

Home had to wait for the wood, noted 3 letters one to Mother, one to James & one to Cousin W. Standard.

Dec 13th Saturday, fine, hot. by N.E. worked round to N.W. 9 a.m. a gale from N.W. the roughest & dustiest day I have seen here, the dust such that you could not see twenty yds ahead. Carting gravel, from the Government domain near the College, onto Colombo Str. to Gaddons in the evening sorted up his books.

Dec 14th Sunday. fine, N.W. stiff at times, church morning & evening, reading P.M., W. Packard came in the evening.

Dec 15th Monday, dew, fine, N.E. stiff. W. took coals & some wood to Mr. Rowley's down the river above some very pretty places around that quarter, wood forming P.M.

Dec 16th Tuesday, Vivid rain from 6 a.m. till 2 p.m. showing by N.E. S.W. calm midday. N.E. after 3 p.m. splendid rain & greatly needed & we ought to be thankful for it. up early walked down to the steam wharf, with the intention of going over to Negon Bay but the rain coming on deterred me, so I returned to Block, within reaching, to Mac. Coule's in the evening.

Dec 17th Wednesday, fine, dew, by N.E. & S.W. N.E. stiff. after 10 a.m. forming Colombo Str.

Dec 18th Thursday, tempest a.m. w/ Vivid rain showing, by from N.E. to S.W. cutting the slouts in Manchester Str onto Duam within after 10 a.m. clearing up the place, unloaded & started a cord of wood took the drag to Couper to have the wheel wedged took Clarkson Cart home, had a good feed of ripe gooseberries unloading firebricks at Widdersons, late time P.M.

Dec 19th Friday, dew. Shower at noon. N.E. cutting the slopes in Manchester Str. onto Duam Str, forming Colombo Str. to Gaddons in the evening sorted up his books.

Dec 20th Saturday, Vivid rain from twelve till 2 p.m. 1 ton 1/4 cut of coke from Milton's wharf for Widderson, 1 ton 1/2 cut pig iron do.

Dec 21st Sunday, fine, showery till 10 a.m. S.W. N.E. after 4 p.m. Church morning & evening, at Buzz P.M. Mr. H. Dolson & Mr. Stack were detained P.M. by the Bishop of Bloch. Saw Mr. Merton in the evening he looks well.

Dec 22nd Monday, fine, by N.E. last night & today two loads of Coke & pig iron for Widderson & Barnes, to Glastons in the evening.

Dec 23rd Tuesday, dew, fine, by all quarters, load of Coke from Milton's for Widderson a.m. forming Colombo Str. P.M. walked up town in the evening, to look at the show of meat & illuminations, small glass lamps of different