

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship *Platina*
Mr George Ellery FORMAN
from 11 March 1837 – to 19 November 1837
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The Surgeons Superintendent of Convict Ships are particularly desired to notice, that they will be required to render a regular Sick Book, with the Journal, and the Nosological Synopsis now added thereto, in a complete and Scientific state, together with a Certificate from the Medical Storekeeper at Deptford, as to the condition and number of their Surgical Instruments, in all respects the same as if employed in King's Ships, agreeably to the new Instructions for the Service Afloat, and that in the event of any failure in these particulars, the Certificates necessary from this Department, to entitle them to receive their Pay and Allowances will be withheld.

W. Burnett
Physician General.

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Copy of the sick list of the Platina Female Convict Ship

| When Put On Sick List | Name | Age | Quality | Disease or Hurt | When Put Off Sick List | How Disposed Of |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| April 11 | James Tucker | 2 | Free Child | Scrofula | May 25 | Well |
| 15 | Mary Packer | 20 | Convict | Hepatitis | “ 24 | |
| 17 | Georgina Taylor | 20 | “ | Gastritis | “ 13 | |
| “ | Mary Smith | 24 | “ | Porrigo | April 19 | To “Unite” |
| 18 | Hannah Hawkins | 22 | “ | Dyspepsia | “ 26 | Well |
| 19 | Mary Ann Brady | 21 | “ | Bilious Dr? | “ 27 | |
| 20 | Louisa Gorman | 18 | “ | Do | May 1 | |
| 19 | Anne Rider | 18 | “ | Venereal | April 20 | To “Unite” |
| 26 | Sarah Anne Boulton | 19 | “ | Injured Back | May 9 | Well |
| 27 | Jane Deffy | 18 | “ | Inflamed Gullet | “ 27 | D° |
| 28 | M A Brady | 21 | “ | Gonorrhoea | October 7 | D° |
| May 1 | Violet Alexander | 17 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | May 3 | D° |
| 2 | Jane Toser | 21 | “ | D° | “ 4 | D° |
| 3 | Elizabeth Drover | 22 | “ | Hysteria | “ 8 | D° |
| 7 | Violet Alexander | 17 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | “ 24 | D° |
| 8 | Ann Marney | 22 | “ | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| 9 | Martha Lucas | 28 | “ | Retention of urine | “ 14 | D° |
| “ | Charlotte Shepherd | 23 | “ | Venereal | June 19 | D° |
| “ | John Topp | 30 | Seaman | Strained Loins | May 13 | To Duty |
| 15 | Ann Marney | 22 | Convict | Inflamed stomach & Parturient | June 13 | Well |
| 16 | Bridget Henry | 22 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | “ 1 | D° |
| 19 | John Topp | 30 | Seaman | Hepatitis | August 8 | Conval'ent |
| 22 | Thomas Bailey | 2 | Free child | Hooping Cough | June 19 | Died |
| 24 | Frances Bailey | 22 | Convict | Dysury | “ 2 | Well |
| 25 | Georgina Taylor | 20 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | “ 9 | D° |
| “ | Dennis Rooke | 4 | Free child | Hooping Cough | July 5 | D° |
| 26 | Ann Gray | 30 | Convict | Amenorrhoea | June 12 | D° |
| “ | Elizabeth Wilson | 18 | “ | D° | May 31 | D° |
| 29 | Violet Alexander | 17 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | “ 31 | D° |
| “ | James Tucker | 2 | Free child | Bilious Fever | June 24 | D° |
| 31 | Ann Hanlon | 24 | Convict | Dyspepsy | “ 19 | D° |
| “ | Betsy Simpson | 15 | “ | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| June 1 | Jane Deffy | 18 | “ | D° | “ 3 | D° |
| 2 | Mary Dolbear | 56 | “ | Dysury | “ 8 | D° |
| 3 | Mary Groves | 30 | “ | Sore Throat | “ 19 | D° |
| “ | Eliza Jacques | 34 | “ | Hepatitis | August 29 | D° |
| 4 | Elizabeth Drover | 22 | “ | Hepatitis | June 6 | D° |
| June 5 | Elizabeth Ware | 27 | “ | Dysury | June 8 | Well |
| 7 | Susan Adam | 24 | “ | Rheumatism | “ 12 | D° |
| “ | Sarah Gullen | 17 | “ | Catarrh | “ 16 | D° |
| 10 | Joseph Palmer | 22 | Seaman | Wounded shin | August 16 | D° |
| 11 | Louisa Gorman | 18 | Convict | Inflamed Asachoid | “ 5 | D° |
| “ | Jane McDonald | 21 | “ | Dyspepsy | June 13 | D° |
| “ | Mary Parker | 20 | “ | D° | “ 23 | D° |
| “ | Mary Gill | 44 | “ | D° | “ 214 | D° |
| 12 | Ellen Irvin | 23 | “ | D° | “ 119 | D° |
| “ | M A Nugent | 23 | “ | D° | “ 23 | D° |
| 14 | Susan Adams | 24 | “ | D° | July 8 | D° |
| “ | Caroline Davis | 28 | “ | D° | June 17 | D° |
| 15 | Catherine Manclark | 43 | “ | D° | “ 17 | D° |

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| | Mary Stewart | 32 | | D° | “ 19 | D° |
| | Ann Marney | 22 | | D° | “ 17 | v |
| | Eliza Fisher | 20 | | Parturient | July 24 | D° |
| 16 | Sarah Boulton | 19 | | Dyspepsy | June 21 | D° |
| | Sarah Alcock | 19 | | D° | “ 21 | D° |
| 17 | Ann Donnelly | 19 | | D° | “ 21 | D° |
| 19 | Winifred Gleeson | 32 | v | D° | “ 24 | D° |
| | Margaret Rooke | 1 ½ | Free child | Hooping cough & ophthel. | August 4 | D° |
| 20 | Isabella Grant | 42 | Convict | Dyspepsy | July 12 | D° |
| 24 | Selina Chamberlain | 18 | | Rheumatism | August 4 | D° |
| 26 | Jane Gell | 20 | | Dyspepsy | July 25 | D° |
| | Winifred Gleeson | 32 | | D° | “ 2 | D° |
| 30 | Mary Parker | 20 | | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| July 1 | Robson Coltish | 28 | Master | Syphilis | August 24 | D° |
| 2 | Ellen Irvin | 23 | Convict | Dyspepsy | July 10 | D° |
| 4 | Elizabeth Graham | 19 | | Whitlow | “ 8 | D° |
| | Mary Stewart | 32 | | Dyspepsy | “ 31 | D° |
| | Richard Fisher | 19 day | Free child | Convulsions | “ 6 | Died |
| 5 | Mary Birch | 24 | Convict | Erythema | “ 18 | D° |
| 6 | Elizabeth Ware | 27 | | Dyspepsy | “ 10 | D° |
| 10 | Frances Bailey | 22 | | Dysury | August 1 | D° |
| 11 | William Porter | 48 | Boatswain | Vertigo | July 15 | D° |
| 12 | Mary Eastwood | 19 | Convict | Dyspepsy | “ 22 | D° |
| 15 | Georgiana Taylor | 20 | | D° | “ 25 | D° |
| | Elizabeth Brookes | 21 | | Hysteria | “ 22 | D° |
| | Caroline Jones | 23 | | D° | “ 24 | D° |
| | Ann Jennings. | 40 | | Hernia | “ 24 | D° |
| 22 | James Anderson | 27 | Seaman | Dysentery | August 31 | Convalescent |
| | W K Verhoeff | 18 | | Constipation | July 25 | Well |
| 23 | Jane Tozer | 21 | Convict | Erythema | “ 25 | D° |
| | Isabella Hide | 33 | | Diarrhoea | August 28 | D° |
| 26 | Ann Donnelly | 19 | | Dysury | “ 2 | D° |
| July 27 | Ellen Irvin | 23 | | Dyspepsy | August 4 | Well |
| 28 | Margaret Armstrong | 25 | | D° | July 31 | D° |
| | Mary Gill | 44 | | Catarrh | August 5 | D° |
| | Alice Hughes | 48 | | Dyspepsy | “ 5 | D° |
| | Mary Pratt | 30 | | Catarrh | “ 4 | D° |
| 29 | Jane McDonald | 21 | | Dyspepsy | July 31 | D° |
| 31 | Mary Groves | 30 | | Rheumatism | August 10 | D° |
| August 1 | Mary Ann Moore | 26 | | D° | “ 7 | D° |
| | Ann North | 25 | | D° | “ 8 | D° |
| | Jane Le Brun | 36 | | D° | “ 5 | D° |
| | Eliza Fisher | 20 | | Diarrhoea | “ 7 | D° |
| | Mary Parker | 20 | v | D° | “ 7 | D° |
| 3 | Elizabeth Powers | 21 | | Dyspepsy | “ 27 | D° |
| | Catherine Jones | 27 | | D° | “ 7 | D° |
| | Eliza Ravenhill | 22 | | D° | “ 8 | D° |
| 7 | Maria Tucker | 34 | | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| | Elizabeth Watkins | 23 | | D° | “ 10 | D° |
| 8 | Martha Lucas | 28 | | D° | “ 26 | D° |
| | Charles Maxwell | 18 | [seaman?]“ | Whitlow | “ 16 | D° |
| 9 | Georgiana Taylor | 20 | | Dyspepsy | “ 16 | D° |
| 10 | Jane Willing | 17 | | D° | “ 14 | D° |
| 15 | Catherine Jones | 27 | | Catarrh | “ 28 | D° |

