

Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship Blackfriar between the 7th January 1851 and the 7th June 1851 during which time the said ship has been employed in a voyage from Kingstown to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land

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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.
Epilepsy	1	<p>Jane Bowles. Aged Convict 26th Jan^y 1851 At Kingstown Discharged 10th Feb^y 1850 (sic)</p> <p align="right">27th</p> <p align="right">28th</p> <p align="right">29th</p> <p align="right">February 1st</p>	<p>This woman is of a stout make, full habit, and subject to Epileptic fits, several of which she has had since first embarked. She has suffered very much from Sea Sickness and the last two nights has had protracted fainting fits. She complains of severe pain in the head and oppression at the pit of the stomach the latter being in a very irritable state. Bowels have been confined for some days. tongue foul. pulse slightly accelerated, skin cool.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid g^r.vj. Statim</i> <i>Magnes. Sulph. Zfs .post horas tres.</i></p> <p>Medicines operated tolerably well and she appears somewhat better, the stomach still continues rather irritable and there is a degree (of) flatulence and cardiologia.</p> <p><i>Rx. Mag: Bicarb. ʒj</i> <i>Pulv:Rhei. g^r.xv</i> <i>Aqua Menthe: Zij. M. Ft haust: stat: sumend:</i></p> <p>Passed a comfortable night, head relieved but still complains of nausea and flatulence – tongue coated. pulse tranquil.</p> <p><i>Rx Pil; Hydrarg. g^r.vj. bis die</i></p> <p>going on as well, as under the circumstance can be expected. A heavy gale of wind and the motion of the ship puts anything like regular treatment out of the question.</p> <p>Weather more moderate. Ordered her a course of Aperients and Bitters under the use of which she recovered. She has had tolerably good health up to this date and during the remainder of the voyage the fits were less frequent.</p>
Erysipelas	2	<p>Susan West Aged Convict 26th Jan^y 1851 At sea Discharged cured 15th Feb^y 1851</p>	<p>A short stout built woman of pale unhealthy respect, presented herself this morning suffering from Erysipelas of the face and part of the head, which she stated to be of three days standing but owing to her suffering so much from Sea Sickness she was unable to shew it or pay any attention to it. the skin has lost to a certain extent the Erysipelatous redness and is blistered. She has nausea, a bad taste in her mouth and a very foul tongue, the Bowels have been confined for some days. Pulse quick and full but soft, skin hot and dry- thirst.</p>

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<p>JPG PB051051</p>		<p>January 27th</p> <p>28th</p> <p>29th</p> <p>31st</p> <p>31st</p> <p>Feb^y 2nd</p> <p>3rd</p>	<p><i>Rx. Hydrarg: Chlorid: g' vj. mane</i> <i>Pulv. Jalep: € Zfs. post horas tres.</i> <i>Hydrarg: Chlorid: g'.iv. h.s.</i></p> <p>The medicines operated freely and she appeared rather better. She complains much of the pain of the face. Tongue continues very foul, pyrexia moderate. Cold Evapourating Lotion applied –</p> <p><i>Rx. Magnes, Sulph: ziiij</i> <i>Aqua Menthe Zijs- mane</i> <i>Hydrarg: Chlorid; g' iij.</i> <i>Pulv; Ipecac g'. fs</i> <i>Extr: Hyascyn: g'. iv Ft Pil. ij h.s.s.</i></p> <p>Improving. Inflammation confined to the left side of the face. Continues the lotion.</p> <p>The whole face is inflamed and there is considerable pain of the stomach and bowels slightly out of order – Continue the Lotion.</p> <p><i>Rx. Mag: Sulph: ziiij</i> <i>Pulv: Rhei g'. x</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zij. Mft: haust: stat. sumend.</i> <i>Rept. Pil: h.s.</i></p> <p>Face much inflamed and p[.....] so much smaller as to prevent her opening the Eyes – Considerable fever. Bowels moderately opened by the medicines. Experiences relief from the Lotion which is to be continued.</p> <p><i>Rept. Haust: et Pil:</i> Inflammation beginning to subside. less fever <i>Cont. Remedia u.a.</i></p> <p>Face somewhat better, complains of a bilious taste in the mouth and griping in the bowels. Confusion of ideas – <i>Ol: Ricini Zj. mane.</i></p> <p>General improvement Aperients and Bitters were ordered. The stomach and bowels soon got into a healthy state. The Inflammation subsided & the Gen^l health improved.</p>
<p>Fracture of the Fibula</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Miss C. McCullagh Aged 27 Matron 25th January 1851 at sea Discharged cured 12th March 1851</p> <p>13th</p>	<p>On the evening of the 25th March (January?), it blowing a heavy gale at the time, Miss McCullagh in going down to lock the door of the starboard prison was thrown from the upper steps of the ladder into the square of the hatchway. She fell on her feet but on trying to use the left she experienced considerable pain in the foot and leg. On examination the fibula proved to be fractured about three inches above the ankle and the parts much discoloured. She sustained several contusions in various parts of the body. She must therefore in falling have struck against the coaming and sides of the hatchway, ordered cold applications.</p> <p>Leg and foot much swelled and discoloured. General soreness of the body An aperients and cold applications.</p>

		<p>18th Swelling of the leg subsiding dorsum of the foot much inflamed cold applications to be continued</p> <p>25th Swelling and inflammation of the foot continues - indicating severe injury no constitutional disturbance - applied a starch Bandage to the foot and leg.</p> <p>28th The foot being very painful removed the bandage. The swelling has partially subsided but there is considerable pain in the foot and a deep blush of inflammation of the dorsum. Ordered fomentations.</p> <p>February 5th The swelling and inflammation of the foot has in a great measure subsided leaving much pain on moving the foot. Starch Bandage.</p> <p>15th Leg improving. Still much discoloured. Foot continues very painful and the [.....] a degree of swelling and inflammation, cold bathing and a common bandage.</p> <p>25th The leg is much stronger and the discolouration has disappeared. The swelling of the foot continues and there is considerable pain felt when any attempt is made to use it. The inflammation has subsided. Otherwise in good health. Ordered Liniment and Bandage. From this date the foot continued to improve and she was able to resume her duty on the 12th March.</p>	
<p>Marasmus</p> <p>JPG PB051052</p>	4	<p>Mary A. O'Brien aged 1 yr. Convicts child 12th Jan^y 1851 At Kingstown Died at sea 31st Jan^y 1851</p>	<p>This child was embarked in the last stage of Marasmus. <i>Hydrarg: c Cretæ Mist. Cretæ comp</i> and various other remedies are given without the slightest benefit. It gradually sunk & expired on the shown date.</p>
<p>Dysentery</p>	5	<p>Marg^l. Ruttledge Aged 56 Free Settler 4th Feby 1851 at sea Died on Board 4th March 1851</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>This woman had been in the Dublin Workhouse for a length of time, where she suffered very much from Bowel complaints. She is at present in a very weak and emaciated state. She has suffered from Sea Sickness during which the purging subsided but she was much annoyed by griping and flatulence- and for which she has had medicines on several occasions. Latterly the purging has been more troublesome and is attended with slight protrusion of the rectum after each stool. There is severe griping and some tenderness over the abdomen with slight nausea. the pulse is accelerated. Skin dry but cool. Fomentations</p> <p><i>Rx. Ol: Ricini Zfs.</i> <i>Tinct: Opii g^{tt} viij</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zij. statim</i></p> <p>The oil has operated, stools very unhealthy. Considerably easier</p> <p><i>Rx Pil: Hydrarg g^r iij</i> <i>Pulv: Ipecac : g^r fs</i></p>

