off} Fishing

9th Rain cleaning up stairs Lashey {illegible} for his fish Jim Hopkins & John B{cut off}

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Turn over 16 Leaves the same as the top part of this

Island

Mr James Cameron July the 12th 1862

Orangemens Day Boats going Minty Berries Plenty Currants Ripe corn silken out a Week ago

Sunday the 13th Lavinia & I to the Berries picked a pail near full Lashey from Lancaster had
a hooker

14th Drawing Wood till 12 oclock Went to Williamstown took out the Wood 12 lbs Berries
Knife stone got our Knife took Grannys Wood to sell

15th the Red Boy came with me Laura Bob & Tot Mill here at Berries

16th Nicholsons took away there Rum Laura started turned Back

17th I went to Summerstown Allen too took 3 Bushel of Ashes 1/10 1/2 Bought of Mr Watson
Levi Moore Smallman had a Lunge Weighing 27 lbs stopt all night

18th Went of Gave me 7 york shillings I went to Salmon River paid the Letter in the P.O.
Bought of Congdon 1 lb salts -/6 hoarhound candy -/3 bought of P Buchanan 1 spade -/1 1/2
Quire of Paper -/6 2 lb sugar 1/2 Hat -/3 Bought of D Baker 8 lbs of Swamp Lime -/4 1/2 To

Treat of Wind at Normans -/7 1/2 11/2 for Gum got 2 irons for sleigh from Mr Morris took a cat old Mr A Cameron here

19th Cleaning the Pigs put them out a Great Many Boats Going the River Bill & Bob here at night Fishing Left their Pine

20th Nicholsons here I & Allen went to Christes with them Allen & I to Charlies got a Large Pike sold it to Sanderson a Boy with 1 arm from a Raft sold my Line & spoon 2/5 Mary Birch Maggie Roy Mis Grant here at Berries Gave Bill and Bob some Poison to Poison Dogs as they said a Great many onthe Berries Rain hard Last night East Wind

21st East Wind high a great many Rafts at anchor

22nd Ellen James Hugh Came Mr Morris & the Wife {illegible} on the Little Island William Bero Indian

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Mr James Cameron Island July the 23rd

Bones & allen Lifs here for Berries Raining Fixing the stairs a Hen to hatch in the Hay Mow 11 Eggs Drawing Wood Ellen picking Currants and Berries Blackberries at the pease took salts

24th Drawing wood

25th Drawing Wood

26th Went to Williamstown with Ellen & the 2 Boys gave her a Book the Biographical Scotch of Eminent Scotsmen (Donald McDonald Long) Gave Granny 6/3 The Miller M Donnell Buried in Williamstown this Week 1 Chicken Came

27th came home Jo Snider here

28th Drawing Wood Charlie here took home the scythe Lashey went to Plamadon for his Barrel

29th Drawing Wood

30th Mr Watson Dan Cameron & Levi Fishing caught 3 splendid Maskinonge and a good Lot of Walleyed Pike & Pike had a Glorious Glee & the Blackbird most lovely sings with his Mate By his side

31st Drawing Wood

1st of August Drawing Wood Mears Down Fishing

2nd Went to Salmon River Bought of Grindel Streeter 1 pair Boots 6/3 No Letter got some Tobacco From Lott{illegible} Bought of Buchanan 1 Rake 30 cents 1/2 lb Candles -/6 shot powder -/6 Bought of Baker 1 Rake -/17 1/2 Bought of Norman 1 snaith 1/3 Got Scythe From Mr Morris & from Emmanuel 2/6 Price got Wedge from {illegible} got some Pork a Treat at Lukes -/6

Sunday 3rd old man {cut off} Tried the New Potatoes had a swim Found the Butcher {cut off} in the water Lost a year now

4th Cutting Hay commenced for the first very warm

5th Cutting some

6th Lashey went to the {illegible} Island all of them to {cut off} I went to A Turners 1/2 Gal H Wines 1/2 lb Tea 2 lb {illegible} Rake Matches -/6 Took the Ram from {illegible}

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1862

Mr James Cameron Island Aug 7th

7th Mr Morris Bob Bill Morway with the Scow taking away the colts Put i the first Hay Lavinia Raking 3 Loads on the small Rack about 12 coils the Blackbirds at the Pease & Barley Rain to night thunder & Lightning very hard

