

**SURGEON'S JOURNAL OF HER MAJESTY'S FEMALE CONVICT SHIP MELLISH  
MR JOHN LOVE, SURGEON  
BETWEEN 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 1830 and 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1830  
ADM 101-053-02**

PB010001[866]JPG

[JOURNAL COVER PAGE]

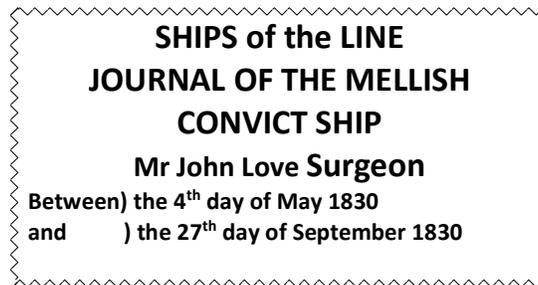
ADM 101 53

2

**No 88** 27 May 1831 Ent<sup>a</sup> 200

Stamped PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

*N Burnett*



[TAB RIGHT SIDE ADM101/53/2 MELLISH 1830 (118 FEMALES)]

PB010002[867]JPG

N<sup>o</sup>. 15. *Appendix to Surgeon's Instructions*

Stamped PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE

FOOTER - PRINTED BY H TEAPE & SON, TOWER-HILL, LONDON, FOR HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE. DEC. 1828]

**MEDICAL and SURGICAL JOURNAL of The Mellish Convict Ship** between the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830 and the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 1830 during which time the said Ship has been employed on voyages to Van Diemen's Land

Nature of Disease	N <sup>o</sup> . of Case	[Wo]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
Phthisis	1	Ann Thomas Aetat:26 a Prisoner 21 <sup>st</sup> May 1830 Woolwich Died at Sea	Complains this morning of severe cough. Pain in the breast with difficult and hurried respiration. Pulse frequent and quick. Skin hot. Thirst. Tongue furred and brown; the bowels are causative and has been so for some time past. She is of a delicate and fair habit of body. Says she is

PB010003[857]JPG		21 <sup>st</sup> May	<p>subject to this complaint and has had several attacks, but the most severe was a short time previous to her apprehension which was six months ago.</p> <p>She was confined three months to the Westminster Hospital for an attack of Pneumonia and had only been discharged a few days previous to her apprehension. She was more or less affected during the whole of her confinement in Newgate and had been twice blistered while there. The present attack is to be attributed to her catching cold on coming on board.</p> <p><i>Venæsectio adξ xx vj</i>  <i>Extract Colocy Com gr x</i>  <i>Hydr Submur gr iij</i>  <i>ft Pil Statim sumend</i>  <i>decoct Hordie with Succ Lemon ad libitum</i></p>
PB010004[858]JPG		20 <sup>th</sup> Vespere	<p>Bowels freely opened. Blood very buffy and firm. Pulse not so frequent &amp; breathing more free with a slight moisture on the skin. Thirst continues.</p> <p><i>Sumat Bol Sequent</i>  <i>Pulv Ipec com gr x</i>  <i>Calomel gr ifs</i></p>
		21 <sup>st</sup> May	<p>Severe cough in the night with pain and tightness across the chest, respiration difficult and obstructed. Pulse 110 and quick slight headache, has not slept. Thirst excessive</p> <p><i>Venæsectio Repetatur</i>  <i>adξ? xx statim</i>  <i>Mist Salin ξ ij</i>  <i>Antim Tart gr ifs ft haust</i>  <i>4<sup>ta</sup> quaque hora</i></p>
		Vespere	<p>faintness and languor after bleeding, but now gone off, blood very buffy and firm, cough with mucus expectoration streaked with blood, breathing more free.</p> <p><i>Mist Salin ξ ij ut antea e Tinct opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i></p>
		22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<p>No sleep in the night, respiration more free, less cough expectoration mixed with blood slight griping with sickness at stomach. Tongue more clean. Thirst continues. Bowels regular. Pulse 110 small and quick</p> <p><i>Cucurb cruent adξ? xij</i>  <i>Omitt' Mist Salin c Ant Tort et T opii</i>  <i>Pil Extract Colocy com gr x</i>  Barley water with Supertartrate of potass for drink.</p>
		Vespere	<p>Better Bowels several times opened no griping or Sickness cough less Pulse not so frequent</p> <p><i>Pil Ant c Cal et Opii hs.</i></p>
		23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<p>Much pain in the breast and cough during the</p>

