

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship Emma Eugenia  
Mr John Kidd, Surgeon  
9<sup>th</sup> September, 1841 – 18<sup>th</sup> April 1842  
Adm. 101 No 193

*PA 310757*

**General Remarks**

The number of female Convicts embarked were 191 and 15 children, four Births occurred during the Voyage, one still born and another which died very soon after. Bowel Complaints Catarrhs, and slight cases of sporadic fever, within the tropics, were the most prevalent diseases during the voyage. There was only one woman that died and that was from Colliquative Diarrhoea with which comp<sup>t</sup> she was affected more or less during the voyage. She only had been confined three weeks before when she was sent up from Newcastle Upon Tyne, during the journey she caught cold from which she and her child perished. Dentition was the cause of convulsions in the other infant children, most of whom were only a few months old.

The remedial measures adopted in the Febrile and Catarrhal case was depletion, purgatives & diaphoretics.

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In the Bowel Complaints, mild laxatives Warm Baths, Blistering, Enemas, attentive doses of Blue Pill, Ipecacua, opium & astringents.

None were affected with the slightest symptoms of scurvy, and the General state of health of the prisoners throughout the voyage was what should term good.

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Surgeon Superintendent

**Copy of the sick list of the Emma Eugenia Female Convict Ship**

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
1841						
Oct 4th	Ann Worthington	40		feverish	Oct 9th	Discharged
5	Saragh Connelly	18		Venereal	&	Discharged to Horse Monyes?? House?
6	Maria Smith	21		Catarrh	9	Discharged
7	Mary Hollings	22		Epitaxis	20	Discharged
22	Mary Wood	36		Catarrh	Nov 5	Discharged
	Saragh Holmes	46		Catarrh	Oct 25	Discharged
23	Saragh M Taylor	22		Venal & Mania	Nov 23	Discharged
30	Janet McWilliams	24		Mania	Nov 2	Discharged
31	Mary A Thompson	16		Catarrhus	Nov 1st	Discharged
Nov 5	Mary Hollings	22		Venereal	Dec 6	Discharged
7	Harriet Baker	22		Venereal	Nov 27	Discharged
9	Ann Goode	24		Liver Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Dec 4	Discharged
20	Louisa Croft	24		Catarrh	Nov 22	Discharged
	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Bell	22		vs (see above)	Nov 21	Discharged
12	Ellen Burke	20		Parturition	Nov 23	Discharged
13	Mary Atkins	40		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Nov 16	Discharged
18	Ann Alexander	28		Haemorrhoris	Nov 29	Discharged
27	Mary Fulton	28		Catarrh	Dec 4	Discharged
	Ellen Burke	20		Enteritis	Dec 11	Discharged
30	Harrison Infant	7 mth		Convulsions	Nov 31	Dead
Decb 8	Mary Halford	34		Injury of HDec 30ip	Decb 30	Discharged
10	Cecilia Inman	29		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Decb 27	Discharged
11	Julia Redding	22		Parturition	Decb 27	Discharged
12	Thompson Infant	4 mth		Convulsions	Decb 12	Dead
<i>PA 310760</i>						
Decb 14	Harriet Lear	18		Catarrh	Decb 19	Discharged
	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Borrett	23		Rheumatism	Decb 19	Discharged
	Saragh Taylor	26		Catarrh	Decb 24	Discharged
18	Mary Maguire	20		vs (see above)	Decb 21	Discharged
19	Mary Middleton	31		Asthma	Decb 27	Discharged
21	Mary Davis	27		Catarrh	Decb 24	Discharged
	Hannagh Tiley	22		Liver Compt	Jany 6	Discharged
25	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Marshall	18		Catarrh	Decb 31	Discharged
30	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Shaw	18		Fever	Jany 11	Discharged
	Ellen King	28		vs (see above)	Jany 6	Discharged
31	Mary Middleton	31		Asthma	Jany 10	Discharged
1842						
Jany 3	Mary Walters	18		Fever	Jany 10	Discharged
	Mary Maguire	20		“	7	Discharged
4	Mary Dunn	23		“	9	Discharged
7	Mary Edwards	27		“	11	Discharged
9	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Bennett	20		“	12	Discharged
	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Dunks	23		“	22	Discharged
	Ann Smith	16		“	19	Discharged
	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Choleration	24		“	12	Discharged

