# Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship Waverley Mr Samuel Mackey, Surgeon Between the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842 and 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1842 \*\*Received 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1843 Adm. 101-73-8

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Copy of the sick list of the Waverley 1842 Female Convict Ship

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When Put	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put	How
On Sick					Off Sick	Disposed
List					List	Of
Sept <sup>r</sup> 1842					28 <sup>th</sup> Septr	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Marg <sup>t</sup> Smith	24	Convict	Constipation	1842	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Peadon	25	,,	Amenorrhoea	30 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	
October						
1 <sup>st</sup>	Honora Newman	30	"	Constipation	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jane Patterson	20	"	"	22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct <sup>r</sup>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Fynn	36	"	Labour	27 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Marg <sup>t</sup> Briggs	30	"	Contusion	21st Do	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Murphy	26	"	Labour	12 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup>	
November						
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Knipe	41	"	Dysentery	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Ludlow	20	"	Scald	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov <sup>r</sup>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Marg <sup>t</sup> McKinney	41	"	"	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec <sup>r</sup>	
December						
7 <sup>th</sup>	John Keilly	3yrs	Child of Convict	Dysentery	17 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	
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## Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship Waverley 1842 between the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1842 and the 21<sup>st</sup> December 1842 during which time the said ship has been employed in a voyage from Kingstown to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
PA300911	1	Margaret Smith Age 24 Convict On the 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1842 At Sea  Discharged cured on the 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1842	Complained of headache accompanied with slight vascular excitement and constipated bowels. Her bowels were freely opened with Calomel Purgatives and lotions applied to the head and the Aqua Ammonia Acetate administered several times during the day.  11 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> Several loose and copious stools during the night Headache much relieved and vascular excitement greatly diminished tongue covered with a brownish fur. <i>Cont</i> <sup>r</sup> . <i>Medicamenta</i> 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Headache nearly gone, belly loose, Pulse, skin and Tongue nearly natural. <i>Cont</i> <sup>r</sup> . <i>Medicamenta</i> 13 <sup>th</sup> September Febrile symptoms completely subsided slight headache and debility remain, Bowels regular – Omit medicine. To have a little preserved soup for dinner.  14 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Slight return of febrile symptoms during the night accompanied with acute headache, and constipated bowels, omitted the soup. <i>Rx Ol. Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus</i> .  15 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Several loose and copious stools, febrile symptoms somewhat abated, headache much relieved. <i>Rx Aqua Ammonia et Solut Antimon Sumat Zi sexta qua qua hora</i> 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Headache and febrile symptoms nearly gone, Belly loose, <i>Cont</i> <sup>r</sup> <i>Medicamenta</i> 17 <sup>th</sup> September. Pulse, skin, and Tongue, natural Bowels regular. Omited the medicine 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . No complaint but debility. To have Preserved Soup 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Symptoms as above. To have the Soup continued 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . The patient continued to recover rapidly until the 28 <sup>th</sup> when she was discharged cured.
Amenorrhoea PA300912	2	Jane Peadon Age 25 Convict 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . 1842 At Sea	Complained of severe pain in the loins, and lower part of the belly, accompanied with small portions of lymph, discharged from the Vagina, with the menses which were scanty – She was admitted into the Hospital, and put into a hip bath – one ounce of Castor Oil was administered after the Bath, and warm fomentations to the lower part of the Belly – 22 <sup>nd</sup> September Passed a very restless night, constant and severe bearing down pains, accompanied with a copious discharge of blood from the Vagina. Bowels were freely opened by the medicine. This morning she complains of severe spasms in the lower part of her belly <i>Rx. Sp¹. Æther Nitras Tinct Opii a,a, Zfs M Statim Sumendus</i> – The fomentations were continued.

