

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship Mexborough

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Copy of the sick list of the Mexborough Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
1841					1841	
Augs ^t 19	Anne Savage	27	Convict	Dyspepsia	Nov ^f 4	Discharged Cured
“	Margaret Reilly	37	Convict	Diarrhoea	Sept ^f 8	D ^o D ^o
23	Anne Ebbit	33	Convict	Dyspepsia	3	D ^o D ^o
27	Eliza Gault	30	Convict	Obstipatio	1	D ^o D ^o
29	Mary Byrne	22	Convict	Syphilis	7	D ^o D ^o
“	Mary Coghlan	19	Convict	Gonorrhoea	10	D ^o D ^o
Sept ^f 3	Rose Coyne	20	Convict	Ophthalmia	7	D ^o D ^o
8	Mary McKenzie Jun?	20	Convict	Gastritis	Nov ^f 2	D ^o D ^o
“	Eliza Monaghan	30	Convict	Dysuria	Sept ^f 13	D ^o D ^o
10	Bridget Murphy	30	Convict	Vul. & cont. pel.?	Nov ^f 13	D ^o D ^o
11	Anne Johnston	19	Convict	Diarrhoea	Sept ^f 21	D ^o D ^o
“	Patrick Melanaphy	10	Convict's child	Fracture cleric.	24	D ^o D ^o
12	Catherine Wickham	19	Convict	Ulcus cruris	28	D ^o D ^o
14	Mary Moodey	20	Convict	Obstipatio	19	D ^o D ^o
16	Harriet Murphy	38	Free Settler	Obstipatio	21	D ^o D ^o
17	Mary Dealy	20	Convict	Syphilis	Oct ^f 3	D ^o D ^o
21	E. McIlveene	23	Convict	Amenorrhoea	Sept ^f 29	D ^o D ^o
26	Catherine Kiernan(Kernan)	25	Convict	Diarrhoea	Oct ^f 2	D ^o D ^o
29	Ellen McAnally	15	Convict	Haemorrhoids	5	D ^o D ^o
30	William J. Dick	3	Convict's child	Prolapsus rect.	12	D ^o D ^o
Oct ^f 1	Bridget Fox	30	Free Settler	Fracture radis.	23	D ^o D ^o
6	Marg ^t Reilly	35	Convict	Obstipatio	15	D ^o D ^o
8	Mary Holahan	55	Convict	Febris	Nov ^f 4	D ^o D ^o
10	Eliza Monaghan	20	Convict	Dysuria	Oct ^f 21	D ^o D ^o
13	Anne Kelly	15	Convict	Tinea Capitis	Nov ^f 11	D ^o D ^o
16	Anne Fox	55	Free Settler	Colica	Oct ^f 21	D ^o D ^o
17	Mary Shanaghan	20	Convict	Obstipatio	23	D ^o D ^o
21	Alice Hallissy	42	Convict	Menorrhagia	31	D ^o D ^o
24	Marg ^t Reilly	35	Convict	Diarrhoea	31	D ^o D ^o
28	M ^y . A. Campbell	20	Convict	Catarrhus	Nov ^f 4	D ^o D ^o
28	M ^y . A. Buckley	17	Convict	Phlogos. mam.	7	D ^o D ^o
29	Mary Connor	16	Convict	Catarrhus	4	D ^o D ^o
Nov ^f 1	Fanny Talbot	28	Convict	Catarrhus	7	D ^o D ^o
2	E. McIlveene	23	Convict	Obstipatio	7	D ^o D ^o
5	Marg ^t O'Hara	43	Convict	Diarrhoea	11	D ^o D ^o
“	Jane Mooney	26	Convict	Diarrhoea	Dec ^f 5	D ^o D ^o
6	M ^y McKenzie Sen?	61	Convict	Diarrhoea	Nov ^f 13	D ^o D ^o
8	Marg ^t Reilly	35	Convict	Febris	Dec ^f 22	Disch ^d Dead
10	Jane Charlton	25	Convict	Diarrhoea	Nov ^f 20	Disch ^d . cured
“	Julia Smith	26	Convict	Diarrhoea	20	D ^o D ^o
13	Mary ealey	20	Convict	Syphilis	Dec ^f 4	D ^o D ^o
15	Anne Johnston	19	Convict	Diarrhoea	Nov ^f 20	D ^o D ^o
16	Alice Hallissy	40	Convict	Menorrhagia	25	D ^o D ^o

