

State of Starvation. Captain Hall's Description of his Landing was very affecting.

At about 11 Mr. McGillivray, S. Gillivray, Norman McCloud, Mackenzie, Richardson, the Partners of the North West Company called upon me. Dined with Mr. McGillivray; his Family consists of a Sister and two Daughters. Judge Reed and Lady, the different Partners of the N.W. [Company were of the party].

Tuesday the 29th [May]. Dined with Mr. Auldjo. Mrs. A. Daughter of Mr. Richardson—His Sister very pleasing—Mr. Gillespie, Mr. G. Robertson and his Niece, Mr. McCloud.

Wednesday 30th [May]. At the Inn. In the Evening at the Moffatts.

Thursday 31st [May]. At Mr. N. McCloud's. Dr. Selby, Reed and Lady—Garden—Auldjo—2 McGillivrays.

Friday 1st June. At Mr. McGillivrays. Mr. Hughes, Cameron, Dean.

Saturday 2nd June. Dined with Judge Reed, Col. Macgregor and Lady—70th Regt.

Sunday 3rd June. With Mr. McGillivray.

Monday 4th June. Mr. Moffatt—Mrs. Moffatt a pleasing Woman.

Tuesday 5th June. Dined at Home alone.

Wednesday 6th [June]. Dined with Mr. Garden. Mrs. Garden the Daughter of Mr. Forbes of Aberdeen. Met Mrs. Mackay married to Capt. Mackay of the 70th. This Lady is the Sister of Capt. McInnes of the [illegible].

Thursday the 7th [June]. Went to La Chine in company with Mr. Wm. McGillivray. La Chine is about 9 miles from Montreal. It takes its Name from having been the Point of Departure of Mr. de la Sallie's Expedition to discover a North West Passage to China. It is a small Village and contains only a few Houses. On the other side of the St. Lawrence which is here about 6 miles broad is the Indian Village of the Illinois.

The St. Lawrence runs from Kingston on the Lake Ontario taking a course almost due N. to Montreal, 170 miles to Quebec, to the Gulf of S. Lawrence on the Atlantic a [total] Distance of 700 miles. Its mouth is 96 miles wide. It is navigable to Montreal but beyond it is full of Shoals, Rocks, Rapids, &c. We saw several Indians; the men are fine, tall robust—the Women disgusting in their Appearance: we met several on the Roads carrying immense Burthens whilst the Husband had nothing to carry but his Pipe. The Village [La Chine] consists in about 500 Families. They have a Church and an Establishment of Priests of the Roman Catholic Religion. It is a melancholy Reflection