JPG PB051053			<p style="text-align: center;">— <i>Opii gr ¼ M ft Pil: ter in die sumend.</i></p> <p>6th Several times purged in the night, severe griping with general tenderness nausea subsiding – <i>Cont. Lot et Pil.</i></p> <p>7th Considerable improvement, purging general soreness of the abdomen and nausea subsiding. tongue clean. thirst moderate. skin cool pulse slightly accelerated, <i>Fomentation & Pil: u.a.</i></p> <p>6th Suffered much from griping in the night otherwise much the same. <i>Fomentation</i> <i>Rx. Aqua Menthe Zij</i> <i>Tinct Opii g^{ss} vj</i> <i>Ol: Ricini Zfs mane.</i></p> <p>Vespere Several times purged. Griping continues, Stools bilious and offensive <i>Rx. . Aqua Menthe Zj</i> <i>Tinct: Opii g^{ss}. xvij. h.s.s.</i></p> <p>9th A better night and on the whole appears somewhat improved. <i>Rept. Pil:</i></p> <p>10th Bowels in the same state. debility & emaciation gradually but slowly increasing. <i>Rept. Pil:</i></p> <p>12 Severe griping in the night. Stools scanty, much straining. <i>Rept. Ol: Ricini & Tinct Opii. mane</i></p> <p>Vespere Several stools. composed chiefly of mucus tinged slightly with blood. Slight tenderness in the hepatic region and in the course of the colon. <i>Rx. Tinct: Opii g^{ss}. xvij.</i> <i>Aqua Menthe Zj. h.s.s.</i></p> <p>13th A more comfortable night. Three stools of the same nature passed with straining and griping. Appetite much impaired. Skin cool dry. Pulse slightly accelerated. <i>Rept. Pil: et Tinct: Opii. h.s.</i></p> <p>14th Slept well and was tolerably free from purging and griping in the night and appears more cheerful; <i>Cont: Pil: et T. Opii.</i></p> <p>18th Since last date the purging and griping has been less troublesome and altogether there is a slight change for the better, <i>Rept. Pil: et Tinct. Opii.</i></p> <p>20th The symptoms have varied the last two days. Suffers chiefly in the night. The griping when severe is temporarily relieved by a few drops of <i>Tinct: Opii in Aqua Menthe</i> – Rhubarb produces severe griping. Appetite worse. Emaciation and debility increasing <i>Omit: Pil:</i> <i>Rx. Quinn: Disulph: g^r 1</i> <i>Acid: Nitre: Dil g^{ss} vj</i> <i>Aqua -- Zifs Ft. Haust: mane sumend.</i> <i>Rept. Tinct Opii c Aqua Menth: h.s.</i></p> <p>28th Since last date she has somewhat improved. She is purged from two to four times in the night. Stools rather more healthy but still passed with griping, has considerable uneasiness in the bowels this morning and</p>
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			<p>frequent efforts to discharge them little being passed at a time. She feels very weak and complains of a sense of sinking at the stomach – <i>wine Zij</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Pulv: Rhei gr xii</i> <i>Spirit Lavendl; c Zj</i> <i>Aqua Ment. Zij Ft haust stat.</i> <i>Rept Haust: h.s.</i></p> <p>March 1st Slightly relieved and passed a tolerable night. Has still the sinking at stomach with tenderness in the hepatic region. Pulse quick Skin cool and dry. Latterly has had severe attacks of griping which usually lasted about fifteen minutes. Wine with arrow root to be increased.</p> <p>2nd <i>Fomentations – Haust u.a.</i> Considers herself rather better notwithstanding she cannot evidently hold out much longer. The purging has subsided but the griping is at times very severe and requires for its alleviation small doses of <i>tinct; Opii in Aqua Ment.</i> there is still the same feeling at the stomach and slight tenderness in the hepatic region. Pulse quick and feeble. <i>Cont. Haust?</i></p> <p>4th Very severe griping set in and she passed a tolerably healthy stool which seemed to afford great relief. She had not been long in bed before the griping returned and she passed several purulent bilious stools mixed with blood. Fomentations were applied and Anodyne [Injicienda?] administered and cordial draughts were given, she became for a time tolerably easy. The voice was weak and hollow. the skin covered with a cold clammy perspiration and the purging returned. the stools being of the same nature. From this it would appear that an internal abscess had burst into the intestines. She sank rapidly & expired at 2p.m. without the slightest suffering.</p>
JPG PB051054 Constipation	6	<p>Honora Corcoran. Aged 22 Convict. 4th February 1851 at sea Discharged cured 10 March 1851</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>5th</p> <p>9th</p>	<p>A tall delicate looking girl, subject to Epileptic fits and seldom free from headache. She has suffered very much from Sea Sickness and the stomach is at present in such an irritable state that every thing taken is immediately rejected. The bowels have not been opened the last ten days. The pain in the head is severe, the face flushed. the skin hot and there is a constant craving for drink.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg. Chlorid. g^r viij stat.</i> <i>Mags. Sulph. Zfs. h.m.</i></p> <p>The medicines were retained and operated, head relieved.</p> <p><i>Rx. Pil. Hyd g^r. ij</i> <i>Extr. Hyoscyam: g^r iv. Ft Pil: h.s.s.</i></p> <p>Rather more headache and nausea slight griping</p> <p><i>Rx. Pulv: Rhei g^r xv</i> <i>Tinct. ---zfs</i> <i>Magnes: Carb: g^r xii Mft haust: mane sumend.</i></p> <p>Since last date the bowels have been regulated by</p>

		<p>February 18th</p> <p>20th</p> <p>21st</p> <p>22nd</p> <p>28th</p>	<p>aperients draughts and she has had small doses <i>Pil: Hydrarg Ext' Hyoscyam</i>. She has improved but the slightest increased motion of the ship causes vomiting & headache and a confined state of the bowels. The same treatment to be continued.</p> <p>Symptoms vary much. the head is now most complained of. the Bowels require the frequent use of aperients. the head has been Blistered which has afforded temporary relief. the heat of skin etc? have subsided.</p> <p>The last two days has been rather better, this morning her bowels are griped and there is a slight increase of the headache. Pulse and skin not affected. very slight nausea</p> <p><i>Rx. Ol. Ricini Zfs mane</i></p> <p>No headache or nausea – bowels comfortable.</p> <p>Took something as food or drink that has disagreed with the stomach - the vomiting has returned and the head is slightly affected.</p> <p><i>Rx. Pil: Hydrarg: g' v h.s.s.</i></p> <p>Considerably better, the headache is nearly gone but the stomach is in a disordered? state – no fever tongue clean</p> <p><i>Rx. Quini. Disulph g^l. 1</i> <i>Acid: Nitr; Dil g' vj</i> <i>Aqua Zj Ft haust. mane et h.m. sumend:</i></p> <p>Improving slowly since last date under the use of the <i>Haust: Quinine</i> and occasional aperients. the digestive organs are getting into a more healthy state and she is more free from headache now than for some years past. the same treatment was continued and she was discharged cured 10th March. During the time she remained on board she had neither headache or fits and got both stout and [fat?] healthy</p>
JPG PB051055 Cholera	7	<p>Johanna Scanlon Aged 25 Convict 15th February 1851 at sea Died. 29th February 1851</p> <p>16th</p>	<p>A delicate looking woman, advanced in pregnancy and has suffered very much from sea sickness since she left Kingstown. the bowels have been very much out of order generally confined. requiring the frequent use of aperients medicines. Emaciation. Latterly she has had a slight diarrhoea, for which and her advanced stage of Pregnancy (between seventh and ninth month) I considered it advisable to confine her to the Hospital. the bowels are relaxed. the stools being scanty, watery and passed with much griping. Slight nausea & much debility.</p> <p><i>Rx. Ol: Ricini Zijj</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zifs. mane</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Tinct Opii gⁿ xvj</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zj h.s.s.</i></p> <p>Slept well and feels much better this morning. Still rather loose in the bowels stools more healthy and passed</p>

JPG PB051056		18 th	<p>without griping. <i>Rx. Pulv: Rhei gr xii</i> <i>Tinct: Cinnam: zj</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zj. Ft haust: mane sumend:</i></p> <p>Has passed such a comfortable night and day that I did not deem it necessary to give her any medicines yesterday. Toward morning she was seized with vomiting and purging. cramps in the extremities and general coldness of the surface. the tongue and mucus membranes of the mouth were cold, pulse not perceptible at the wrist, Hands shriveled with blueness of the nails. Saline mixture with Tincture of Opium were given and rejected. Warm port wine negus. Tincture of Lavender Tincture of Opium in mint water was not rehibited? and retained. Warm fomentations and bottles filled with hot water were applied. the stimulants to be repeated as often as necessary. In the afternoon she had a short disturbed sleep. After which the cramps returned but with less violence than at first. the general coldness continues. She has also slight headache and griping. the vomiting and purging has apparently subsided, the same remedies were persevered in and general frictions etc ordered, In the evening she had a scanty fluid stool passed with much straining? and griping and apparently a very small quantity of the Liquor amni escaped. The parts were not dilated and in her then state of of (sic) exhaustion even had such been the case the child could not have been removed, without causing immediate death. The stimulants etc were persevered in and I remained with her to take advantage of any favourable change, about 10p.m. the surface of the body shewed slight signs of returning warmth but the extremities continued cold but on the whole there appeared to be a slight degree of reaction. She said she felt inclined to sleep and about 1:30 she had about two hours tolerably quiet sleep. After this she sank gradually and expired at 6 a.m. 19th February 1851.</p>
Constipation	8	<p>Marg^t Flynn Aged 25 Convict 19 February 1851 at sea Discharged cured 17th March 1851</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>This patient is a soft, flabby woman greatly frightened about her present state. She has been suffering for some time past from very great derangement of the digestive organs; she has severe headache, nausea and constipation of the bowels. the latter not having been moved for several days, the tongue is fowl. pulse accelerated, temperature somewhat increased.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg Chlorid g^r vj. mane</i> <i>Mags. Sulph. Zfs. hora meridian</i></p> <p>Bowels not moved. Symptoms continue unabated.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hyd. Chlorid g^r iij</i> <i>Extr: Col; C. g^r iv</i> <i>Pulv: Scammon: g^r iij</i> <i>Plv; Ipecac. g^rfs Mft: Pil: ij h.s.s.</i></p>

JPG PB051057		February 21 st	Slept tolerably well the greater part of the night, Bowels not moved, Symptoms as before. <i>Rx. Pulv: Rhei zj</i> <i>Mag: Sulph: Zij</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zifs Mft haust 4^{tis} horis repet.</i>
		Vespere	One stool. stomach very irritable and pain in the head much complained of, discovered that she encourages the vomiting by putting her finger in her throat, pulse and temperature nearly natural. <i>Rep. Hyd: Chlorid:</i>
		21 st .	Very little amendment, the stomach continues very irritable. <i>Enema Cath. Col: Terebrinth: stat:</i>
		Vespere	She has had three enemas since morning. The first two were immediately returned, the last was retained for some time and ultimately produced three? scybalous stools. head and stomach somewhat relieved. <i>Rx. Pil: Hydrarg. g^r ij</i> <i>Extr: Col: C. g^r ij.</i> <i>Ol;Menth g^{ss} 1. Ft pil: ij h.s.s.</i>
		22 nd	Slept tolerably well, no stool in the night, stomach more composed but the head is still complained of. Ordered small doses of <i>Mag. Sulph.</i> which were rejected. Ordered: <i>Ol: Citron: Tyglia. g^{ss} 1.postea</i>
		23 rd	Oil operated freely. Passed a comfortable night and she is in every respect better. Mouth slightly touched by the mercury <i>Rept. Pil. Aper: h.s.</i>
		February 28 th	Since last date, the head stomach and bowels have, under the use of mild aperients and Bitters, been in a better state. Her mouth is considerably touched by the mercury. <i>Rx Acid Sulph Dil: Zj</i> <i>Aqua----- Zxii Ft. Lot: sepe.(saepe) utend:</i>
		March 3 rd	Bowels rather confined. headache & nausea has returned and she produces vomiting by titulating(sic) the fauces with her finger. <i>Infus: Sennae. C. mane-</i>
		Vespere	Medicine was retained so long as she was watched closely by the nurse but rejected the moment an opportunity offered – Bowels not moved- <i>Ol: Croton Tyglia g^{ss} fs stat:</i>
		4 th	Bowels continue obstinate, head and stomach much complained of, the latter rejects every thing taken. Slight tension and tenderness in course of colon. <i>Rx Ol: Croton. Tyglia g^{ss} 1 statim</i>
	Vespere	Several copious offensive stools. head and stomach relieved and tenderness and tension of the colon removed. Mouth almost well. great mental depression. She was ordered mild aperients and Bitters – under this treatment she recovered slowly and was only discharged on the 17 th March.	

