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Cow  
~~Thurgis, Lt. Com.~~ Journal of the Elegar Feb-May 1799

p1. 13 Feb. 1799 land ahead. Norfolk Sound.  
p7 Forster Island often called Douglass Island  
as he discovered it

25 Feb we saw North Island ahead -- one of our people  
seeing a smoke on the Island ahead, and Cap. Rowan  
thinking it not improbable that Cunneaw and  
Altabsee (who had each a village here, from which they  
were drove by Cumshewahs and had staid some years  
at Caraganee) had got back to their old residence:  
determined to run in and stay till the wind was  
favourable to get to Caraganee -- at 4 pm we were  
in between the Islands: we saw numbers of smokes made  
by the natives to inform us of their being there ...

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(had to stand out to sea)

26th storm 27th finally lay to off Caraganee village.

Cow principal chief

28th In the morning Cow came on board  
description of him

Superior people.

p11 Mar 1<sup>st</sup> at present they are in alliance with the tribe of  
Cunneaws at North Island, the Coolah [?] tribe up  
the sound, and several others ... but I suppose that  
altogether they can muster nearly upon 3000 fighting  
men ...

Ran up to Taddy's Cove - describes it  
2 foote in cove.

p12 Mar 3. Cow came, slept on board, Sky, who had  
stayed on Cow's absence, left.

Mar 4. 15 canoes each with 9 persons  
Natives make conde huts on beach. Bring dogs  
each family about a dozen - howl.

p 13 Mar 5 Cove is 8 miles from Cairanea  
Cove went back to village - says there is a vessel  
there

6th. - Tried to get out. ran back in.

7th. 2 canoes from a village up the sound to the  
eastward of us called Yunganoo [?]

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8th. Yunganoo  
Cove came Yanganoo?  
Yanganoo

p 15 9th. (still in Cove)

10th

p 16 11th.

17 12th

13th

14th Cove visited

15th canoe from Yanganoo

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Canoe from up the sound to north called  
Cah-tah Cah-dah

16th another vessel Capt Duffin from Macao arrives.

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17th Left, → Cloak Bay, North Island

"We soon had several canoes around us; among them  
was the wife of Cunneaw a Chief here: who resides  
at a Village on the opposite shore to the southward of  
us; another was Altatsee well known on Act. of the  
unfortunate death of Captain Newberry - - (he would not  
come aboard, having several times been made a prisoner  
and obliged to ransom himself

18th In the morning we had 10 or 12 Canoes along side among them was Altatee and Cunneaw with all his family

19th -- neither Altatee nor Cunneaw would venture on board the ship -- until

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I went on canoe with his family as hostage -- Altatee went aboard on same conditions. (briefly) Told of Capt Dodge in the Alexander skowmuck with Cumshewah's tribe.

20th We had several Canoes along, among the rest Cunneaw, Altatee, and Chilson sish (?) a brother of Cunneaw's and who I understand will be Chief of the tribe on his brother's death --

Chilson sish

Cunneaw wouldnt come aboard

Altatee came aboard as hostage whilst Mr Buntrod went to see his village of Tatence; which consists of the large number of two houses --

I (?) agreed with Altatee to sleep at his house at night, and he left his oldest son on board as a hostage

Skitti Kitts -- ashore at dark. (They thought

Sk. was going to Boston and I was taking his place) c. 40 people seated around an enormous fire in house seated him on a large chest before the fire

Mention Kelly (Kelby?), O'C -- and several others who had lived among them a long time.

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Not like Cumshewahs -- they were his enemies as much as ourselves, would give 3 skins for every slave from them, and Cunneaw would give us twenty of the largest in Kivstah for Cumshewahs himself.

He killed -- in Capt Robers. little vessel, and Kendrick's brother too -- you will certainly kill him

wy's Sketties

(Rovito - in Jefferson 1792 - killed first wife near pole

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Judge  
Holway

to Sitka (but not to Haida)

a Sturgeon ms.

Altataw's

if you do, it will save some of us that trouble. he killed my mother at the time he drove us from Kenetah to Aaganee. she was sick and would not fly - - - he attempted to kill me when I went on a trading party to his village as his friend: but I made my escape and got over land to Skittikit's country: who gave me shelter - - - (ate food - - -)

30 coppers!

Secret things

Altataw then showed me his riches which were contained in the trunk we sat upon - - - (robes, <sup>deerskin</sup> apron, Ermine skins which it seems they consider as a kind of money - - silver spoon - a number of things at the bottom he wouldn't show (hadn't shown them to Sumstead either)

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visited such brother in next house back to Altataw's - spread blue cloths on the floor (for the house was all floored with thick plank)

[see note re sketch of 2 houses, and 2 images]

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21st - with Cap R visited [Lucy Is]

Sky arrived at Tatance.