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| “ | Caroline Davis | 28 | “ | Rheumatism | “ 24 | D° |
| 20 | Ann North | 25 | “ | Bilious Dyspepsy | “ 25 | D° |
| “ | John Topp | 30 | Seaman | Subluxated claricle | “ 31 | Convales't |
| 22 | Mary Stewart | 32 | Convict | Lumbago | Sept 3 | Well |
| 24 | Louisa Gorman | 18 | “ | Amenorrhoea | “ 5 | D° |
| 25 | Charlotte Shepherd | 23 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 25 | D° |
| 27 | Sarah French | 36 | “ | Dysmenorrhoea | October 9 | D° |
| “ | Elizabeth Gore | 28 | “ | Dyspepsy | August 29 | D° |
| Sept 4 | Elizabeth Roper | 16 | “ | D° | Sept 15 | D° |
| 5 | Mary Dolbear | 56 | “ | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| “ | Elizabeth Rawlings | 47 | “ | D° | “ 12 | D° |
| 6 | Elizabeth Wilson | 18 | “ | D° | October 2 | D° |
| 8 | Catherine Manclark | 43 | “ | D° | Sept. 13 | D° |
| 9 | Caroline Davis | 28 | “ | Diarrhoea | “ 13 | D° |
| 10 | Julia Crawley | 20 | “ | D° | “ 13 | D° |
| 12 | Ann Donnelly | 19 | “ | Catarrh | “ 17 | D° |
| 13 | Mary Wilkinson | 28 | “ | Constipation | “ 18 | D° |
| 14 | Bridget Henry | 22 | “ | Rheumatism | Oct 10 | D° |
| 15 | Caroline Jones | 23 | “ | Dyspepsy | Sept 20 | D° |
| 17 | Mary Pratt | 30 | “ | D° | “ 19 | D° |
| 18 | Jane Deffy | 18 | “ | Dysmenorrhoea | October 8 | D° |
| 19 | Georgina Taylor | 20 | “ | D° | Sept 25 | D° |
| 20 | Margaret Armstrong | 25 | Convict | Dyspepsy | “ 24 | D° |
| 24 | Rose Milligan | 22 | “ | D° | “ 27 | D° |
| 25 | Caroline Jones | 23 | “ | D° | October 7 | D° |
| “ | Jane Le Brun | 36 | “ | Rheumatism | “ 18 | D° |
| 27 | Ann Costar | 18 | “ | D° | “ 1 | D° |
| 30 | Elizabeth Gore | 28 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 22 | D° |
| “ | Georgiana Taylor | 20 | “ | Dysmenorrhoea | “ 10 | D° |
| “ | M A Calvert | 19 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 4 | D° |
| “ | Louise Gorman | 18 | “ | Constipation | “ 3 | D° |
| “ | Mary Dolbear | 56 | “ | Rheumatism | “ 27 | D° |
| October 3 | Jane Gell | 20 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 11 | D° |
| “ | Mary Pratt | 30 | “ | Rheumatism | “ 9 | D° |
| 10 | Catherine Manclark | 43 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 14 | D° |
| “ | Anne Beck | 37 | “ | D° | “ 14 | D° |
| 12 | Mary Gill | 44 | “ | Catarrh | “ 16 | D° |
| 14 | Mary Wilkinson | 28 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 25 | D° |
| 15 | Eliza Fisher | 19 | “ | D° | “ 22 | D° |
| 17 | Sarah A Boulton | 20 | “ | Ophthalmia | “ 21 | D° |
| 18 | Winifred Gleeson | 32 | “ | Dyspepsy | “ 21 | D° |
| “ | Elizabeth Roper | 16 | “ | D° | “ 21 | D° |
| 19 | Mary Parker | 20 | “ | D° | “ 22 | D° |
| 21 | Eliza Jacques | 34 | “ | Hepatitis Chronica | “ 27 | D° |

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**Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship *Platina* between the
11 March 1837 and the 19 November 1837 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. |
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| <p>Hepatitis accompanied by Symptoms of Gastritis</p> <p>PA300240 JPG</p> | 1 | <p>Mary Parker Æt 20 Woolwich April 15th 1837</p> | <p>Complains of sever pain in right hypochondrium, and in Epigastrium, increased by inspiration, by pressure, and by lying on right side – skin is above natural heat & dry – pulse 80 rather hard – tongue clammy, some thirst, nausea, and headache, bowels confined, says that she has suffered from a similar attack before, and was then in hospital several weeks – <i>fiat VS ad 3̄xiv – Habeat statim Pulv. Cath c̄ Calom, et admoveatur sedi doloris – fofus</i></p> <p>Vespere Blood taken in the morning sizo – bowels freely opened – vomited some bile – pain much relieved – skin hot. <i>Mistura Salin c̄ Nitris 3^{tis} horis -</i></p> <p>16th Pain remains better – there is still considerable tenderness – tongue furred- pulse as yesterday – some fever but not so much – bowels well opened. Hosp. diet – confined to bed. <i>Rx. Pil Hyd g'ij ter die sumendus Cont. Mist ut heri prescripta.</i></p> <p>17th More heat of skin and thirst – pulse much the same – pain of side and pit of stomach somewhat increased and extending over more space. <i>Admoveatur Scrob. Cord Hirudinea xvij – Continuentur medicamenta</i></p> <p>18th She is much relieved by the leeches, and passed a good night; there is still tenderness on pressure of right side, which extends now into right iliac region – tongue moist. Some thirst – skin soft & warm. <i>rept Hirud viij – et medicamenta</i></p> <p>19th Bowels not open in the last 24 hours- passed a good night, and is better in all other respects – <i>Sumentur statim Haust Salin Cath, et post cathartic cont. medicamenta ut antea.</i></p> <p>20th Is better in all respects. Cathartic acted once yesterday. <i>rept Haust Cath et altera medicamenta</i></p> <p>21st Medicine acted freely- pain nearly gone – tenderness much diminished very little febrile action – tongue clearing – <i>Cont medicamenta.</i></p> <p>22nd Continues to improve but has some pain in right knee, there is however no other indication of diseased action in it. she is to foment it, and to continue the medicine etc.</p> <p>23rd Knee still troublesome, but she improves in all other respects. <i>Embrocatio stimulans – pergat-</i></p> <p>24th Convalescent – light soup, and to take her medicine twice a day.</p> <p>May 1st She has gone on gradually improving, but has required the blue pill daily, and an occasional aperient; today she commences the use of a tonic mixture, and wine. Improved until today when she complained of dyspeptic symptoms, which were removed by an Emetic and a purgative, followed, for three days, by reduced diet, and the use of aperients.</p> |

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| | | Discharged well May 24 th | 12 th Resumed the use of wine & the tonic. she continues to improve and was this day sufficiently recovered to return to her mess. |
| PA300241.JPG Bilious Dyspepsy followed by mild Gastritis | 2 | Georgina Taylor Æt 20 Woolwich April 17 th 1837 | 18 th Has nausea – constipation - light febrile action and pain in Scrobic Cordis – <i>Habeat statim Haust Emetic et horis ij postea Pil Cath c Cal ij.</i> Medicine acted well, and relieved her much, but she still has some fever with pain of head & stomach – <i>Mist Salina ter die.</i> 19 th Much nausea with bilious regurgitation, great pain at pit of stomach, & considerable tenderness on pressure; headache & fever increased. <i>Habeat Mist Emet – Catharticam Idem dolor et nausea perstent – admov^r scorb. cordis fotus</i> Vespere Vomited freely in the course of the day with much relief, ejecting large quantities of bilious fluid & mucus, bowels not sufficiently – tenderness much reduced less pain. <i>Haust Salin Cathart statim</i> 20 th Bowels freely open – there is today a return of the pain & tenderness extending into left hypochondrium – tongue red, inclined to be dry, and coated partially with white mucus, nausea very considerable – skin warm & moist – much thirst – <i>rept Mist Emeto – Cathartica 2nd quaque hora, et quando cessavit vomitus, sumatur 3^{is} quaque hora Mistura Salina Sedatira</i> 21 st The urgent symptoms were completely relieved by bilious vomiting – but the pain returned in the night, & was relieved by the employment of a stimulating friction – there is still thirst, with a red coated tongue – <i>Habeat Haust. Salin. effervescentum 3^{is} horis</i> Vespere The pain returned at 2 pm, and was forthwith relieved by the application of 8 Leeches – <i>Cont Haust.</i> 22 nd Pain etc have returned, and she is much the same as yesterday in all other respects. <i>Rept Hirud viij et Haustus</i> 23 rd Much better in all respects – <i>Cont Haustus</i> 24 th Symptoms again aggravated, but without nausea – bowels not free – <i>Admoveatur Scrob Cordis Hirud x – sumatur Haust Salin Cath et post Catharsin continuentur Haust Salini ut antea</i> 25 th Better in all respects – bowels open no pain – <i>Haustus 4^{is} horis</i> PA300242.JPG 26 th Slight headache, and uneasiness about the ventricular region- <i>Haust Cathart.</i> 27 th Convalescent – soup & rice 28 th Not so well – <i>Haust Purgans</i> May 1 st Has continued to improve since last report – <i>Habeat Mistura Quinae ʒij, bis die, et Vini ʒij</i> Discharged well May 13 th She continued to do well from the above date, and was quite well by the present one. This girl sustained several attacks, similar in nature, but varying much in degree, none having been so severe as that detailed here; eventually she was landed in high health. |

