

ing remarkable except vast numbers of the natives they appeared to be a very hostile and warlike people they ran along shore waving white skins these are the skins of moose deer three or four thicknesses compleatly tanned and not penetrable by arrows these are there war armour they would some times make fast there bows and quivers of arrows to there spears of considerable length and shake them at us with an air of defyence every jesture they accompaneyed with hideous shouting the Coast tunted [tended] by the Compass N b W at 8 P M we hove too with our head to the northward at 2 wore ship and stood in shore at 4 A M Made sail along shore at 11 A M there came alongside two Indians in a small canoe very differently formed from those we had seen to the Southward it was sharp at the head and stern and Extreemly well built to paddle fast they came very cautiously toward us nor would they come within pistol shot untill one of them a very fine look'g fellow had delivered a long oration accompaneying it with actions and jestures that would have graced a European oritor the subject of his discourse was designed to inform us they had plenty of Fish & fresh water on shore at there habitations which they seemed to wish us to go and partake of we made them understand that skins was the articles we most wanted these as well as we could understand them they would bring the ensuing day we could proceve there Language was entierly different from those we had first fell in with to the Southward—after viewing the vessell attentively some time they departed well pleased with some trifling preasants they had received the place these people came of from is in Lat'd 45°0' No.⁶

The first part of the tenth was pleasant. but the wind hauling to the Northward it came in foggey and disagreeable weather insued the middle part calm at 4 P M wore ship and stood in with the land at 9 we hove the boat out and she went in surch of a landing place during her absence there came alongside two Indion Canoes the one contaning two and

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⁶Have passed Yaquina Bay without mention, and off Cascade Head and the Nestucca country on both the 10th and 11th.

the other 6 People among them were our yesterdays friends they brought with them several sea otter skins and one of the best peces I ever saw. They were a smart sett of active fellows but like all others without one exception on this coast are addicted to thefts and we allways found those who were the most mistrustfull were the most addicted to commit the offence.

They were armed with bows and arrows they had allso spears but would part with none of them they had both Iron and stone knives which they allways kept in there hands uplifted in readiness to strike we admited one of them on-board but he would not come without this weepen two or three of our visiters were much pitted with the small pox.

They were dexterous in the manegement of there canoes they paddled with great velosity and tho' there canoes were long would turn them in there length there paddles were neatly made of Ash they run down of an equal bredth to the ent the Corners are pointed and End arched up like a swallows tail they departed promising to return again soon. I observed in Lat'd 45°2'No. The 11th

was marked by no singular event we	1788 AUGUST
had light airs to the Northward &	MONDAY 11TH
Westward and frequently calm we had	
the small boat out and hoged the ship the Coast we were	
abrest of looked pleasant I obs'd in Latitude 44°58' No	
having made 5 Miles Southing.	

The 12th being pleasant weather at 3 P M	
we came to anchor within half a mile of the	TUESDAY
shore hoisted the longboat and went to a small	12TH
inlett where there was not suffishant water	
for the Sloop to enter we took of two loads of wood and then	
hove up and came to sail with the wind favourable we saw	
while the boat was onshore ⁷ one of the Natives who were of	
on Sunday last, the place had been inhabited but was desert-	
ed no doubt as late as when they saw the boat coming on-	
shore. Light brezes to the Southward and drizzling rain all	
the latter part.	

⁷An interesting event in Tillamook County, but where? Here landed the first white men to stand on the shore of Oregon.

Wednesday the 13th there came alongside twelve Natives in a Canoe they had nothing to trafic but seemed enticed by curiosity off to view the vessell there Chief was the only person that was allowed to come onboard he observed everything with great attention and was presented with a fue preasants and departed well pleased with there entertainment at Noon I observed in Latitude $45^{\circ}56'8''$ N about this time the wind hauled from the Northward with so rappid a current from the same quarter that we could not make aney way to the Northward on the contrary we could not hold our own. Between the hours of 5 and 6 Last evening we passed a tolerable harbor but having a bar where it broke pretty high all a thort it looked as tho' we could with ease git into it. this harbour was now 10 Leagues to leeward but in the afternoon it was determined to bear away and at 1 P M we lay her head to the Southward at 6 we hove too off and on and a 6 came too with the small bower in 7 fm water distant from the shore about 2 miles over a bottom of sand, we now hoisted the boat out man'd and armed her and sent her to explore the Harbour and sound its enterence taking proper bearings and marks for sailing into it at 10 the boat returned with an account that the Harbour was tolerably Commodious and suffishent water for us in the proper Channel we immediately hove up with a commanding breze and went in without coming into less than two fathom and a Quarter water we anchored half a mile distant from the shore in 3 fm in the Anchoring place I observed my Lat'd to be $45^{\circ}27'$ N and Longi'd $122^{\circ}19'$ W the variation by Azmith was $14^{\circ}26'$ E't in the afternoon it was pleasant with a moderate breze to the Northward twas with great persuasion late in the Afternoon that one of there small canoes came alongside and received maney trivial preasants this soon enticed maney others off and Each canoe brought with them large quantities of berries and crabs ready boiled these they liber-

