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14. On an order for provisions sent out by the "Laggy" - Dawson Har-
rison asked a note - a great ship in sight at the South. Went up at
the hill to look out, but could distinguish only a speck, movable at the
south. With the natives look rather for a loadstone junk, & as ours from
China were overdue we thought it most likely the natives were right. But
quite another object now engaged my surprise, & that was that all the fiddlers
left under my care by the Commodore was gone, & no doubt removed to
the authorities, for some else could venture upon such a sudden & total
robbing. My note of the 12th in which I offered to supply them from time
time with fiddlers for the horses & also for the black cable in case they
could certainly not justify the act, he left as no horses had
forth as yet. I therefore sent off immediately the following note
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This is to acquaint the Regent & his that a
fiddler committed to my care by the
Commodore has been stolen. Let immediately inquire
& the articles restored. With compliments to
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about an hour after this a large foreign ship
under the Russian pennant of the island. It was the
the chief sign I had for this to distinguish in the distance
from an American ship was that the former had the
up entirely to the top of the masts whereas the latter left
of the masts protrude. In this case the proposition proved of
note. For while I was rowing towards the "Laggy" to do
Capt. Sinclair of the ship committed a boat from the new
ship came in. Stearing towards us, & to my no small surprise
I recognized Capt. Mel Cheyne, the same who had brought us on
from Hong Kong in the "Starling". His story is long. He is now a married
man, & had his wife & first born child, about 7 months old, on board
the "Lady Montague" a London ship of 800 tons which he now

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11. On my way for provisions and out for the "supply" "Chinese" then
was talking a while "a great thing is right at the heart". Went up to
be him to look out. But could find nothing with a great number of the
water. And the water was rather for a two-hour journey. & on my return
Chinese men everywhere we thought it was likely the water was right. But
quite another effect was enjoyed my companion, & that was that the water
left when we can go to (anywhere) was gone. & we shall remain
be satisfied, for we are, every venture upon such a subject & to
succeed. my note of the 12th in which I offered to supply them from time
time was followed for the water & also for the drink water in case they
could continue the journey. As it is, it is up to us to leave and
forth on foot. I therefore sent the messenger to deliver water

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 Commencement has been taken. The immediately ensuing
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"Lodge Montrose" a timber strip of 800 tons which he had
 and, I had his wife & family over child, about 7 months old, in town
 now they lived in the "Lodge". His story is that. He was a married
 man, living in the "Lodge". Mr. (Lodge), the owner who had brought us a
 big canoe in getting through us, & to say we found him
 right. Finding it the left committed a boat from the river.
 It. For while I was coming through the "Lodge" to be
 of the most fortunate. On the way he ~~found~~ found a
 a canoe to the top of the river. He had left
 from an American ship was that he found had to be
 to chief wife I had for the & his family in the boat
 with the wooden boat. After a while. It was to all
 about an hour after the in large canoe to

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Thurs 444.} Commanded. Brought from Hong Kong to California aboard wind
Loodoo, & having of our residence here he kept his ship under weigh for
a while to give us a look in & take off some provisions of which he stood
in need, particularly as his wife had lost the milk & the goats he had on board
likewise. so that his babe stood greatly in need of another milk source
to be supplied in the shape of a couple of Loodoo goats. He had already
been boarded by officers from the Supply & knew all about the American Squa-
ron. He was also from public papers, from which he learned that America was de-
termined to open Japan. - Left now my native boat went in Capt. Mc-
Cheyne's to the "Supply". There we found all hands already engaged in writing
letters. Capt. Sinclair at once declined having any thing to do with the
matter of the ship, their orders being strict to keep up friendly with
the natives. - Took Capt. McCheyne to our house, telling him it would bet-
ter enable us to serve him if we made not know his being the Capt.
He first landed us here. Sent off his orders for provisions, goats
fats & some vegetables. Being invited with Mrs. D. to go on
board the Lady Montague, we made immediately ready for the trip
ships lying out at least 4-5 miles. Ordered our Chinaman in
mean time to hasten the filling up of the provision orders. -
Just nigh enough the ship to escape a heavy shower & a
found in Mrs. McCheyne a ^{very} pretty Scotch lady of the Order
of a Clergyman's family, & altogether a very interesting
person in the course of our conversation to be vivacious
with the principles & faith of the Gospel. We dined on to
McCheyne was good enough to ask me what things
we want. He took down my list. Which I think
the value of the provisions he required of us. I
as medical man & promised medicines for 3-4. His
McCheyne & his babe came also in for a small share in the medi-
cal department of the visit. It becoming late & seeing Capt. McCheyne
be out of all contact with our reefs before dark, hastened home both
to get off the provisions, medicines, goats for the goats & the letters
from the "Supply". Had a hard & fatiguing work but succeeded in
getting all things ready by the time the mate announced his going
ready. Mrs. D. wrote a lasty letter, and to give the scene a