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| <p>Porrigo occupying the whole hairy scalp</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>Mary Smith Æt 24 Woolwich April 17th</p> <p>Discharged to “Unite” April 19th per order of Mr Capper</p> | <p>Shaved her had this day, which is affected with Porrigo Larvalis, which has, she states, exists from her infancy in its present form- the whole of scalp is covered with thick crusts, of a greenish yellow colour, which are easily removed, but as readily replaced by the exsiccation of a mucous exudation that immediately follows the detachment of the scab – she complains much of pain and itching of the scalp, which are relieved by the use of ablution with warm water – this woman was sent from Penitentiary, and ai have objected to her as an object most decidedly unfit to be in her resent situation.</p> |
| <p>Venereal chancers and incipient bubo3</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>Ann Rider Æt 18 April 19th 1837</p> <p>Discharged to “Unite” April 20th by order of Mr Capper</p> | <p>Made complaint this morning of some affection of the genitals; on examination I find several chancers situated within the labia majora, these are each about the size of half a pea, with indurated based, surrounded by moderate inflammation, and accompanied by enlargement of the left inguinal glands. I have recommended her to be removed, on the grounds, that the ship’s hospital is small, and that the use of mercury will, in all probability, reduce her health, and expose her to the inroad of scurvy.</p> |
| <p>PA300243.JPG</p> <p>Contusion of the Spine followed by slight derangement within the Pelvis</p> | <p>5</p> | <p>Sarah A Boulton Æt 19 in the Thames April 26th 1837</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>27th</p> <p>28th</p> <p>May 2nd</p> <p>3rd</p> <p>Discharged well May 9th</p> | <p>In descending the main hatchway, fell, along with the ladder, which was carelessly placed, and sustained an injury of the back; she complains of much pain about the centre of the spinal column, but there is on examination no further evidence of injury. <i>Admoveatur fofus Spina dorsi.</i></p> <p>The fomentation relieved the pain for several hours, but it has now returned, and extends with some severity into the left side, there is also slight fever.</p> <p><i>fi V S ad 3x – Capⁱ Pulv. Purg.</i></p> <p>Medicine acted well – pains relieved – some headache.</p> <p>Pain in back again rather troublesome, and extending into both sides – no fever. <i>Embrocatio stimulans</i></p> <p>The pains were relieved until today, when they returned, and extended into the belly.</p> <p>Severe pain in hypogastric region, while the original pains have entirely ceased, bowels loose. Some headache – menses deficient for several months. <i>Coxilurium et fofus</i></p> <p>The uterine pain continued to have [been] at intervals, accompanied by some impeded action of the bladder, and tenesmus – fomentation, hip bath, a suppository of opium, and the occasional use of a carminative, with the use of friction of the spinal column, entirely removed all the symptoms in the course of a few days.</p> |
| <p>Oesophagitis produced by swallowing a pin</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>Jane Duffy Æt 18 Downs April 28th 1837</p> | <p>Swallowed a pin by accident last night, which lodged in the gullet immediately behind the thyroid cartilage; producing pain, & some spasm; I endeavoured to extract it, but could succeed only in moving it onward into the stomach; and then administered a dose of castor oil – she now complains of much pain in swallowing, which extends form the point formerly occupied by the pin, downwards into the stomach, in which viscus there is also tenderness on pressure, and</p> |

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| PA300244.JPG | | <p>29th 30th May 1st</p> <p>Discharged well May 27th</p> | <p>pain on taking nourishment of any kind – she is hoarse and has some cough and fever – bowels open by physic – <i>Habeat fotus, et Capt. Mist Salin c Mag. 3^{is} horis.</i> Much the same. <i>Cont. Mistura. ft VS e brachio ad ̄xiv</i> Less fever; pain, & Dysphagia relieved – <i>Cont. mistura.</i> Free disengagement of mucus from oesophagus, and improvement in all respects - from this period she continued to do well, there was no recurrence of inflammatory symptoms, and in a few days she commenced the use of wine and tonics; under which treatment she became completely well</p> |
| <p>Gonorrhoea accompanied by an acute Rheumatic affection and afterwards by Iritis.</p> <p>PA300245.JPG</p> | 7 | <p>M. A. Brady Æt 21 Downs April 28th 1837</p> <p>May 8th</p> <p>May 20th</p> <p>June 27th</p> <p>August 1st</p> <p>Discharged well October 7th 1837</p> | <p>Complains of the usual symptoms of Gonorrhoea, which she says have existed for several weeks, but now give her more trouble than they did. Barley water, with Carbonate of Soda – frequent ablution of the genitals, and occasional aperients. Under this treatment, the scalding was relieved, and the discharge diminished for some days, when an eruption of pustules took place over both labia, and extended downwards over a large portion of the anal fissure – this eruption at first caused a great deal of pain & swelling, and was relieved by poultices & warm ablution, after which strong solution of the Nitrate of Silver almost healed the ulcerations which followed.</p> <p>A new set of symptoms now commenced, pain, swelling, and stiffness attacked the left elbow, then affected the right and subsequently wandered to the knees, ankles, & other joints: this state was met by the use of small doses of Calomel & Opium, which produced slight mercurial action in the system, & completely removed the articular disease – the genital pustules and discharge continued however to annoy her, and varied much in their state, from day to day; sometimes attended by much pain & inflammation, at others almost disappearing; upon these nothing appeared to have so good effect as the application of the Nitrate, in strong solution, preserving cleanliness and the frequent use of aperients.</p> <p>At this time an inflammatory state of the left iris manifested itself; a general & local bloodletting were practised, and the use of the pill in combination with Opium & Ipecac was forthwith consumed; her mouth became slightly effected in a few days, when the Eye amended; she continued the use of the mercurial in very small doses until the end of July, at which time the eye was completely well, and the genital affection had almost disappeared & the menses had recurred for the first time during many months.</p> <p>A slight gastric attack now took place, which subsided in a few days, under the use of soda & nitre; the pustules and vaginal discharge again recurring – the calomel wash as now used, tonics administered internally, and all other medications (with the exception of aperients) omitted – her general health now improved from day to day, but the state of the genitals remained the same; fluctuating much under the use of a variety of local applications, and eventually healing completely; but not until after repeated disappointments. The uterine functions were restored to their healthy state, and when she was discharged, she had regained her health & embonpoint.</p> |