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⁸Nearly as far north as Tillamook Head and Seaside on the 13th but turned back to enter Tillamook bay on the 14th.

aly handed onboard as preasants seemingly without an Idea of payment and these were the most acceptable things they could have brought to most of our sea-
 men who were in a very advanced state of the scurvey and was a means of a
 restoration of health to 3 or four of our
 Companey who would have found one months longer dura-
 tion at sea fatal to them so advanced were they in his malign-
 ant distemper.

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Traffic on a very friendly footing being thus established befor Evening we had purchased a number of Good Sea otter skins for knive axes adzes &c but had we had Copper a pece two or three inches square would have been far more valuable to them, they would hand there skins onboard without scruple and take with satisfaction whatever was given in return; this we very seldom found the case in any other part of the coast, the nesecery operations of wooding and watering were the pri[n]sable objects of our attention the watering place was situated at a very considerable distance from the Sloop and totaly out of the protection of her guns for this reason one turn of water was Judged suffishent to serve till some more safe place might be discovered at some other part of the Coast we took off several boat load of wood which was handey to the vessell & of a very good quality the natives while we were at work onshore behaved with great propriety frequently bringing us frute but they allways kept themselves armed and never ventured nigh us but with there knives in there hands uplifted rededy to strike this we imputed to there being such total straingers to Europeans.

On the 16 we had pleasant weather with a moderate breze to the eastward at this time
 an amazing number of the natives were along-
 side with boiled and roasted crabbls for sale
 which our people purchased for buttons &c they had allso
 dried salmon and berries in abundance.

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At noon we weighed and came to sail with a very moderate breze which soon died away to a purfect calm and the

flud tide still setting strong swept us on a reef of rocks, the water was smooth as glass and the tide still flowing the vessel could receive to metereal Damage we run out our Kedge with a small worp and hauled off the sea breze cuming in prevented our getting out we veared a scope and moared with our two bowers.

About this time the old chief who came onboard of us on the 13 about 6 Leagues to the Northward he had a great number of the natives with him all armed and they had no skins with them tho' they were well convinced it was them alone we wanted and he had promised to supply us with some however tho' he had not fulfilled his engagement he mett with a very polight reseption.

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Having nothing else to do but wate for the next days tide to depart, Earley in the Afternoon I accompaneyed Mr. Coolidge onshore in the long Boat to amuse ourselves in taking a walk while our boat was loaded with grass and shrubs for our stock we took all the people in the Boat who were affected by the scurvy our number in all amounted to seven the disposition of the people seemed so friendly we went worse armed than ordinary we had two Muskets and three or four Cutlasses we boath took our swards and each of us a pistol on our first landing we visated there Houses and such vietles as they eate themselves they offered to us but they are so intolerably filthey there was nothing we could stumac except the frute.

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They then amused us shewing there dexterity with there arrows and spears they then began a war dance it was long and hedious accompaneyed with frightfull howlings indeed there was something more horrid in there song and the jestures which accompanied it than I am capable of describing it chilled ye blud in my vains. The dance over we left the natives to themselves and walked along the beach to the boat where the people were cutting grass and only one or two of the Natives with them we went past ye boat a little way but within call to a small sand flatt in

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hopes to find some clams while we were digging for these shell fish a young Black man Markus Lopeus a native of the cape de Verd Islands and who had shipped Captain Grays servant at St. Jago's being employed careing grass down to the boat, had carelessly stuck his cutlas in the sand one of the natives seeing this took a favourable oppertunity to snatch it at first unobserved and run off with it one of the people observing him before he was quite out of sight called vehemently threatening to shoot him in hopes he would abandon the stoln goods and make his escape but I had given positive orders to our people not to fier but in cases of the most absolute immergence when for self defence it might be nesecery.