17	Catherine Kiernan (Kernan)	25	Convict	Catarrhus	26	D° D°
22	Marg ^t O'Hara	43	Convict	Catarrhus	Nov ^r 29	D° D°
23	Catherine Purtell	19	Convict	Catarrhus	29	D° D°
25	Catherine Keating	27	Convict	Colica	29	D° D°
27	Bridget Murphy	30	Convict	Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 22	D° D°
30	Ellen Herrick	23	Convict	Catarrhus	4	D° D°
Dec ^r 1	Bridget Bleakey	21	Convict	Catarrhus	5	D° D°
3	Will ^m J. Dick	3	Convict's child	Febris	10	D° D°
5	Mary Holohan	55	Convict	Diarrhoea	21	Disch ^d Dead
7	Mary Johnston	36	Convict	Catarrhus	10	Dischd Cured
“	Marg ^t McIlleene (McElinns)	19	Convict	Diarrhoea	12	D° D°
9	Anne Dinning?	29	Convict	Catarrhus	13	D° D°
11	Mary Forde	26	Convict	Obstipatio	16	D° D°
16	Catherine Killeen	23	Convict	Catarrhus	19	D° D°
17	Mary Gleeson	23	Convict	Catarrhus	20	D° D°

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Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship Mexborough between the 28th July 1841 and the 4th January 1842 which time the said ship has been employed in a voyage from Kingstown 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.
290235	1	Margaret Reilly Aet. 35 Convict In Lat. 38. 46 Sth. & Longitude 37.00 Et	<p>A leucophlegmatic debilitated unhealthy woman has been very frequently under treatment on board. Was put on the Sick List on the 8th Nov^r for common continued Fever which yielded to the usual antiphlogistic treatment & was fairly convalescent & doing well up to yesterday when a severe gale of wind caused so much leakage throughout the whole ship & particularly in the Hospital that her bedding et^c got wet and has produced a relapse with very threatening symptoms.</p> <p>Complains of headache, difficulty of breathing & pain in the loins and limbs. Skin hot, countenance anxious: pulse frequent and full. Bowels confined.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid. gr iv</i> <i>Ext. Colocynth. Co. gr. ij. M. Ft pil ij</i> <i>Et sumend.</i></p> <p>Lemonade for common drink.</p> <p>2 PM. Difficulty of breathing increased.</p> <p><i>Extraliatur sanguis plen sive?, ad z vj. quamprimum: et Hab. Haust. Aper. Com.</i></p> <p>Vespere. Bowels freely opened & breathing much easier. skin dry and hot</p> <p><i>Rx. Liquor. Ammon. Acet. f. Zijs.</i> <i>Vin. Antimon. Pot. Tart. f zij.</i> <i>Tinct. Digital. f zfs</i> <i>Mist. Acaciae f zij</i> <i>Aq. Menth. f ziijs. M. Ft. Mist.</i></p> <p><i>cujus sumat. partem sextum quarta quaque hora</i></p> <p>27th. Mane. Passed a restless night, breathing much oppressed. pulse frequent but soft. Bowels not opened since yesterday.</p> <p><i>Rep^t Pil. ut heri. Cont. Mist. et Pot. u.h.</i></p> <p>3. PM. Bowels not opened. <i>Hab. Haust. Aper. com. statim.</i></p> <p>28th. Mane. Another restless night. Bowels opened freely last evening. Complains of much difficulty of breathing & pains in her limbs. pulse frequent and soft</p> <p><i>Admoveatur Emp. Canth. parti thoracis superiori et Cont. Mist.</i></p> <p>Vespere. Breathing less oppressed & has had some refreshing sleep.</p> <p>Cont. Mist.</p> <p>29th Mane. Passed a more comfortable night, but complains of much pain in her loins and limbs. breathing more free. pulse frequent and soft. urine high coloured, and passed with difficulty, slight nausea. <i>Omit. Mist.</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Mist. Camph. f zvj.</i> <i>Liq. Ammon. Acet. f zifs.</i> <i>Spirit Ather. Nit. f ziiij.</i> <i>Mist. Acaciae f zifs Ft Mist. cujus sumat partem sextam quarta quaque hora. Lemonade for common</i></p>