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| <p>Primary Venereal with considerable uterine derangement</p> | <p>8</p> | <p>Charlotte Shepherd Æt 23 At sea May 9th 1837</p> | <p>Considers herself to be six months advanced in pregnancy, and the size of her abdomen corresponds, while the absence of menstrual discharge, and her [sensations?] in general confirm the idea; with this single exception, that she has never felt the motion of the foetus. She states that she has some pain of the genitals, which on examination is found to proceed from a chancre, situated at the posterior portion of the os externum; its surface is languid, its base large & indurated, its extent about 2 lines in diameter; the left labium is much swollen, as are several glands in the corresponding groin. <i>Pulveris Cathartiens - Lotio Plumbi</i></p> |
| <p>PA300246.JPG</p> | | | <p>14th The medicine opened her bowels freely, and she continued the lotion with much benefit – today she has suffered severely from pain in the lumbar region, which surrounds the abdomen, and dips into the hypogast. There is also a good deal of general excitement – <i>ft V.S. ad 3^{xiv}</i></p> <p>15th The bleeding relieved her much, & she now has no fever, she still suffers from pain in the back; and a vaginal discharge, menstrual in character, has come on. The abdominal tumour has become reduced, and on laying my hand on the abdomen, I do not satisfactorily detect sufficient enlargement of the uterus to warrant the belief, that she is so far advanced, as she states, in pregnancy. <i>Mist Salin c Magnes 6 horis</i> <i>Rx Ext Hyoscy g^r viij Hydrarg Submur g^r j Antim Tart g^r ¼</i> <i>℞ p pilul ij H S S si dolor urgent</i></p> <p>16th The pain is again troublesome, although she passed several hours free from all annoyance, in the course of the night. The vaginal discharge continues – no febrile action. <i>Rx. Ext Hyoscyam g^r v Hydrarg Submur g^r fs</i> <i>Ant. Tart g^r 1/6 p Pil bis die sumanda – App^r lumbis Emp Catharidis vespere.</i></p> <p>17th Much pain in the night, accompanied by sense of weight & bearing down, these have passed off, and she is now in comparative ease – blister drew well – <i>Cont. Pilulæ</i></p> <p>18th Complains of nothing today but pain in Scorbiculus Cordis – the menstrual flow has ceased – the swelling of labium & groin has subsided, and the sore is sluggish. <i>Cont Pilulæ – Lotio alba</i></p> <p>19th <i>Continuentur omnia</i></p> <p>20th Has a severe return of uterine pain, which affects the back & belly generally, and is attended with great bearing down; the abdomen is again enlarged – on examination per vaginam, I found the cervix uteri of its usual unimpregnated dimensions – the os uteri rather more accurately closed than common, and possessed of such extreme sensibility that she cried out with pain, whenever the joint of the finger was carried within the circle, and remained in much pain for several hours after examination. I found no uterine tumour whatever (per vaginam), & have decided that she is not pregnant – the sore remains as before, and is to be touched with Argent Nitras – <i>Cont Pilul.</i></p> |
| <p>PA300247.JPG</p> | | | <p>21st Mouth a little sore – <i>Cont. Pil.</i></p> <p>22nd Mouth more sore – saliva flowing freely – suffers much from a gum abscess – other symptoms improving. <i>Habeat Gargarisma Sodæ Chloratis</i> <i>Prætermittantur Pilulæ</i></p> <p>23rd Sore clean, rather irritable, causing some return of laial swelling; face ache very troublesome – gums less sore –</p> |

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| | | <p>29th</p> <p>June 1st</p> <p>2nd</p> <p>Discharged well June 19th</p> | <p>better in other respects – <i>rept Pil HS – et Gargar – Habeat Lotion. Hyd. Sub. – fotum et guttas odontalgia</i></p> <p>She has continued much the same, and has had the means mentioned in the last report, with regularity; the sore is improving, labial swelling again subsided – there has been no return of uterine pain until today – mouth a little sore <i>præterm^r Pil c Cal et Gargaris.</i></p> <p><i>Rx Ext Hyoscy – Ext Conii aa gr̄ iifs Pulv Ipec gr̄ 1 ½ p pilul bis die s^d. Cont Lotio alba mercurialis.</i></p> <p>Takes nourishment & some wine.</p> <p>Still improves in all respects, but is very weak – <i>Habeat Misturam tonica Quinnæ bis die</i></p> <p>Some return of abdominal pain & enlargement- no fever – Sore healed, mouth well – <i>Sumatur statim Haust Ammoniac Rheo</i> – to apply a flannel roller to abdomen.</p> <p>She continued to improve, in general, but suffered occasional returns of the uterine pain, and a small attack of Piles; these however were always speedily relieved, the menses became established freely, and with tolerable regularity; but she remained an occasional patient up to the termination of the voyage, suffering often from dyspeptic ailments, as well as from the uterine irritability, which gave her so much trouble at its commencement, though far less severely than at first.</p> |
| <p>PA300248 JPG</p> <p>Gastritis occurring in a Pregnant woman</p> | 9 | <p>Ann Marney Æt 22 At sea May 15th 1837</p> <p>16th</p> <p>17th</p> <p>18th</p> <p>25th</p> <p>26th</p> <p>Discharged well June 13th 1837</p> | <p>Has the red, yellow coated, tongue, sickness, febrile excitement, ventricular pain & tenderness, thirst, & malaise indication of mucous gastritis; the bowels are natural – <i>ft V S ad ̄xvj. Habeat, ter die, Mist Salin c Mag.</i> She is about seven months advanced in pregnancy.</p> <p>16th Fever less, tongue improved, better in all respects. <i>Cont Mistura et Sumatur statim haustus Sal. Cath.</i></p> <p>17th Bowels open, but not sufficiently, improving otherwise – some pain of back – <i>rept Haust Cathart. Habeat Linimentum stimulans</i></p> <p>18th Bowels fully open – better – <i>Cont Mist Salin c Magnesia</i></p> <p>25th Has gone on improving – periodical pains of back & uterus came on today, which appear to increase in severity and frequency, and indicate the approach of labour.</p> <p>26th Was delivered at 9:30 am of a dead male child, apparently of about seven months – the placenta & membranes were thrown off in about three quarters of an hour, she was put to bed & appeared to be in a comfortable state requiring no opiate.</p> <p>From this period she did well, the lochia even not abundant, the milk caused her some pain & trouble, but was drawn off occasionally, & dispersed by gentle frictions – an occasional aperient being administered, & the diet regulated; convalescence was permanent, & she remained healthy all the voyage</p> |
| <p>Hepatitis with strong Dysenteric tendency</p> | 10 | <p>John Topp Æt 30 At sea May 28th 1837</p> | <p>Was under treatment a few days since, having strained his loins in lifting a weight; this was relieved by bloodletting, & an embrocation; and he had returned to his work. He now complains of sever pain in the right hypogastrium and Scrobiculus Cordis, with uneasiness in the colic region, & frequent inclination to stool, passing mucus, without blood</p> |