PB010005[847]JPG		<p>Vespere</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>night respiration difficult and hurried Pulse frequent  <i>VS ad 3xx Statim</i>  <i>Mist Salin c Antim Fort et Tinct Digital ter die</i>  Got faint when about 16 oz were taken; has remained easy ever since but very faintish and weak, very little cough expectoration still streaked with blood, respiration easy. Bowels relaxed. Pulse 100 more full.  <i>Applicetur Emplast Lyttae Pectori</i>  <i>Haust opii g<sup>tt</sup> 30</i></p> <p>Blister rose well, restless in the right a catching pain in the breast this morning which prevents respiration Pulse more quick. Thirst with a request for cold water.  <i>VS ad 3? vj</i>  <i>Rx Mist Salin 3ij</i>  <i>Vin Antim Tinct opii a a g<sup>tt</sup> xv</i>  <i>3<sup>tia</sup> quaque hora</i></p> <p>More easy has slept a little in the day. Bowels regular. Tongue more clean, has taken a little sago.  <i>Rx Extract Hyoscyami</i>  - <i>Conii a a gr ijfs ft Pil</i>  <i>hs Sumend c Haust opii g<sup>tt</sup> 30</i></p> <p>Rested better in the night but no sleep, very weak and debilitated, respiration easy and free. Very little cough, expectoration copious and occasionally mixed with blood. Tongue clean. Not so thirsty. Slight appetite. Sago occasionally.  <i>Mist Salin c Vin Antim ut antea</i></p> <p><i>Pil conii et Hyoscyam et Haust opii hs</i></p> <p>Much better, free from pain and cough, rested well in the night.  Pulse still 110, now quick. Skin moist at temple.  <i>Contr<sup>d</sup> Med ut heri</i></p> <p>Slight return of pain in the heart, has coughed much in the day, respiration difficult.  <i>Repet<sup>f</sup> Emp Lyttae</i>  <i>Mist Salin c Vin Antim ut opii g<sup>tt</sup> 30 hs</i>  Lemonade for drink</p>
PB010006[848]JPG		<p>27<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>Has not rested well in the night no sleep, blister discharges profusely. Pulse frequent and small severe cough incessant. No appetite. Skin slightly moist, very weak and exhausted.  <i>Rx. Mist Salin 3 ij</i>  <i>Tinct opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i>  <i>T digital g<sup>tt</sup> x v ft Haust ter in die</i>  Sago with wine occasionally  Lemonade for drink</p> <p>Cough not so distressing. Pulse 100 more full.</p>

PB010007[849]JPG		<p>28<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> May</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>June 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>June 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>June 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><i>Bol Ipec com gr x</i>  <i>c Hydr Submur gr ifs hs</i>  <i>Haust opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i></p> <p>Slept in the night and feels better and much refreshed. Not so much cough, expectoration more free as also respiration. Pulse 100 regular and full. Bowels open.</p> <p><i>Cont<sup>n</sup> med ut heri</i>  <i>Vin Rub § ij ter in die</i></p> <p>Free from pain in the breast very little cough. Slept well. Appetite improving. Tongue clean. Blister discharges freely to be dressed with irritating ointment. Half diet.</p> <p><i>Mist Salin ut antea</i>  <i>Pil Calomel c Antim et opii hs</i>  <i>Vin Rub § ij ter in die</i></p> <p>Suffering much from sea-sickness. Vomits incessantly.</p> <p><i>Pil opii gr ifs h.s.</i></p> <p>Very debilitated and low. Much exhausted from vomiting. Pulse regular and 66. Not much cough, expectoration free but apparently mixed with purulent matter, bowels regular. Tongue clean. A little wine occasionally mixed with Sago.</p> <p><i>Haust Salin c Tinct opii g<sup>tt</sup> 30</i>  <i>In actu effervescentiae sumendus</i></p> <p>Still sick not much cough, pain confined to left side of the chest, blister healed. A little warm wine with spice.</p> <p>Slept well in the night, no sickness. Pulse and bowels regular, appetite improving, has taken a little soup as also sago wine <i>lbfs in die</i></p> <p><i>Pil Ant c Col et opii gr fs hs]</i></p> <p>Short distressing cough expectoration scanty, frothy and mixed with pus occasionally streaked with blood; pain confined to left side of chest, weak and debilitated. Pulse 90 small and quick. Tongue clean. Skin natural temperature.</p> <p><i>Mist Salin § ij c Vin Antim xv</i>  <i>T opii et digital aa g<sup>tt</sup> xx ter in die</i>  <i>Pil Antim c Cal et opii hs</i></p>
PB010008[830]JPG		<p>June 6<sup>th</sup></p> <p>10 AM</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>Sago with a little wine. <i>Omni nocte</i> has coughed much in the night, expectoration difficult breathing obstructed</p> <p>at this time was seized with violent pain in the left brest <sup>(sic)</sup> difficulty of breathing and faintness</p> <p><i>Rx. Sp. Æther Nitros g<sup>tt</sup> xxx</i>  <i>Tinct opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i>  <i>Aqua § i ft Haust Stat Sum</i></p> <p>Was relieved shortly after taking the draught, has remained easy all day and slept.</p>