<p>Febris(Synocha)</p> <p>290236</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Margaret Reilly Aet. 35 Convict In Lat. 38. 46 Sth. & Longitude 37.00 Et</p>	<p><i>drink</i> Vespere. Perspiration much less difficult, slight nausea continues. <i>Hab: Haust. Efferves. Com. p.r.n.</i> 30th Mane. Has had some comfortable, refreshing sleep, pulse frequent and soft. Bowels confined. <i>Rep^l. Pil un per prescrip. et Cont. om u.a.</i> 3.PM. <i>Hab. Haust. Aper. Com.</i> Vespere. Bowels have been freely opened. 31st. Mane Passed a restless night, again complains of difficulty of breathing. Pulse frequent and soft. <i>App. Emp. Canth. pect. Cont. Mist. Haust. Efferves. et Pot. p.r.n.</i> Vespere. More comfortable. <i>Cont^r. u.a.</i> Dec^r. 1. Mane. Breathing again free, less nausea, skin moist, pulse frequent. Complains of much pain in her loins. <i>Cont. om. ut heri</i> Vespere. Nausea a little increased. <i>Cont^r. u.a.</i> Dec^r 2. Mane. Bowels confined, complains of slight nausea, headache and pain in her loins, but says she is much more comfortable. Pulse less frequent. skin cool and soft. <i>Omit. Mist. Cont. Haust. Efferves. et Hab. Ol. Ricin zi in Aq. Menth. statim.</i> Vespere. <i>Pulv. Ipecac.Co. gr viij hs</i> 3rd. Mane. No headache & very little nausea. skin cool, pulse frequent and soft. much less pain in loins and limbs. Complains of lassitude & debility. Bowels not freely opened. <i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid. gr ii</i> <i>Ext. Colocynth. Co. gr vj M. Ft Pil. ij</i> <i>st. sumend.</i> 3. PM. <i>Hab. Haust. Aperient Com.</i> Vespere. <i>Rep^l Pulv. Ipecac. Co. hs</i> 4th. Mane. Again complains of pain in loins and limbs. Breathing not oppressed. pulse soft. Bowels opened freely. To have a light nutritious diet with Tea Barley Water, or Lemonade for common drink. <i>Rx. Quin. Bisulph. gr xij.</i> <i>Acid. Sulph. Dil. f zfs.</i> <i>Tinct. Cinnam. Co. f zijj.</i> <i>Aqua. Menth. f zvfs M. ft Mist.</i> <i>cujus sum. zi. quarta quaque hora</i> Vespere. Complains of much lassitude & debility. <i>Cont. Mist.</i> 5th.Mane. Bowels constipated, pulse soft. no appetite, slight nausea. pain in loins and limbs lessened. <i>Hab^l. Ol. Ricin. zvj. in Aq. Menth. st. et Cont. Mist. u.a.</i> Vespere. Bowels not freely opened & nausea continues. <i>Injiciat Enema Purg. statim, et Cont. Mist. u.a.</i> 6th. Mane. Complaining of severe debility with nausea – no appetite. pulse frequent and soft. skin cool. To have a little Port Wine morning and evening and a nutritious diet. <i>Cont. Mist.</i> Vespere. <i>Pulve. Ipecac. Co. gr viij h.s.s.</i> 7th. Passed a comfortable night. Complains of much debility. pulse frequent and soft. tongue clean. <i>Cont. om. u.a.</i> Vespere. Bowels confined. pulse frequent skin cool. nausea much increased.</p>
