

swell running from the westward that I ever experienced. Whenever the weather moderated sufficiently, I ran in, and always found the bar impracticable. Our wood and water began to run short, and, however cruel the disappointment, I was obliged to bear away and seek a more practicable port. I am convinced, from what I have seen, that a ship may often lay off and on Columbia river a month, without finding a smooth time to go in.

Trinity was the next place to this, where there was a probability of getting spars, &c. There we arrived the 11th, and found what we wanted, that is, spars, wood and water, — the former were at such a distance from the shore, as to render it very difficult procuring them. We went to work, however, and cut down a very fine stick and got it roughed out, and I was in great hopes of having a good foremast on board soon; but fortune had ordered it otherwise. The Indians were at first very friendly. We treated them well, and, to inspire them with confidence, and to conciliate their friendship, I went several times ashore, unarmed, to their village. Prompted, I believe, by the devil himself, they all at once became as hostile as they were friendly at first, and attacked our boat one morning a watering, and took four casks, which they immediately stove for the hoops. Our people's arms had got wet in landing, and they were glad to escape with their lives. I seized a canoe that was alongside, when they returned, and made four prisoners, hoping that while they were in our possession they would not molest us any more. I then sent both boats well armed; the one lay to an anchor just in the edge of the surf, while some went ashore to fill the casks in the other. The Indians had got a reinforcement, and, just as the casks were filled, about a hundred ran down, armed with long spears, and firing a cloud of arrows as they advanced. We fired several volleys on them from the long boat, which the savages stood with great resolution, and did not retreat till several of them dropped. The next day we took possession of a rock that commanded not only the beach, but their village. Here I placed Mr. Hudson with three men, and completed our wood and water under their protection. This manœuvre entirely disconcerted the savages, and they abandoned their village and retired to the woods.

Nothing was now wanting but the spars; but to get them to the water-side required the united labor of all our crew. It would besides