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Wednesday Aug. 10. Saw fresh signs of Indians started early. Indians soon came to us. They were Ponarchs and moving in the same direction with us many of them traveled with us until 3 o'clock when we struck the river and camped, traveled 16 miles. Several horses were procured from them on reasonable terms by our company. Their whole company soon came up and camped near us.

11. Some trading this morning started at 8½ o'clock left the river before noon saw some of the finest springs of water which form a large creek. Saw the soda springs and Boiling springs the greatest Natural Curiosity I ever saw. Camped near soda springs good place traveled 15 miles. Some Indians came to camp.

Friday Aug. 12. Went to see the Boiling springs again this morning the hole through which the water spouts is about 1 foot in diameter the water which kept a continual Boiling rises frequently to the height of 3 feet. It is said at times to rise much higher. It is Blood warm and has a sulphur and mineral taste there appears to be a species of Rock constantly forming around the hole which is already considerably elevated. There is a smaller hole near which appears to serve as a vent through which the air is constantly circulating. Started 7, a few Indians in camp 2 of our company started ahead for Fort Hall. Saw a singular spring partaking considerably of the qualities of soda.

Friday Aug. 12. Stopped for dinner about 2 o'clock. Started soon camped on Portnough traveled 23 miles.

13. Horses strayed off some distance from camp started in good season stopped early for dinner drove on again until near sunset and camped on Ross Fork in deep valley on a beautiful little stream traveled 25 miles. 14. Sunday. Started in good season and traveled very fast in order to get to the Fort early as possible. Stopped for dinner on Ross Fork. Some Fort men came to camp started and crossed several spring Brooks camped on Snake or Lewis River near Fort Hall traveled 25 miles. 15. visited the Fort found it much smaller than Laramie but very well conducted. Commenced writing a letter.

Tuesday 16. Finished my letter to my Parents. Visited the Fort. 17. Concluded not to start today. Wrote to W. C. Enos of St. Louis. Capt. H. with seven waggon came in. 18. Starting is again deferred until tomorrow. 19. Started about 9 o'clock kept down the River. Crossed several marshy places, very warm day and much trouble with packs. Camped on the River, traveled 15 miles. 20. Started in good season saw the American falls. It is not a perpendicular fall but more like rapids interspersed with large rocks. Met a large number of Indians. Doct. went back and traded fish and horse from them stopped for dinner in a very bad place. Doct. came up started camped on river traveled 12 miles.

Aug. 21. Sunday. Concluded to wait for the Company as some are not satisfied to go without a Pilot. Company passed about 1 o'clock. We packed up and started found them Camped about