22nd Sky came aboard - - - then went to Kenetah

Chalsongoch  
Chalsonjosa

2j5'k in - djaos  
"deuts club" EZI  
owners of House 6  
at Kenetah (Sumsted)

Check ship Canada of  
New Bedford 1842

p 21. I rose at daylight: and having taken a sketch of the two Herces, to save the length of description: and seen two images that were at a short distance from them, which Attatale told me were intended to represent two Chiefs that were his relations (or rather they were his ancestors for they looked as if they were upwards of a hundred years of age) that had been killed in battle - I then got into a canoe and was soon paddled along side the ship.

21st. Sky had arrived at Tatence - -

22d. Sky came aboard, got bottle of rum, and went over to Kenetah. 'Rum at present is not as much liked as Mollasses by these people, the latter they are extremely fond of. For yesterday Cunneaw's wife sold the best Sea Otter skin we have seen since we have been on the coast for 4 bottles of it: the name of it they pronounce not a great way from Brasses and here they call lambs... the Chiefs at present will always get drunk with it when they can get it given to them: and the Indians though they will not buy it yet at Cargane which is pretty much visited: they will take it fast enough as a present. Old Cunneaw's wife is the best encourager of the consumption of rum here: regularly before she goes home at nights, she always comes on board to get drunk, and when in that condition is an object of astonishment to the whole village of Kenetah on acct. of the noise she can make with her tongue: and a dreadful plague to the Old Man - - (she has a daughter)

... In the afternoon Chilsonjosh came on board and expressing a wish to sleep on the ship: If I would go

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and stay with his family at Kinetake -- agreed --  
 2 miles -- dark -- tide "making a roar like a cataract"  
 -- soon reached the Village, or rather the beach  
 before it, there being a long point of rocks extending  
 near half a mile into the bay, inside of which is a  
 large flat at low water, which you have to go over to  
 get to the village -- The force of the sea breaks on  
 the reef -- so that no damage can happen to the Conoes.  
 over the flats they carried me on their shoulders --  
 dark -- Chisenjosh's wife walked before me --  
 introduced me -- they then led me to the further  
 side of the house and complimented me with the highest  
 seat, which was raised about 2 feet above the floor,  
 and ran entirely across that end of the house --  
 met -- a brother of Attatee -- (who sang this  
 was song and those of other tribes, each one having  
 a song for themselves -- We were interrupted by  
 a message from Sky, who was in the next house --  
 I found the lazy rascals lying naked flat upon  
 his back before a large fire -- made one of his  
 people draw a large sheet before the fire for me to  
 sit on, then addressed me in what he thought  
 excellent English: Bahling, how de does? set down  
 (questioned about vessels -- drank New England Rum  
 wife remanded some tea -- Sky refused to go with him to  
 see Cunneaw -- guided to Coanlaw's house -- found the  
 old man sitting surrounded by his children naked before  
 the fire. There were two or three children grown up, 12 or 13  
 between 4 and 14 years old -- neeces, grandchildren,  
 incoming slaves, slaves children and all his family  
 amounted to about 60 persons. drawing a small box

Sky = Sigai?

Note: Darling is author of Journal

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between them [C & wife] seated me upon it -- (both talked)  
she wanted more "Bousses"

Douglas  
-- the Old man told me a long story about the first  
vessels that visited the Islands -- Cap. Douglas as  
well as I could learn was the first that visited this  
port, and laid the foundation for a firm friendship  
with the tribe by his kind behaviour towards them, and  
to this day his memory is much revered among them --  
Cunneaw and he made an exchange of names, and the Old  
Man as often calls himself Douglas as Cunneaw, and  
always if he is asked his name by white people tells them  
it is Douglas Cunneaw -- Cunneaw as I

believe the oldest chief on the Coast; and is likewise  
the most respected by those of the neighbouring tribes  
to whom he is known: indeed we never visited a place  
on the Coast but what we found they knew him or his  
tribe by woeful experience, having often made  
expeditions to the northward when at war, as far  
as Sheetkah, plundered their Villages and brought  
of numbers of prisoners -- (offered sweet halibut,  
dried salmon, and a wild liquorice that grows here  
and is very sweet -- not included -- the Old  
women proceeded to the last offer of Friendship,  
which was a lady for the night, out of her numerous  
Sesogio, with which she accommodated all vessels  
that stop here. -- declined -- Chelengoshi's wife  
sent one of her relations, with Altateri's brother. (to  
get them -- went.)