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| <p>PA300249 JPG</p> | | | <p>gripping or tenesmus – the hepatic pain is aggravated by pressure & by deep inspiration – tongue thickly coated with yellow mucus, skin nearly natural – pulse hard but not quick, aspect spare & extremely unhealthy. <i>Fiat VS i brachio ad 3xvj</i> <i>Rx Hyd Submur ʒj Opii gʳ iij p Pil iij statim sumanda</i></p> <p>29th Blood drawn yesterday buffed, the symptoms are certainly somewhat mitigated, & though he feels a little relieved, is still very ill – the state of the bowels is the same as yesterday, nothing but mucus having been passed for the last 36 hours – <i>rept Pil ut heri HS et sumatur statim Haustus Cretaceus</i></p> <p>30th He is much the same, there is slight mercurial fœtor – <i>Confʳ</i>. 31st Pulse improved, skin cool, tongue moist, and its coating inclined to separate at the edges – thirst less, and the bowels have not been disturbed for the last 12 hours, the mercurial influence is not more evident – he bears pressure over the hepatic & ventricular regions better than he did, and his sensations are much improved in comfort. <i>Cont. Pilulæ</i>.</p> <p>June 1st Is much the same in general, but has passed a small feculent motion, dark coloured & offensive, without straining or uneasiness. <i>Cont. Pilulæ – Habeat Ung. Tigli ʒj lateri infricandum</i></p> <p>2nd Is very nervous, and complains much of pain, whereon he attempts to rise in bed, the diaphragm generally would appear to be the seat of this symptom – he bears pressure well, but still has considerable pain when it is practised – bowels have been again open – gums swollen but the salivary glands are not affected nor the teeth tender. <i>Appʳ Emp Cath lateri dextro</i></p> <p>3rd The pain of diaphragm relieved by blister, has some cough & expectoration, bowels inclined to be relaxed – mouth as yesterday – mercurial odour more perceptible – <i>Habeat statim Olei Ricini ʒvj c Tr Opii gʳ xv</i></p> <p>Vespere Took a second dose of the oil, which produced copious motions, containing depraved bilious, feculencies, some mucus & blood, but unattended by pain or tenesmus – <i>sumantur HS gʳ ij opii</i>.</p> <p>4th Feels more comfortable – has some pain of side still – cough & expectoration, mouth much the same – <i>Rept Ol Ric c Mentha</i></p> <p>Vespere He rejects the oil and took a powder containing 20 grains of Rhubarb and 3 of Calomel.</p> <p>5th Medicine has not acted satisfactorily; he is free from pain, excepting on taking a deep inspiration – expectorates rather freely, has slight cough – gums rather sore – tongue still furred thickly, but moist.</p> <p>PA300250 JPG</p> <p>Vespere The medicine has acted, producing three motions, similar to those before noticed; and he feels low & much depressed – <i>opii gʳ ij HS</i></p> <p>6th Passed a good night, there is still some pain of side – tongue & mouth must the same, cough & expectoration as before – <i>Habeat Pil Cathart c Cal ij 6^a quaque hora donec alvus bene responderit</i></p> <p>7th Passed four stools, similar to the last, but without mucus or blood, & unaccompanied by gripping or pain, but with some distress from debility – the hepatic pain is better, but he is very weak & nervous – to take occasionally small portions of Sago, with wine- no medicine.</p> |
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| <p>PA300251 JPG</p> | | <p>8th 9th 11th 12th 14th 15th July 8th Discharged to day Duty August 20th</p> | <p>Is less nervous, & appears to have improved a little in all respects, continue the wine. Some pain of belly & diarrhoea came on in the night; he passed three depraved bilious motions, without straining or much uneasiness – he took an opium pill which relieved the debility so produced, & goes with the wine & Sago He is mending -slept 5 hours last night, continuously – bowels have not been open for 48 hours – <i>Olei Ricini ʒvj</i> – coffee & light soup. Bowels open thrice from oil, excreta more natural – still very weak, mouth better – no cough – very little hepatic pain – bears pressure well – soup & wine – no medicine Much the same – bowels have acted once – secretions appear less healthy <i>Pil Cath c Cal ij</i> Pills operated – secretions still unnatural – he improves perceptibly, takes wine & light nourishment. From the above date, he continued with occasional variations, to do well – the diet required much management & alteration – the bowels frequent regulation & the hepatic region was profusely rubbed with a mercurial liniment under this plan of treatment, continued with great attention to clothing, he completely recovered, & looked far more healthy than when he joined the ship – misfortune however still attended him, for on this date, he by a fall suffered a subluxation of the scapular extremity of left clavicle; the injury did well, and its effects had nearly ceased when he left the ship in September, at the Cape of Good Hope, by his own request.</p> |
| <p>Hooping Cough Terminating in fatal Pneumonia</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>Thomas Bailey Æt 2. Free child At Sea May 22nd 1837 June 13th Died June 19th 1837</p> | <p>This child, from his mother’s account has been puny. Delicate from birth; he suffered in infancy from a long & severe attack of cerebral disease; was put into the sick list, as above stated, with the usual symptoms of Pertussis; the paroxysms of cough were never remarkable for severity or duration, and the excreta were copious & freely thrown off from the lungs; the disease was unattended by fever; under the use of the Tartar Emetic solution, combined with small quantities of Hyoscynamus, and a stimulating embrocation applied to the chest & back, he appeared to be doing well, until this date; when dyspnoea, fever, and suspended expectoration indicated inflammatory action within the chest -to meet the new attack, leeches, purgatives, & antimonials, were employed, but he was already so much reduced, that bloodletting could not be carried so far as I wished, and the febrile excitement remaining permanent, contraindicated the employment of blisters – gradually increasing dyspnoea, ushered in an attack of convulsions, which after recurring a third time within 48 hours, terminated his existence.</p> |
| <p>PA300252 JPG Continued Fever At first affecting the abdominal then the thoracic Cavity</p> | <p>12</p> | <p>James Tucker Æt 2. Free child At Sea May 29th 1837</p> | <p>When this child was embarked, he was in a weak and reduced state, having only of late recovered from an attack of fever; his belly was tumid, face anxious, skin in general relaxed, and his legs & feet covered with sores from neglected chilblains – he had however recovered from all these unfavourable indications, & up to the above date had gone on well without intermission – He is now affected with general languor & febrile heat, particularly of abdomen –</p> |

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| | | | <p>the bowels are confined, eyes dull, face flushed, tongue yellow with red tip, no appetite, thirst great – <i>Admov' [manus?] Hirud ij – Sumatur Pulv Purg c Calom, et post catharsin, Mist Antim Tart 2^{da} quaque hora.</i></p> <p>30th Much the same – medicine acted well – leeches bled freely – <i>rept Hirud j</i> <i>Rx Hyd Submur g^r ij P Rhei g^r ij Pulv Ipecac g^r j p Pulv bis die s^d Cont Mist Antim Tart.</i></p> <p>31st Fever reduced by the last bleeding, which was free – bowels open – much the same in other respects. <i>Continuentur medicamenta.</i></p> <p>June 1st A fresh recurrence of fever, with wheezing cough & dyspnoea – tongue inclined to be dry – the pulse tho' rapid is weak, and does not justify the further abstraction of blood – <i>Ung Tigli sterno infricand</i> <i>Rx Ant Tart g^r j Ext Hyoscy g^r viij Aqua ʒfs ℞ p Mistura cujus cap^t quartan partem 3^{is} horis</i></p> <p>2nd Fever less, chest symptoms better, bowels open – <i>Cont omnia</i></p> <p>3rd Much the same – <i>Con' medic et appl' Emp Canth sterno</i></p> <p>4th Breathing & cough better – no fever – bowels not open. <i>Habt Pulv Purg Cont Mistura</i></p> <p>8th After this date he required very little medicine beyond an occasional emetic & aperient – great care as to diet & clothing were necessary up to the date of his discharge; after which he throve apace, & became a fine stout & healthy boy.</p> <p>Discharged well June 24th 1837</p> |
| PA300253 JPG | 13 | <p>Eliza Jacques Æt 35 At sea June 3rd 1837</p> | <p>Complains of acute pain in right hypochondrium, extending over a large span, superficial, much increased by inspiration, & exquisitely so by pressure – vomiting & diarrhoea. After the action of an Emetic, w^h evacuated much bilious fluid, I took 25 ounces of blood from the arm, and then administered the following bolus – <i>Rx Opii g^r ij Hyd Sub g^r v ℞</i></p> <p>4th Pain of side more diffused, & less acute, bowels quiet, some headache, thirst, white tongue, no fever. <i>Rx Hyd Submur g^r j Opii gr ¼ Ant Tart g^r 1/6 p Pil 4^{is} horis S. Appl Emp Catharidis lateri dextro</i></p> <p>5th She is on the whole better – bowels confined – <i>Sumantur Pil Cathart C Calom ij 6^{is} horis donec alvus respt</i></p> <p>6th Bowels well opened, feels much relieved in all respects, but is a good deal annoyed by nausea. <i>Mist Salin Effervesc c Nitro</i></p> <p>7th Better mouth sore bowels not sufficiently open – <i>Haust Cathart Salinus</i></p> <p>8th Improves – <i>Rept Haust Catharticus</i></p> <p>9th Bowels well opened - improving</p> <p>10th Soreness of mouth beginning to decline – <i>Rept Pil Cal etc bis die</i></p> <p>17th Has continued to improve on the same plan, until today, when she complains of pain of side, which, though not nearly so bad as before, is very severe, and is now attended by considerable headache, ft VS ad ʒxviij. Appr Emp Cath nuchæ – Cont Pil, Cal etc</p> <p>18th The urgent symptoms are relieved, but she is much reduced – <i>Cont Pil</i></p> |