8th {illegible}ed the Stove Mowing

9th Mowing some

10th George Semo here & Henery children Maggie Lafitte Sandy Pat & Slack the Tailor went to Charlies See the 4 small Pigs on the 10th About a Week old as I would suppose

11th Turning the Hay On the Lower Point went with the Ram To Mr Morris's Rain some in the night

12th Came home Wind High a Grand sail of it home began to Mow in the upper Field

13th Gathering & Raking Hay Lavinia & me 2 Loads in caught the Rams 13 of Them put them in the stable 11 young ones & 2 old Rams 7 young Lambs 19 old sheep Fixing the Rack on cart Greased the Wheels 2 Men & John Nicholson here hunters) the Hen took out 4 chickens put in the Pigs new Corn Lots of Potatoes choke cherries fit to Eat getting along very slow with the Hay all alone at Broke the Rake

14th Put in a Load of Hay Mowing some

15th Mr Morris Haere for the Rams 13 of them took my Lance Left his Mowing some

16th Mowing in the Upper Field Broke the stone

17th Bob & Ann here took home my canoe pease cherries EEI stone sand a Fine Day

1862

Mr James Cameron Island Aug 18th

Monday Went to Salmon River Bought of Buchanan 1 box of Caps -/3 1/2 lb and 16 needles - /1/2 Bought of Norman Knitting Needles -/3 1 Tumbler -/3 1/2 Mug -/1 1/2 pe{cut off} -/1/2 caps Loss 1 Quart of Whiskey / 7 1/2 Bottle to be Returned came home Angus came to Mow Got the Book for Dan in the P.O. A Great Many Departed from the American Side

19th Mowing the Upper Field Charlie came to Fix his Wood horse

20th Christee here took home the crofs cut saw gve me -/6 for to get Tobacco Bought of A Summers 1 Gallon of Whiskey 2/4 1/2 Gal Syrup 1/11 1/2 Angus to Williamstown put in say 1 Load of hay Altered the {cut off} yesterday in A Summers New house him Busy Papering the Wall I came Reducing Whiskey

21st Raining Gathering tu{cut off}

22nd Angus & John Labuff came Mowing Below the Garden & on the Pitt Point Walter Bakers Wife a Son, cut some Marsh hay Jim Niholson & a hunter here

23rd turning & cocking hay Rain commenced Angus & Labuff went off some corn & EEs cherries took home & a Bag Christee here with Long Black Berries

24 Sunday no one here picking nuts & cherries

25th put 4 Loads in shot 3 Ducks Blackbirds Bad cleaned my Guns put in 1 of the Hogs

26th Raining

27th Bob and Old Man came to Mow the R{cut off} Turning & Gathering hay

28th they went home Gave a Bag of Potatoes to Mr Morris some to Bob Heavy heavy rain Thunder & Lightning

29th Morway & them came to cut the hay Coiling Marsh hay

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the 30th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island August

Finished cutting the Pease & Barley put in the Barley put in 20 coils of Hay put 2 Loads of Marsh hay in the Barn 2 in the stable Quarreling about the Fishing Lashey & the old Man shot a Duck Rafts a going Down the Comes Showing very Dim Light

31 Sunday old man & the Rest went home took my Canoe A Fine Day plums not many Butternuts cucumbers plenty Blackbirds Bad some Ducks Rats commencing to Work cold night Water falling some

1st of September Raining high Wind put out the calves Lashey here Thrashed the Barley 3 Bushels Mowing in the Front Marsh

2nd Mowing some Lashey & Me

3rd Mr Morris Bob & Morway came putting in the Pease Christee here got 2 Bushels

4th Thrashing Putting some in the Oak Field Coiling in the Marsh

5th Putting in the Big Pease 2 Loads of the Rest of the small ones Thrashing

6th Raining Went home East Wind took the Sheep skin

7th Sunday Bill & Wife here gave him a shot Bag of Sandys Lucy over to Tom Scutter to see about her Man Runaway Levi Brudo De Gray

8th Raining heavy high wind Making a Gun

9th Mr Morris came to finish the Thrashing cut the Wheat made a Bargain for the Wheat 2 1/2 Bushels to Get for his share cutting corn stalks cutting some of the oats upsetting the coils