		June 7 <sup>th</sup>	<p><i>Pil Cal c antim et opii hs</i>  Bowels relaxed in the night with griping pain and tenesmus cough troublesome  <i>Ol Ricini § T opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i>  Barley water for drink</p>
PB010009JPG		June 10 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Bowels [regulated?] has taken <i>Pil cal c ant et opii</i> at bed time since last report. Mouth slightly affected. Cough with pain in the left breast. Still severe expectoration more copious, mixed with pus and when the cough is severe mixed with blood, debility and emaciation increases.  <i>Omitt<sup>r</sup> Pil Cal et Ant</i>  Rx. <i>Sulph Quinin gr ifs</i>  <i>acid sulph<sup>t</sup> Pil g<sup>tt</sup> x v</i>  <i>Aqua § ifs ft Haust ter in die</i>  <i>Haust opii g<sup>tt</sup> xxx hs</i>  <i>Ung<sup>t</sup> antim Tart Pectori Inflicand</i>  Takes little soup and sago with wine.  <i>Lemonade ad libitum</i></p>
		12 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>cough frequent and so severe as to cause vomiting, very severe headache, no appetite. Bowels costive.  <i>Pil Extract Colocy com gr x</i>  A little hot wine with spice.  Sago occasionally,  <i>Cont<sup>n</sup> Ung<sup>t</sup> Ant Tart</i>  <i>Haust opii g<sup>tt</sup> 30 hs</i></p>
		13 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>Passed a better night, is very sick at stomach this morning. Bowels twice opened. Pustules numerous and painful on left side of the chest, expectoration mixed with pus.  <i>Rx Ammon Carb gr vj</i>  <i>Tinct opii g<sup>tt</sup> xx</i>  <i>AqMenth § ifs ft Haust stat sum</i></p>
		20 <sup>th</sup> June	<p>has been little troubled with pain the breast since last report but the cough with expectoration still continues, and is streaked with blood every two or three days when the cough is more than usually severe, emaciation and debility increases. Sickness at stomach almost constant and retching very severe and distressing. Legs and feet begin to swell as also cold nightly perspirations, appetite a little improved, takes a little preserved meat and sago occasionally, wine sips in the day.  <i>Haust opii hs</i></p>
PB010010JPG		29 <sup>th</sup> July	<p>This patient continued to decline constantly since last report, harassed with cough and almost incessant vomiting. The hectic symptoms increased the expectoration profuse mixed with pus and blood occasionally. Medicines were given to mitigate urgent symptoms from time to time,</p>

PB010011 JPG			<p>Carbonate of Ammonia in effervescing draughts with opium, the Quinine with the Sulphuric acid; and the strength supported with preserved soups and sago with wine, wine <i>lb fs</i> daily.</p> <p>During the last few days the mouth and tongue became red and excoriated, greatly distressed and wandering intellect, Vomits and coughs much, expectoration scanty. She has taken nothing but wine with an opiate for some days at 11am – she died reduced to the most extreme state of debility and emaciation – on examination after death.</p> <p>On opening the chest the Plura was found everywhere strongly adhering particularly the left side; the left lung was much diminished in size.</p> <p>Numerous small abscesses were dispersed through the substance of both lungs, the remaining substance of left lung was dense and hepatised the liver appeared healthy and of the natural size but the gall bladder was shrunk and thickened being filled with gall stones. Some of those biliary concretions were the size of a nut, and amounted to six in number they were so pressed on, as to have their sides flattened so as the whole to form a substance the shape of the gall bladder and completely filling it – there was very little bile of a very thick consistence</p>
[			
<p>Constitutional Infirmary</p> <p>PB010012 JPG</p>	2	<p>Ann Saunders (or Fraser) ætat 37 Prisoner 5<sup>th</sup> June Spithead Died on board at Sea</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> June 1830</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>Complained this morning of faintness sickness at stomach and irregularity of the bowels with griping and purging, Pulse small and weak, Surface of the body, cold and clammy, Tongue foul and dry, has been much debilitated since on board; and confined to the Sickbay for a few days, with a Similar complaint; suffered during her confinement in gaol an attack of Intermittent Fever which confined her to the Infirmary nearly the whole of the time – abdomen painful and tender on pressure. Menstrual discharge irregular and scanty –<i>Bol Calomel gr v Infus Sennæ ʒij Pulv Ipec [Com?] gr xij h.s.</i></p> <p>Has been much harassed? with constant vomiting all night; Bowels freely acted on, inclination to stool frequent, pain and tenderness of the abdomen continues especially on pressure. Thirst, Tongue more clean Pulse small and weak</p> <p><i>Cucurb Cruent Epigastrica</i> <i>Pil Col c Ant et Opii i ʒ<sup>tia</sup> quaque hora</i> <i>Barley water for drink</i></p> <p>Vomiting continues and tenderness and tension of the abdomen Epigastrium painful on pressure,</p>

