

ADM101/252

Midlothian 1852 to 1853

170 females

Surgeon: Mr. David Thomas

30th October 1852 to 3rd March 1853

Having arrived at Kingstown, Ireland on the 16th of October 1852 and embarked on the 30th of October and the 2nd of November, two matrons, two intermediate passengers, twelve free settlers, 170 convicts and 19 children of convicts, which with myself made 206, but the mean ratio for the whole period was only 204 4/41 out of which number one hundred and three were between the ages of 15 and 25 years. Fifty between the ages of 25 and 35 years. Twenty five between the ages of 35 and 45 years. One between 45 and 55. And twenty seven under the age of 15 years.

The prevailing issues were as follows, namely 1 case synochus between 15 and 25 years, which was under treatment for two days which consisted in giving calomel(?) and artimony(?) as a purgative followed by the sulphate of magnesium subsequently giving the xxxxx xxxxx in quarter grain doses every four hours.

Phlogosis 5 cases namely 1 between 15 and 25. Three between 25 and 35 and one between 35 and 45 which cases were under treatment for thirty one days. They all consisted of small boils requiring alternative and purgative medicaries(?) informally incisions for the exit of matter and to relief of poultices and simple dressings with occasionally the use of the nitrate of silver.

Pneumonia 2 cases and 15 and 25 years which were under treatment for 38 days one of whom of the name of Lucy Gorman died on board the ship at sea on 10th of December an account of which I transmitted to the Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy on 3rd January 1853 and whose case is detailed in this journal marked(?) no. 1. The other case who had been convalescent for some time and sent to hospital at Hobart Town on the 28th of February for haemorrhage which suddenly appeared as the previous night from the gales(?) and which I was hardly able to sleep with various supplies (?) it is described in this journal and marked no. 8. On my visiting her in the hospital about five days afterwards I was told livid spots had appeared on various parts of the body these being more obscured when first embarked. It appears by the girl's statement that she did not always take her lime juice although it had been regularly served(?) in the quantity ounce(?) daily to every convict and adult free settler since the 10th of December and for a great part of the voyage that is until the 10th of January a pound of fresh potatoes had been allowed daily to every person on the Books for Rations and ever since she has been under my medical a period of three weeks written she has had daily lime on(?) three times a day a sufficient quantity of the same vegetable for her meals it being a favourite with the Irish female convicts.

Bronchitis 2 cases. One between 25 and 35 and one between 35 and 45 which cases were under treatment for twelve days. They came on the sick list shortly after being embarked and whilst the vessel was at Kingstown the weather being at the time cold damp and rainy. The symptoms were

mild and denoted in degree only as xxxx acute xxxx affection giving way to further purgatives the
xxxx xxxxxx in half grain doses every three hours and the application of a blister in one of the cases.