

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship Margaret
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 From 8th November 1842 to 13th May 1843Adm. 101

Copy of the sick list of the Margaret Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
Nov 27	M. Manack	24		Catarrh	4 Dec	Sent out of Hospital
28	S. Gardiner	28		Ophthalm	"	D ^o
Decem 3	Cath Turner	26		Hysteria	"	D ^o
"	Sarah Ashley	24		Rheumal	6 "	D ^o
"	J Downie	30		Tonsilitis	10 "	D ^o
" 4	Mar ^r McMillan	24		Hysteria	"	D ^o
"	Sue Severs	40		Catarrh	12 "	D ^o
"	Mar Rowlands	40		Rheumal	"	D ^o
"	Mar ^r Brown	30		Debility	10 "	D ^o
" 8	Jan Hall	14		Cephalal	"	D ^o
"	Mary Keneday	20		"	11 "	D ^o
"	Eliz th Null(Norris?)	18		Cephalal	"	D ^o
" 10	An. Williams	24		Diarrhoea	12 "	D ^o
"	Jane Nutt(Neale?)	30		"	14 "	D ^o
"	Mar Brown	30		"	16 "	D ^o
"	Mart Bishop	28		Catarrhus	11 "	D ^o
"	June(Jean?) Sharp	30		Rheuma	15 "	D ^o
"	" Pirrie	20		Catarrhus	14 "	D ^o
" 12	An (Betsy?) Douglas	18		"	"	D ^o
"	Jane Allenson	21		Diarrhoea	"	D ^o
"	Lowton	36		"	"	D ^o
" 19	Elln Duckworth	24		Colica	22 "	D ^o
"	Agn Whellen(Williamson?)	30		Erysiplas	24 "	D ^o
"	M. Keneday	20		Catarrhus	20 "	D ^o
" 21	Mar Miller	20		Diarrhoea	26 "	D ^o
" 23	Eliz(Maria?) Drake	22		Menorrh	10 th Jan	D ^o
"	Ann Williams	26		Colica	29 Dec	D ^o
"	Eliz Weakly(Wheatley?)	54		Debilitaas	31 "	D ^o
" 28	Cat Turner	28		Diarrhoea	3 Jan	D ^o
Jan 1	Jane Sharp	36		Diarrhoea	6 Jan	D ^o
"	Arnott	36		Catarrhal	3 "	D ^o
" 4	Eliz Bailey	24		Ophthalon	29 "	D ^o
"	M.(Ann?) Birch	28		Diarrhoea	6 "	D ^o
" 7	An Newman	50		Debilitas	20 "	D ^o
Feb 7	Jan Bichenstaff (Biggerstaff?)	19		Phthisis & Rheum	April 15	Died
Jan 10	Mar (Cath?) Harkin	40		Febres	Jan 20	Out of Hospital
" 12	Keneday	20		Rheumals	"	D ^o
"	M Jones	24		Hysteria	"	D ^o
" 20	E Atkins	40		Debility	" 26	D ^o
Feb 6	An Baker	20		Rheumal	Feb 10	D ^o
" 4	Cath Peddie	53		Debility	" 28	D ^o
" 9	S Orron	21		Hysteria	" 24	D ^o
" 10	M Martin	22		"	"	D ^o
" 13	E Gill	20		Erysipelas	"	D ^o
" 19	C Dine	22		Rheumal	" 25	D ^o
"	M Harkin	40		"	"	D ^o
"	M Pitfield	52		Debilitas	" 30	D ^o
"	Hazard	36		Cephalal	" 28	D ^o