		<p>7<sup>th</sup> June 1830</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>June 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>12<sup>th</sup></p> <p>16<sup>th</sup></p> <p>18<sup>th</sup></p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> August 1830</p>	<p>calls to stool less frequent less tenesmus <i>Cont' Pil Col c Ant et Opii</i>  <i>Haust Salin Efferves c Tinct Opii gtt 30 Statim Vesicatorium Epigastrica</i></p> <p>Passed a better night Slept a little vomits but seldom today; only twice purged in the night; no griping weak and exhausted Thirst continues distressing- Pulse small  Blister rose well  Cont' Oil 3<sup>tia</sup> quaque hora et antea  <i>Pulv Ipec com gr xij</i>  <i>Tinct Opii gtt 30</i>  <i>Pil Calomel gr iifs hs.</i></p> <p>Rested in the night – no vomiting until this morning no purging abdomen less tender and not so distended, Pulse still small, skin not so cold or clammy mouth sore from medicine, less Thirst Tongue furred but moist slight appetite  <i>Omitt' Pil</i>  <i>Mist Salin ʒij ter in die</i>  <i>Sago with a little wine</i></p> <p>very little complaint no vomiting Bowels regular Pulse regular but weak Tongue clean appetite improves Slight Ptyalism <i>Infus Quassia c acid</i>  <i>Sulph Dil ʒij ter in die</i>  <i>Sago wine lb fs in die</i></p> <p>Improves in strength, no particular complaint Bowels regular Preserved meat</p> <p>Mouth well no complaint</p> <p>Discharged convalescent</p> <p>Re-admitted with constant purging griping and tenesmus pain and tenderness of the abdomen Severe wrenching and vomiting - has been sometimes better and sometimes worse with diarrhoea and constipation alternating since last discharge, and greatly distressed by vomiting specially when there is the least motion so much so that she feels a sensible difference when in the Sickbay where there is more motion than in her own berth, She is much reduced and debilitated her appetite she says continues good Tongue clean Pulse small and weak but regular and 60 in the minute Skin cold moist no other [complaint?]  <i>Rx Tinct Rhej ʒi</i>  <i>Tinct Opii gtt 30 ft Haust Statim Sumendus</i>  <i>Mist Carb Ammon c Aq Menth Pip ʒiifs ter in die</i>  <i>Pil Ant c Cal et Opii hs</i></p>
PB010013 JPG		<p>June 11<sup>th</sup></p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> August 1830</p>	<p>very little complaint no vomiting Bowels regular Pulse regular but weak Tongue clean appetite improves Slight Ptyalism <i>Infus Quassia c acid</i>  <i>Sulph Dil ʒij ter in die</i>  <i>Sago wine lb fs in die</i></p> <p>Improves in strength, no particular complaint Bowels regular Preserved meat</p> <p>Mouth well no complaint</p> <p>Discharged convalescent</p> <p>Re-admitted with constant purging griping and tenesmus pain and tenderness of the abdomen Severe wrenching and vomiting - has been sometimes better and sometimes worse with diarrhoea and constipation alternating since last discharge, and greatly distressed by vomiting specially when there is the least motion so much so that she feels a sensible difference when in the Sickbay where there is more motion than in her own berth, She is much reduced and debilitated her appetite she says continues good Tongue clean Pulse small and weak but regular and 60 in the minute Skin cold moist no other [complaint?]  <i>Rx Tinct Rhej ʒi</i>  <i>Tinct Opii gtt 30 ft Haust Statim Sumendus</i>  <i>Mist Carb Ammon c Aq Menth Pip ʒiifs ter in die</i>  <i>Pil Ant c Cal et Opii hs</i></p> <p>only twice purged since yesterday griping less pain tenderness and tension of the abdomen continues with constant vomiting a large Blister over the</p>