9	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Bell	25		Parturition	20	Discharged
12	Hannagh Kimber	32		Liver Comp <sup>l</sup>	20	Discharged
	Julia Redding	22		Rheumatism	24	Discharged
16	Ann Ure	20		Menorrhagia	20	Discharged
22	Mary Maguire	20		Catarrh	28	Discharged
Jany 25th	Mary McLaughlan	27		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Feby 18	Discharged
	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Hurst	18		Ophalmy	Jany 28	Discharged
28	Louisa Croft	24		Catarrh & feverish	Feby 7	Discharged
	Saragh Taylor	26		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Feby 10	Discharged
Feby 4	Mary Bell	40		Catarrh & feverish	Feby 17	Discharged
7	May Coyle	17		Catarrh & feverish	Feby 17	Discharged
	Mary Ford	17		Rheumatism	March 23	Discharged
12	Saragh Britton	22		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	Feby 21	Discharged
13	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Bell	25		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	18	Discharged
14	Saragh King	38		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	18	Discharged
	Hannagh Tiley	22		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	18	Discharged
	Rhoda Gunn	24		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	18	Discharged
	Maria Quigley	18		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	19	Discharged
	Charlotte Hughes	21		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	18	Discharged
17	Bridget Doran	23		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	25	Discharged
18	Ann Galt	20		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	22	Discharged
	Alder's Child	16 mth		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	23	Dead
19	Ann McDonald	35		"	25	Discharged
	Maria Smith	18		"	22	Discharged
23	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Cole	27		"	March 16	Discharged
	Mary Edwards	27		Cold & Rheum <sup>ism</sup>	4	Discharged
25	Marg <sup>tt</sup> Sarsfield	16		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	March 1	Discharged
	Beatrice M Barnett	32		Cold & Rheum <sup>ism</sup>	4	Discharged
26	Saragh Herrerd	15		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	1	Discharged
<i>PA 310761</i>						
Feby 27th	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Wilson	16		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	March 2	Discharged
	Eleanor Williams	30		"	1	Discharged
	Mary McLaughlan	27		"	30	Discharged
28	Ann McLean	35		Catarrh & feverish	8	Discharged
March 4	Eleanor Mitchell	21		"	15	Discharged
	Eliz <sup>th</sup> Grey	33		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	16	Discharged
7	Mary Easton	40		Asthma	9	Discharged
8	Ann Alexander	28		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	April 8	Discharged
9	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Bell	25		"	8	Discharged
20	Mary McIntyre	20		Catarrh	March 28	Discharged
22	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Bramwell	45		Bow <sup>l</sup> Comp <sup>ts</sup>	April 16	Discharged
30	Ann Goode	24		"	2	Discharged
31	Mary McNitt	28		Catarrh	16	Discharged
Ap <sup>l</sup> 3	Cholerton	24		"	Ap <sup>l</sup> 16	Discharged

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## Return of Cases of Vaccination on Board "Emma Eugenia" Female Convict Ship

Taken Vaccination 1841	Names		Result
Oct 3	Mary Conner's	child	Work
	Eleanor William's	"	Failed
	Saragh Thomson's	"	Work
	Ann Alder's	"	"
	Mary McLaughlin's	"	Failed
	Catherine Ward	"	Work
13	Elanor William's	"	Work
	Mary McLaughlin's	"	Failed
21	Mary McLaughlin's	"	"
27	Mary McLaughlin's	"	"

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**Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship "Emma Eugenia" between the 9<sup>th</sup> September, 1841, and the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1842, during which time the said ship has been employed in a voyage from Woolwich to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land**