10th Fanning Pease With Fanning 43 1/2 Pease Kept all the Big Pease Emanuel here putting {rest of line illegible}

Sept 10th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

Bought of A Summers 1/2 lb Tea 2/6 Whiskey 2/2 3 Quarts & Pint) Soap 1/3 Powder 1/- Candles 1/- Butter Tub 2/3

12th put in a Load of oats Fixed the top of the stack put some Marsh hay in the barn Dan Cameron Mr Watson Smallman & 2 other Men here Lent My Coat to Dan Raining Scows up Lancaster Fixing at the Decoy Duck

13th Jack Came From Williamstown Lashey came Staving Last his bat cutting some Oats Jack Firing the short gun

Sunday 14th Christee here Lashey went to Salmon River Mr Slack & 2 of Nicholsons here East wind a fine Day

15th I crofsted with John Angus took the gun with him Henerys wife gave me some nuts put in a small Load of Oats Raining Threshing Corn Lashey came

16th I went to Dundee Bought of B Buckannan 3 1/2 yds of shirting 18 c on credit) Sold my Iron 143 lbs 9 1/2 A Bag Sugar 2/6 order on Baker 90 cents Tobacco cloves thread salt all this Paid But the shirting gave Norman his Bottle I owe hime 1/1 no{cut off} up to this Date took my Canoe from M{cut off} took Down the Pet Lamb Tom & the Old man here took away Lasheys Fish

17th cutting Wheat & Oats

18th Put in some Granny came with Henery Last night Lancaster

19th cutting Wheat Jock here Gave him 3 sticks to make Raddler Gave some potatoes

20th put in some oats & ha{cut off} last of the White oats Corn all in & stalks cut in hulled
all the Beans & Pumkins

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Sept 21st 1869

Mr James Cameron Island

Sunday 21st a very fine Day First Preaching of Mr Watson after coming From the Old
Country 4 Men here Grinding their Spear Fishing some

22nd Cut the Last of the Wheat put in a small Load cut some of the B Oats Taking in some
of the Potatoes corn all in picked all the Hops the Fox at the hens in the shed Began
another Butter tub to Fill Made Preserves plums put out the Big Canoe swimming to day
Oaknuts falling cranberries turning

23rd all the oats in Took in the apples 5 1/2 Bushels shelling the Beans Fixing the Fence on
the Pig Pen sold a lb of Butter 17 1/2 to John the Indian Jock came with 3 Paddles gave him
1/2 bushel of Potatoes cut a Tree for oars

24th put in the Last of the Wheat Painted the oars & Paddles took 3 sticks for oars from the
{cut off} Bush made seats for the canoes put in the Big Sow & the Little Pig the 4 small
ones out yet very mild in the Garden Rooted the Potatoes cucumbers & Melons Lavinia not
Well Magnet Went Down George Moffat Barreld Guns water falling I Believe sacrament in
Williamstown this week commencing if it is

28th Sunday Went to Mr Morris's Livinia & I got a peice of harnefs from Emmanuel got a
plug of Tobacco from the old Gentleman Gave the pine to Jock he said Emmanuel told him
to get it

Wild Gees came on the 30th of September

September 29th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

St Michaels Day Began to draw the Rest of the cordwood

30th Drawing Lashey went to Salmon River East wind a Boat going Down with a Tow had to stop about the Light House the Wind being too high Last Day of this Month

October the 1st Drawing Wood to the Bank Eat Black Raspberries in the Bush Red Raspberries

2nd Drawing Wood Lashey seen Hugh Ann on the Front the Calves sucking the cows

3rd Done Drawing the Wook 42 1/2 Cords 16 1/2 of Maple Remainder Beech Birch 3 cords of Birch Took up all the Potatoes in the Garden Great going of Tow Boats very Fine Weather Lashey went to Salmon River David Summers came home From California sometime this Week

4th Shot 2 Ducks Wind very high Raining

5th Sunday Went around the Island Lashey came

6th an Indian got Potatoes for a small Basket went to A Summers Seen Davy I did not know he came home till I seen him coming in the store Bought of A Summers Whiskey 2/6 powder 1/- Ta{cut off} 4 1/2 Tea 2/6 Tobacco 1/3 Braces 1/6 Saleratus 4 Knife -/7 1/2 Herrings 2/6 Stopped at Thomas Munroes all night