Ophthalmia	9	<p>Marg^t Connors Aged 10 Convicts child 1st March 1851 At sea Disch^d. cured 5th April 1851</p>	<p>The subject of this case is a delicate heavy looking child of strumous habit. came from the Provincial work house to Dublin a short time before she embarked. where ophthalmia was at the time prevalent. some of the children were left in the prison in consequence of their having this disease, still it appears to have been brought on board with them as several mild cases have come under treatment since the ship sailed from Dublin. the eyes are very much inflamed and there is a small ulcer on the corner of the left. moderate pyrexia. <i>Sol. Argent; Nitrat: g^r iij ad Aqua Zj [sumd.?] Hydrarg: Chlorid: g^r iij m: Pulv: Jalap. C. zj mane</i></p> <p>6th Inflammation and ulcer very little improved. <i>Emplast: Lyttæ ad [Turp:?): Hydr: Chlorid g^r ij Opii gr ¼ h.s.s.</i></p> <p>8th Slight improvement. Inflammation of the conjunctiva less intense & the pyrexia has subsided. <i>Cont. Sol: Argent et Pulv:</i></p> <p>10th Very little improvement since last date. Bowels tepid. <i>Haust Aper; mane</i></p> <p>12th Ulcer extending and general health is beginning to suffer. The Sol: Argent to be continued. The calomel & opii to be omitted and let her take. <i>Quin: Disulph g^r 1 and Sulph Dil: g^{ss} iv bis die.</i> Under this treatment the inflammation subsided. Her ulcer healed and she was discharged in a better state of health than she had been in for some months previous.</p>
JPG PB051058 Fever	10	<p>Cath^{ine} McCarthy Aged 40 Convict 1st march 1851 at sea Disch^d. cured 26th March 1851</p>	<p>A very infirm woman for this age given of sallow complexion. Subject to fits of despondency. the bowels at such times being in a confined state. She presented herself this morning complaining of pain in the head back and extremities, accompanied with languor, and depression of spirits- the temperature is somewhat increased. Pulse accelerated, tongue brown, thirst, Bowels confined. skin has a bilious hue. Experienced slight chills three or four days ago and has not since been well.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg: Chlorid g^r. v. mane Mag: Sulph: Zij Infus: Sennæ c Zij hora meridian</i></p> <p>2nd Bowels moderately opened. Symptoms continue unabated-</p> <p><i>Rx. Ol: Ricini Zvj Aqua Ment: Zij mane Pil: Hydrarg: g^rvj Pulv: Ipecac g^{ss}fs. Ft Pil:ij h.s.s</i></p> <p>3rd The oil operated freely. the pains are removed but the languor and debility continue and complains of what she terms sinking of the stomach. pulse slightly accelerated. skin cool:</p> <p><i>Rx. Quiniæ Disulph g^r i</i></p>

			<p><i>Acid Sulph: Dil: g^ʳ viii</i> <i>Mag: Sulph: zj mane et hora merid.</i> <i>Pil:Hyd: g^ʳ.iv. h.s.s.</i></p> <p>March 8th Improving very slowly. Has an idea that she cannot possibly recover. Bowels open – <i>Vin: Opiate Zij – Cont. Haust: Quinæ et Pil:</i></p> <p>10th The same depression of spirits continue and nothing can amuse? or cheer her. She says her heart is sinking and had it not been for the drop of wine she must have died. the pulse is quick and weak, [repeat?.] bilious tongue white. skin cool. <i>Cont: Remed: u.a.</i></p> <p>12th Vomited a small quantity of Bile last evening. Slept well and this morning acknowledged herself a little better. <i>Cont: Remed: u.a.</i></p> <p>13th The sinking at the stomach has nearly subsided and she is this morning in better spirits. She complains of slight inflammation of the vagina and of the scalding in passing her water. <i>Fomentations. Cont: Remed: u.a.</i></p> <p>16th General improvement. the inflammation is subsiding. the bowels are regular. still continues to suffer from debility. Mouth slightly touched by the Pills which are to be discontinued – <i>Cont. Quinnæ-</i> From this date she improved daily. The stomach regained its tone, the bowels became quite regular and the skin lost its bilious hue. She became cheerful and at the time she was discharged she said she had not been so well for a considerable time before.</p>
JPG PB051059 Hysterical Mania	11	Anne Torpey Aged 30 Convict 10 th March 1851 At Sea Disch ^d cured 14 th March 1851	<p>A stout girl of nervous temperament. has for some time been suffering from torpor of the bowels and has had occasional doses of purgative medicines for its removal. In the evening she took a Purgative pill, at 9;30. She jumped out of her bed screaming and ran about the prison in a frantic state, pursued by her messmates who secured her and brought her to the Hospital. She cannot settle a minute in one place and has most extraordinary and whimsical ideas. the pulse is accelerated but in other respects she appears to be in good health. Ordered <i>Enema Cath: stat. et postea Tinct: Opii Zfs</i></p> <p>11th No sleep but was tolerably quiet. Ideas continue unsettled. Several copious dark pitchy stools highly offensive. <i>Rx. Pulv: Rhei əj</i> <i>Mag: Sulph: Zfs</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zij ft haust: mane luce</i> <i>Tinct: Opii g^ʳ xxv h.s.s</i></p> <p>11th Slept the whole night and is much more composed. stools continue offensive. : <i>Rept: Haust et Tinct: Opii</i></p> <p>12th Slept quietly the whole night and seems much better this morning but is not quite collected as yet. Ordered to be taken on deck during the day.</p> <p>14th The last two days the bowels have been in a healthy</p>

			state. She has slept well and her ideas are quite collected. Discharged from the Hospl.
Dysentery	12	Mary Mulvany Aged 52 Convict 17 th March 1851 at Sea Disch ^d cured 15 th April 1851	<p>The subject of this case is a pale emaciated creature suckling an infant five months old. She has apparently suffered great privation, her constitution and appearance indicating a greater age than 52. She has suffered for some years from derangement of the digestive organs and since she was embarked 17th Jan^y her bowels have become very irregular. She was admitted last evening with Dysentery symptoms. She has frequent calls to stool little being passed but blood and mucus and this with griping and tenesmus. <i>Ol; Ricini Zfs Tinct: Opii g^{tt} xvj</i> was then given but soon after rejected. Had several stools in the night, appears much exhausted considerable tenderness over the abdomen. <i>Fomentations</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Pil: Hyd: g^{ss} ij</i> <i>Pulv: Ipecac: g^{ss} fs</i> <i>Opii gr ¼ Ft Pil: 8^{iss} horis sumend:</i></p> <p>18th Five stools of the same nature the last twenty four hours, still slight tenderness, appears heavy and inclined to sleep. Tormented? continue the Pil:</p> <p>19th Disturbed in the night by the chill. Towards morning she was purged seven times. Stools consist chiefly of mucus and were passed with griping and tenesmus. much tenderness over the abdomen. <i>Ol: Terebinth et Fot [catech?.] abdomen: Rx Ol: Ricini Zfs T. Opii g^{tt} vj. mane-</i></p> <p>March 20th Was relieved by the remedies ordered yesterday and passed a better night. Two stools this morning, chiefly mucus, passed with griping and tenesmus. pyrexia moderate. Pulse quick and weak. Mouth slightly touched by the pills. Still slight tenderness over the abdomen on pressure. <i>Cont; Fol et Ol. Terebinth</i> <i>Rx. Ol: Ricini et Olivæ a.a. Zij mane</i> <i>Tinct Opii g^{tt} xvij Aqua Menth Zfs h.s.s</i></p> <p>21st A good night : two stools rather more healthy and passed with less griping and tenesmus, still slight tenderness on pressure. Debility increasing. disposed to sleep. <i>Rx. Pulv: Cretæ Comp g^{ss} viij</i> <i>Tinct: Kino g^{tt} xv</i> <i>Aqua Menth Zij Ft haust 3tis horis sumend:</i> (scribbled note added above possibly regarding time)</p> <p>22nd Two stools the last twenty four hours passed with considerable griping, and not improved in appearance the tenderness of abdomen continues and is much increased by pressure, more especially in the region of the liver. Is much reduced and complains much of debility. Pulse quick tolerably firm skin cool. <i>Emplast Lyttæ ad sy? (?syncope) Repet: Arrow root and wine. Cont: Mist:</i></p> <p>23rd Two stools in the night rather more healthy. Pain</p>