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| PA300254 JPG | | <p>19th Head rather better, side very tender & painful – pulse 65 low – skin rather warmer than natural, mouth a little sore – bowels not open. <i>Habeat statim Purg Purgant</i></p> <p>Vespere Bowels open- no better – <i>Cont Pil app^r lateri Emp Carth Amplum</i></p> <p>20th Head & side much the same – blister rose well, pulse & skin as at last report – bowels relaxed in the night. <i>Habt statim Hydr Submur Əj</i></p> <p>Vespere Mouth sore – salivation coming on, she complains much of sickness. <i>Mistura Effervescens pro re nata</i></p> <p>21st Much distressed by vomiting- pain of head & side rather better – mouth more sore & swollen. <i>App^r Scorbiculis Cordis ope lintei Tinctura Opii</i></p> <p>Vespere Sickness relieved – head & side much the same – bowels not open – <i>Habt statim Haustum Catharticum</i></p> <p>22nd Medicine acted once, head & side somewhat better –<i>rept Haust Cath –</i></p> <p>Vespere Three copious stools procured by the last dose, since which the pain & exhaustion have much increased. <i>Rx morphii muriatis g^r ij Hydrag c Creta^a g^r x Sacchhari g^r x m p Pulvis Hora somni sumendus.</i></p> <p>23rd Passed a good night, and has less pain both of the side & head, nervous feelings much improved</p> <p>24th Smart diarrhoea came on in the night, & caused her much distress, other symptoms nearly the same. <i>Rept Pulv alterns præscripta statim</i></p> <p>Vespere She was quieted & relieved for several hours, after taking the powder, but the diarrhoea has begun to recur. <i>Habeat statim Opii g^r ij</i></p> <p>25th Passed a tolerable night, side & head rather better – bowels still loose, but not distressing.</p> <p>Vespere Diarrhoea has again recurred, and produced much sinking & nervous distress – <i>rept Pil Opii statim</i></p> <p>26th Had a pretty good night, the bowels are confined, and on the whole she appears to be somewhat improved.</p> <p>Vespere Experienced much pain & distress about 4 pm, apparently from exhaustion, which were speedily relieved by opium.</p> <p>27th The head, side & belly are easier, & she has no return of nervous symptoms – Complains of nausea – <i>Sumatur pro re nata Mist Effervesc. Admoveatur fatus Scorbiculo Cordis</i></p> <p>Vespere Had a return of the nervous distress w^h was again relieved by <i>g^r ij Opii</i></p> <p>28th Vomited in the course of the night, without much effort, something, which from her description, may have been mucus, or pus, or both; it was thrown away, so that I had no better means of forming an opinion than from what she told me; it was evidently something unusual & though the accompanying symptoms do not warrant the suspicion of even a small abscess, there may have been a formation & subsequent detachment of, thick mucus, either about the Pylorus, or at the exit of then ductus communio cholidochus; be this as it may, she experiences much relief from the peculiar annoyance w^h she has hitherto had in the side – the pulse is low, and the bowels are confined. <i>Habeat statim Pulv Cath c Cal</i> <i>Rx æther ʒj Ammon Carb Əj Sp Ammn C ʒj</i> <i>Tinct Opii ʒj Sp Lavand C ʒjj Mist Camph ʒiv M ft Mist Cujus sumat ægra Cochl magnum quando urg^t dolor vel nausea</i></p> | <p>PA300255 JPG</p> |
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| | | <p>29th Sensations in general improved, but the medicine has acted scantily – mouth more sore - pulse 80 & weak. <i>Rept haust Cathart Salinus</i></p> <p>Vespere The medicine has acted well, & the stools are more healthy in appearance, feels better and is less nervous – <i>Mist cardiacæ p.r.n.</i></p> <p>30th <i>Pergat</i></p> <p>July 1st No material difference – mouth very sore – takes sago with a little wine. Bowels do not act without medicine – improving on the whole – <i>rept Haust Cathart salinus</i></p> <p>Vespere Headache troublesome. <i>App^r nuchæ Emplastrum Cantharidis</i></p> <p>3rd & 4th Improving – soreness of mouth going off. <i>Infricitur lateri dextro Linimenti Hydrargyri mitioris ℥j quaque die.</i></p> <p>Discharged well July 29th 1837</p> | <p>Sensations in general improved, but the medicine has acted scantily – mouth more sore - pulse 80 & weak. <i>Rept haust Cathart Salinus</i></p> <p>The medicine has acted well, & the stools are more healthy in appearance, feels better and is less nervous – <i>Mist cardiacæ p.r.n.</i></p> <p><i>Pergat</i></p> <p>No material difference – mouth very sore – takes sago with a little wine. Bowels do not act without medicine – improving on the whole – <i>rept Haust Cathart salinus</i></p> <p>Headache troublesome. <i>App^r nuchæ Emplastrum Cantharidis</i></p> <p>Improving – soreness of mouth going off. <i>Infricitur lateri dextro Linimenti Hydrargyri mitioris ℥j quaque die.</i></p> <p>From this period continued to do well, and gained ground gradually, requiring great care as to diet, & exposure to the air – she continued to use the mercurial friction on the affected side, sometimes alternated with a mild mercurial taken internally, which was always followed by a saline aperient, the ensuing morning – the use of quinine & of wine as necessary for a long time after convalescence was well established, and after she left the sick list, she was frequently obliged to make use of a saline aperient, sometimes combined with a mild mercurial. A little before the termination of the voyage, she experienced symptoms indication of a chronic form, mild in degree, of her old complaint, but this was removed in a few days, by a few doses of medicine, & corresponding alteration of the diet.</p> |
| <p>PA300256.JPG</p> <p>Arachnitis accompanied by extensive abscess in right Buttock</p> | <p>14</p> | <p>Louisa Gorman Æt 18 At Sea June 11th 1837</p> | <p>Complains this morning of headache & nausea, for which an emetic, followed by a calomel purg, were prescribed. This evening the headache is intense, confined to the lower part of the forehead, and accompanied by slight delirium - conjunctivæ infectis, a drunken expression of the eye – tongue pasty – thirst – pain over cardiac region – skin above natural heat – pulse 100, strong & hard.</p> <p><i>fiat statim V.S. brachio ad ℥xxiv</i> – this produced syncope, vomiting, and some relief of the pain.</p> <p><i>Admoveatur, capiti raso, ope panni Lotio frigida spiritum et sumatur statim Pulvis Liquiri</i></p> <p><i>Rx Hydrarg Sub gr^r v Ant Tart gr^r j M</i></p> <p>12th 4 am Slept a good deal at intervals, but wandering in intellect, & unsoundly. Complains of pain in side, and in perineum – pulse 108 – skin hot <i>ft V S ad ℥xij.</i></p> <p>10 am There is an abscess in right buttock, pointing in the perineum, in the spot complained of; on opening thro skin at this part, about ℥i of fetid pus escaped, of good colour, but thin. After the evacuation of this, which gave her much ease, a poultice was applied – much the same as at last visit otherwise.</p> <p><i>Rx Potass Nitrat ℥fs Mag Sulph ℥ij Antim Tart gr^r j Aqua ℥iv</i> <i>℞ ft Mistura cujus Capt 6 partim 3 horis</i></p> <p>4 pm. Head still much affected – <i>Cont.</i></p> <p>10 pm Much the same – <i>admov Catap Sinapis, cruribus, et pedibus. Habt Cal gr^r v – P. Rhei gr^r x M</i></p> <p>13th 6 am Slept rather better than on preceding night, still wandering at intervals, skin hotter than at last visit- tongue as before – side still troublesome, abscess discharging well, & not very painful – slight cough with expectoration, bowels not open</p> |

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| PA300257 JPG | | | <p>– eyes clear, but dull in expression – headache confined to brows – sore throat – <i>VS ad 3^x, Haut Cath Salin – Cont^r Cotira</i></p> <p>Vespere Blood buffed – bowels copiously opened, side & head better – has slept at intervals – fever rather less – medicine produced nausea – <i>Cont omnia</i></p> <p>14th Slept pretty well, but still wandering & untr tranquil - expression of eyes rather heavier – Some increase of cuticular heat - tongue as before, pulse 96 bearing compression well, side troublesome, but not constantly; bowels open several times in the night – motions watery, dark coloured, & offensive – abscess discharging copiously foetid pus- <i>VS ad 3^{viiij}</i> <i>Prætermittetur mistura, Contr Lotio Capiti et Catap perindæ</i></p> <p>Vespere Slept tranquilly for some time after the last bleeding – blood less buffed, heat & side much the same – bowels better. <i>Appl lateri Emp Canth.</i></p> <p>15th In consequence of heavy rain for many hours, the ventilation of the hospital has been much impeded, and its heat raised; she is (in consequence I think) not so well, the pain of head & side has increased, the pulse is 104 and jerking, the cuticular heat rather greater – bowels not open – discharge from abscess more healthy – a little incoherent, Eyes clear but constantly closed. <i>VS ad 3^{viiij} – Pil Cathart c Cal ij lotio et catalplasma</i></p> <p>Vespere Much the same – she has since last visit taken a saline cathartic, without effect, which is to be repeated if necessary.</p> <p>16th The medicine has acted, and she seems rather better in all respects, excepting the pulse, which still remains rapid & jerking, as at the first. <i>Rx Pil Hydrag gr ij Ant Tart gr ¼ M p Pil 3^{tis} quaque hora sumnda Cont cætira remedia</i></p> <p>Vespere Has had two copious dark coloured motions since last report, the urine has also become increased in quantity, but is dark in hue. Pulse 104 but easily compressed & less jerking, the skin is of moderate heat – <i>Contr.</i></p> <p>17th Was rather restless through the night, pulse 94, skin of head & hands rather warmer than of other parts, little thirst, expression of eyes improved – wanders in intellect more, side better – abscess discharges healthier pus – gums a little swollen – no mercurial fætor – <i>Cont omnia</i></p> <p>18th Rest disturbed by the abscess, which was painful in the night, no increase of fever, pulse 96, much the same in all other respects – <i>Pulv Cal & Rhei Lotio et Cataplasma</i></p> <p>19th Abscess still painful at intervals, but the discharge from it is better conditioned & free – the tongue looks well, the expression of the face is good, skin cool, Pulse 92, weak & quiet – bowels opened by physic, and the motions improved, urine paler & free – <i>Cont Pil et Catap. App^r Lotio Capiti quando crescit calor</i></p> <p>20th Slept more, is much the same – discharge thinner, & induration around the opening in buttock extensor – pulse 96 – to have some light nourishment. <i>Cat Pil. bis et sumatur HS Ext Hyoscy gr vij</i></p> <p>21st Discharge very copious, & thin, opening required to be enlarged by a bistoury – <i>cont omnia</i></p> <p>22nd Took a Cathartic last night which has acted well – much the same <i>præterr pilulæ et contin cotira [cotidie]</i></p> |
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| PA300259.JPG | 23 rd | She seems to be better on the whole, abscess discharging freely – pus foetid but thicker – bowels open, pulse 96 – occasional flushes of heat in hands and forehead, which are then wetted with the lotion – takes the nourishment allowed her with great relish – <i>Cont Pil Hydrarg et Catap</i> |
| | 24 th | Improves – to have some Porter - <i>Catp</i> |
| | 28 th | Bowels open – discharge thinner & very copious – pulse weak & equally quick, tongue clean – she certainly loses strength – to have 2 oz Port wine daily. <i>Rx Quinia Sulph g' iv bis die</i> |
| | 30 th | On examining the abscess today, I find three sinuses, one extending 4 inches directly into the buttock, one about an inch, diverging outwards from the last; and another of two inches, extending towards the rectum, but a finger introduced into that part can trace no further connection than the induration caused by the crust of the abscess where it occupies the cellular structure external to the rectum, these sinuses though deep do not appear to have much lateral expansion, & the majority of the discharge appears to be furnished by that which runs towards the rectum – this, I therefore laid open, and after introducing a piece of oiled lint, ordered the poultice to be continued, and that posture of the patient persevered in, which now favours the escape of the pus – 4 oz wine – <i>cont omnia</i> |
| | July 1st | The discharge has improved since yesterday, & her comfort has been increased by the operation – <i>cont omnia</i> |
| | 10 th | Has gone on improving, discharge thick & much diminished – but the pulse keeps at to 96, although its beat improves – she takes an occasional cathartic, the use of which appears to be indispensable, and always followed by improved feelings – <i>Cont omnia</i> |
| | 13 th | Pulse has this day fallen to 80, and she continues to mend, the Cavities of the abscess filling fast, and the pus healthier & in smaller quantity. <i>Continuentur omnia</i> |
| | 24 th | Doing well in all respects, and goes on with the same system – the openings are nearly healed, & the discharge is very trifling – <i>Cont omnia.</i> |
| | 27 th | A dyspeptic attack required the administration of an Emetic and Cathartic – doing well otherwise – She continued after the above date to mend rapidly – the openings healed after the sue of caustic twice, and her health became completely re-established notwithstanding the amount and protractedness of her sufferings – she became stout & robust as ever, & required nothing further, during the voyage, than an occasional aperient, a purgative, and some little extra care at the menstrual periods. |
| | Discharged Well August 5 th 1837 | |