7th heard Kenneth McLaughlin was to be married to Day came home took in all the apples 2 Indians here for Tobacco

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1862

Mr James Cameron Island Oct the 8th

in the Bush James Hopkins & Peter Grant here wind high Finished the Raising of the Potatoes Logs out cut some Marsh Hay in the Back Marsh

9th Fixing the Red Canoe put tin on the inside 2 of Hamiltons here with with the 2 Renshaws sold the Wood to them 42 1/2 cords Maple 8/9 Beech 6/3 26 of Beech and 16 1/2 of Maple

10th Hugh Anns Birth Day High East Wind Charles Shall one of the Coteau Pilots here from a Raft going to Buy apples stopt all night gave me -/10 1/2 for his supper and Bed

11th Christee & wife here with 2 Baskets Gave them Milk & Potatoes went to the other side to see the Hunters that I used up his stack of Hay, Drawing wood from the Bush the Pilot here to Dinner

Sunday 12th Bob & Ann here Went to Charlies got some Summer Savoury Gave Bob 3 {cut off}laws 2 for the scythe the other for nothing settled all for the scythe

13th Went to Williamstown Charlie and I 4 Bushels of Pease 1 Bag of Potatoes 1 Bag of Apples nuts Grapes cranberries stove pan axe handle 1 Firken of Butter Western Berries

14th came home Bought of Hugh Munroe 7 yds of shirting as 18 1/2 4/ 11/2 1 spool of Thread -/1 Matches -/1/2 some Hooks Set My Traps for the first setting 7 of them in the Marsh before the Door the Hawks playing the Devil with the Hens

1862

Mr James Cameron Island Oct 15th

Skinning 4 Rats Went to A Summers Bought of A Summers 1 lb Candles 1/- Gave me Credit for £15..6..10 1/2 Renshaw to Pay him got £1..5 in cash From him Lashey went of to trap

16th Went to Salmon River Brought some apples Grapes cherry Whiskey to the old man Bought of Grindel Streeter 1 Pair of Boots 17/6 Gave him £ 1.. in cash to my account Bought of Congdon 1 viol of Peppermint Hoarhound /2 got an almanack Bought of Baker 1 lb shot - /6 Bought of B Buchanan Laces & pipes 11/2 gave Peter 6/3 to my account took a cat home Raining some

17th got 2 Rats Fixing my Traps George Renshaw here for me to go and help to Load the scow worked 1/2 Day John Secor here all Night the Rest of them went home

18th St Lukes Day Drew a Load I had in the Bush sold them a cord more of Finished About 12 O Clock Bouquet tow her up got 1 Rat 10 Traps to night in the Front Marsh Found 2 oak staves 1 on the Pitt Point 1 near the Cordwood below a Little Dingwalls going Down for their Cattle to Rofs's Island Indians took away their Pine the Day I was in Salmon River Peter Cole

Sunday 19th alone Wind High and some Rain

20th High Wind cold some Plastering a little and Banking the House got a Rat

21st Hill a Tacking about set 2 Traps in the Back Marsh Took home the 2 staves Banking
Before the Door some High wind put Fire in the Big Stove

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Oct the 22nd 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

Very fine Morning now the Wind rose snow on the Mountains Raining some no rats very
Wind Weather

23rd some snow Set 3 Traps for the Fox in the Bay Under a Mink fall at the upper Point

24th our Hugh's Birth Day went to see D Morris went to the Lines seen the Testament or will
Bought of Norman a quart paid this Found an oak stave going to Salmon River stopt all night
Emmanuel and me with the old {illegible} snow some Thunder & Lightning Rain & High Wind
Renshaws scow Towed out By the Bouquet

25th My Birth Day came from Salmon River Luke a shooting Ducks Lashey here from Tom
Cotters

Sunday 26th Began to snow East Wind Lashey From Salmon River after his Barrel of EEIs
took them away snowing all night

