

would be considered a Rarity but they were not well tasted. We dined at 4. The weather is intensely hot, much Thunder and Lightning in the Evening. Mr. Bethune, Mr. McLaughlin with the Canadian gentlemen proceeded to Montreal, felt melancholy in finding myself alone. Mr. Astor I find is the brother of the Piano Forte maker in London.

Sunday, 13th [May]—Went to the St. Paul's Church in the Broadway—the Service precisely that of the Church of England except that the President is prayed for, etc., instead of the King. The Congregation appeared very devout and attentive.

Dined with Mr. Cary—large party of Ladies. Met there Mr. Perkins, called Colonel,—for the Americans with all their pretended Ideas of Equality are fond of Rank and Titles. Mr. Perkins resides at Boston and is one of the most eminent merchants in the United States; his Firm is Perkins & Co. in Boston and J. & J. N. Perkins in Canton. Thro' this House the North-West Company sent their Furs from the Columbia to China. Mrs. Cary is from South Carolina and a most pleasing Woman. An Anecdote shewing the strong Attachments and Firmness of uncivilized Life was related. Two young Indians, both of equal Merit and Attractions and Consequence paid their Addresses to the Daughter of an Indian Chief,—both were approved of by the Father, but the Decision was difficult. He however desired one of the young Indians to take out the other and to challenge Him, promising to give his Daughter to the One who should bring back the Scalp of the Other. They went out and one returned with a Scalp and in consequence was immediately united. It was observed that he was unwell but this was only imputed to Fatigue. But in the Night he was seized with fainting fits and it was at last discovered that he had scalped himself.

Monday, 14th [May]—Visited the Dock Yards on Long Island—the Franklin, Ohio, Washington were there. They are called 74's, but are equal to our 110 Gun Ships; they carry 90. The Ohio is a most beautiful model, but, as if our Country is to be betrayed by its own Children, the Builder is a Scotchman, a Mr. Eckford. A Frigate was on the Stocks called a 44—but will mount 60. Little wonder how our Ships were beat. We went on Board the famous Steam Ship the Fulton—it is built on two Boats, the machinery which works it being between. It is circular and carries 32-36 Pounders. The Americans are increasing their Navy very fast; they have now 12 74's.

Dined with Mr. Maitland, Maitland & Kennedy. Met there a Mr. McCormick and Mr. Lennox, one of the most opulent men of the United States. The American Govt. has commenced a Canal from Troy, to which the Hudson River is navigable from New York, to a