PB010015 JPG			<p>abdomen and Epigastrium  <i>Rx Ammon Sub Carbon ʒi</i>  <i>Aqua Mentħ ʒvij</i>  <i>Tinct Opii ʒi ft mist Sumat quortum portem ter in die, Pil Col c Ant et Opii hs.</i></p>
	1 <sup>st</sup> September 1830	Blister rose well vomits constantly everything she takes either liquid or solid much debilitated Pulse small and weak skin cold and clammy face pale and cadaverous thirst Bowels much relaxed in the night with griping. <i>Rx Mist Cretæ ʒvij</i> <i>Tinct Cinnam Com ʒvj</i> <i>Tinct Catechu ʒfs ft mist</i> <i>Capt ʒifs ʒ<sup>tia</sup> quaque hora</i> <i>Haust Opii gtt 30 hs.</i>	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Sago with wine occasionally Very low and debilitated Sickness not so severe Bowels complaint relieved Tongue furred face swollen less [...veinatus??] Pulse small and weak <i>Rx Pil Ammon Sub Carbon gr v</i> <i>Confect Aromat gr ij ter in die</i> Preserved Soup warm wine occasionally <i>Pil Cal c Ant et Opii hs.</i>	
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup>	Sunken and exhausted vomiting incessant retching severe Bowels relaxed with watery stools passed in her [bed] mouth foul Tongue extended <i>Cont<sup>r</sup> Med ut heri</i>	
	6 <sup>th</sup> September 1830	Continues to sink constantly vomiting watery, Stools passed in bed Thirst urgent Tongue furred and dry teeth and mouth black and caked with sordes countenance sunken [Eyelids?] Swollen feet and legs œdematous takes Sago with wine frequently warm wine with spice to be given often <i>Pil Sulph Quinin gr ij</i> <i>Confect Aromat gr ij 2<sup>o</sup> quaque hora</i> <i>Haust opii gtt 30 bis in die</i>	
	11 <sup>th</sup> September 1830 2 a.m. Died.	Continued to sink and vomiting incessantly until this morning when she expired, cordials and stimulants were frequently given but I could not see that anything had the last effect or give the least relief.	

Febres	3	Mary Ann Wilson Ætat 18 A Free girl 23 <sup>rd</sup> of June At Sea Disch <sup>d</sup> cured	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1830 of a very delicate habit complained this morning of severe headache with throbbing at the temples eyes glassy face flushed; pain across the loins and general soreness all over with restlessness all night went to bed ailing last evening but did not complain, Tongue furred with considerable Thirst costive Bowels. Pulse very frequent and small hot skin Blooded to the extent of 16oz when she got faint <i>Rx Post [horos decos]</i> <i>Sulph Magnes ꝑi</i> <i>Ant Fort gr iifs</i> <i>Aqua ꝑviiij ft mist</i> <i>Sumat quantum portem</i> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> quaque hora</i> Vespere Lemonade for drink Sickness with moisture on the surface Bowels acted on freely
PB010016 JPG		June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Passed a restless night Still feverish pungent hot skin Pulse quick and frequent Tongue and mouth very foul Blood taken yesterday buffy <i>Rept<sup>r</sup> Venæsectio ad ꝑxx</i> <i>Mist Salin ꝑij</i> <i>Vin Antim gtt xx tertia quaque hora lemonade ad libitum</i> Vespere <i>Pil Ant c Col et opii ut antea Pediluvio hs.</i> 25 <sup>th</sup> June Better in every respect Slept a little much reduced after bleeding yesterday and remains so, skin not so hot with less Thirst Bowels not open <i>Pulv Jalap Comp 3i</i> <i>Aq Menth Pip 3ifs Stat. Sumd</i> <i>Barley- water for drink</i> <i>Pil ut heri hs.</i> 28 <sup>th</sup> June complains of weakness Strength considerably reduced fretful and feverish disinclination to move Bowels very often Skin hot and dry Tongue coated Thirst continues Pulse 130 small and weak no sleep in the night <i>Mist Salin c Vin Antim ter die</i> <i>Barley water with Potass. Supertart for drink</i> 28 <sup>th</sup> June Feverishness still continues furred Tongue with Thirst and hot skin Pulse quiet <i>Pil Antim c Col et Opii i ter in die</i> 30 <sup>th</sup> Mouth affected Pulse more regular and full Skin slightly moist and not so hot not so restless or fretful Mouth and Tongue very foul Bowels regular no medicine Sago with a little wine
PB010017 JPG		July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	considerably better there is slight ptyalism Skin of nearly natural temperature Tongue moist Thirst