27th Snowing Breaking the Roads deep snow Drawing Drags got 2 Rats

28th Fishing EEIs for the first got 2 Went to A Summers his Goods came from Salmon River
in the Bouquet Bought 1/2 lb Teas 4/9 Pail 1/3 Salt 1/2 Gallon Whiskey 1/3 Pipes -/2 In Davids
New Ball Room Heard Mr Edward came Back from Hamilton Tom Tailor staving Johny
Kenneth at A Summers store a clerk

29th Went to Mr Morris's to see him a Fine day took some apples some EEIs Old Mr Harrett
& his Wife came to stop then another 1/2 Bushels for the Hogs

30th Bought of A Summers 1 lb of Tea 2/9 1 Doz Herrings 1/2 1/2 gal Syrup 1/8 2 Pipes for
nothing 1 salt Bag for nothing a pint Whiskey -/4.

October 31st 1862

Mr James Cameron Island Lake St Francis

Went to the Depot New Lancaster or North Lancaster for the First Time ever I was there though Born in Glengarry Charlie and I went to mr John Wrights Hotel Had a couple of Rounds Bought of Dan R. Cameron a Butter Print -/7 1/2 the First House in the Depot I ever was into came home Charlie and I a Ball at the Kintail House tonight Charlie Brought me some Pumkins

Nov the 1st Charlie and me to Salmon River Charlie got the Boots Through Mr Judge Watsons Means and used him well Bought of D Baker 1 lb Tobacco -/7 1/2 1lb shot -/6 1 yard of chain for Trap -/4 4 pipes -/2 Bought of Congdon 1/2 lb Hoarhound Candy -/7 1/2 Liquorice -/2 took Dinner with Bill at Cambells stopt all night as Morris with the old man the Richelieu in to Salmon River in the Salaberrys place

2n Sunday Charlie & I came home the Bourdeaus 7 of them here all night with the Wind got an order from Lashey for Lavinia of 10/- on Bakers store got 4 EEIs From Lashey came home Charlie went home sleeping all Day mostly Reading Papers I got From Dan Cameron

3rd this Day 5 years Granda Died Fixing Boards for the Floor Let out the calves put nails on their noses to Keep them from sucking

4th Fixing in Boars in the Floor cleaning the stove Shot 2 squirrels got a Black Rat the first I got here Set 8 Traps in the Front Marsh seen the Fox

{second page} Nov the 5th 1862 Mr James Cameron Island

Guy Fawks Day Plastering the House

6th went to A Summers Bought 1 Barrel of Flour £1.10 Clock 18/9 Blankets £1.0 7 yds shirting 6/5 3 1/2 Flannel 6/7 Boots 8/9 starch -/6 Powder -/10 needles -/3 pins -/6 Thread pockets -/8 Bar Soap 1/1 1/2 3/4 yd Lining -/7 1/2 6 Hanks Thread £ 1/10 1/2 Laces -/2 half Doz Vest Buttons -/4 pant Buttons -/7 2 spools /3 Tobacco & Whiskey -/10 for Slack Beef 1/3 Needles -/3 Napkin /10 Seen Angus & Doctor Shaver at Davids James Hopkins Got a Drake Donald Suple a Bee got my Pants & vest Cut By the tailor Mr Benjamin Slack to a Pint in the shop to A Quarters worth of Tobacco for cutting them Heard the Ottawa was sunk came home wind High

7th Our Ellens Birth Day A Very high East Wind and cold stuffing & chinking the House Ducks Plenty & Wild Geese cannot get to my Traps to Day wind too High A Treat at Davids yesterday to be charged {line illegible} Gray cannot catch him

Sunday 9th Stormy snowing hard

10th Drawing Wood Feeding the cattle a Fine Day Boats a going in abundance the Ottawa going up with a curious Machine in tow Barge in the Salmon River

11th Drew a Load of Wood yesterday an upset all the wood on the top of me cleaning out the canoes a pain in my hip at the head of the Island I think this is old Hallow E'en Night cracking nuts

12th This must be {line illegible}

Nov 12th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

Wednesday 12th came after the Sheep Emmanuel Lashey and Sharren with the scow. I was at the Kit Kit Island came home I went with them to the Mouth of the Salmon River

13th Making a Place for the stack with the scantling

14th putting in Marsh hay 10 coils Mr Luke Brown here for us to go to the old Man Granny to Christees