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
<p>Catarrh</p> <p>PA310763</p> <p>PA310764</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Mary Wood aet 36 Female Convict Woolwich Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>/41</p>	<p>A delicate looking woman and apparently predisposed to pectoral affections which she says has been caused by the sudden changes of temperature in her former occupation of a washerwoman. Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Complains of sore throat &amp; headache, short dry cough, &amp; some difficulty of breathing, with occasional cold chills, face flushed, eyes suffused &amp; watery, tongue coated, Bowels torpid, pulse accelerated - <i>Fiat Ven Sec<sup>d</sup> ad zxxvi et Sumat Pil et Pulv. An.t Hyd. Submur a.a.gr iv et Haust 1/4<sup>o</sup> q.q.h. Rep<sup>r</sup> donec Catharsis et Magnes Sulp ziii Ant.Tart. gr 1/4 Aq zii M.</i> 23<sup>rd</sup> Bowels free, less pyrexia. Throat sore and a good deal of cough neck to be rubbed with the <i>Linim Camph</i> and feet put in warm water tonight <i>et Sumat 1/4<sup>t</sup> q.q. hor Haust Sequent.</i> <i>Rx Potass. Nitrat. gr xii</i> <i>Ant. Tart. gr 1/4</i> <i>Aq Pure zifs m. p.h.?(3 letters crossed out)</i> 24<sup>th</sup> Where she has bled is painful and the arm &amp; fore arm is a good deal swelled &amp; inflamed and there is also some excitement – arm to be fomented &amp; poulticed. <i>et addend Sing<sup>l</sup> Haust Sprt Aether Nit –zfs-</i> 25<sup>th</sup> no better 26<sup>th</sup> a slight discharge from the wound where she was Bled, arm &amp; fore arm still swelled but not so painful – Catarrhal Symptoms subsiding – Bowels rather torpid <i>Rep<sup>r</sup> Pil et Cal &amp; Ant h.s.</i> <i>c Haust Purgans et Infus Sennae &amp; Magnus Sulph primo mane –</i> 28<sup>th</sup> Swelling of the arm gradually subsiding, less cough, throat better bowels open. <i>Cont Haust et Potass Nitrat bis ut ter in die Rep<sup>r</sup> 30</i> Improving Novb 1<sup>st</sup> Breathing better less cough, more expectoration &amp; feels altogether improved some discharge from wound where she was bled swelling nearly subsided but the arm about the elbow joint feels stiff when she moves it. <i>Cont Catap &amp; Pil Med.</i> 2<sup>nd</sup> Improving 3 Arm much better all Catarrhal Symptoms nearly subsided – <i>Omit Catap<sup>ls</sup></i> 4 Better 5 Discharged</p>



<p>Fever</p> <p>PA310767</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Eliz<sup>th</sup> Shaw</p> <p>Discharged Jany 11<sup>th</sup>/41</p>	<p><i>Cont Haust Pil h.s. et Lotio Catrith? –(Cathartic?)</i>  2<sup>nd</sup> passed a better night tho' at times quite delirious pulse quick &amp; small, skin soft &amp; disposed to moisture as also the tongue, but still much thirst and head very painful but not quite so much? as it has been –  <i>Appl. Empl. Canthar<sup>d</sup> nuche</i>  <i>Cont Lotio et Pil h.s. Con Haust. -</i>  3<sup>rd</sup> Had a tolerable night, Blister now well and she feels her head relieved but is much reduced in flesh from such a short illness and complains of great weakness. Mouth affected by the Calomel. Bowels open still great desire for drink <i>Omit Pil et Haust. Cream of Tartar &amp; Barley Water when thirsty.-</i>  4<sup>th</sup> Free of excitement slight headach which she says is gradually subsiding – still feels much relief from the Cold Lotion to the head.  5<sup>th</sup> Convalescent - Light nourishing diet &amp; a little Port Wine.-  8<sup>th</sup> gradually gaining strength but looks very thin &amp; feels great debility appetite tolerably good  <i>Sumat. Sulph Quinae gr iii</i>  <i>Infus Gent zifs tr? die?</i>  10<sup>th</sup> Better  11<sup>th</sup> Discharged</p>
<p>Liver Compl<sup>t</sup></p> <p>PA310768</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Hannagh White  Aet 32  Female Convict  Jany 12<sup>th</sup>/41  At Sea  Lat 9.43 S  Long<sup>t</sup> 31.2 W</p>	<p>Jany 12<sup>th</sup> Is a woman of stout plethoric habit states that she has been affected for some days past with pains in the right side extending up to the shoulder disordered stomach and constipation of the Bowels pain side is now very much? attended with thirst and general febrile symptoms <i>Fiat Ven Sect. ad z xvi et Sumat Pil et Cal &amp; Ant Pulv a.a. gr i c Haust Sequent 1/4 t q.q. hor Rep<sup>tr</sup> donec bene catharsis. Rx Magnes Sulph z iii Ant Tart. gr 1/4 Infus Sennae z fs M</i>  13<sup>th</sup> Was much relieved for some time after the bleeding but the pain has returned and is now nearly as severe as before – Pulse strong &amp; full and there is a good deal of general excitement and tenderness in the region of the Liver <i>Rept<sup>r</sup> Ven Sect ad z xx</i>  <i>Cont Pil h.s. c Haust</i>  14 Much relieved, Bowels have been freely acted on <i>Sumat bis die Pil Seq<sup>t</sup>. Rx Hyd. Submur Tart Ant aa grii Confect q.s. ft Pil</i>  15<sup>th</sup> Side rather more painful during the night &amp; very restless. Pulse soft, Skin moist, Tongue coated <i>Appl. Emp<sup>t</sup> Canthar<sup>d</sup> Lateri Cont Pil c Haust purgans primo mane -</i>  16<sup>th</sup> Feels easier, Skin slightly jaundiced Bowels open no pyrexia Blisters surface to be rubbed well with <i>Ung<sup>t</sup> Hyd. Fort. et Cont. Pil.</i>  17<sup>th</sup> Better <i>Cont Pil</i>  18<sup>th</sup> Had some return of pain in side during the night gums slightly affected <i>Rep<sup>tr</sup> Empt Canth<sup>d</sup> Lateri Cont Pil et Haust Purgans primo mane</i>  19<sup>th</sup> Blister now well -feels considerably relieved – gums tender. Bowels open –  <i>Omit Pil et Cal&amp; Ant et Sumat Omni nocte Pil Sequent Rx Pil Hyd. Gr v</i>  <i>Pulv. Ipecac gr i</i>  <i>Ext. Hyoscyam gr iv tr? ft pil? ii</i></p>

