

to naked people, but to me was intolerably close and warm, I was glad to breathe fresh air, and get to my Men. The last five, or six, Villages we have passed, as well as these people appear to live wholly on Salmon, without Berries, Roots, or any other vegetable, yet all appeared healthy, and no cutaneous disorders were perceived. For the first time since we entered this River we had the pleasure of cutting standing Trees for fuel; the drift wood was good, but so much sand adhered to it as blunted the edges of our axes, and to sharpen them we had only a file; for the last two miles, there has been sufficient woods along the River side; I was anxious to learn the state of the River below us, but could learn only by signs that there were Falls and Carrying places.

July 13<sup>th</sup>. We staid till 9½ AM but could not procure a Guide for the Rapids and Falls.<sup>1</sup> We proceeded three miles of which we carried one mile of a steep Rapid; we continued our course and camped at 8½ PM. We passed several Houses on each side of the River, they all appeared constructed as I have already described; at one of them we put ashore and traded a few half dried Salmon; and a Native in his canoe came to us and gave us a Salmon, we camped a short distance above Point Vancouver, from which place to the Sea the River has been surveyed by Lieut Broughton R.N. and well described by him.

July 14<sup>th</sup>. We continued our journey, amused with the Seals playing in the River; on the 15<sup>th</sup> near noon we arrived at Tongue Point,<sup>2</sup> which at right angles stretches it[s] steep rocky shores across the River for a full half a mile, and brought us to a full view of the Pacific Ocean; which to me was a

<sup>1</sup> Thompson made short work of these famous rapids, the Cascades of the Columbia. His portage was on the north side of the river, and he must have re-embarked in very swift water. His camp for the night was nearly opposite Cape Horn. [T. C. E.]

<sup>2</sup> So named by Lieutenant Broughton in 1792 because of its peculiar appearance. [T. C. E.]