

9th / 1863

At St. James Cornwall Island Dec
 Mr Harper & George Penshaw here came
 to measure the Wood 30 cords Took a
 Bottle of Whiskey to me cold & Windy
 Feeding the cattle out of the Barn & at 10
 Cut a small Hickory for Dice hebus 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 fore
 dont com to the Poison finished my sheet
 Livinia all keeping sheep in killed 2 Mustons
 11th Doing a little or nothing 12th put some
 feathers in the Bed Drawing wood
 ice froze pretty well in the Bay but
 Wind this long time now blowing hard Morning
 13th Sunday Morning East Wind horse out
 up to head of the Island no Boats nor Canoes in
 River this some Days now 14th grinding the axes
 and some of the Tools Morning East Wind
 cleaned 9 lbs cleaning the Canoes of Water took up
 Box of Fish Pen drew in the Pen Malines
 cap for Gordon ice all Break up around shore
 15th A Fortunate Day Cut some cord Wood & clearing for
 the first at the Head of the Island. Horse out
 Weaning Gordon this is the 2nd Day now for him very
 high Wind & cold 16th Tippec her puppies to day
 17th Easterly Winds cold water Morning try to
 snow Main or haul at night cutting stack Wood
 Puttting some Hens in the old Hoove
 Fixing canoes good times 18 cutting store
 19th Drawing Wood 3 Loads cold Windy weather
 20th Sunday all alone Ducks before the door

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At St. James Cornwall Island Dec 21st
 set 4 traps in the front March 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 whether it will stand or not I
 dont know 23rd the ice took to Christer
 open on the Steamboat channel I think
 it is taken to Charles as far as I can
 see taken to the Kitt Kit Seen wild
 geese Ducks Plenty the wind changed
 to the West a fore day light. Made a Ramie
 for the Long Gun. I used one of the chairs
 Gray & the Ware out to night not cold
 Weather 24th The ice not taken at the Head
 of the Island but between here & Captain Travers
 it is taken. Put 8 or 10 Bushes on the
 Road to Charles the fore left last night
 3 or 4 pills out no force yet Gordon not well
 freezing hard to night Charles in the morning
 Fed the cattle all extra 25th CHRISTMAS
 DAY A fine Day went to see my Poison
 no longer feeding the cattle well. Thealth & Pen
 Plenty But no Whiskey Charles creeping to
 Roper Island 26th Went to Mr Harpers crossed at
 the foot of Hamiltons Island ice very Bad Pen
 Hopkins crossed a Treatat Mc Donnell. Paid Bought
 1/2 Mr Glaser Tea 2/4 1/2 lb candle 1/2 Basket 1/2 Sugar 1/2
 Broom 1/2 Treat Treats this Mat Ches & paper 1/2
 Donald Mc Donnell for salt