			<p>less appetite good Bowels regular <i>nil med</i></p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> July Preserved meat with wine <math>\xi</math>iv the day Continues to improve and gain strength mouth well complains of weakness and slight headache at times <i>Pil Colocy comp gr x</i> <i>Sulph Magnes 3ij Stat Sumend</i></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Tongue clean appetite good Skin and Pulse regular gains strength</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> No complaint Disch<sup>d</sup> cured being of a very delicate habit of body and constitution she remained debilitated for some time.</p>
Rheumatismus	4	<p>Mary Hobbs Ætat 17 A Prisoner 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1830 At Sea Disch<sup>d</sup> cured</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>June 28<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Complains of painful affections of the wrists elbows and ankles with swelling and inflammation of the same Pulse frequent hot Skin costive Bowels, loss of appetite with Thirst and furred Tongue- has been ailing for a day or two never before affected in a similar manner. <i>Venæsectio ad <math>\xi</math>16</i></p> <p><i>Pil Scam c Colocy et Calom iij</i> Got faint when 12oz was taken blood very buffy and firm medicine has not acted on the bowels <i>Infus Sennæ <math>\xi</math>ij</i> <i>Sulph Magnes 3ij Stat Sumend</i></p> <p>Purged freely in the night joints more swollen very much pained all over Tongue excessively furred and foul Pulse 120 Skin hot <i>Rx Mist Salin c Ant Fort <math>\xi</math>ij 3<sup>tia</sup> quaque hora</i></p> <p>Has slept a little in the night Pains in the shoulders and left elbow ankles relieved and less swollen less fever Tongue still very furred no appetite Bowels relaxed <i>Pil Ant c Col et Opii ter in die</i> <i>Pulv Ipec comp gr xij Hydr Submur gr ifs ft Bol ij h.s. Sumend</i></p> <p>Ankles relieved no swelling left elbow more swollen and painful hand swollen and tumefied Shoulders very painful cannot bear to be touched or to move Skin not so hot perspires a little in the night <i>Balneum tepid</i> <i>Contr Pil Cal c Ant et opii</i> <i>Barley water for drink Sago with wine</i> <i>Bol Ipec com et Hydr Submur ut heri h.s.</i></p> <p>Pains continue much the same swelling of the arm less, less fever Tongue more clean appetite improves gums affected</p>
PB010018 JPG			

PB010019 JPG		<p>6<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>July 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p>16<sup>th</sup> July</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup></p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> July</p>	<p><i>Rx Pulv Ipec com ʒi</i>  <i>Aqua Ment Pip ʒifs Stat Sum.</i>  <i>Haustus opii gtt 30 h.s.</i></p> <p>Mouth has been slightly affected since last report but is now getting well has been taking only an opiate at night upper extremities more easy but the pain and swelling has returned today in both ankles and left knee, which is very tender to the touch general health improves appetite good</p> <p><i>Rx Extract Colocy com gr x Fricetur Partes Affectæ liniment Camphoræ</i>  <i>Utatur Pediluvio omni nocte</i></p> <p>Preserved meat wine lb fs in the day</p> <p>Ankles and knee continue slightly swollen but less painful both elbows and wrists now affected, the general health and appetite remaining good but she loses flesh the least movement causes excruciating pain either in one joint or another which is characterized by its sudden shifting and leaving the part easy but still swollen – the bowels are occasionally regulated by laxative medicines and an opiate given at bed time</p> <p>Pains not so severe less swelling rests better at night gains strength Tongue clean</p> <p>Improves joints remain free from pain but a little swelling continues</p> <p><i>Lin Camphoræ</i></p> <p>little complaint Discharged</p>
PB010020 JPG	5	<p>Mary Riordan</p> <p>Ætat 18</p> <p>A Prisoner</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup> July 1830</p> <p>At Sea</p> <p>Sent to Hosp<sup>l</sup></p> <p>convalescent</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p>18<sup>th</sup> July complains of violent pain in the region of the heart, difficult and very hurried respiration; Pulse rapid and small not to be counted – there is no increase of temperature, Tongue furred Bowels costive and has been so by her own account for the last ten days, Says she has not passed water for the last two days, Belly tender on pressure especially Hypogastric region</p> <p><i>Venæsectio ad ʒxx</i>  <i>Pil Scam c Col et Colcy iij</i>  <i>2PM. Infus Sennæ ʒij</i>  <i>Sulph Magnes ʒiv Statim</i></p> <p>Blood taken not buft action of the heart much the same Bowels not acted on as get Sick after taking Sennæ</p> <p><i>Rx Bol Col c Jalap</i>  <i>Catheterisma</i></p> <p>In great pain no stool as yet took last night in addition to the <i>Jalap Bolus Pil Scam c Col et Colcy no iv</i> action of the heart violent 116 in the minute</p>

