

the general state of affairs in this part of the church to render it quite unnecessary for me to make any particular statement. All that I deem it proper to say is, that the last two seasons have been very prejudicial to the farming interests in this part of the country, and that Mr. Patterson has to some extent experienced the effects. He does not however appear by any means discouraged, and seems resolved to persevere in his labours among this people.

*Sabbath 25th.*—Preached once in Mr. Patterson's church to a audience of about 160 persons. An air of solemn attention appeared to pervade the assembly.

*Monday 25th.*—In the evening, in company with Mr. Patterson rode over to Malpeque or Prinestown, the residence of Mr. Keir, a distance of 14 miles from Bedeque. Consulted the Rev. gentleman how I should dispose of my time while I continued on the Island. It is deemed expedient in the meantime that I remain till after the dispensation of the sacrament which will take place on the ensuing Sabbath.

*Malpeque Monday June 2nd.*—I have been here for the last week and as I have nothing interesting to record I do not feel disposed to enter into detail, suffice it to say that I was called to preach twice on Sunday and once on Saturday, Sabbath and to-day.

*Casumpeque Wednesday June 4th.*—After a pleasant sail of upwards of 5 hours I reached this place at 6 P. M. The distance from Malpeque by water is called 27 miles. It is upwards of 45 miles by land as in order to approach it, a person will be under the necessity of making the circuit of Richmond Bay. I am told too that the road besides its being none of the best, is as yet obstructed by a great many unbridged streams. On my arrival I called on Mr. Chas. Craswell, delivered a note of introduction from Mr. Keir and was very cordially received.

*Sabbath 8.*—Proceeded in a boat with Mr. Craswell and family about two miles up Julia River to the place of worship. Here the people have erected a small but neat meeting house, and though but the outside of the building is finished it is quite convenient in the summer season. Preached twice to an audience of about 60 persons. Returned to the point.

*Tuesday 10.*—Left Mr. Craswell at 4 o'clock in the morning on my way to the west side of the Island. Walked about 2½ miles along the beach to John Gordon's. Here I obtained a horse and rode out about 4 or 5 miles to the Middle or Hills

River, I was accompanied by Wells & Mr. Gordon Junr. At the river we procured a small boat and rowed up the stream about 5 miles. Here we took to the woods on a line of road which has been little more than marked out. Of all the bad roads that I have ever travelled this is the worst. The path for almost the whole distance is thickly entangled with underwood. Swamps filled with water occur in not a few places, and the great heat of the day in a close forest where the air had scarcely any circulation, rendered travelling on such a road exceedingly fatiguing and disagreeable. At 1 o'clock we reached the western shore at the south angle of Lot No 5, having walked about 8 miles in 3 hours. Walked from this point 3 miles down the coast sometimes on the beach and at other times on rough paths through the woods. There is nothing here entitled to the name of a road. We stopped for the day at Jeremiah Dalton's a late convert to Protestantism from the Roman Catholic faith.

*Thursday 12th.*—Preached in the morning according to intimation at Jeremiah Dalton's to a handful of people, my audience however comprised the greater part of the scattered population of the coast. At 11 o'clock, accompanied by Mr. Dalton I set out on foot for the lower part of the settlements towards West Cape. A guide is a very necessary appendage to the apparatus of a traveller along these shores. The country is exceedingly thinly peopled, and that only on the coast. There is nothing that deserves the name of a road, so that in proceeding we sometimes went through the woods, sometimes along the verge of the succession of promontories which form this part of the Island and sometimes along the beach, under projecting cliffs which indeed inspire a feeling of the sublime, but which I could not separate in my mind from sensations of the terrible. It is plain from these brief statements that travelling on these shores is no sine-cure.

At half after two o'clock, after a walk of three hours and a half over rocks and capes, through swamps and fields and over a great number of fences, I reached Mr. James Dumrills. Intimated preaching to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

Perhaps it may not be uninteresting to the Commission should I make a short note of the conversation which I held with my travelling companion; Dalton. He gave me a very fair account of the manner in which he was led into the discovery of the errors of the Romish faith.