§25 (entertained by songs and a 5 yr old slave boy  
danced -- named "Consequence", from no. Setka,  
son of a chief -- family murdered by an expedition



headed by Altataee and Chileenjosh --- painted her face and powdered her head with feathers & made her dance until --- interspersed --- I am slept on blue cloth, fullow of bundle of skins.

23rd. In the morning I rose early to examine the village: and take a sketch of it... consisted of 8 houses of which Cunnaw's was the largest, being about 50 feet long, 30 broad and 15 to the rise of the roof. At the peak of it I suppose it was about 22 or 3 feet. At the right hand of the village as you go to it were a number of wooden structures raised I suppose over the bodies of their dead chiefs & some were exactly like a gallows some a solid square piece of timber about 15 feet high on which were carved the figures of men and children & but the only thing that I saw which had any idea of proportions, was a pillar by the side of Cunnaw's house on the top of which was a figure intended to represent a bear, the figure and pillar were both painted red with ochre --- the teeth, eyes, nostrils, and the inside of the ears (which were stuck forward) of the animal were made of mother of pearl shells: which gave it a very beautiful appearance, in comparison to what North West sculpture generally has ---

24th. (toin unnce. to leave. purchased boards to make boxes for our skins.

Altataee was along with several times: we endeavored much to persuade her to let a son of her called Skittikitts go with us to Boston. He was a fine boy about 12 years old, and the likeliest we had seen on the Coast (Altataee wanted a hostage. Boy "was not over willing to go on any terms ---

p 26 25th Under way.  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 4 abreast Carzane Point.  
did not get to Taddiskey till 5. -- anchored in a  
harbour which for snugness was equal to Shetkuk.  
In about 15 minutes our old friend Cow -- came aboard --  
he as usual slept on board -- we spent the evening  
in conversation on several topics (esp. treatment  
by Capt Wake -- who came into Neaper Bay, didn't  
know about Taddys Cove or Key -- Cow went and pelleted  
him on -- Wake put him in irons until he ransomed  
himself. -- -- Neither did we without emotion hear him  
recount the particulars of Captain Newberys death (which  
happened in this place) and to which he was an eye witness  
-- shot by altotcu with a pistol he was selling to him  
said it was not loaded -- -- lies buried at edge of wood  
opposite the ship -- Cow has his chest in his house.

26th . rainy . 15-16 canoes "Among those that  
favoured us with their company was the Cahdah  
Chief, who is an ally with Cow and Cunneaw: his  
name is Shanahkite a very good quiet sort of a  
man but an enormous eater --

p 27 natives built huts on beach -- had to be fed. Benstead  
and he went ashore and took a walk through their huts  
about 14 with eleven or 12 persons round each -- --  
shook hands -- Shanahkite the Great eater, and though  
supperless yet he appeared happy -- with his children --

27th - fed Indians boiled rice with molasses. Storm.

28th - Indians go down to Carzane

29th - Out of Key. Came to off Carzane point at 45 fms

p 28 with the Village 3 miles distant -- Cow and Shanahkite  
soon came on board -- -- In the afternoon Cow having left one  
of his children on board, I went ashore with him to

[Karta]?:  
[Sanzet]

1 rod =  $16\frac{1}{2}$  ft

$\frac{16}{30}$   
48° feet

Cow's village at  
Kazgami  
11 houses

the Village. it is situated about 30 rods from the water, at the foot of a rocky Mountain: no situation could be better chosen for a Village in this Northern region: the houses fronting to the Southern Sun and the high Mountain at the back, being an effectual screen from the Freezing Northerly Gales: it is larger than Kenetah the houses being eleven in number, they were all built in the same stile as at Kenetah except one which I took a sketch of. Cow's house so far from being any ways ornamented, like Altaters at Totance, was the shabbiest looking one in the Village, and hardly tight enough to keep out the weather. it however was well furnished with the goods of this world inside, being lined with trunks and Chests full of provisions, Skins, and trade that he had bought of us. Among other things, Cow showed me about 120 beautiful white Esmea skins, which I never found was really considered here, in the same light that we do Silver and Gold: except that they never part with them but hoard them up with great care. the chiefs however have the best opportunity of amassing them, for as they are not to be got by barter the Common People can have but little chance to collect them, whereas the Chiefs generally get a present of some from Northern Chiefs as a mark of Friendship, when they are trading among them, and often are bribed I suppose with the same, as the price of Peace with their tribe, when they are making a successful war. Cow told me that next [to] Kunneaw's his was the greatest number possessed by any Southern Chief - Sky he told me had but 20 and Altatew I knew had but 25 of them which he considered a considerable treasure - the Value of them at 200