15th came home went to the Lines bought of J Baker 10/- An order Lashey gave me and Young Norman came home Bought of Baker 10 yds at 16 cents 1 lb Tobacco 1 spool 9 cents lb shot -10 cents Settled with Norman 1/1 1/2 which I owed him had a Treat paid this all clear up to this date am home

Sunday the 16th Peter got the Loan of EEl Spear Jacobs Bro{cut off} gave him a kettle of Potatoes he Gave me 3 EEl's Freezing hard

17th {illegible} came with the {illegible} and so Marked my Trousers {illegible} out came again this year

18th {illegible} Trowing

19th Fixing the Hens a place up Fishing EEls got 17 & 1 cat Fish salted 2 of them 10 Between the 2 Kegs

20th chopping Wood

21st this Day Donald McMaster Departed Charlie came went to Salmon River

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21st 1862

Mr James Cameron Island Nov

Brought 1 of corn to Mill Gave Mr Grindell Streeter an Order on A Summers for 4 Dollars Left my Boots to Be Mended Bought of David Baker 1 lb Tobacco -/9 1 Chain 10 cents Stopt at Mr Morris's all night Ellen at Home now found to {illegible} Lucretia and Geordie then Took the Dog River {illegible}

22nd I came home {several line illegible} Before the Door went to the Big Island

Sunday 23 around the Island out of Salmon River Freezing hard cold some {several lines illegible}

The Boats came up after Dark {illegible} The Big Ottawa {couple of lines illegible} Lavinia Back {illegible}

Sunday 23 Mr David Morris Departed on 23rd

26th put in the Big Sow to Fatten put to {illegible} 1/2 of Pease Bob & Bill came for Me to go about the Executor Businefs on the Marsh from Hopkin

the 27th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island Nov No Light in Hills noe in the scow Taking an inventory of all the Things Norman McDonald & I at Mr Morris's Bought of Bob 1/2 lb candles -/6 not paid yet came home Met Thomas Munro Livinia Whitewashing

28th White was here fixing around the stack snowing East Wind Warm change in the moon Light yet in Johnsons a Propeller went up this Morning {illegible} yet

29th Went to A Summers Bought of 1 Quart H Wines 1/3 Saleratus -/4 Tea Chamber Pot 1/4
1/2 Dozen Plates 1/7 1/2 pens -/2 ink -/4 Tallow 7 lbs 4/4 1/2 yd cra{cut off} 1/10 1/2 2 spools
-/6 1/2 lb Beeswax -/9 candlewich {cut off} 2 Brooms -/6 Horseshoe nails -/6 cut nails {cut
off} candlestick -/10 Tea 2/11 Sox 1/6 Ellen Hugh Ann came Charlie Boots here fishing EEs no
Light in Johnson Light house to night took a Horse to Walter Bakers St Andrews Day Got my
note From A Summers which A Baker had 3 & 48 ctents

Sunday St Andrews Last Day of the Month Hawks took away a hen I got it Ellen crofsted a
Fine Day

1st of Dec a Dinner at Mr David Suimmers in celebration of St Andrews set 2 Traps snowing
a Schooner went up - Bakers Barge hugh Ann here Whitewashing the Little Room

2nd Hugh here set 2 Traps for Mink Fixing Boards around the Pease stack

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3rd 1862

Mr James Cameron Island Dec the I went with Hugh Ann to Fort Covington East Wind stopt
at Mr Morris's to Dinner Ellen & Laurie went up with her Paid Emmanuel for the candles 10
cents in Normans store Bakers Barge going to St Regis I stopt all night at the Old Mans

4th L.S. and I came Down and we had a hard time on the River with the Fog crofsted to
Hamiltons & then Back to the Black Island again almost Bet us to make out our Island with
the Fog she kept up very good spirits athough she was cold and the time stormy Left the
canoe at the Head of the Island

5th Drawing Drags Broke the sleigh cleaning at the Canoe a Fine Day East Wind Let out the
calves sucked Molly

6th change in the Moon Wind an Eclipse on the Moon stormy Day Keeping Gray in Now
Fixing the stable petitions in Thrashed one Floor of Wheat for the First Thrashing Water
very Low cattle all well and Hearty Not very well myself Ducks in the Channel yet plenty
snow for sleighing now