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JPG PB051061		<p>24th</p> <p>March 25th</p> <p>30th</p> <p>April 6th</p> <p>7th</p> <p>8th</p> <p>9th</p> <p>11th</p> <p>13th</p> <p>15th</p>	<p>relieved by the Blister. <i>Cont Mist:</i></p> <p>Passed a comfortable day but a bad night. Purged three times. stools unhealthy & passed with griping and tenesmus. no pain in abdomen. <i>Ol: Ric: Zij c T. Opii gⁱⁱ vi m. Mist: Cretæ h.s.</i></p> <p>Pil operated and she is much relieved. Has still slight griping. stools more healthy and copious, no tenderness of abdomen, <i>Cont: Mist:</i></p> <p>Two or three tolerably healthy stools in the course of the day and night. At times is slightly griped, very weak. No appetite. Infus Gent?: (covered by stamp) ter die omit <i>Mist: Haust Rhei p.r.n.</i></p> <p>The night before last received a slight shock from the night chair rolling against her but no apparent injury. Last night she had several scanty stools and looking ill this morning – there is much uneasiness with bowels but no pain or tenderness on pressure.</p> <p><i>Rx. Ol: Ricini Zfs Tinct; Opii gⁱⁱ vi Aqua Menth Zj mane Tinct Opii gⁱⁱ xx Aqua Menth Zj h.s.s.</i></p> <p>The oil brought away several bilious stools & last evening she appeared much better. Toward morning she had frequent calls to stool which were scanty and passed with much straining. There is general soreness of the abdomen. no sleep in the night – <i>Rept. Fol c Ol: Terebinth: Opii gⁱ fs stat Rx Aqua Tepid Zviii Tinct Opii gⁱⁱ XL Ol: Olivæ zj Ft enema stat: exhib:</i></p> <p>Better. griping and tenderness removed. Bowels continue relaxed. <i>Rept: Mist Cretæ p.r.n. Infus Gent. u.a.</i></p> <p>Twice purged in the night. stool, tolerably healthy suffering from debility. <i>Quinæ Disulph g^r.i Acid Nit: Dil gⁱⁱ vj mane. Mist Cretæ a.a si opus sit.</i></p> <p>Towards morning the purging and griping returned and have been very troublesome, the stools being chiefly serum? and flocculent mucus. face pale and sunk. Pulse feeble. <i>Rept. Fot Rx. Pulv: Ipecac g^r.fs Opii g^r ¼ Pil: Hyd: g^ri Ft Pil l. 3^{tis} horis Sumend: c Infus Gent: C. Zj-</i></p> <p>Has not been so comfortable in the bowels for some time. appetite has returned and in every respect is better <i>Cont. Pil: et Infus:</i></p> <p>Bowels regular and stools healthy. appetite tolerably good – <i>Cont: Pil: et Infus-</i></p> <p>States that she has not felt so well in the bowels for a length of time. Discharged at her own request. To continue the <i>Infus: Gent:</i> which was afterwards changed</p>
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			and <i>Quin: Disulph:</i> given. as also mild aperients to regulate the bowels.
Constipation	13	Emily Graham Aged 36 Convict 21 st March 1851 Disch ^d cured 25 th March 1851 22 nd Vespere 23 rd	A person of sedentary quiet habits. has for some days past been suffering from languor and great derangement of the digestive organs. with nausea & a confined state of the bowels- headache and constriction of the chest. tongue very foul. mod ^{te} pyrexia. <i>Hyd: Chlorid g'. vj. m. Pulv: Jalap. C Zfs. h.m. Rep^t Calomel h.s.s.</i> Bowels not moved by the medicine. Stomach very irritable. no admendments. Ordered <i>Mag Sulph Zij 2^{da}? Quaque hora donec alv: vespere</i> The Bowels have been moderately opened, somewhat better. <i>Pil: Aper: ij h.s.s.</i> Nausea headache and other symptoms subsiding. Bowels not sufficiently acted on <i>Ol: Ricini Zj m. Rep^t Pil: h.s. 24th</i> Bowels freely opened. Convalescent.
Ophthalmia & Dysentery	14	Mary Connors Aged 5 Convicts child 25 th March 1851 Died. April 11 1851 25 th 30 th 7 th Vespere 8 th 8 th Vespere	This child was received from one of the Southern Unions in a very delicate state of health previous to the sailing of the ship. She is of strumous habit and subject to weakness of the eyes and an irregular state of the bowels. requiring the occasional use of mild medicines to regulate. Latterly the eyes have become weaker and on presenting herself on the above date I found this had assumed the character of the ophthalmia from which the other children are suffering. the tongue is foul and the bowels are much relaxed, the stools being very offensive. She is greatly emaciated but not more so than when embarked. ordered a weak solution of the <i>Argent Nitrat: gr i ad [aqua?.] Zj Hydrarg: C. Cretæ g'.vi. m. Ol: Ricini Z ij. h .m.</i> A warm Bath in the evening- Arrow root Purging less troublesome. Eyes in nearly the same state. <i>Mist: Cretæ c.C.Tinct: Catechu ter die Hydrarg: C. Cretæ g'iv h.s.s. Sol: Argent Nitrat: a.a.</i> The Bowels are regular and the inflammation has subsided leaving a [dryest?] state of the conjunctiva. Several Boils on different parts of the body. <i>Cateplasm. Infus: Gent: Zj bis die. Hydrarg: C Cretæ g' iv h.s. Pro re nata.</i> Arrow root and wine and any other light food she may fancy.- Was improving slowly up to last night when, without any apparent cause, she had a return of the purging. the stools being scanty and passed with much straining and griping <i>Ol: Ricini Zij T. Opii g'' iv m. Infus: Gent: C. u.a.</i> The oil brought away several offensive purulent stools less uneasiness in the bowels. <i>Hyd: C. Cretæ u.a.</i> Three stools in the night passed without much straining or griping. very weak. <i>Quinia Disulph: g'fs m. Mist: Cretæ; C. pro re nata-</i> Several stools during the afternoon composed chiefly
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			<p>of serum tinged with blood and passed with much straining. a warm Bath after which she fell into a sound sleep and a nice? moisture appeared on the surface.</p> <p>9th Slept the greater part of the night and was not disturbed by the purging with this morn^g, stools of the same nature, much exhausted. Arrow root and wine. <i>Hyd: Chlorid: g^r iv. Pulv: Ipecac gr ¼ . stat: ? h.s. Mist: Cretæ: p.r.n.</i></p> <p>10th Had a better night. two flocculent [...] stools this morning exhaustion increasing. <i>Cont: remed:</i></p> <p>Vespere Dysentery purging continues and from the state of exhaustion she is in she cannot hold out much longer. the stools are passed under her in the bed without her being aware of it. in this state she continued until 2a.m. on the 11th Ap^l 1850 when she expired.</p>
Contusion	15	Marg ^t Ryan Aged Convict 4 th April 1851 Discharged 9 th April 1851	<p>In a heavy roll of the ship this woman was pitched, head foremost down the after hatch the fall was partly broken by the [ma.....pe] and partly by a man who was standing in the hold catching her by the head and preventing it coming in contact with the deck. She is much shaken and has several slight contusions; and pain in the loins. but neither fractures nor dislocation. A roller was applied round the body and an opiate given. This with a purgative and Liniment to the loins effected a cure.</p>
Rheumatic Fever	16	Bridg ^t Flynn Sen. Aged 54 Convict 8 th April 1851 At Sea Discharged 25 th April 1851	<p>A tall, thin, pale, worn out old woman has had medicine repeatedly since she was embarked; for various complaints – generally for the removal of constipation. For some days past she has had pains in all parts of the body, more especially in the joints and bones of the extremities, which have gradually become more severe and are attended by general feebleness, headache, and a moderate pyrexia. Slight nausea. Confined bowels, a foul tongue <i>Rx Hydrarg: Chlorid: g^r iv. mane. Pulv: Rhei g^r xv. Tinct: Rhei Zj. Magnus: Sulph: Zij. Ft haust. post hora tres sumend: Pil Hyd: g^r iv. Ext^r Hyas: g^r v. Ft Pil ij h.s.s</i></p> <p>9th Bowels have been slightly acted on by the medicines. Has some griping and a sense of distension in the bowels: otherwise nearly the same. <i>Rx Ol: Ricini Zfs. Aqua Menth Zij. mane.</i></p> <p>Vespere The oil was repeated and has not operated, headache very severe, general prostration. <i>Enema: Purg:</i></p> <p>10th Several times purged in the night, stools bilious and very offensive. Has still slight headache, pains in the limbs continue severe, medicines still operating. <i>Rx Pulv: Ipecac C. g^r x h.s.</i></p> <p>11th Passed a comfortable night, perspired freely. Pains relieved. no fever. <i>Infus: Gent: bis die, Rep^t. Pulv: Ipecac. h .s.</i></p> <p>12th Nausea and an inclination to vomit. Bowels not moved since the day before yesterday. <i>Rx Pulv: Rhei əj. Tinct.</i></p>