“	Sar ^h Beale	24		Epileps	“ 24	D ^o
March 2	M Hamilton	30		Hysteria	March 4	D ^o
“ 8	Jan Agnew	46		Phthisis	May 7	Died
“	M Tanders(Tindall?)	40		Cephalal	March 12	Out of Hospital
“	S Greenhalgh	30		Catarrh	“	D ^o
“ 12	Eliz Allen	26		“	“ 14	D ^o
“	Alice Marsh	24		Hysteria	“	D ^o
“ 14	M Brown	22		“	“ 18	D ^o
“ 20	E Stewart	26		Catarrh	“ 25	D ^o
“ 26	M Saunders	40		Rheumales	April 3	D ^o
April 2	Jane Young	30		“	“ 10	D ^o
“	Grace Schofield	26		Febres	“	Died
“ 10	Mary Lynch	“		Phthisis	“ 18	D ^o
“	Mar Cunningham	30		Catarrhus	“	Out of Hospital
“ 13	Mar Harkin	40		Rheumales	“	D ^o
“	Ann Scott	30		“	“ 20	D ^o
“ 28	Ros Smith	26		“	May 4	D ^o

Note

Cephalal = headache

Erysipelas = skin infection, cellulitis

Phthisis =tuberculous

<p>Debilitas</p> <p>Debility & Menorrhoea</p> <p>PA280559</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Chris Peddie aetatis 55 Feb 4 At Sea</p> <p>5</p> <p>6</p> <p>7</p> <p>8</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>Feb 18</p> <p>24</p> <p>28 Sent out of the Hosp</p>	<p>Complains of pain in the side & lumbar region headache & debility Pulse feeble Skin cold Bowels torpid, there is also a uterine discharge tinged with blood which she thinks is Menstrual <i>Pil Extract Colocynth Comp</i></p> <p>One free stool Tongue moist Pulse feeble Uterine discharge continues Debility & want of appetite <i>Infus Quassia zi ter in die</i></p> <p>No alteration for the better. Debility & want of appetite. Thirst Pulse feeble Uterine discharge continues Wine & Arrowroot <i>Infus Quassia zi Tinct Ferr Mur gt xx ter in die</i></p> <p>Uterine discharge less Debility want of appetite & pain in Lumbar Regions continue Tongue moist <i>Purg^t Infus Quassia Tinct Ferri Wine & Sago</i></p> <p>Tongue brown Debility refuses her food Pulse feeble Bowels torpid. Complains of headache & pain the lumbar region. <i>Pil Cret Colocy Comp Wine & Arrowroot Purg^t Infus Quassia</i></p> <p>No alteration for the better. Debility & want of appetite refuses her food. Bowels torpid <i>Ol Ricini zfs</i></p> <p>Rather better Bowels open want of appetite <i>Infus Quassia zi Tinct Ferri Mur g^t x ter in die</i></p> <p>Continues better but complains of pain & weakness in the Lumbar Region. <i>Flannel Bandage Purg^t Infus Quassiae</i></p> <p>Improving steadily. Pain in the Lumbar Rgⁿ easier Bowels torpid appetite bad <i>Pil Cretr? Colocy Comp ij Purg^t Infus Quassiae</i></p> <p>Bowels open the discharge from the Uterus is mucus tinged with blood. Still dull pain in the lumbar region. <i>Emplas Lyttae Injecte Sulph Zinci Pil Hydrarg gr iij Ext Conii gr ij ft Pil ter in die Cont^t Infus Quassia</i></p> <p>Improving less pain in the lumbar regions Discharge continues <i>Purgt</i></p> <p>No discharge for the last two days. Pain of the lumbar region much better.</p>
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<p>Phthisis</p> <p>PA280560</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Jane Agnew aetat 46 March 8 At Sea</p> <p>10</p> <p>13</p> <p>16</p> <p>21</p> <p>Mar 26</p> <p>30</p> <p>Sent out of Hospital</p> <p>April 10</p> <p>12</p> <p>14</p>	<p>For the last two months has complained at intervals of difficult respiration attended by cough & wheezing with a muco purulent expectoration which she says has been the case for several years. She has a presentiment that she will never reach the place of her destination. Bowels torpid appetite good. <i>Hydr Submur gr iij Mag Sulph zfs Aq zii statim Pulv Ipecac Comp gr viij Hora Som</i></p> <p>Bowels open. Cough troublesome during the night. Pulse quick. Respiration occasions pain. Expectoration Muco purulent <i>V.S. ad xij Mistur Salin zij ter in die. Pulv Ipecac Comp gr xij ter in die</i>(crossed out) <i>Hora Somni</i></p> <p>Better for the last two days. Difficult respiration & wheezing at intervals. Says she always obtains relief from vinegar – <i>Acid Acet zi ter in die Purgat Pulv Ipecac Comp Hora Som</i></p> <p>Had a severe paroxysm last night simulating asthma. Pulse quick Copious expectoration. Want of appetite & debility. <i>Mist Ammon. zij Aq Purae ziiij Vini Antim. zfs N6? Cochlar ij ter in die Hydr subm gr iij Opii gr i Hora Somni</i></p> <p>Severe paroxysms of coughing at intervals with copious expectoration. Debility & want of appetite. <i>Emplast Lyttae pector Infus Gentian zi Pulv Ipecac gr ij ter in die Opii gr i H.S.