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<p>Febris(Synocha) 290237</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Margaret Reilly Aet. 35 Convict In Lat. 38. 46 Sth. & Longitude 37.00 Et</p> <p>22nd Dec^r 1841 Died at 11 PM.</p>	<p><i>Rep^l. Enema Purg. et Cont. Mist.</i> After this date there were not any very marked febrile symptoms but a continuance of constant nausea and vomiting rendered the internal administration of medicine impossible. After the 10th she never retained anything on her stomach except small quantities of Ale or Porter. Repeated but fruitless attempts were made to relieve the distressing nausea and vomiting by the use of Quinine, effervescing draughts etc. The bowels were kept freely open by enemata & counter irritant perseveringly applied to the epigastric region. The bad state of health in which she has been for the whole voyage having previously produced much debility & having experienced a continuance of very bad weather - after the 9th the emaciation & debility rapidly increased until she Died at 11 PM on the 22nd Dec^r.</p>
<p>Diarrhoea</p> <p>290238</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Mary Holohan aet. 55. Convict 5th Dec^r 1841 In Lat. 41.7 Sth & Longitude 102.22 E^t</p>	<p>This old unhealthy woman previous to arriving at the Cape was under treatment for a severe attack of common continual fever which debilitated her very much. Since coming on board has always been exceedingly dirty in her habits, a few days after embarking & whilst the ship was at anchor at Kingstown <u>using her shoe as a bed pan</u> and keeping the shoe in her blanket, full of excrement. this happened more than once while she was in perfect health notwithstanding that every practicable inc^{???} were used to prevent her doing so. Since the commencement of bad weather a few weeks ago, although perfectly sensible & able to assist herself she has invariably passed her stools and urine in bed, positively refusing to use a bed pan, or to be helped to keep herself clean. and has therefore rendered it impossible to keep her bedding dry and clean. the continued wetness of which and the unavoidably filthy state in which she is from time to time has produced Diarrhoea. Does not complain of any pain. stools watery with a very offensive smell, and passed frequently. Tongue covered with a brown fur. thirst. skin clammy – pulse frequent. Removed into the Hospital & put into a warm bath. To have a nutritious diet and Barley Water for common drink.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid. gr iv</i> <i>Ext. Colocynth. Co. gr vj M. ft Pil ij</i> <i>St. Sumend.</i> Vespere. Stools not so watery. <i>Rep^l. Pilulae ut mane et Baln. cal.</i> 6th.Dec^r Mane. Passed several liquid stools in bed during the night, & although she asks for drink and everything else she wants will not ask for or use the bed pan or night chair. Tongue clean and natural, less thirst, Pulse still frequent. Does not complain of any pain. Continue nutritious diet & Barley Water for a drink as yesterday, <i>Rep^l Baln. Cal.</i> <i>Rx. Hydrarg Chlorid. gr ix</i> <i>Pulv. Rhei zfs</i> <i>Zingib, gr x M. et divid in Pulv ij</i> <i>Sum. un quarta quaque hora.</i> Vespere. <i>Cont^r. om. u.a.</i></p>