		Vespere 13th	<p><i>Rhei Zj. Mag: Carb: g'xv. Aqua Menth Zij</i> Symptoms continue unabated, <i>Enema Cath:</i> Bowels freely acted on. nausea and headache removed. Still slight pains in the joints. no appetite. <i>Infus: Gent: et Pulv: Ipecac a.a.</i> From this date she recovered rapidly and on the 15th was at her request permitted to leave the Hospt^l. To continue the <i>Infus: Gent:</i></p>
Dysentery	17	<p>Ellen Leahy Aged 20 Convict 9th April 11851 At Sea Discharged 6th May 1851</p>	<p>A very delicate strumous looking girl, subject to hysterical attacks also to a very torpid state of the bowels. Rendering the occasional use of Purgative Medicine necessary. About four days ago she began to suffer from griping and a sense of fullness in the abdomen. the bowels at this time much confined. She had several scanty stools in the night which afforded slight relief and being in the daytime tolerably comfortable she did not present herself until this morning. She stated that she had been much purged in and griped in the night and that she had vomited and passed a considerable quantity of blood by stool. She has also had slight cramps in the bowels. the tongue is foul. the pulse accelerated but the temperature not much increase. <i>Rx.Ol: Ricini Zj. Tinct: Opii g'xx. Aqua Menth Zij. m. T. Opii g'xx Aqua menth Zij h.s.</i></p> <p>10th First part of the night she was tolerably comfortable and slept. last part the griping and nausea returned and she vomited a small quantity of blood, is greatly frightened about her state. <i>Rx Pulv:Rhei əj. Confect. Aromat Zfs. Mag. Carb grxii. T. Opii gttvi. Aqua menth Zij. noon Enema Emol. Fomentat:?</i></p> <p>Vespere Much straining and frequent calls to stool attended without being able to pass anything, <i>Fomentations Enema. Hydrarg: Chlorid g'iv: Pulv: Ipecac. C. g'viii h.s.</i></p> <p>11th Frequently purged in the night. Stools copious, bilious, and offensive. still slight uneasiness in the abdomen, no fever, nausea gone. <i>Rx Pulv: Ipecac g'fs. Pulv: Opii g'1/4. Pil: Hyd: g'ij. Ft Pil: 2^{tis?} horis sumend:</i></p> <p>12th Was tolerably easy in the night, but towards morning the purging commenced and she passed several scanty stools, with griping & tenesmus, slight tenderness of abdomen, very little fever, tongue coated <i>Rx Ol: Ricini Zfs. T. Opii g'viii m. Foment: P. Ipecac.C. h.s.</i></p> <p>13 Passed a better night, three times purged & twice this morning, less tenderness of the abdomen. stools watery & bilious, Pulse quick and weak. thirst. drink of any kind immediately acts on the bowels. <i>Foment: Rept: Pil: et Cap^l. Mist Cretæ c. alternus hora</i></p> <p>April 14th Several times purged in the night, stools very scanty,</p>

JPG PB051063			<p>watery and passed with griping and tenesmus, much tenderness in the left iliac region, skin cool&dry, Pulse quick and weak, Tonge(sic) coated in the centre. clean and moist at the edges, a <i>Turpertine Epithem. with Fometation. Enema Emol: Pil: et Mist: u.a.</i></p> <p>Vespere Passed several rather more feculent stools after the Enema, with less tenesmus, tenderness relieved. so now sleeping.</p> <p>15th Was purged four times in the middle of the night, stools of the colour and consistence of tar and offensive. Feels occasionally as if the bowels were drawn together into lumps. Skin and pulse as before, less thirst. <i>Rx Ol: Ricini Zfs. mane</i></p> <p>Vespere Four stools since the morning, the two last night were rather more healthy and passed with less tenesmus, appears somewhat better, <i>Cont: Pil et Mist:</i></p> <p>16th Was free from purging the first part of the night and slept comfortably. toward morning had several scanty watery stools passed with griping and tenesmus. considerable tenderness over the abdomen more especially in the right Iliac region. Pulse accelerated, soft, skin cool, no nausea; or thirst, mouth touched by the pills. Repeat the <i>Epithem & Fomentation</i> to the belly. <i>Omit: Pil: Pulv: Ipecac g'vj. Pulv: Ipecac. c. g'xii Confect Aromat q.s. [...] ft Pil: vj cujus cap'. 1.2^{is} horis</i></p> <p>Vespere Experienced temporary relief from the above, the first pill produced vomiting, when a small quantity of blood and bile was discharged, stools watery, flocculent, highly offensive and passed with considerable griping and tenesmus. <i>Enema Emol:c Tinct Opii Zfs. stat. Epithem Terebin et Fot etc?</i></p> <p>17th Passed a tolerable night, the first part of which she slept, five stools of a dark tary appearance but of a better consistence and passed with less tenesmus. still considerable tenderness in the abdomen, Pulse fallen and soft, temperature better and skin moist and altogether seems now cheerful and better. <i>Rept. Epithem. et Pil. 3^{tis} horis</i></p> <p>Vespere Twice purged since the morning. no pain or uneasiness in the bowels- <i>Cont: Pil:</i></p> <p>April 18th Was frequently at the commode in the night and suffered much from tenesmus, nothing passed, Slight nausea. <i>Enema Emol: stat: Ol: Ricini Zij stat.</i></p> <p>Vespere Bowels several times acted on. the first stools dark and offensive, the last of a light bilious colour, slight nausea, no pain or uneasiness in the abdomen on pressure, skin cool & moist, pulse accelerated, weak. Purging continuing ordered <i>Enema Emol: annodine:(sic)</i></p> <p>19th Passed the first part of the night comfortably, towards morning the purging again set in and at last the relaxation was so great that she could scarcely get out of bed without discharging the bowels. Stools bilious and</p>
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			<p>passed with slight griping and tenesmus. can bear firm pressure over all parts of the abdomen, slight increase of temperature. pulse quick and weak, <i>Cont: Pil: Tinct. Opii g^{tt}.xx. Aqua Menth Zij. statim.</i></p> <p>Vespere 20th 21st Vespere 22nd 23rd April 24th 25th</p> <p>Three stools since the morning, inclined to sleep, <i>Tinct: Opii g^{tt}.xx. Aqua Menth Zf h.s.s.</i></p> <p>Purged six or seven times towards morning, stools passed without griping or tenesmus. Slight purulent discharge from the anus- <i>Cont: Pil: c̄ Opii gr ¼ et Infus Gent Zji</i></p> <p>Four times purged the last twenty four hours, stools more healthy and purulent discharge from the anus diminished. Is cheerful and says she would be quite well if it were not for the weakness. <i>Cont: Pil:</i></p> <p>Seven times purged this evening. <i>Opii g^{tt}ifs h.s.</i></p> <p>A comfortable night, three stools this morning. Slight pyrexia. <i>Cont Pil:</i></p> <p>Was purged seven or eight times in the night, stools, from the nurses statement, were watery or had large lumps floating in them like bruised blood, and passed with severe griping. Slight tenderness over the right iliac region. No Pyrexia. <i>Turpeth: [...]</i> u.a. <i>Rx Pulv: Ipecac g^rfs. Quin: Disulph; g^rfs 4th horis</i></p> <p>Slept well, griping and tenderness removed and the stools less frequent, and more healthy. She now complains of a sense of fullness in the bowels. <i>Rx. Ol: Ricini et Olivæ a.a. Zij. T. Opii g^{tt}vj. Aqua Menth Zij m. Cont: Pil:</i></p> <p>Four stools the last twenty four hours, more healthy. no pain or uneasiness in the abdomen. tongue clean, skin moist, pulse regular but weak. The pills were continued. Then with occasional small doses of <i>Ol: Ricini c̄ T. Opii</i> a light normal diet and a moderate allowance of wine gradually restored to health. Discharged 6th May</p>
Diarrhoea	18	<p>Eliza Devine Aged 14 Convicts Child 13th April 1851 At Sea D.D. 14th April 1851</p>	<p>A small delicate child suffered from bowel complaint in the prison; and on embarkation appeared to have mesenteric affection, during the voyage the bowels have been very irregular and more so lately, which is to be attributed to her cutting her double teeth. the Gums have been scarified and she has had <i>Hyd c̄ Cretæ. Ol: Ricini. & Mist: Cretæ. C pro re nata</i> . the last two days the mother states she has had frequent bilious stools but as she thought this attacks would pass off as others had done she did not bring her to Hospital until this morning. She is greatly emaciated, there is considerable tenderness over the abdomen with quick pulse and a dry skin. the tongue is rather red but clean and mois, Four double teeth making their appearance. A tepid Bath, <i>Ol: Ricini Zij. T. Opii g^{tt}ij. Aqua Menth Zfs. stat: postea, Mist Cretæ C. p.r.n.</i> In the evening appeared considerably better. <i>Cont: Mist:</i></p>