Liver Compl <sup>t</sup>	5	Hannagh White  Discharged Jany 25 <sup>th</sup> /41	20 <sup>th</sup> Better <i>Cont Med</i> 22 <sup>nd</sup> Free of pain but feels weak & has but little appetite- <i>Sumat bis ut ter in die Haust Sequent</i> <i>Rx. Infus Gentian Co z ifs</i> <i>Acid Sulph Dil gt xxv tr? ft Haust-</i> 23 <sup>rd</sup> Improving <i>Cont Haust. et Pil</i> 24 <sup>th</sup> recovering fast. Mouth very sore <i>Omit Pil Cont</i> <i>Haust.</i> 25 Discharge
PA310769	10	Thomson Infant aet 4months Decb 12 <sup>th</sup> /41 at Sea Lat 42.45N Long <sup>t</sup> 9.50 W	Decb 12 <sup>th</sup> a fine healthy looking boy was suddly( <i>suddenly</i> ) seized in the night with convulsive fits, which continued to occur about every half hour, attended with deadly pallor of the countenance & short anxious respiration pulse scarcely perceptible. As I conjecture the fits were caused by dentition & scarified the gums freely & had the child put in Warm Bath administering a dose of Calomel & Dover Powder which had no effect in causing the slightest remission of the symptoms. That continued unabated to about when death put an end to its suffering.
Bowel Compl <sup>ts</sup>  PA310770	6	Alder Child aet 16months Lat 37.45 S Long <sup>t</sup> 21.42E Feby 22 <sup>nd</sup> /42  Dead Feby 23 <sup>rd</sup> /42	Feby 22 <sup>nd</sup> Has had a Bowel Compl <sup>t</sup> for the last fortnight, with which disease he has been afflicted from time to time throughout the voyage arising from a general unhealthy state of the System & Dentition. The disease now resists the means hitherto successful in checking it, which consisted of an occasional dose of Calomel with Dovers Powder and chalk mixture with <i>Sp?? pro Confect</i> <i>Opiates &amp; Tinct.</i> - stools are very frequent & foetid abdomen tense & full other parts of the body much emaciated. Diet Arrow Root with a little Port Wine – Comp <sup>lt</sup> unabated & child gradually sinking <i>Cont Med</i> <i>with an injection Arrow Root &amp; Tinct Opii</i> apparently dying & will take no nourishment 2 am expired
Convulsions	7	McLaughlin Infant aet 6 months at Sea Lat 28.41 S Long <sup>t</sup> 30.48 E  Dead 1 <sup>st</sup> March/42	March 1 <sup>st</sup> In general very sickly since it has been on board was suddenly seized with Convulsive fits which continued until it died at 9a.m. The remedial medicines adopted to check the fits consisted in Warm Baths & friction of the Body with <i>Linim? Camphor ??? &amp;</i> <i>administering Calomel conjoined with a few drops of</i> <i>Laudanum.</i> .
Bowel Compl <sup>t</sup>	8	Saragh King aet 38 Female Convict Feby 14 <sup>th</sup> /42 Simon's Bay Cape of Good Hope  Discharged Feby 18 <sup>th</sup> /42	Feby 14 <sup>th</sup> Seized with a Complaint which is not very general amongst the women and has been so for some days past & is? purging with griping pain in bowels sickness at stomach headach & excitement. I bled her & administered a Pill consisting of six grains Calomel & 1½ of Opium with small doses of the Sulphate & Carbonate of Magnesia in Mint Water repeated every four hours. 15 <sup>th</sup> Bowels freely acted on & feels much relieved from pain <i>Sumat Hydr Submur gr ii Pulv Dover gr x h.s.</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> purging continues but free from pain - to take the chalk mixture with <i>Spe? Conf? of</i> (word missing) 17 <sup>th</sup> Much better 18 <sup>th</sup> Discharged