</i></p> <p>Much better, still slight difficulty of breathing & cough at intervals. Bowels torpid <i>Pil Hydr et Extr Colocy pro re nata Purg^t Mistur</i></p> <p>Cough at night is the only complaint <i>Pil Opii et Hydr Submur Hora Somni</i></p> <hr/> <p>Has been indisposed for the last two days and now complains of cough attended by expectoration pain in the chest and difficult respiration. Pulse quick Bowels torpid <i>Mag Sulphat ziiij Infus Sennae zifs stat Antim Tartar zs Cerat Celar? zfs ft Ung^t ad water? Min^r? Mist Salin zi ter in die</i></p> <p>Bowels open Cough severe especially at night <i>Extr Opii gri Hydr Submur griij Hora Somn Contin^e Ungen Tartar et Mistur</i></p> <p>Cough & expectoration which is muco purulent Breast covered with pustules want of appetite small^r <i>Ung^t Tartar Purgat Mistur et Pilul</i></p>
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<p>Phthisis</p> <p>PA280561</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Jane Agnew 16 (april)</p> <p>20</p> <p>25</p> <p>30</p> <p>May 7</p> <p>Died</p>	<p>No alteration for the better Cough muco purulent expectoration, want of appetite & debility. <i>Infus Genti zi Tinct Opii g^t vi ter in die Tinct Opii g^t xxx Vini Antim g^t x Hora Somni</i></p> <p>Pulse weak cough severe appetite better Muco purulent expectoration Bowels torpid <i>Haustus Aperi Emplast Lyttae pector Purg^t Mistur et Pil H.S.</i></p> <p>No alteration for the better. The noise of the ship has prevented either auscultation or percussion From the leaky state of the ship her bedding has been wet for some days. Paroxysms of wheezing & difficult respiration at intervals. <i>Mist Ammon zi Tinct Opii g^t v ter in die Extr Conii gr v Hydr Submur gri H. Somni</i></p> <p>Great debility and depression of spirits, Copious expectoration want of appetite. <i>Purg^t Medica</i></p> <p>I have been confined to bed for the last month with Rheumatism the greater part of which time (like myself) she was lying in a wet bed from the leaking of the ship. She died this morning from phthisis</p>
<p>Rheumatismus</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>J. Bickerstaff aetat 19 Feb^v 3 At Sea</p> <p>4</p> <p>6</p> <p>9</p> <p>13</p> <p>16</p>	<p>This girl when she just came on board was labouring under syphilis infect which I did not find out for some time. <i>Th^t Pil Hydr & Solio Nig</i> healed the Chancres. She now complains of pains in the shoulders & knees. Skin hot thirst Tongue white Bowels confined <i>Infus Sennae zij Aq zij Mag Sulp zfs ft Haustus Vini Colch zfs Aq zi Hora Somni</i></p> <p>Bowels freely opened Rheumatic pains continue <i>Vini Colchic g^t xxv Antim g^t x Aq zi Mag Carbon grx qq(crossed out) ter in die.</i></p> <p>Complains of severe pain in the lumbar region feet & knees swollen Pulse quick Tongue white V.S. <i>ad tti? Purg^t Mistur- Opii gri Hydr Submur gr ij H.S.</i></p> <p>Pains less Purged by the <i>Tinct Colchic Omitt^r Colch Cont Pil</i></p> <p>Her bed has been wet for some days from the leaking of the Ship. Rheumatic pains have returned <i>Pul Ipecac Comp gr ij ter in die Trictions with Flannel</i></p> <p>Rheumatic pains continue Tongue white Bowels confined. Pulse quick <i>Haus Purgat Tinct Colch zfs Vini Antim Tartar g^t xv Aq zi ter in die Opii gr i Hydr Submur gr ij H.S.</i></p>