PB010021 JPG			<p>Says the left breast is very tender to the touch breathing hurried  <i>Pulv Jalapa Comp 3i</i>  <i>Aqua Menth 3ifs ft Haust</i></p>
	Vespere		<p>Bowels acted on twice  <i>Pil Col c Ant et Opii hs.</i></p>
	20 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Complains still of the left breast being very painful and tender to the touch no swelling or inflammation – pants and makes great moan makes signs as if unable to speak no stools in the night no urine voided since - <i>Cathetarism to be repeated</i>  <i>Bol Calomel gr x bis die</i></p>
	21 <sup>st</sup> July		<p>Hurried breathing; inability still to articulate, makes signs, Pulse more regular palpitation of the heart still violent Skin natural no stool  Purging enema twice in the day  <i>Pil Ant c Col et Opii i ter in die</i>  <i>Mist Carb Ammon gr vj</i>  <i>Aq Menth 3ifs ter in die</i></p>
	24 <sup>th</sup> July		<p>Bowels very difficult to be acted on action of the heart more regular and breathing easy when asleep, when awoke today by surprise answered to the question asked, and seemed surprised – Tongue clean does not make water except after catheter is passed mouth sore Sick at stomach  <i>Pulv Jalap Com 3ifs</i>  <i>Aq Menth 3ij Stat Sumend</i>  <i>Wine lb fs in die</i></p>
	2 <sup>nd</sup> August		<p>Mouth has remained very sore and tongue swollen since last report difficulty in swallowing anything – action of the heart sometimes regular and at other times very much disturbed Pulse regular and weak – Bowels she says never acted on except from medicine urine drawn off by the catheter at which time she makes great complaint, has taken very little Sustenance and is now weak and debilitated. Preserved meats wine lb fs in the day  <i>Infus Cinchon c Acid Sulph Dil Fiat gargarismata frequenter utend</i>  <i>Haust opii gtt 21 hs.</i></p>
		12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Improves a little mouth well makes great complaint occasionally of pain about the heart and difficulty of breathing. It appears to me she can exercise considerable control over the action of the heart and lungs and that there is much fained in most of her other complaints, remains debilitated and weak takes laxative medicines occasionally and has the catheter passed  <i>Infus Cinchon 3ij e acid Sulph ter in die</i></p>

		<p>28<sup>th</sup> August</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> September Sent to Hospit<sup>l</sup> convalescent</p>	<p>Passes urine now spontaneously bowels not so costive remains weak returns to Palpitations occasionally wine with Sago</p> <p>This patient remained ailing until the present time sometimes with attacks of Palpitations and difficult respiration; on being sent to the Hospital where she was more strictly watched it was ascertained that her complaints were in a great measure fained and on being threatened with punishment she soon got well. It would be hard to find a motive.</p>
<p>PB010022 JPG</p> <p>Diarrhoea</p>	6	<p>Sarah Asbridge</p> <p>Ætat 24</p> <p>August 23<sup>rd</sup></p> <p>At Sea</p> <p>Disch<sup>d</sup> cured</p> <p>August 24</p> <p>August 25<sup>th</sup></p> <p>26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>27<sup>th</sup></p> <p>31<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Sept<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Has had frequent calls to stool during the last 24 hours with griping and tenesmus, complains of soreness of the limbs and joints with shivering, no fever stools watery furred tongue thirst no appetite</p> <p><i>Rx Pulv Rhei ʒi</i> <i>Pulv Zingib gr xv</i> <i>Tinct Opii gtt 30 ft Haust</i> Barley water for drink <i>Pulv Opii comp xij Calomel gr ifs hs.</i></p> <p>Pain and soreness all over especially on pressing the abdomen calls to stool not so frequent, tenesmus severe Thirst and furred Tongue Skin and Pulse natural</p> <p><i>Rx Sulph Magnes ʒi</i> <i>Aqua Hordei lb fs</i> <i>Sumat quantum portem Singulis horis</i> <i>Pil Col c Ant et opii hs.</i></p> <p>Purging still continues frequent tenesmus severe with griping pains Blood passed with stools no fever</p> <p><i>Pil Opii gr ifs</i> <i>Mist Cretæ ʒifs</i> <i>Tinct Catechu gtt 30 ter in die</i> <i>Pil Ant c Col et Opii hs.</i></p> <p>Griping and calls to stool less frequent <i>med ut heri</i></p> <p>No stool in the night griping gone feels better Tongue clean</p> <p><i>Pil Ant c Cal et Opii hs</i> Sago with wine</p> <p>Slight headache costive since last report</p> <p><i>Pulv Jalap Com ʒifs</i></p> <p>Improves in strength and Bowels are regular appetite good wine lb fs in the day No complaint Discharged</p>