Cow 120

Sky 20  
Altatew 25

difficult to ascertain for as we were bound to the  
Northward to Chulcast when they are brought from,  
and had promised them to purchase some to bring here,  
they of course endeavoured to keep the value a secret  
from us. Cow however (— offered 1 prime sea Otter for  
4 of them [Cloak] — saw several suits of clothes —  
saw C. Newberry's shirt —

Cow's wife who is a very pretty woman (setting aside  
her wooden leg) — — employed at her needle — —

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On leaving the Village, Cow pointed out to me the residence  
of the Caddah Chief Shanahkita, which was on [a]  
small Island about 40 rods from the Village, and separated  
from it by a swift stream running between — they are not  
allowed it seems to enter the Village (or perhaps they may  
be afraid to, for what I know) so great is the jealousy  
of one tribe towards another, though friends —

The mainland to the eastward of Cape Murray which  
makes the East point of this Bay, and which is commonly  
called by the Natives Intankoon, is inhabited by  
a large tribe of Indians, which on acct. of their Chiefs  
name being Cockatlanc, are called — Cockatlanc  
tribe — (known not both of sea otters got at Carigan  
were got by the tribe themselves, inquired where they went to  
trade — concealed at Carigan — At both I. renewed  
enquiry with vigor, got some info from Altateer and  
others — (in liquor) Altateer said went a vast  
distance to a place inland — pushed canoes up a  
quarter of a mile of fresh water rapids, opened to  
a large round — by tribe. Then asked his brother if there  
was any other place, round Intankoon where they traded  
— yes — place called Cockatlancs, & Carigan got

4°  
16  
64°

most of their skins there -- dared not pilot them there  
as Altatsee had threatened death, 'but that Cotsaye  
at Cargonne would go with me, having carried Cap  
Brown's ship to that place where he got a great many  
skins at half price -- chalked out a sketch of the  
place on the cabin table --

(Decided to get Cotsaye for a pilot secretly -- did --  
told Cow that night -- he said no skins there -- such  
a great sickness there you would lose all your people.

p30 Then finally changed his tone -- said don't spoil the  
market (only one ship had been there) -- abandoned mission  
because Cotsaye told C. Rowan that "part of Cockathane  
tribe was up at a place called Chibbasha, where  
the neighbouring tribes went once a year to buy herring  
oil" -- offered to pilot there -- lay to.

30th. Cow set off in morning to beat them to  
Cockathane -- 6 pm got under way, Cotsaye  
took helve. Bound Hootsenhoo, Rowan left word  
to Cow to keep skins until return

31st. sailing north outside. bound for Hootsenhoo

31 April 1st 1799

2nd. No smokes at Hootsenhoo -- (they go down to  
Sheetkah in the spring) -- into a bay. Chagua

p32 3rd. trailing

4th. -- set out for a village Cuhnchoo 60 m. north.

5th. -- Cuhnchoo                      well below

6th. --

p33 7th. -- sailed south.

8th. Chatqua

9th.

10th. Part of Hootsenhoo tribe arrived. Chief called Eternity

p34 11th Eternity aboard  
Chatqua Cove to Hootsenhoo.  
threat of attack

p35 12th another threat of attack  
Tells of 1798 attacks by Chalkato & Hootsenhoo on  
another ship.

13th

15th → Sticken → Stickin.

p36 17th → Elzig's Hbr.

18th Cabtanoo

19th

p37 20th gives up going to Sticking.

21 Cabtanoo

p38 22

23 Left Menzies Straits. "The principal villages on these  
straits are Hootsenhoo, Cuhnehoo, and Chelcast which  
is at the head of them on the side of a fresh water  
river --- this was formerly a place which supplied  
the whole Coast with Copper, till the quantity brought  
by vessels to the coast rendered their labours in vain.

(--- so it is not such an important place as it was ---  
the copper --- difficult to learn where they got it,  
whether from tribes further north or in our country,  
probably latter. "as they told the tribes with whom they  
traded, that they found the copper in lumps in the  
fresh water rivers --- Vessels that have been there  
have often seen the copper as it was found in its natural  
state, perfectly pure, and in lumps of 10, 11, & 12 pounds.  
They then laid it on a flat stone and pounded it into  
a sheet about 2 feet square, in which form they sold  
it further south, and increasing in its value as it

Angom  
Horned

~~Copper~~

Copper

went, it would sometimes get as far to the southward as Nootka. Other articles however coming into circulation Copper soon lost its value and finally dwindled to nothing.

p 39 25th

26th back at Taddy's Cove, Cow came.

p 40 27

p 41 28th

29 Cotsye on board as pilot → Cockatlanes

30 → either Masset or Heden 2 small places no go.