<p>Diarrhoea</p> <p>290239</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Mary Holohan aet. 55. Convict 5th Dec^r 1841 In Lat. 41.7 Sth & Longitude 102.22 E^t</p> <p>21st Dec^r. 1841 Died at 10 AM</p>	<p>7th Dec^r Mane. Slept comfortably. Tongue & skin natural. pulse frequent. Says that she has no pain anywhere. is quite well, and wishes to be left alone” continues to pass her stools and urine in bed and when remonstrated with on the subject says that “ she likes it so”.</p> <p><i>Rx. Mist. Cretae f zvfs</i> <i>Confect. Aromat. zfs</i> <i>Tinct. Catechu zx</i> <i>Opii ft zfs M. ft Mist. cujus sumat partem sextam quarta quaque hora. Rep^t Baln. Cal.</i> <i>Vespere. Cont. omnia u.a.</i></p> <p>8th Mane. Purging continues but without pain or constitutional disturbance. appetite good & tongue clean. <i>Cont. om. u.a.</i> <i>Vespere. No Change. Cont^r. om.</i></p> <p>9th Mane. Will not refrain from passing her stool and urine in bed. the continued wet and irritation from which is producing extensive excoriation about the nates & thighs. To have a few ounces of Port Wine twice a day & nutritious diet. <i>Rept^r Baln. Cal. et Cont. Mist.</i></p> <p>10th Dec^r. <i>Cont^r. ut heri.</i></p> <p>11th Mane. Tongue a little foul, no constitutional disturbance. purging continues but without pain. <i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid, gr iij.</i> <i>Pulv. Rhei gr. vj. M. ft Pulv. st. sum.</i> <i>Cont. Mist. u.a.</i></p> <p><i>Vespere. Excoriation about the nates and thighs spreading rapidly. Relishes her food and asks for more wine. Cont. om.</i></p> <p>12th Mane. Purging lessened. Stools & urine still passed in bed. Is becoming much emaciated. Does not complain of any pain and there is no constitutional disturbance whatever. Continue Wine & nutritious diet. <i>Omit. Mist. Rept^r. Baln. cal.</i> <i>Rx. Quin. Disulph. gr ij</i> <i>Acid. Sulph. Dil. M. iv</i> <i>Tinct. Cinnam. Co. ft zfs.</i> <i>Aqua Menth. f zi M. Ft haustus.</i> <i>tertis horis adhibendus</i></p> <p><i>Vespere. Cont^r. omnia u.a.</i></p> <p>13th Mane. No thirst or constitutional disturbance. complains of weakness but no pain. Stools and urine still passed in bed. <i>Cont^r. omnia ut heri</i></p> <p>14th <i>Cont^r. u.a.</i></p> <p>15th Becoming rapidly emaciated but without pain constitutional disturbance or any symptom of disease. Excoriation producing much distress. <i>Cont^r. om. u.a.</i> After this date emaciation rapidly increased with extreme debility but throughout without any accompanying symptoms of Disease. The nutritious diet and Port Wine were continued, but in consequence of her extreme dislike to taking medicine much difficulty was experienced in getting her to take any of the tonic, astringent, alterative remedies necessary: - very bad weather coming on at the same time. the excoriation produced much suffering the more especially that she continued to pass her stools & urine in bed up to 10 AM. on the 12th Dec^r. when she died in a violent gale of wind.</p>
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<p>Menorrhagia 290240</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Alice Hallissay aetat 42 Convict 16th Novr 1841 In Lat 29.02 Sth & Longitude 29.37 E^t.</p>	<p>of a full plethoric habit of body and very indolent. Was under treatment for the same complaint about a month since. The haemorrhage commenced last night at bedtime & is now very profuse. 1PM. Complains of headache, severe bearing down pain of the loins and thirst. Face much flushed. respiration hurried – skin hot. pulse frequent and full. Bowels confined. <i>Extraliatur sanguis pleno sive ad zxxv quamprimum.</i> <i>Rx. Magnes Sulph. zi.</i> <i>Infus Sennae. f. ziiij. M. ft haust.</i> <i>et sumend.</i> Lemonade for common drink, and napkin dipped in cold water to be applied to the lower part of the abdomen. 7 PM. The haemorrhage was checked after the bleeding but has returned to an alarming extent of a bright vermilion colour with acute symptoms of pyrexia and excruciating pain in the loins. <i>Repetatur sanguis detractio statim, addendum? qua antea quantitatem</i> <i>Rept^r. Haust. et Cont^r. om u.a.</i> 17th Nov^r. Mane. Haemorrhage much lessened, but is still feverish and restless. Bowels not freely opened. <i>Injiciat.</i> <i>Enema Purg. statim</i> <i>Rx. Potassae Nit. Purif. gr v.</i> <i>Aqua Menthe. f zfs</i> <i>Vin. Antimon. Tart.</i> <i>Tinct. Digital. q M. v</i> <i>Mist. Acaciae f. zi M. Ft. Haust.</i> <i>tertia quaque hora sumendus</i> Vespere. Slight haemorrhage continues, very little pyrexia – still complains of bearing down pain in the loins. <i>Rx. Magnes. Sulph. zfs</i> <i>Acid. Sulph. Dil. M. Ft. haust.</i> <i>Aqua Menth. f zij M. Ft haust.</i> <i>et sumend. Cont^r. Haust. mane prescript.</i> 18th. Mane. Passed a comfortable night haemorrhage much lessened. no fever. skin moist and natural – To have a light nutritious diet & be kept cool. <i>Omit Haust.</i> <i>Rx. Infus Rosae Comp. ft zi</i> <i>Acid Sulph. Dil. M. xv</i> <i>Syrupi ft zi.</i> <i>Magnes Sulph. zi.</i> <i>Aqua Menth. F zj. M. ft haust. 4th horis repetendus.</i> 19th Mane. Haemorrhage stopped. Is very much debilitated still complains of slight pain in the loins. After this date a carefully regulated diet. Quinine in combination with Acid. Sulph. Dil. & an occasional mild aperient to keep the bowels open was all the treatment necessary.</p>
<p>290241</p>		<p>25th Nov^r 1841 Discharged cured.</p>	