		14 th	Stools frequent in the night more especially towards morning, which has produced great exhaustion. Arrow root and wine was given her. She gradually sank and expired at 10.30 a.m.
JPG PB051064 Fever	19	Bridg ^t Pigott Aged 24 Convict 14 th April 1851 At sea 4 th May 1851 Disch ^d cured	<p>A delicate looking fair complexion^d girl has been suffering for some days from cold chills, languor, lassitude and derangement of the digestive organs. She now complains of pain in the head, back, and loins, weakness of the joints and general prostration; the bowels are confined, the pulse is quick- the temperature increased and the tongue white. <i>Hydrarg. Chlorid g^rvj. m. Infus. Sennæ. C. c. Mag: Sulph: h.m. Pil. Hydrarg g^rv Pulv: Ipecac g^l Ext^r: Hyas: g^riv. Ft. Pil: h.s.s.</i></p> <p>15th Medicines operated, still the bowels have not been sufficiently acted on. very little improvement. <i>Rx Pulv: Rhei: əj. Mag. Sulph. Zfs Aqua Zij. stat: Rept. Pil: h.s.</i></p> <p>16th Pain in the head and back relieved, complains of pain in the chest, somewhat increased by a short dry cough, and a deep inspiration. Sound healthy; pulse full and soft. temperature slightly increased. Bowels freely opened: <i>Sol: Anti: Potass: Tart 3^{is} horis</i></p> <p>17th Slight giddiness. less pain and cough; fever subsiding. <i>Cont: Mist; Ant: Potass: Tart:</i></p> <p>Vesp: Towards evening the cough increased & was attended by pain in the head and at the pit of the stomach, pulse quick, full and hard. skin hot and dry, face flushed, thirst: <i>V. Sect: ad Zxvj. Cont. Mist.</i></p> <p>18 Passed a restless night no pain, pulse quick and firm; skin cool; cough continues but is less troublesome. <i>Cont: Mist; Ung: Ant: Potass Tart thor?, Hyd: Chlorid g^rvj. Pulv: Ipecac g^l. Ext. Hyas: g^riv h.s.</i></p> <p>19th A good night, skin moist: pulse still rather quick and full; <i>Mist: Sennæ. C. m. Mist: [R....] c T. Opii h.s.</i></p> <p>20th Cough very troublesome in the night. no pain but a sense of rawness behind the sternum, pulse quick and rather increased in volume. Skin cool and moist. T. clean <i>Emplast Lyttæ thor.</i></p> <p>April 21st Passed a better night. cough less troublesome and the febrile symptoms have in a great measure subsided. Under the use of the mixture occasional purgatives and latterly mild tonics and a light nourishing diet she recovered.</p>
Dysentery	20	Rose A. Campbell Age 31 Convict 17 th April 1851 At sea Discharged 22 nd may 1851	A slight, pale looking woman, constitution evidently impaired by privations during the late famine, and suckling an unhealthy irritable child. states that she has suffered from a very irregular state of the bowels since first embarked. the last few days she has been much purged the stools being passed with considerable straining and griping. the tongue is foul. the pulse

JPG PB051065			slightly accelerated. no increase of temperature. <i>Hyd: Chlorid. g^rijj. Opii g^rl. m: Ol: Ricini Zfs h.m. Pulv: Ipecac: C. g^rviii. h.s.s</i>
	18 th		The medicine brought away a considerable quantity of offensive matter. feels easier but still frequent calls to stool. <i>Rx. Pil: Hyd: g^rvj. Pulv: Ipecac: g^rijj. Pulv: Opii g^rij. Pulv: Opii g^rij. Ft Pil vj-1.3^{tis} horis</i>
	19 th		Had a better night, purging subsided. feels a degree of weakness and sinking at the stomach. mouth slightly touched by the mercury. <i>Rx. Pulv Ipecac g^rfs Opii g^r 1/6. c Infus: Gent: Zj. 3^{tis} horis</i>
	20 th		Purged once in the night: mouth sore, uneasiness again in the abdomen, complains of weakness and want of appetite; Alum wash for the mouth: <i>Vin Oport. Zij Arrow root. Cont: Infus. Gentian.</i>
	22 nd		Bowels regular. much debility. Child must be weaned. although in a very weak and irritable state nourishing diet. wine. <i>Quinine: Disulph: g^rij mane-</i>
	24 th		Much purged in the night. stools scanty and offensive otherwise the same, <i>Ol: Ricini Zfs. Tinct Opii g^rvi. m. Ext: Hyas: g^r vi. Pulv: Ipecac g^rfs h.s.s.</i>
	25 th		The oil brought away several unhealthy stools, passed a better night. Complains much of debility and suffers great mental depression about the child who is evidently sinking since weaned. <i>Pil: Hyd. et Pulv: Ipecac g^rfs. Quinine Disulph g^r i. Ft pil: ter die sumend- [...]</i>
	April 26 th		Several stools in the night passed without griping. no tenderness over the abdomen. <i>Cont. Pil: u.a. c Opii g^ri. h.s.</i>
	28 th		The purging has subsided and there is a general improvement in her symptoms and appearance, <i>Cont: Pil:- Vin Oport: Zij. arrow root</i>
	30 th		Bowels regular. still labouring under great debility. appetite bad, cont ^r the Quinine & wine and any nourishment she may feel disposed to take.
May 14		Had improved very much since last date. The child being in a very dangerous state she could not be induced to go to bed and this morning she had a slight relapse, she complains of coldness of the extremities and cramps of the stomach, cordial draughts, & frictions to the extremities. The child died in the course of the day. She rallied towards evening and although she recovered strength slowly she requested to be discharged from Hospital on the 22 nd – on the 27 th not feeling so comfortable as she expected in her mess she was readmitted to Hospital . the prisoners being about to be landed I did not consider her in a fit state to be sent to the Convict Barracks therefore she was sent on the 30 th May to the Colonial Hospit ^l . <i>(she died 5th June 1851, in General Hospital Hobart)</i>	
Dysentery	21	Mary Kinner Aged 24 Convict	This woman looks at least 40, and has previously suffered from bowel complaint, states that she has had

		<p>18th April 1851 At Sea Disch^d cured 21 May 1851 Vesp. April 18th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 30th</p>	<p>frequent calls to stool for some days past but no uneasiness in the abdomen until last night. at present there is tenderness over the belly with moderate pyrexia. The dejections are scanty, mixed with blood and passed with considerable tormina and (end of page word possibly left out)</p> <p><i>Pil:Hyd: g^rvj. Pulv: Ipecac C. g^rviii. h.s. Fomentation and Ol: Ricini Zfs mane. 19th Rep^t. Pil: Hyd et P. Dov: h.s.</i></p> <p>Last night was suffering from strangury which was relieved by the [H...] [bath?] and <i>Tinct: Ferri et T. Opii</i> Towards morning the purging set in and she had several unhealthy stools (scanty) much griping and tenesmus. nausea, less tenderness & fever- <i>Enema Emol: stat: Rx Hyd: Chlorid g^riv. m. Infus Sennæ Zifs. Pulv: Rhei g^rxi h.s.</i></p> <p>The nausea continues and a frequent desire to empty the bowels, nothing being passed. <i>Enema c. T. Opii Zfs stat: Opii g^rifs h.s.s</i></p> <p>Free from purging the first part of the night, towards morning passed two scanty stools and a moderate proportion of urine. nausea continues. <i>Rx Pulv: Rhei əj. T. Rhei Zj. Mag. Carb: g^r.xv. Aqua Menth Zij.Ft haust: m sumend: Opii g^ri h.s.</i></p> <p>A better night, three very scanty stools this morning. passed with much straining, stomach so irritable that nearly every thing taken is immediately rejected, Had a mustard poultice on this morning. <i>Rx. Hyd: Chlorid g^riv Ext^r: Col: C- Pil: Aloes. C. a.a. g^rviii. Ft Pil: 1.2^{da} q.q. hora donec alvus resp:</i></p> <p>The Pills produced two free evacuations. feels more comfortable in the bowels. nausea has subsided has still a tendency to strangury– <i>Aqua Hord: c.[.....] Acacia et Potass Nitrat: pro re nata</i></p> <p>Frequent scanty stools in the night, passed with griping and tenesmus. Slight nausea. tongue foul pulse quick and small. skin cool and dry. <i>Ol: Ricini Zj . Enema c T. Opii si opus sit. Fomentations –</i></p> <p>Somewhat improved states that her bowels have been frequently purged in the night but I find no reliance can be placed in her statements. <i>Ol: Ricini et Ol: Terebinth a.a Zfs.m. Opii g^rifs h.s.</i></p> <p>The oils produced several unhealthy stools, from this date her symptoms varied so much as to require frequent change in her treatment. <i>Pil Hyd: Pulv: Ipecac. Opii. Ol: Ricini. Creast. Infus Gent: Quinine.</i> She ultimately was discharged quite cured. I believe some of her symptoms were [imaginary?]</p>
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JPG PB051066 Marasmus	2	Bridget McMahon Aged 17 Convicts Child 18 th April 1851 At Sea D.D. 19 th April 1851	A miserable looking object with a large head and emaciated frame, was embarked in this state, having according to the mother's statement been in a declining state of health for some months, the commencement of which she attributed to exposure and want of the common necessaries of life. Since she first came under my notice, at Kingstown, the bowels have been very irregular. Generally relaxed and the stools unhealthy. the last month they have been tolerably regular- still the wasting continued. The appetite varied but generally speaking it was most voracious. <i>Hyd: ̄ Creta: Pulv: Rhei Ol; Ricini et Tinct? Creta</i> were all tried with temporary benefits as also various kinds of food. Last evening symptoms of exhaustion became more marked and this morning at 10:30 it expired.
Ophthalmia	23	Cath ^c Clark Aged 22 Convict 11 th may 1851 Hospital Hobart Town 2 nd June 1851	Of an irritable strumous habit. Suckling a strong child. Was discharged on the 8 th cured of an attack of dysentery, presented herself this morning with inflammation of the right eye, attended with moderate pyrexia, fomentations were ordered and an aperient. the next morning both eyes were inflamed, calomel and opium was ordered and blisters to the temples and afterwards behind the ears. as also a solution of the <i>Argent: Nitrat: g^r vi ad Zj Aq?</i> the left eye improved rapidly but the right when all but well would suddenly become inflamed. the mouth was touched by the calomel. Latterly she had improved under the use of Quinine & then Sol: Argent but as the prisoners were about to leave the ship she was sent to Hosp ^l .
Abscess	24	Mary Carroll Aged 18 Convict 16 th April 1851 At Sea Hospital at Hobart Town 30 th May 1851	This patient is of a strumous habit and she has been leading an irregular life in Dublin which has not improved it much, In a quarrel with one of her messmates, some days ago, she fell against one of the bed places. She did not experience inconvenience therefrom until yesterday, when she began to feel pain about the hip joint. There is no displacement or symptoms indicating inflammatory sections. Ordered a Purgative, to be kept quiet & the hip fomented. Small doses of <i>Pulv: Ipecac. C.</i> at bed time. the pain continuing counter initiation(sic) by the <i>Emplast Lyttæ</i> was had recourse to; and the appetite being much impaired and considerably falling of in flesh Quinine was given and light nourishing diet ordered. On the 4 th May indistinct fluctuation could be felt, and on the 8 th a deep seated abscess over the Ilium was laid open and a large quantity of pus discharged. Cataplasms, Quinine and wine soon made a general improvement, and at the time of her discharge to Hospital, she was able to walk about the deck.