May 1 - Cotsye said all Cockatlanes were at Chibbasha.

p 42 2nd - anchored

p 43 3rd Cow's brother tells that Scotsye, a chief of Cumshewah's tribe -- was at Chibbasha -- scalp of 6 white men, told this name

Scotsye a chief of Cumshewah's tribe

4th

p 44 5th

45 (Cargene trade with --) "two of them the Cahdah and Yanganoo tribes live up one of the Sounds that discharges into Meas Bay. . . . insisted upon coming down and trading for themselves, with the vessels that visited the Bay -- the Cahdah tribe were half of them down with their chief Old Shanahkite when we were last at Cargene.

old Samxit

Shanahkite knew all the Atikine chiefs such Hatcater [?] - at river (they think village above is called Ch. bb a shah Their first question was whether we were a Boston Clue (that is ship) or King George's Clue. . . (answered latter, to Trap Scotsye) - he Scotsye in a canoe - his son speaking for him

p46 6th Many canoes, including Scotsye, his bro and son  
let son aboard. Indians promised all trade of [Cumshewa]  
& likewise all of Chibbeshah tribe, whose chief they call  
Shakes - meat trade ensued. At 11 am a large canoe  
of Cock at lanes entered the harbour (who went along with  
the plot, declaring at an English vessel) Plan to take  
Scotsye and his bro to Carzane and give them to Cow  
--- Cumshewahs shift huts to beach near ship - 200  
Shakes and his bro. are at war over who is chief -

p47 7th One canoe came alongside - Scotsye, bro, and son  
came aboard. Seized. Confusion ashore. Shakes son  
came out to bargain. If give 6 scalps of white men,  
will set son free, but taking Sc and bro. to Carzane.  
--- only 3 left in Scotsye's possession, the other 3  
being in the hands of the Chibbeshah Chiefs ---  
leaving on tide. Shakes brought out 3 scalps

"blowing through a tube some fine Eagles down which  
at a hot and appeared like smoke ---

Shakes begged that Sc's son be left at Skittikitts  
Sc's wife came aboard without the 3 scalps - so Sc would not  
trade them for the life of his son

"We therefore resolved to deliver up those two scalps  
of the North West Coast to the Carzane, and to carry  
the son to Skittigitts, and there release him ---"

p48 Son married to a relation of Skitt. and resides there  
most of the time.

Son's name is Elswash

8th Canoe came alongside, with Cow's brother who had  
told them that Sc. was at Chibbeshah's. He interceded  
on behalf of Elswash

--- and would ~~now~~ carry Elswash to Skittigitts whom we now

Kubee

Scotsye's son in  
Cumshewa  
a bro in house of  
Shesegate



found was his brother in law.

p 49 Cow's bro. tried to identify the 3 scalps.

9th → Carzane - nobody at village. → Taddley  
2 ships there. Ulysses in state of mourning, Capt Lamb in  
rooms.

10th "In the morning we sent Seoteyk and his brother ashore.  
Elewash we shall leave over at Skottkitt's his brother  
in law - (Cow there)

p 50 Indians conferred by meetings of captains. Cow seized  
Capt Lamb ashore, wanted Elewash in exchange.

Kept Sky and others aboard as hostages. - Sent Elewash  
ashore - Lamb came aboard - Sky slipped ashore

Just after Elewash landed we heard several volleys  
of muskets fired, and fearing they were murdering  
their prisoners, whom we really had begun to have a regard  
for - (trying to settle mourning)

11th

p 51 12th In the morning according to promise Sky came to the  
rock, in company with Cow and Elewash. latter said  
OK to stay and his mo-in-law, Altateli's wife, had  
come over from Tartance to see him.

13th - under way. Stood too off Carzane. Cow came  
aboard - parted friends - gave us his handsome  
dagger. Set off.

Mar 14th - at 9 found Point Rose. In aft canoe  
followed, however, 'we found she was from Annawak,  
and in it were a son and daughter of the Old Man -

p 52 15th - off well of Uger

awnt?

"Elyza" Capt Rowan (in Sauckler 'Antiquity of...' 1948, p)

1799

March 23:

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Bartram 1957 p3 gives more details: Tribe of Cunneaw 3000 fighting men. Cow slept aboard. The village of Keustah two miles from Cook Bay. Cunneaw an Old Man. Skittikits is a son of Altatsee

Keow was the principal chief of the Kigarnie

Cunneaw's  
village of  
8 houses

Altatsee's  
village  
Tatane