<i>PA310771</i>			
Bowel Comp <sup>t</sup>		<p>Mary McLaughlin aet 27 Female Convict Feby 27<sup>th</sup>/42 Lat. 38.6 S Long<sup>t</sup> 30.20 E</p> <p>Dead March 30<sup>th</sup>/42</p>	<p>March 20<sup>th</sup> Has been late – just during the period she has been on board to repeated attacks of Bow<sup>l</sup> Complain - arising from Chronic Diseases of mucous membranes of intestines produced &amp; should say originally by confinement and exposure in travelling from Newcastle Upon Tyne &amp; within three weeks after her accouchement- The disease hitherto &amp; have been enabled to check by remedial measures but since the 27<sup>th</sup> Feby she has been in Hospital under medical treatment the general tenor of which has been slightly affecting the mouth with Blue Pill conjoined with Ipecacua opium &amp; astringents &amp; Warm Baths Blistering abdomen – She is now much reduced purging very constant thirst pulse small, tongue of a livid red, slight tenderness of abdomen. <i>Rep<sup>tr</sup> Emp. Canth<sup>d</sup> Cont Pil bis die et Pil Hydrarg gr ii Pulv Ipecac gr i Opii gr fs. tr? ft Pil &amp; Sumat Haust Sequent post singul sedes liquidous Rx Mist Cretae z ifs Spe. Conf<sup>t</sup> Opii zi Rx?Catechu z fs h.s. et Haust Rice water for drink with Arrow Root &amp; Port Wine.</i></p> <p>21<sup>st</sup> General symptoms the same Cont- 22<sup>nd</sup> No alteration 24<sup>th</sup> Purging frequent stools foetid &amp; involuntary body wastes fast. <i>Cont</i> 25<sup>th</sup> No better 28<sup>th</sup> Daily getting worse &amp; apparently has not long to live – rejects the medicine off her stomach <i>Omit med –? Have occasionally an injection of Arrow Root with T? Opii zfs &amp;? Catechu zi</i> 29<sup>th</sup> Gradually sinking 30<sup>th</sup> 6a.m. Departed this life</p>
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**A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the 30<sup>th</sup> Article of the Surgeons' Instructions.**

Diseases Nosologically arranged	Numbers						Nos. of such Cases as are detailed in the Journal
	Total	Discharged to Duty	Sent to the Hospital	Died on board	Invalided	Remaining	
<b>Pyrexiae</b>							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus	11	11					4
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis							
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus	4	4					
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia	2	2					
Enteritis	1	1					
Hepatitis	3	3					5
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata							
Epitaxis	1	1					
Menorrhagia	1	1					
Haemorrhoris	1	1					
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	13	13					1
Dysenteria							
<b>Neuroses.</b>							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia							
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma	3	3					
Diarrhoea	28	26		2			6-9
Colica Convulsis	4	1		3			3-7-10
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania	2	2					

<b>Cachexiae.</b>							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis	6	6					2
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
<b>Locales.</b>							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosae.							
Gonorrhoea							
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio							
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
<i>Parturition</i>	4	4					
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus	2	2					
Uleus							
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>81</b>			<b>5</b>		

NOTE.—Medical Officers are desired particularly to Notice that the Numbers in each Disease and the general Total must not only correspond with the Sick Book, but also with the particulars contained in the several Nosological Returns for the period.

## GENERAL REMARKS

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Dated at Hobart Town  
18<sup>th</sup> April 1842

The number of females embarked here 191 and 15 children. Their general state of health was good, with only a few exceptions, and these were women who had suffered a long confinement previous to embarkation.

Catarrhs, sporadic or inflammatory fevers & Bowel Compl<sup>ts</sup>, were the more common diseases. Catarrh prevailed in the English Channel, from cold & wet. Inflammatory fevers within the tropics, from heat & solar influence, and Bowel Complaints occurred more particularly the latter part of the voyage, very generally when at Simon's Bay Cape of Good Hope which attributed to change of diet. The case that terminated fatally was chronic disease of mucous membranes of intestines with which she had been more or less afflicted, nearly all the time she was on board, caused by exposure to hot & cold, travelling to the ship soon after her accouchement – The catarrhs & fever cases I found readily yield, to Bleeding, & general antiphlogistic measures, and the Bowel Complaints to laxatives, Blue Pill, Ipecacua Opium & Astringents, with Blistering and Warm Baths. In the cases of Deaths amongst the children, three were cut off suddenly by convulsions – No symptoms of scurvy showed itself and the prisoners all when landed were in a remarkably healthy state.

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