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	3	2		1			1
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis	1	1					
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus							
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia	1	1					
<i>Gastritis</i>	1	1					
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata							
Haemorrhois	1	1					
Menorrhagia	2	2					3
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	12	12					
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	2	2					
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	13	12		1			2
Colica	2	2					
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania							
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							

Tabes							
Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis	3	3					
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.							
Gonorrhoea	1	1					
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	7	7					
Dysuria	2	2					
<i>Amenorrhoea</i>	1	1					
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus	1	1					
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus	1	1					
Ulcus	1	1					
<i>Fractura</i>	2	2					
<i>Tinea</i>	1	1					
GENERAL TOTAL	58	56			2		
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
4thJan^y 1842

The ship "Mexborough" arrived at Kingstown from Deptford on the 28th July 1841 and on the 4th 5th & 9th August 145 female Convicts, 36 of their children and 11 Free Settlers, all in good health, were received on board from the Depot in Grange Gorman Lane Dublin. The necessary arrangement of the Mess, cleaning parties, victualling etc. being completed, on the 12th August the ship sailed from Kingstown. During the first fortnight very bad weather and contrary winds caused much suffering from sea sickness and in two of the Convicts, the continued retching and vomiting produced alarming attacks of Gastritis and Dyspepsia, both of which ultimately yielded to a carefully regulated course of dietetic treatment, enemata, and counter irritation in the epigastric region. During the whole voyage, but particularly for the first six weeks, slight cases of derangement of the prim^{??} v/bile[?] produced by change of diet & want of exercise came frequently under treatment but only required a few doses of alterative or aperients medicine.