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| <p>Fatal Convulsions in an Infant</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>Richard Fisher Æt 19 days Free child At sea July 4th 1837</p> <p>Died July 6th 1837</p> | <p>This child was born on board on the 15th June, and for a few days appeared to be a healthy strong babe; the mother is a robust woman, and is doing well, with milk in abundance – the first appearance of disease was an aphthous affection of the mouth, and diarrhoea – these were relieved by chalk mixture & carminatives, with a linctus of Nitre & Sugar; but he lost flesh rapidly, and was this day seized with convulsions – the warm bath was used twice daily, and a bottle of hot water was applied occasionally to the feet and back; but these were attended only by temporary relief; for the convulsive attacks became at length incessant, & in the course of two days, destroyed him.</p> |
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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. | | | | | | | |
| Intermittentes Quotidiana Tertiana | | | | | | | |
| Continua Synochus | 1 | 1 | | | | | 12 |
| Typhus | | | | | | | |
| Ord. II. Phlegmasiæ. | | | | | | | |
| Phlogosis | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| Hepatitis | 4 | 4 | | | | | 1.10.13 |
| Rheumatismus | 13 | 13 | | | | | |
| Gastritis | 2 | 2 | | | | | 2.9 |
| <i>Aesophagitis</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | 6 |
| <i>Cyanche</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Ophthalmia | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| <i>Arachnitis</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | 14 |
| Ord. III. Exanthemata. | | | | | | | |
| Variola | | | | | | | |
| Rubeola | | | | | | | |
| Erysipelas | | | | | | | |
| Vaccina | | | | | | | |
| Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiæ | | | | | | | |
| Haemoptysis | | | | | | | |
| Phthisis incipiens | | | | | | | |
| Phthisis cosfirmata | | | | | | | |
| Ord. V. Profluvia. | | | | | | | |
| Catarrhus | 6 | 6 | | | | | |
| Dysenteria | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Neuroses. | | | | | | | |
| Ord. I. Comata. | | | | | | | |
| Apoplexia | | | | | | | |
| <i>Vertigo</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Ord. II. Adynamiaæ. | | | | | | | |
| Dyspepsiæ | 71 | 71 | | | | | |
| Ord. III. Spasmi. | | | | | | | |
| Asthma | | | | | | | |
| Diarrhoea | 5 | 5 | | | | | |
| Colica | | | | | | | |
| <i>Convulsio</i> | 1 | | | 1 | | | 15 |
| <i>Pertussis</i> | 3 | 2 | | 1 | | | 11 |
| <i>Hysteria</i> | 4 | 4 | | | | | |
| Ord. Iv. Vesaniaæ. | | | | | | | |
| Amentia | | | | | | | |
| Mania | | | | | | | |

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| Cachexiae. | | | | | | | |
| Ord. I. Marcores. | | | | | | | |
| Tabes | | | | | | | |
| Ord. II. Intumescētiaē. | | | | | | | |
| Anasarca | | | | | | | |
| Ascites | | | | | | | |
| Hydrothorax | | | | | | | |
| Ord. III. Impetigines. | | | | | | | |
| Syphilis | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | | 4. 8. |
| Scrofula | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Icterus | | | | | | | |
| Scorbutus | | | | | | | |
| Locales. | | | | | | | |
| Parturientis | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Ord. I. Dysæthesiæ. | | | | | | | |
| Amaurosis | | | | | | | |
| Ord. II. Dysorexiæ. | | | | | | | |
| Ord. III. Dyscinesiæ. | | | | | | | |
| Ord. IV. Apocēnoses. | | | | | | | |
| Gonorrhœa | 1 | 1 | | | | | 7 |
| Ord. V. Epischeses | | | | | | | |
| Ischuria | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Obstipatio | 2 | 2 | | | | | |
| Dysuria | 6 | 6 | | | | | |
| <i>Amenorrhœa</i> | 7 | 7 | | | | | |
| Ord. VI. Tumores. | | | | | | | |
| Aneurisma | | | | | | | |
| Ord. VII. Ectopiae. | | | | | | | |
| Hernia | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Prolapsus | | | | | | | |
| <i>Contusio</i> | 3 | 3 | | | | | 5 |
| Ord. VIII. Dialyses. | | | | | | | |
| Vulnus | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| Ulcus | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tinea</i> | 1 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| GENERAL TOTAL | 150 | 146 | 2 | 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

The embarkation of the convicts on board the *Platina* commenced on the 6th April, and was finished on the 16th, between these dates, 116 women, and 12 children were received on board, in parties, varying from 32 to 1 in number, and from various parts of England. These people were in general decidedly below par in healthy appearance, and some so palpably ill as to induce me to reject them altogether; a state of things probably arising from the poorness of prison fare, and the duration of the confinement which they had formerly undergone.

A few days elapsed after the completion of embarkation before the sailing of the vessel from Woolwich; and during this period, I made arrangements for the establishment of a similar system to that which I adopted in the "*Lady MacNaghten*", male convict ship, so much to my satisfaction, two years previously; difference of sex, in the present instance, requiring a few inessential modifications of detail. I may here remark, that extreme attention to cleanliness, both general & personal – perfect ventilation of the prison, assisted by the frequent use of chlorotic solution – as much exposure of the convicts to fresh air on deck, as the weather would allow, guarding at the same time against cold & wet – the promotion of cheerfulness among them, by attention to their wants, and by furnishing as much occupation and amusement as possible – and lastly, by care that their meals were provided as regularly & comfortably as circumstances permitted, from the leading features of the system above referred to. Two recent improvements in the prison fittings, lend much to facilitate the efforts of the Surgeon on some of their points; in the first place, the water closets which are now on deck, and can be entered either from above or below, prevent much of that deterioration of the air between decks, which unavoidably took place under the former arrangement; and in the second place, the ventilators which are now inserted, fore & aft, in the deck, appear to be invaluable, when carefully attended to; as they must infallibly prevent all accumulation of foul air, by establishing currents between the hatchways & themselves. In wet, or stormy weather, they require an extra covering of tarpaulin, and a lashing to set up below; by which I found, that the rain or sea was prevented effectually from entering between the sides of the tubes and the plugs or covers with which they are fitted. A couple of strong wire gratings would also be very useful in preventing improper communication from below with anyone on deck; one of these gratings should be placed at the lower opening of the tube, and the other just far enough within the upper aperture to allow the plug to fit on; the intervening space would, in all probability, be sufficient to prevent anything, however small it might be, from being handed through: if these gratings were made & placed with moderate care, the impediment to ventilation would amount to nothing, while their effect in aiding the police of the ship would be considerable: the action of the deck ventilators however, whether they undergo alteration or not appears to me to be essential to the improvement of the atmosphere between decks, that they might, I think, to be retained in all crowded vessels, at any risk.