Rheumatismus	4	<p>J. Bickerstaff 20</p> <p>28</p> <p>Mar 3 Sent out of the Hospl</p> <p>April 6</p> <p>10</p> <p>April 15</p> <p>16</p> <p>Died</p>	<p>Purged by the <i>Tinct Colchic</i> Pains less Tongue moist debility <i>Omitt^r Tinct Colch Sulphas Quin gr ij ter in die</i></p> <p>Much better slight stiffness about the joints is the only complaint <i>Liq Volat C.C. z ij Ol Olin zi qp? ft Linam^r</i></p> <p>No complaint except for torpidity of the Bowels <i>Pil Aper ij</i></p> <p>Has been ill for the last two days it is said with severe pains in different parts. hot skin & headache. as I am confined to bed I only get the report from the nurse. <i>Hydr Subm gr ij Pul Antim gr iij ter in die</i></p> <p>Report much the same for the last three days. Bowels confined <i>Purgat</i></p> <p>Report that she is much better although lying in wet beds. Compl^s of want of appetite. <i>Infus Gentian Comp zi ter in die</i></p> <p>Was suddenly seized this morning with pain in Chest & difficulty in breathing. A mustard plaster was applied but in shifting out of her bed which was wet she suddenly expired.</p>
PA280562			
Ophthalmia	5	<p>G. Scholfield (Schofield) Aetat 20 At Sea March 20 22</p> <p>Mar 24</p> <p>26</p> <p>30</p> <p>April 3</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Says she has always been troubled with nyctalopia(night blindness) at present there is inflammation of the conjunctiva intolerance of light with pain in the Temples. Bowels confined. <i>Pulv Jalap Comp zfs stat</i></p> <p>Bowels open Conjunctival inflammation continues with a lachrymose discharge <i>Lotio Liq Plumb</i></p> <p>No alteration for the better. Intolerance of light with pain in the temples. <i>Applicr Circul ?rahel sang. ad unci sex(six) Pil Hydr grii ter in die Purg Solio Plumb</i></p> <p>Lacrymose discharge & intolerance of light with scleritil inflammation. Pain in the Temples V.S. <i>ad z xv Empl Lyttae Tempor Purgt Pil Hydr</i></p> <p>Inflammation less her Berth is wet from the leaking of the Ship. Mouth tender <i>Omittr Pil Hydr. Cont Lotio</i></p> <p>I have not been able to visit her since the 30th Ins^t. The nurse reports that she is hot & feverish great thirst- Bowels confined <i>Purgat – Mist Saline</i></p> <p>Report this morning that she passed a bad night & was delirious unfortunately I am not able to go into the Hosp^l. To be sponged with tepid vinegar & water <i>Mist Saline</i></p>