<p>Caries PB010023 JPG</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Jean Anderson Ætat 21 A Prisoner 8<sup>th</sup> September At Sea Died</p>	<p>Has been affected with pain and discharge from the left ear for the last three years and for which she can assign no obvious cause, there is generally fixed and deep seated pain with fetid disagreeable discharge. She has been in the habit of having it syringed occasionally since being on board and a little lint with oil inserted into it. At present there is erosion and ulceration of the meatus pain acute and distressing with headache, dull sense of hearing fetid offensive discharge. Skin hot with shivering, Pulse frequent Tongue furred no appetite costive, attributes her present increase of illness to having got cold <i>VS ad 3̄ xvj</i> <i>Pil Scam c Col et Colocy iij</i> Ear to be fomented 8<sup>th</sup> September (Vespere) got faint when eight ounces was taken pain very severe Pulse small and very rapid nois[e] very distressing, Bowels twice opened <i>Bol Ipec comp xij</i> <i>Hydr Submur gr ifs</i> Fomentations to the side of the head and after a warm poultice 9<sup>th</sup> No sleep in the night, pain very sever no tolerance of sound discharge thin and offensive Pulse rapid and small Skin dry Tongue furred very much Thirst <i>Pil Ant c Col et Opii 2<sup>nd</sup> quaque hora</i>, fomentations, warm oil to be injected Vespere – complains greatly of pain and nois[e] Pulse small very weak and feeble eyes glassy and dull discharge very profuse and offensive erosion and ulceration of the meatus and all around Bowles lax <i>Pil Ant c Col et Opii</i> <i>Haust Opii gtt 30</i></p>
<p>PB010024 JPG</p>		<p>10<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Has not slept very restless in the night reluctant to answer questions pain apparently very severe sunken and exhausted Pulse low and small takes nothing but drink, Bowels relaxed passes stools in bed <i>Tinct Opii gtt xx</i> <i>Vin Antim gtt xv ter in die</i> Wine with water occasionally 6PM talks incoherently Pulse low and rapid discharge very offensive yellowish tinge of the eyes and skin, wine often 8PM layes(sic) in a state of stress on 2 in the morning died</p>

			On passing a probe into the meatus the bones of the ear and head are felt very rough and irregular the erosion and [denuded?? ] bone can be felt to some extent I regret the stormy state of the weather and wet state of the Sick Bay prevented me making any examination	
<b>Nature of the Disease or Hurt</b>	<b>Put on the Sick List</b>	<b>Discharged to Duty</b>	<b>Sent to Hospital</b>	<b>Died</b>
Synochus	1	1		
Phthisis	1			1
Rheumatismus	1	1		
Diarrhoea	1	1		
Constitutional Infirmity	1			1
Obstipatio	1		1	
Caries	1			1
Total	7	3	1	3

### GENERAL REMARKS

Agreeable to the 35<sup>th</sup> article of my Instructions the following statement will shew the number of women and children embarked in the Mellish female convict ship for passage to Van Diemen's Land from whence received and at what time

7 <sup>th</sup> May 1830 from Perth	1	
10 <sup>th</sup> " " Penitentiary	1	
10 <sup>th</sup> " " Dumfries	2	
12 <sup>th</sup> " " Aberdeen	3	with 3 children
12 <sup>th</sup> " " Ayer Stone- Haven,	5	
		Greenock and Paisley
17 <sup>th</sup> " ' Dumbarton	1	
17 <sup>th</sup> " " Edinburgh	27	" 2 children
17 <sup>th</sup> " " Glasgow	12	" 2 children
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> " " Newgate	65	" 9 children
21 <sup>st</sup> " " Inverness	1	
Between 11 <sup>th</sup> and 20 from different parts of England	14	with 45 children
		Free women

---

**Total women      132    with    61 children**

The foregoing Journal contains the whole of the cases of Sickness occurring on board the Mellish on passage to Van Diemen's Land and although three have died I am happy to say the general state of health was good and the remainder landed without any symptoms or appearance of disease –

The general improvement in flesh and appearance was very evident in the whole of them, especially the children amounting to 61 in number, many of whom were puny delicate and mostly affected with worms – The most constant complaint among the women was obstinate constipation, it is surprising the quantity of medicine necessary to remove this complaint in some of them –

Of those who died Ann Thomas had been suffering from Pectoral affection while in Newgate and was taken on board at her own earnest solicitation and with a hope that her complaint would be benefited by removal from the confinement of a prison – Ann Saunders (or Fraser) Case 2 although only 37 years of age was impaired and broken down in constitution I could never trace any particular disease, but a constant and incessant vomiting especially when there was the least motion, appeared the most distressing; although her appetite for food was great and remained so to the last. Jean Anderson (case 7) who died of caries of the bones of the head and ear; was of a healthy appearance and nothing was known of her complaint until after sailing although it had been going on for years – I regret that no examination of the two last patients took place after death, in consequence of the boisterous and stormy state of the weather and the wet state of the Sick Bay so much so that the patients were obliged to be removed to sleeping berths outside for a time.-

There are two cases which I have found it difficult to assign a name, and classification to; these are Mary Riordan, and Ann Saunders – To preserve health the people were all sent on deck after

breakfast and kept up until four in the afternoon with the exception of an hour to dinner, provided always that the weather was mild and dry – The lower deck kept as dry as possible and cleaned by scraping or dry Holy Stoning and occasionally aired by stoves, the bottom boards lifted every day and put into the upper berths during the day, bedding shook and spread out to air, once a week – When Lime juice or wine was served every person was mustered and drank their allowance at the tub on the quarter deck generally in my presence.

John Love  
Surgeon Superintendent