Contusion	25	Mary Kennedy Aged 50 Convict at Sea Hospital at Hobart Town 30 th May 1851	A pale unhealthy woman, looks at least 70, could not be induced to take either the Lime Juice or the wine on the voyage. Struck her left leg a few days ago against a bucket. There is slight discolouration over the shin and surrounding parts are inflamed. the bowels are confined, A purgative, Cold Lotions. The inflammation subsided in a short time but a small abscess formed required opening, She complains much of debility. Cataplasms Quinine and wine were ordered. She was discharged with the other patients somewhat improved in health.
JPG PB051067 Scrofulous Abscess	26	Marg ^t Murray Aged 26 Convict 24 th May 1851 At Sea Hobart Town, Hospital 30 th May 1851	A miserable, helpless, dirty, strumous creature, suckling a young and wretched looking child. Has several tumours about the neck, latterly one made its appearance in the Popliteal space, or fossa, right leg. which soon suppurated and was opened. Cataplasms, aperients, tonic and nourishing diet caused a general improvement. As she was not quite well she was discharged with the others to the Hospital.
Insanity	27	Catherine Walsh Aged 26 Convict 27 th May 1851 At Sea Hobart Town Hospital 30 th May 1851	This woman, the other prisons informed me, was, in the Infirmary in Grange Gorman Prison (at the time the ship arrived in Kingstown) under treatment for Insanity, a disease which appears to be hereditary, she having a brother an inmate of one of the Lunatic Asylums in Dublin. In one of her lucid intervals she was <u>brought forward</u> by the <u>Medical Officers</u> of the establishment, who took care not to give me the slightest information on this subject and being tolerably healthy looking she was passed and embarked. The night before we sailed, from Kingstown, she had a severe relapse and required, from her violence, to be confined in a strait waistcoat. The seasickness quietened her for a time and it was taken off - after this she became more violent, scratched and ill used the nurses and her screams were dreadful. She was bled. The head shaved, & blistered & Purgative, alterative and sedative medicines given and in the tropics, a cold bath. The latter appeared to have a good effect, so far, that she settled down into a quiet partially idiotic state and so continued with very little amendment until the time she was sent to Hospital.

Enteritis	28	<p>Mary Leonard Aged 18 Convict 2nd May 1851 At Sea Disch^d cured 30th June 1851</p>	<p>The subject of this case is a very slight, pale girl of strumous habit, has suffered from irregular menstruation and a costive state of the bowels since first embarked. She stated that she has not had a stool for several days and that she felt uneasiness at the stomach, constriction of the chest, and slight headache and pain in the back, skin cool, pulse tranquil, tongue white.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hyd: Chlorid g'iv.m. Mag Sulph.Zj. h. s.</i></p> <p>Vesp: 3rd Bowels not moved. <i>Rept. Hyd: Chorid h.s.</i> Bowels continue obstinate, stomach irritable complains of general soreness, <i>Enema Cath. et Pil: Cath. ij stat:</i></p> <p>4th The Enema was repeated and brought away a large quantity of hardened faeces. The bowels have not since been moved, the stomach continues irritable and there is partial tympanitis of the abdomen with slight tenderness. The skin is cool, pulse quick but not otherwise affected, tongue moist. Has not passed her urine since yesterday. Turpent: fomentation to the abdomen, <i>Enema c. Ol: Terebinth. stat:</i></p> <p>Vesp: One stool, broken down scybala, rather more tenderness over the abdomen. skin hot & dry, pulse quick & sharp. <i>V. Sect: ad Zxvj. Rx Hyd: Chlorid g'iv. Extr: Hyas: g'vj. h.s.s</i></p> <p>5th Passed a comfortable night very little general tenderness of abdomen, but still a degree of tympanitis and slight pain in the hepatic region, skin cool, Pulse 80, soft. Tongue white moist, no nausea, continue Fomentation. <i>Rx Hyd: Chlorid g'ij. Opii g'fs. tertia quaque hora.</i></p> <p>6th Very little amendment bowels continue torpid and urine scanty. <i>Ol: Ricini Zfs. Ol: Terebinth Zij. M. Enema Emol: si opus sit, Extr: Hyas: g'vj. Pil: Hyd: g'iv h.s.</i></p> <p>Vesp: The Enema was given in the afternoon and produced two stools, At 7 she was suddenly attacked with a slight rigour, gums touched by the <i>Spirit æthe: Nit: g'xx. Stat: Opii g'ij. h.s.</i></p> <p>7th Slept well, can bear pressure over all parts of the abdomen except in the right hypochondrium region, temperature natural, pulse 80, soft. No thirst: <i>Rept: Cataplastm; Ol: Ricini Zij m. Opii g'ifs o.n.</i></p> <p>May 8th Two bilious unhealthy stools, passed with much scalding and irritation about the anus. Slept well and perspired freely, there is still a moisture on the skin. pulse tranquil. tongue cleaner, abdomen softer, less distended, and can bear tolerably firm pressure over all parts except at the umbilicus, no nausea, mouth sore, urine scanty, cataplastm si opus sit. <i>Rept. Pil: et Haust 4^{tis} hora</i></p> <p>Vespere One stool since the morning. about 6 pm, pain in the abdomen set in again suddenly and is attended with internal heat and slight increase of temperature and</p>
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			<p>quickness of pulse. Ordered a Blister. <i>Hyd: Chlorid: g^rfs. Pulv; Ipecac. g^rfs. Opii g^r ifs: Cont Haust</i></p> <p>9th The blister having risen at 12. was removed and a poultice applied and she afterwards fell into a comfortable sleep. the pain, internal heat & increase of temperature have subsided and there is much less distension of the abdomen, has slight uneasiness at the precordia, no stools since yesterday & has not passed her urine <i>Rx Potass: Nitrat: Zj, Pulv: Ipecac g^r iij, Spirit æthe: Nit: Zij. Tinct Opii Zj, Pulv: Acacia Gum. Zfs, Aqua Zx Ft Mist. Zj o.h.</i></p> <p>10th Passed a comfortable night, the internal heat and tympanitis state of the abdomen have completely subsided, but the uneasiness at the pit of the stomach remains, the pulse is tranquil, skin warm and moist, tongue coated, mouth sore, passed a quantity of high coloured urine this morning. No stool since the 8th <i>Enema Emol: Cont: Mist.</i></p> <p>15th Has been going on favourably since last date, the bowels being confined gave her <i>Ol: Ricini Zfs in Aqua Menth.</i> This produced tympanitis, <i>Enema stat: two bilious offensive stools, Opii g^r ifs, h.s.s</i></p> <p>16th Tympanitis in a great measure removed, now slight pain across the Epigastrium, <i>Ol: Ricini Zfs</i></p> <p>17th Menstrual discharge, which had been suppressed for some time, reappeared, all the symptoms removed, the bowels continued very irregular. Under mild aperients and bitters she gradually regained strength and was discharged on the 30th June.</p>
Pneumonia	29	Miss M. White Aged 30, Matron 14 th May 1851 At Sea Disch ^d Cured 27 th May 1851	The subject of this case is a small delicate person states she has suffered for some years from derangement of the digestive organs, palpitations etc. Since leaving Kingstown she has had several bilious and nervous attacks, of no great duration, yielding quietly to mild aperients and bitters. The last two or three days she has had a short dry cough and constriction of chest for which she has taken aperients pills and <i>Extr: Hyas:</i> at bedtime