'Twas the hollowing of our people that first roused our attention and we immediately flew to know the cause, we were informed of the sercumstances adding that the Black boy had followed him in spite of everything they could say to the contorary.

I was struck by the daingerous situation the ladd was in and feared its concequences doubting of there being a posability of saving him from the impending dainger but resolving no project should go untried without hesitation ordering the boat to keep abrest of us we ran toward the village we mett several chiefs persons whose friendship we had taken every oppertunity to obtain by kinde youseage and liberal preasants Indeed it seemed before this period we had fully effected it, to these people Mr. Coolidge offered several articles to them of great value to bring back the man unhurt, this they refused intimating there wish for us to seek him ourselves, I now remarked to Mr. Coolidge that all the natives we saw were unusually well armed having with them there bows arrows & spears however we proceeded still further and on turning a clump of trees that obstructed our prospe[c]t the first thing which presented itself to our view was a very large groop of the natives among the midst of which was the poor black with the thief by the colour loudly calling for assistance saying he had cought the thief, when we were observed by the main boddy of the Natives to haistily approach them they instantly drenched there knives and

spears with savage fuery in the boddy of the unfortunate youth. He quited his hold and stumbled but rose again and stagered towards us but having a flight of arrows thrown into his back and he fell within fifteen yards of me and instantly expiered while they mangled his lifeless corse.

We were now by our passing a number whom as I remarked before we supposed to be our friends situated between two formidable parties those we had passed being reinforced by a great number from the woods they gave us the first salutation by a shower of arrows Our only method was to get to the boat as fast as posable for this purpus we turned leaving the dead body, for it would have been the highth of imprudence as our Number was so small to have attempted its rescue we made the best of our way for the Boat assaulted on all sides by showers of arrows and spears and at length it became absolutely nesecery to shoot there most dairing ringleaders which I did with my pistol Mr. Coolidge and one man who was with us followed my example and Mr. Coolidge ordered those who were in the boat to fier and cover us as we waided off for the boat could not come within a considerable dis't of the shore. But undaunted by the fate of there Companions, they followed us up to the middle in water and slightly wounded both Mr. Coolidge and myself in the hand and totaley disabled the person who was with us onshore who fainting with loss of blud lay lifeless several hours and continued to bleed a torrant till the barb of the arrow was extracted, we jumped into the boat and pushed of and were soon out of arrow shot when we found this they launched there Canoes intending to cut us off indeed they were well situated for it but some were timid some were bold and not half paddled but keeping a constant fier from the boat they came bairly within arrow shot before we were nigh the sloop, and they returned towards the shore as soon as we got onboard we discharged two or three swivel shot at them and in a few moments not one Canoe was to be seen all having fledd duering the whole of the night it was dismal to hear the hoops and houlings of the natives they had fiers on the beach near

the spot where the ladd was killed and we could see great number of them passing too and froo before the blaze.

I must confess I should not have lett them enjoy there festervile so peaseably had I been Cap Gray but his humanity was commendable.

Murderers Harbour, for so it was named, is I suppose the enterence of the river of the West it is by no meens a safe place for aney but a very small vessell to enter the shoal at its enterence being so aucwardly situated the passage so narrow and the tide so rapid that it is scarce posable to avoid the dangers. It is probable whenever a vesell goes there they may procure twenty or thurty good sea otter skins, We know but little of the manours and customs of these people our stay among them was so short, the men ware no cloathing but the skins of animels well dressed, the women wore nothing but a petticoat of straw about as long as a highlanders kilt, there hutts were very small made of boards and a matt on the flore they appeared to be very indolent and were intolerably filthey, there canoes were very well shaped for paddling and every yousefull purpus there language we attained no knoledge of and I am of opinion it was very Hard to lern.

I am posative it was a planed affair, which first gave rise to our quarrel seeing how fue we were they had hopes of overpowering us and making themselves masters of our Cloths and arms and had we been taken it would have been no difficult jobb to have made a prize of the Sloop for Captain Gray had but three people left onboard. It was folly for us to go onshore so ill armed but it proved a suffishent warning to us to allways be well armed ever afterwards.

Indeed I think it prudent no boat should land among the midst of such numerous tribes without another well armed boat to protect her landing.

On Sunday the 17th having a moderate breze to the Eastward at 4 A M we hove up and came to sail making a second attempt to gett to sea haveing passed the sand point of the Harbour and Middle ground the wind died and the tide

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