7th Cold stormy chopping a Little Stove wood Went to Head of Island the canoe in a Bad
Way with Ice

8 Fixing the Canoe Drew it up some took home a Drag of White Birch Began to feed the pigs

9th Found a canoe Drew it to the Grove a Job at it Making candles 18 Made to Day & 9 out of the Black cake that came from Williamstown

Dec the 10th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

10th Drawing Wood around the Island

11th Drawing Wood

12th Went with Elizabeth to home went up to see Mr Norman about selling the sheep Got Mr Smart to buy them Got an Inventory of the things From him

13th Mr Smart came down for the sheep took 18 of them went up with them to Mr Smarts Got his note for them payable in the Month of February next states Money Bought of Norman 3 yards of Black Ribbon at -/9 per yed 2/3 on credit a stormy Day of east Wind

14th Sunday Bill came Down with the Ram took the cutter & horse came home the young sheep out of Nicholsons white Ram along with the Ram to Day

15th Let Out the Ram Began to chop cord Wood as it is a Fortunate Day Found a Large Canoe on the Water French Made a squirrel in my Trap a Fine Day some one crofsing to Christee shelling 3 Traces of corn

16th snowing & Raining Fixing where the Rain came in up stairs Grinding the axe sowed my Sail {illegible} Found a square Bottle close to shore

17th Thrashing 1 Floor of Wheat Drawing Wood Fixing canoes Drawing Boards took the Runner from the Bu{cut off} vin at my Vest

18th Cut Down the Balm Gilead Tree Hewing the Runner Drew 2 Load of Wood Cut 2 Jags of Marsh Hay (the Black Lamb) Made 11 Prints of Butter

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1862

Mr James Cameron Island Dec 19th Friday chopping stovewood been sick high Wind cutting Wood going to Freeze to night plaining Boards

20th a cold Morning and cold Day set Fire to the Back Marsh set 2 Traps for the owl on the stone heap set 3 Baits for the Fox on the ice cutting Wood Broke on the stack at the East End of the Barn cattle all hearty Ice took on the Bay very well Nor West Wind River smoky House Cold Good Fires some anchor ice Going Down

Sunday the 21st cold some

22nd Killed the Big Sow set out another Pill for the Fox

23rd Went to Summerstown Bought of A Summers 1 1/2 of Whiskey 3/9 Tea 3/ 7 1/2 1/2 lb powder -/10 5 yds shirting 5/- 3 1/2 yd 3/2 1/2 4 yd 3/4 1 Bottle of Pain Killer -/7 1/2 1 of Castor Oil -/7 1/2 1 Box Caps -/5 1 Handkerchief -/6 2 Pipes -/1 Thomas Munroe & me Down together this is the First time to Day that I crofsted Hamiltons Bridge seen a Mink on Renshaws Island Fine Day on the Water Ducks Plenty Left my Canoe at the head of the Island Merry but sober had a Few hookers Thomas & Ian Hamilton Island

24th Drawing Wood home cutting Stove Wood

25th Christmas Day A Very fine Day shooting some good cracks great crofsging to Hopkins & Summers shot a squirrel seen the Fox to night the Fox eat 1 Bait of Poison

Dec 26th 1862

Mr James Cameron Island

Looking for the Fox cutting stove Wood took in the pork to cut

27th Got a Mink cant find the Fox Went to the head of the Island 2 Men Fishing EEIs salted the pork Vin making a sack

28th Sunday seen 2 Men Fishing EEIs at Charlies the Fox not dead yet & seen his Tracks this Morning 6 Traps 1 got set out now 1 for the Owl on the stone heap and the rest for Mink very Fine weather these Few Days Past

29th Drawing Drags cutting stove wood some Drops of Rain Broke the Iron on the End of the Whippetree

30th Went to the head of the Island chopping Stove Wood setting Fires in the Marsh but it dont Burn very well Froze some last night a Fine Day to Day East wind circle around the Moon and the East Wind a Raising not much ice around the shore Blackened the stoves no snow on the Ground

31st Last Day of the Year Fanning nearly a Bushel of Wheat Feeding all the Cattle Well Chopping Stove Wood A Fine Day set up till near 1 O Clock Firing away the old year and Firing in the New Year washed my Feet cleaned my Gun Firing with the Pistol

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