JPG PB051069		<p>Vespere 15th</p>	<p>or used the <i>Ung: Acit: Potass Tinct</i> to the thorax, yesterday she exposed herself to rather more than usual and got her feet wet, towards evening she was seized with distressing dyspnea and was obliged to be supported or raised in the bed. the pulse and skin not being much affected. On examination of the abdomen the colon was found much distended and extremely tender, but she seemed? to think nothing of it, having had it so very tender at various periods as not to be able to suffer the slightest pressure over it, a mustard poultice was applied which slightly checked the cough and relieved the respiration, <i>Extr: Hyas: g^riv. Pil: Hyd: g^rij Pulv: Ipecac g^rl stat: Ol: Ricini Zj. cras primo mane</i></p> <p>Five times purged by the oil. cough less troublesome, still there is tenderness in the epigastrium, Pyrexia very moderate. <i>Rx. Vin Ant: Potass Tart:- Tinct Scillæ a.a. Zj. Potassæ Nitrat: Spirit aeth: Nit. a a Zfs. syrup Zj Aqua Zviii, coch amp l. la[.] ungent?. cataplasms Sempvi: Spi[...]</i></p>
		<p>16th</p>	<p>Cough less troublesome in the night; slept tolerable well and fancied herself better, there is considerable tenderness and a burning sensation in her stomach. Skin warm & moist, pulse full & easily compressed, sense of rawness in the throat. thirst very moderate, <i>Rept: Cataplasma, Rx. Tinct Scilla Zj. Potass Nitrat g^rij. Potass Nitrat Zfs. Sodæ Bicarb ꝑj. Mucilage: Acacia Zij. Aqua Zv. Ft. Mist: cujas cap. coch amp ij. secunda quaque hora [..] [.....] ungent.</i></p>
		<p>11:30 am</p>	<p>Increase of pain in the chest and palpitation. Auscultation? Give the crepitus ronchus(rhoncus) very distinct over the superior of the left lung; pulse 100 full, cough very troublesome dry, much tenderness in the course of the colon. <i>V. Sect: ad Zxvj. stat:</i></p>
		<p>7 pm</p>	<p>Temporary relief from the V.Section. Symptoms have returned. <i>Rept: V.Sect: ad Zxii. Emplast: Lyttæ Lat: Pil. Hyd: g^rij. Ext: Hyas g^rij. h.s.</i></p>
		<p>May 17th</p>	<p>Slept the first part of the night. the latter part restless, towards morning had a severe attack of cough, which brought on nausea and an attempt to vomit, <i>Haust Salline Effer: c T.Opii.</i> the cough is less troublesome and soft, ronchus has in a great measure subsided and the respiration is free. There is a slight uneasiness in the right breast which appears to be muscular. P. 90 full & soft, temperature nearly natural. Tongue cleaner & moist; perspired in the night, slight nausea continues. <i>Rept: Haust Effer: p.r.n.</i></p> <p>A comfortable night .Cough less troublesome, Has still slight uneasiness in the chest and epigastrium. P.95. soft & full, Bowels torpid <i>Mag Sulph Zij. M. Haust Saline Effer: Rx. Tinct: Digitalis Zj. Tinct Scillæ Zj. Pulv: Ipecac g^rij. Extr: S[...] zfs, mucilage: Acacia: Zij syrup Zj. Aqua Zv. Ft Mist: Zj 3^{tis} horis, 11am. Increase of</i></p>

			<p>pain in the left breast. Repeat the Blister-</p> <p>Vesp: Constant nausea has been kept up. The blister has risen, the pain is removed and The cough is less troublesome, skin moist, Pulse 90 soft <i>Cont: Mist:</i></p> <p>19th Very little cough in the night (soft). No return of the pain in the chest, has still slight uneasiness in the epigastrium, temperature & skin natural, P.90, B. torpid <i>Rept. Haust Aper u.a. et Cont. Mist.</i></p> <p>20th Was disturbed by the motion of the ship & could not get any sleep, cough rather more trouble and there is slight uneasiness in the chest, otherwise the same, <i>Cont: Mist:</i></p> <p>21st Passed a very comfortable night, cough & uneasiness in the chest have in a great measure subsided. Skin moist: pulse 80, tongue clean, [...] stools this morning. <i>Cont: Mist: ter die-</i></p> <p>24th The symptoms have all subsided. She complains much of debility and is particularly anxious to have a ch[op?] & glass of porter. This she was indulged with. the next day small doses of Quinine & mild aperients were ordered .[sun?] and the sight of terra firma soon effected a cure</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.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus	6	6					10.19
Typhus							
<i>Infantile Remittant</i>	1			1			
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis	2	2					
Pneumonia	2	2					29
Rheumatismus	1	1					11
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia	14	12	1	1			2,14,23
<i>Enteritis</i>	1	1					28
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas	1	1					2
Vaccina							
<i>Varicollam</i>	1	1					
<i>Aptha</i>	3	3					
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata							
<i>Menorrhagia</i>	1	1					
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	4	4					
Dysenteria	11	10		1			5,12.17 20.21
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	1	1					
General Debility	1		1				
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	15	14		1			18
Epilapria	2	2					1
Angina Pectoria	1	1					
Cholera Sporadica	1			1			7
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							

Amentia							
Mania	2	1	1				27
Hysteria	1	1					11
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							4,22
Marasmus	12			2			
Ord. II. Intumescensiae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis							
Scrophula	1	1					26
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaesthesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosae.							
Gonorrhoea	1	1					
Ord. V. Epischeseae							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	23	23					6,8,13
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Child birth	3	3					
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus —Fractura	1	1					3
Ulcus —Abscess	6	4	2				24
Contusio	8	7	1				15,25
GENERAL TOTAL	117	104	6	7			

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 Authorities in Dublin embarked on board the "Blackfriar" Hired Transport, on the 9th & 11th January 1851. Two hundred and sixty convicts; Fifty-nine children belonging to the convicts, and seven free settlers. I need scarcely add they were of all ages, and temperaments, and many of them whose constitutions were greatly impaired by privation, imprisonment and disease. A large proportion of the children had recently arrived from the provincial workhouses; and more miserable looking objects, than some were, could not easily be procured. A few were in the last stages of marasmus, others had lost one or both eyes from Purulent Ophthalmia and in other instances they were just recovering from this disease; one girl about fourteen years of age, the mother and sister being prisoners on board, although rejected by me, was embarked barely convalescent from Acute Ophthalm; and in the confusion and bustle of arranging so many people was not observed for several days, the change of temperature and exposure brought on a relapse and although she recovered, the disease communicated itself to several of the others. By great attention to cleanliness, ventilation and the liberal use of the chloride of zinc the disease was checked and ultimately disappeared. A few cases of catarrhal ophthalmia presented themselves at the end of the voyage but were of no moment, the zinc was used twice a day in the morning with a mop to all parts of the prison and closets and in the evening the decks and closets were sprinkled with it, and so sensible were the prisoners to its utility in removing disagreeable odours that after a short time, they were regular in their attendance and as anxious to get the sprinkling stuff as I was to supply it. At first it was no easy matter to persuade them that pure air or cleanliness was conducive to their health and comfort; and when told to clean the Prison and perform their morning ablutions were inclined to refuse, one woman when ordered to wash a dirty, squalid child, replied "glory be to god she had reared nine of them and had never put a drop of water on one of them". All prisoners ought to have, previous to their being clothed in the Penitentiary for embarkation, a warm or tepid Bath, as many are found after being on board a few days to be in a most filthy state, this and other sanitary measures are too frequently overlooked by Government and other officers employed in prisons; (~~Governors and the other officers~~—had a pencil line through it and the words **the authorities** pencilled above- by whom unknown) another thing all children and others ought to be at least one month under their charge prior to embarkation, This would allow time for a slight improvement in their general health and if from any place where disease of a contagious nature prevailed it would in all probability become developed during that period.- As the Surgeons Superintendant are now ordered not to reject any convict capable of undertaking the voyage to Australia, I would suggest the propriety of directing the medical officers of prisons not to bring forward for examination any individual recovering from or recently recovered from serious or Contagious Affections. Women in an advanced stage of pregnancy or immediately after their confinement. Women who from disease or age have lost their teeth or those who have suffered from serious mental affections. One Lunatic was in a lucid interval embarked on board the "Blackfriar" she continued in a quiet state until the night before the vessel left Kingstown when she was reported to me to be in a very excited state, The Lord Lieutenants warrant was on board, and as it would have caused considerable detention to have her landed. I was compelled to place her under restraint and subsequently in a strait jacket, if by any chance she could extricate herself she would attack the nurses, bite and otherwise maltreated them until secured, after she recovered from the sea sickness the noise she made at night, not only disturbed the prisoners but every person on the ship. Some of the convicts (prisoners pencilled above) informed me that she was in the Infirmary belonging to the Penitentiary under treatment at the time the ship arrived at Kingstown. If this statement be correct the medical officer was

much to blame for sending her to Van Diemen's Land, there being too many of this and the old and useless class there already.

A great variety of cases came under treatment on the voyage but the prevailing diseases were constipation, ophthalmia and bowel complaints, the former were usually of some duration generally from eight to twelve and in one instance eighteen days without causing in the largest number anything more serious than loss of appetite etc, a strong purgative usually effected a cure. Ophthalmia generally yielded to purgatives and the solution of the nitrate of silver, but where inflammation was very acute, Blisters were had recourse to. Calomel and opium rehibited and in the ulcerative stage Quinine was found useful. This class of people cannot stand general blood letting.

The Bowel complaints I attributed to accumulation, change of diet, of climate and their using vinegar in their drink, this I was compelled to stop, soon after the ship left in consequence of its producing cramp of the stomach, but at their urgent request and on them promising to use it with their food it was again supplied to them, they soon began again to drink it and the consequence was Diarrhoea and in those who neglected themselves Dysentery. The vinegar being again stopped the disease became less frequent and towards the end of the voyage had almost disappeared –

Under the head Hysterical Mania (Case 11) a case is given by no means uncommon in female convict ships and in the Penitentiary in the colony, caused no doubt in nervous temperaments by the heat of climate, indolent life and last not least exciting the passions, requiring for it removal free purgation low diet and cold baths, nothing appeared to have a better effect than a shower bath or a few buckets of water thrown over them when first attacked.

The daily allowance of lime juice and sugar was, at the request of the prisoners, reduced from one ounce to one half ounce, to which was added half a gill of wine. This was found sufficient to keep them in health, and with the exception of one woman who could not be induced to drink it and in whom there was a slight scorbutic tendency, I venture to state a healthier, cleaner or more orderly set of women has not been landed at Hobart Town for many years.

John Moody
Surgeon Superintendent

Hobart Town
15th June 1851