

Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship "Margaret",  
J.A. Mould, Surgeon,  
Between the 14<sup>th</sup> May 1843 and 26<sup>th</sup> July 1843

#### GENERAL REMARKS

The number of Convicts on board the Margaret, at the time of my taking charge in Simon's Bay amounted to 152, all of whom were landed at Hobart Town.

The case of death noted in the Nosological Synopsis was that of a child: another infant also died on the passage, but is not included in that Report, from never having been on the Sick List, as it did not appear to require Surgical Treatment, apparently perishing from defect in the [a?i??ilative] functions.

The number of sick was fifty-nine. The prevailing diseases were affections of the membranes lining the air-passages, Rheumatism and Diarrhoea, arising from change of climate and much exposure to moisture from the Prison Deck and the beds of the Convicts being frequently wetted by leakage.

In addition there were many minor cases and also some of derangement of the [Patamenia?], which later received palliative treatment only, the [?] at my disposal not enabling me to do more, besides which they mostly appeared to be, mainly, [?] on confinement on shipboard and the consequent want of that exercise to which the subjects had previously been accustomed, probably also, in some, they were owing, wholly or in part, to former sexual excesses.

To confinement and want of exercise also may be traced a great demand for and large consumption of Purgative Medicines.

Some cases of Itch appeared in the early part of my charge, but being confined to one [short word but not deck], the measures consisted, in addition to the common treatment with Sulphur, in the free use of the dry [Chloride?] of Lime about the berth and bedding of those affected, and as the means of perfect isolation were wanting, a strict charge was given both to them and to the other prisoners to avoid as much as possible, any personal contact. By these means the disease was prevented from spreading.

The cases generally exhibit but little interest. In that of Mania, fright appears plainly to have been the immediate exciting cause but disordered menstruation was probably a powerful [predisposament?]. Only one paroxysm occurred and the patient when landed, was fast approaching convalescence.

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Hobart Town, August 1<sup>st</sup> 1843

## EXTRACT FROM<sup>i</sup> Part only of:

Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the 30<sup>th</sup> Article of the Surgeons' Instructions

Diseases	Total	Discharged To Duty	Sent to Hospital	Died on Board	Invalided	Remaining	Nos of cases in the Journal
<b>Pyrexiae</b>							
<b>Ord. I. Febres,</b> Intermittentes Quotidiana							
Continue	Synochus						
<b>Ord II</b>	Typhus						
	<i>Ophthalmia</i>	3	3				
	<i>Otitis</i>	1	1				
	<i>Arthropinosis?</i>	1	-	1	-	-	5
	Phlegmasiae						
	Phlogosis	5	3	1	-	1	6
	Pneumonia	-	-				
	Rheumatism	5	5				
	<i>Cynanche?</i>	6	6				
	<i>Bronchitis</i>	5	3	-	-	2	
	<i>Pleuritis</i>	1	1				
	<i>Hysteritis</i>	1	1	-	-	-	2
<b>Ord III Exanthemata</b>							
	Variola						
	Rubeola						
	Erysipelas						
	Vaccina						
<b>Ord IV Haemorrhagiae</b>							
	Haemoptysis						
	Phthisis incipiens						
	Phthisis confirmata						
	<i>Menorrhagia</i>	1	1				
<b>Ord V Profluvia</b>							
	Catarrhus	10	10				
	Dysentoria						
<b>Neuroses</b>							
<b>Ord I Comata</b>							
	Apoplexia						
<b>Ord II Adynamiae</b>							
	Dyspepsia	3	2	-	-	1	
<b>Ord III Spasmi</b>							
	<b>Asthma</b>						
	<b>Diarrhaea</b>	5	5				
	<b>Colica</b>	-	-				
	<i>Pertifsis?</i>	2	-	-	1	1	1
<b>Ord IV Vesaniae</b>							
	Amenlia						
	Mania	1	-	1	-	-	7
<sup>ii</sup> Totals carried up							
		50	41	3	1	-	5

Diseases	Total	Discharged To Duty	Sent to Hospital	Died on Board	Invalided	Remaining	Nos of cases in the Journal
<b>Totals brought up</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cachexiae</b>							
<b>Ord I Marcores</b>							
<i>Tabes</i>							
<b>Ord II Intuimescentiae</b>							
Ansarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
<b>Ord III Impetigines</b>							
Syphilis							
Scrophula							
Icterus							
<b>Locales</b>							
<b>Ord I Dysaesthesiae</b>							
Amaurosis							
<b>Ord II Dysorexiae</b>							
<b>Ord III Dyscinesiae</b>							
<b>Ord IV Apocenosae</b>							
Gonorrhoea							
<i>Leucorrhoea</i>							
	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					
<b>Ord V Epischeseae</b>							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio							
<i>Amenorrhoea</i>							
	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	-	-	-	-	3
<b>Ord VI Tumores</b>							
Aneurisma							
<b>Ord VII Ectopiae</b>							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
<i>Luxatio</i>							
	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Ord VIII Dialyses.</b>							
Vulnus							
Ulcus							
<i>Psora?</i>							
	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>					
<i>Fistula?</i>							
	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>					
<b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>

<sup>i</sup> This is from one page, can't recall whether there were more. Most of the things were printed and I'm not sure if I have interpreted the written inserts accurately. I'll put those in italics.

<sup>ii</sup> These totals make it clear this is only one page from the journal

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