Ophthalmia	5	G Scholfield 6	They say she continues delirious. Skin hot and tongue brown. Bowels confined <i>Purgat ex Mag Sulphat et Infus Sennae</i>
PA280563 Phthisis	6	Died 10	She continued without any medical advice till the 10 th Inst when she died.
		M. Lynch aetat 26 At Sea April 10	of a consumptive diagnosis was confined ten days ago (Her infant is a poor underated thing not able to suck) Complains of cough & pain in the chest. Expect ^t muco purulent matter want of rest Bowels confined. <i>Extr Colocynth Comp gr v. Conii gr iij. ft Pil No ij Vini Antim gt xv Tinct Opii gt xx aq zi Hora Somni.</i>
		13	Severe cough with a purulent discharge. Pain in the chest & emaciation. Pulse quick & feeble her infant is dying. <i>Mistur Ammon zi Mucla Acac zij Tinct Opii g^t x ter in die Pil Aper pro re nata</i>
		14	She is not able to come to my cabin her infant died last night <i>Purg^t Mistur</i>
		16	The nurse reports that she is weak. Coughs all night & refuses her food. <i>Arrowroot ad libitum Pil Opii gr ij Hydr Submur gr i H.S.</i>
Cystitis	7	17 18 Died during the night	Report this day that she is no better. Cough severe with copious expectoration Debility
		Jane Arnott aetat 36 At Sea Mar 26	Has had several attacks of Hysteria during the last month Complains of pain in the hypogastric region with pain in micturition. Bowels confined. <i>Ol Ricini zfs statim Fomentations Decoct Hord pro nata</i>
		27	Great pain in micturition attended by heat & scalding Bowels open <i>Spir Aether Nitr zi Decoct Syr Lime tti ter in die Purg^t Foment^t</i>
		30	Tenderness over the Hypogastric region great pain in making water Urine red Pulse quick V.S. <i>ad z xvi Catherism</i>
		April 2	A pint of high colour red urine drawn off by the catheter. Pain in the Hypogastric region less Bowels torpid <i>Ol Ricini z fs statim Hydr Submur gr ij Extr Conii gr iv ft Pil Hora Somni</i>
		4 6 Sent out of Hospital	Much better urinates freely slight hardness of the uterus. Menses obstructed <i>Purg^t Pil Hora Somni</i>

A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the 30th 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	
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus	1	“	“	“	“	“	5
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Cystitis Phlogosis	1	“	“	“	“	“	7
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus	11	7	“	1	“	3	4
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia	2	2	“	“	“	“	1
Tonsilitis	1	1	“	“	“	“	“
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas	2	2	“	“	“	“	“
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata	3	“	“	3	“	“	3?
Menorrhah	1	1	“	“	“	“	“
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	10	10	“	“	“	“	“
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Cephalal Apoplexia	4	4	“	“	“	“	“
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia							
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	9	9	“	“	“	“	“
Colica	2	2	“	“	“	“	“
Hysteri	8	6	“	“	“	2	“
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania							
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							
Debilitis	6	5	“	“	“	1	2
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							

Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis							
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenos.							
Gonorrhoea							
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	1	1	“	“	“	“	“
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus							
Uleus							
GENERAL TOTAL	63	51	“	4?	“	6	

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

Indisposition prevented me filling this Journal, but, I have given the most prominent diseases, and it is a cause of regret that in the cases which terminated fatally I was not able to pay them the attention required. They were aggravated if not called into action by the wet and leaky state of the Ship. The Patients who died of Phthisis require no comment it was fully developed previous to leaving the Channel. The case of Rheumatism I have reason to believe was a metastases to the heart. Hysteria Amenorrhoea and obstipatio were frequent complaints the former simulated so many diseases that it was a difficult thing to draw a correct diagnosis, as an instance of many. One female of a full habit of body complained of severe abdominal pain increased by pressure attended by nausea, obstipation, heat of skin and quick pulse. Pressure of the abdomen occasioned pain these symptoms indicating inflammation I was about to bleed her when she informed me that bleeding made her worse. From this I inferred she was labouring under an attack of Hysteria. An enema followed by a few doses of Spirit Aether Nitrose & Ol F^{cyath} restored her to usual health. During the passage Diarrhoea was frequent among the Scotch and Irish Prisoners which I attributed to animal food, they refused to take the Salt Beef & Pork & often the Cocoa wanting oatmeal instead but as that article was limited they would not at all times be supplied. Without it the behaviour of the convicts with few exceptions were as good as could be expected from people of their class, it is true their Morals were rather loose, and they thought stealing from each other no crime. The passage to the Cape of Good Hope was long & protracted the wind unfavourable added to the wet & leaky state of the Ship made it anything but comfortable. The average rate of the therm^r was 68⁰

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