After embarkation the Women and children improved in condition, and appearance, were very healthy, & with the exception of the two cases already mentioned & one severe attack of common continued Fever, no other cases of any importance occurred previous to putting into Simon's Bay on the 5th Nov^r to obtain a supply of Water there not being a sufficient quantity on board for the remainder of the voyage. On the 12th Nov^r the Mexborough again sailed from the Cape & was exposed to a continuance of gale of wind and very inclement weather up to the date of arrival at Hobart Town on the 25th Dec^r and being a very old ship it was exceedingly difficult, & required the utmost vigilance, to prevent leakage keeping the Prisons damp. This leakage in conjunction with the very bad weather if not altogether the cause of the fatal termination of Holohan and Reilly cases no doubt very materially hastened the unfavourable result of these two cases, a result the more to be regreted, on account of the ship at the time of the first death occurring on board being within sixty miles of Hobart Town, and until the gale came on which drove us off the coast there was every appearance of the voyage being completed without a death on board. Both the patients in the fatal cases were unhealthy, debilitated women very frequently on the Sick List, and during the bad weather, particularly the gale of wind in which they died, very desponding. The almost incredibly dirty habits of Holohan no doubt in the first instance produced the Diarrhoea under which she ultimately sunk. During the last week of her life she was a most loathsome nuisance destroying all the spare bedding & requiring to be put in a warm bath morning and evening, otherwise the Hospital & after part of the prison would have been altogether uninhabitable, and however incredible it may appear offered the most violent resistance to being shifted and kept clean, although perfectly sensible & able to make all her wants known. A case of fracture of the radius and another of the clavicle terminated very favourably under the usual treatment, as did also a severe contusion of the foot.

The most strict & preserving attention was given throughout the whole voyage to cleanliness, ventilation and dryness; the daily routine established on these points & invariably enforced except during very bad weather was as follows: at daylight the Convict Cooks were

admitted on deck, and the ships company commenced cleaning the upper deck, water closets etc. At 6 AM all the women got out of bed, neatly rolled up their bedding and washed and dressed themselves and children. As soon as the cleaning and drying of the upper deck was finished, generally between 7 & 7:30 Am. all the Convicts were admitted on deck. At 8 AM. Breakfast. At 9 Am all the convicts except the cleaning were sent on the upper deck and the whole of the prison as then thoroughly cleaned by scraping, scrubbing, and holystoning, at the same time scrubbing the bottom boards of the beds, seats, etc. The cleaning of the Prison was generally finished in fine weather about 10:30 Am. The Convicts, with the exception of the Sick, were then all sent on the upper deck, the wind sails trimmed and pointed into the hatchways, and the prison doors locked until dinner time (1PM). After dinner no restriction was placed on the prisoners as to being below, because it was found that they came on the upper deck in preference. By these means the prisons were kept very well ventilated, clean and cool until the hour for sending the Convicts below for the night, which in temperate, cool or cold weather was always done at sunset. During the hot weather within the tropics the Prisoners were permitted to remain on the quarter deck & poop until 6 or even sometimes 9 PM which evidently had a most beneficial effect as well as their health a/& comfort and contentment. At 10 PM the convicts were always all quiet in bed. In consequence of the long continuance of bad and damp weather the swinging stoves were frequently used in the Prisons and were useful in promoting dryness and ventilation. The Holds were frequently fumigated and ventilated. The bedding was often aired and shaken. Washing days once a week or oftener according to the weather, & the Prisoners always mustered on Sunday with clean clothes etc.

In fine weather Lemon Juice and Sugar was issued to the Convicts - in bad, or wet weather- Wine and the whole of the Lemon Juice and Wine sent on board, was issued previous to arriving at Hobart Town.

There was one birth during the voyage, the labour, a first one was perfectly natural and both mother & infant are well.

The above mentioned persevering attention to discipline, cleanliness and dryness rendered the Prisoners comfortable, contented and healthy, for with the exception of the two fatal cases detailed in this Journal the Convicts, Free Settlers & very large proportion of young children arrived at Hobart Town in better health and condition than they were in on embarkation at Kingstown, in proof of which although the voyage had been long with much bad weather there was not a single patient under treatment when the ship anchored in the Derwent.

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