While the ship remained at Woolwich, the weather was favourable, Easterly winds prevailed, and the temperature was low for the season & fluctuating. A severe attack of Hepatitis (Case 1 of Journal) combined with gastric inflammation, occurred in April, and continued a long time under treatment. A case of Porrigo, (3) and one of Venereal, (4) were sent to the Hospital: one of Gonorrhoea, (7) was added to the list, as were 5 & 6, the results of slight accidents.

In May we changed our climate from cold to heat; the Thermometer ranging from 43° to 73°. & averaging about 60°, its increased height was steadily progressive, and in proportion as Northerly winds prevailed, so the atmosphere was dry & pleasant; we did not reach the NE trade till 21° North. Our sick list in this month was large, gastric disturbance forming its chief item, & varying from the simplest form of indigestion, up to Gastritis & Gastro enteritis (2 & 9). Constipation was a daily item & in point of numbers, a formidable one. Hooping Cough (11) appeared in two children; and Fever (12) attacked another, the digestive organs, in the latter case, sustained the first onset of disease, and afterwards the lungs became affected; eventual recovery however took place. A case of Primary Venereal was observed: (8) and severe Hepatitis, with considerable tendency to Dysentery, occurred in a sailor. One of our pregnant women was delivered of a dead child, towards the end of this month. The great prevalence of gastric affections may, it appears to me, be accounted for by the joint operation of suddenly increased solar heat, and the change to oily gross diet from meagre prison fare.

Nearly the whole of June was occupied in passing from one trade wind to the other, our detention in the variables having been unusually great. The weather during the month was fine, the proportion of rain comparatively small, with a nearly total absence of meteorological phenomena; the heat steadily increased up to the middle of the month, and declined in its last fourth: the thermometer never ranged above 82°, or below 71°, and averaged about 77°. The sick list appeared to increase in a direct proportion with the heat of the weather, the digestive organs still bearing the majority of the attacks, and in the same forms as those of last month; other items of varied character also occurred, some of which were formidable. A case of Arachnitis (14) was remarkably so, from the severity & continuance of the symptoms, the necessity there was for great depletion, and its complication with extensive abscess in the right buttock; the patient, a robust young woman, though for some time reduced to the verge of grave, was ultimately restored to her former state of health: a case of Hepatitis (13) may also be included in the above remark, which this occurred in a woman much disposed to attacks of the disease, and was treated by depletion followed by mercurial; here the subsequent exhaustion was so great, for several days,

as to require great care, & place her life in considerable jeopardy; she recovered however, and afterwards did well: an additional case of Pertussis occurred in this month, and one of the former ones terminated fatally in Pneumonia; another accouchement also took place, and a fine male child was added to our number.

In July we passed the tropic of Capricorn, and experienced a rather rapid change of climate; we had scarcely reached the verge of the tropic for we had a gale of a week's continuance, accompanied by rain and a heavy sea. In this month the number of showery days was great, while the quantity of rain that fell does not appear to have been in proportion. The thermometer ranged between 79° & 52° - averaging about 66° - thunder & lightning were observed once only and then preceded the gale already noticed. Our sick list continued to be large, & the severe cases of last month were doing well, but the infant, whose birth has been already mentioned, began to lose flesh a few days after, and died of convulsions in 19 days from that date (case 15): the principal cases treated in this month were dyspeptic affections; Diarrhoea made its appearance in a few individuals; a mild case of Dysentery recurred in a sailor; and towards the end of the month several patients presented themselves with Rheumatic affections, which were apparently produced by atmospherical changes. There is to be observed, on a review of the items of the sick list for this month, a manifest change in the features of some of the leading complaints; the gastric disturbance was by no means so severe as was formerly noticed, and the tendency to constipation was much diminished, while Diarrhoea, Rheumatism, & Dysentery were not uncommon; this alteration appears to admit of explanation with on the one hand, by the accommodating power of the human constitution, in suiting itself gradually to change of habits, diet, etc and on the other by the effect of those transitions in temperature and climate inseparable from a voyage like the present. The cases of Hooping Cough, recovered in this month, but one of its subjects, a girl, was seized with ophthalmia (severe conjunctivitis) which did well by depletion & caustic solution. Among the cases not entered in the Sick List, were several of Boil, produced by salt diet; these tumours possessed a peculiar character of different inflammation and superficial suppuration approaching the vesicular form, & were more tedious in their after stages than the true Furuncles.

Three weeks of August were occupied in getting into Port at the cape of Good Hope, on the 2nd we made Table Mountain but did not anchor in Simon's bay until the 26th. During nearly all this period the weather was extremely bad, gales of wind, from the Northward, & Westward, succeeded each other rapidly, & were often accompanied by hail, rain, & thunder. The thermometer ranged between 47° , & 63° , averaging 56° ; its diurnal differences were not great. Dyspepsy as before confirms the bulk of the cases admitted into the list in August, and its characters remained nearly the same as noticed in the report for the preceding month. Rheumatic affections of the back & limbs were the next in frequency, and appeared to depend on the lowered temperature, and the strong winds to which the women were unavoidably exposed when on deck. A case or two of Diarrhoea, and a sublaxated clavicle, completed the items of the sick list. No case of severity occurred during the month, and those noticed before, did well. The two Seamen who were severally the subject of Hepatitis, & Dysentery, recovered, and were sent on shore at Simon's Town by their own desire; the former of these individuals, was also the subject of sublaxated clavicle, & had nearly recovered from the effects of the accident when he left the vessel. Among the cases not registered, was a proportion of Boils, similar to those mentioned in the last month's report; some Lichenous forms of eruption; some cases of benign whitlow; a few instances of Scorbutic tendency, manifested by the state of the gums; and several of the lighter forms of Dyspepsy. The approach of Scurvy, has in each instance, been met by the use of the Nitre, in some combination or other, I think that, in which the Vegetable Acid and [Sulph?] appear, had the most speedy & marked good effect; on this point, I have further to observe, that the Nitrate of Potass was much used, in all cases when febrile action existed at all, and whenever the urinary secretion or excoriation was palpably affected; a measure which very probably tended to the prevention of Scurvy in those, who, might by illness, have been rendered obnoxious to the attack.

The first six days of September were passed in Simon's Bay, and the remaining part of the month in running to the Eastward. The prevailing winds were from the Northward, and Westward, but it sometimes went round the compass, occupying two, or three, or more days in so doing. On the whole, the weather as more favourable than is usually met with, under the same circumstances of Latitude & Season; strong gales were common, & showery days frequent, but in the intervals the atmosphere was for the most part dry & pleasant. The thermometer ranged between 63° , and 45° , averaging about 56° - and the transitions of temperature were observed, in general, to correspond very closely with the pending change, or present direction of the wind; its consequent daily difference was, therefore, often very considerable. Our sick list for this month shows no serious cases, and its items are very similar to those of the last; Rheumatic affections, principally of the long muscles, & Dyspeptic attacks, in their varied forms, are in the majority; while Diarrhoea, & menstrual irregularity fill up the detail. The Lichenous Eruptions noticed last month, continued to prevail, and in one or two cases became vesicular & even pustular, but were all declining by the end of the month. The tendency to Scurvy entirely disappeared during the use of the fresh diet obtained at the Cape, & would, I believe, never have appeared, even in the slight degree it did, had not the deficiency of fuel, which forced the ship into Simon's town for a supply, exposed us to the long continued bad weather already noticed.

The summary for October corresponds very easily with that for the last month in all respects of weather, wind etc with this reservation, that on all these points, was manifested an increased irregularity, as the ship

approximated the land. The thermometer ranged, during this month, from 47°, to 61°, & averaged about 52°. Our sick list for October is by far the smallest which is to be observed in any preceding similar period, but its items are of the same description as usual; no unfavourable case occurred at all; while the unrecorded affections declined in number & importance; the women were consequently landed in unusually good condition, being assigned to their situations on shore, further with, not one of them requiring to be sent to Hospital.

Our arrival at Hobart Town took place on the 22nd October, and on the 28th the disembarkation of the convicts was completed. At the request of Sir John Franklin, I was subsequently employed as Surgeon Superintendent in the Colonial Brig [Tanar], in the conveyance of thirty women of the number originally under my charge, to Launceston; in which town or its neighbourhood, they had been assigned: from this Duty, I returned to Hobart Town, on the 18th November 1837.

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