			23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Feels much better this morning, a copious discharge still continues from the Vagina without pain, Belly regular – omitted the fomentations – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Was attacked at 2 AM with violent spasms in the Uterus, accompanied with strong bearing down pains- <i>Rx. Tinct Opii zfs Statim Sumendus</i> The above medicine gave the patient immediate relief 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> . Pulse Skin and Tongue natural, she was quite free from pain during the night, and has no complaint at present but a copious discharge of blood from the vagina
		Discharged cured on the 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept <sup>r</sup> 1842	- Belly regular.  Appl Solut Sulphas Zinci ad Parti affecta  26 <sup>th</sup> September. The discharge from the vagina is considerably reduced in quantity this morning, and her general health is improving – she has been able to stay on Deck for several hours. Belly regular – I ordered her Preserved Soup.  27 <sup>th</sup> September. The patient continues to recover her strength but slowly, discharge from the vagina still continues, Belly regular  Contr. Solut Sulphas Zinci  28 <sup>th</sup> September. The Patient feels much better this morning discharge from the Vagina is considerably reduced in quantity. Belly rather constipated –  Ol Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus  29 <sup>th</sup> September. Several loose stools from the medicine, says she feels much better this morning –  30 <sup>th</sup> September. Discharge from the Vagina has completely stoped – says she has no complaint this morning
PA300913 Constipation	3	Honora Newman Age 30 Woman on the 1 <sup>st</sup> October 1842 at Sea	Was admitted into the Hospital complaining of headache, sickness at the Stomach, constipated bowels, accompanied with slight vascular excitement.  Rx. Calomel Ex¹ Colocynth Pulv Scammon. a,a, gr iv m ft Pilula No. ij Statim sumendus  2nd October. Several stools during the night accompanied with vomiting vascular excitement still continues –  Rx Mistura Effervesceni Zij quarta qua que hora sumendus. Inject¹ Enema Purgans  3nd October. Several stools during the night mixed with mucus and scybala – complains of pain in the abdomen, increased upon pressure, vascular excitement still continues Ol Ricini Zi Statim sumendus Postea Inject¹ Enema Emolium, Cont¹ Mistura Effervesceni  4th October Several loose and copious stools of a healthy appearance pain of the abdomen and vascular excitement completely gone – Pulse, skin, and Tongue, nearly natural – Cont¹ Medicamenta  5th October. No particular complaint this morning but debility Belly regular – Omit medicine  6th October. Symptoms as above, to have Preserved Soup  7th October complained of severe griping, and purging, attended with tenesmus – skin cool, and clammy, Tongue whitish –  Ol Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus Postea Inject¹ Enema Emolium

PA300914		Discharged cured On the 6 <sup>th</sup> November 1842	8 <sup>th</sup> October. Several loose and copious stools during the night without either griping or tenesmus – says she feels considerably better this morning – I ordered her on Deck for a short time to get the fresh air.  9 <sup>th</sup> October. Pulse skin and Tongue natural, Bowels, regular, says she has no complaint but Debility – I ordered her Sago, and a little Port Wine daily.  10 <sup>th</sup> October. Pulse Skin and Tongue natural, Belly regular 0- says she has no complaint but debility – continue the Preserved Soup with Sago and Wine – 11 <sup>th</sup> October. The Patient continued to recover strength from this date, until the 6 <sup>th</sup> November when she was discharged cured.
Constipation	4	Jane Patterson Age 20 Convict 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 1842 At Sea  Discharged cured on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 1842	was admitted into the Hospital complaining of acute pain in the abdomen, accompanied with nausea vomiting and constipated bowels. Pulse small, and frequent, Tongue clean, skin cool – Rx Calomel Ext Colocynth Pulv Scammoni a,a gr iv m ft Pilula No. ij Statim Sumendus  3rd October Several loose and copious stools during the night attended with acute pain, in the abdomen, and vomiting, she says her Belly and stomach feel much better this morning, Pulse, skin, and Tongue, nearly natural Injectr Enema Purgans –  4th October. Complains of severe griping, attended with scanty stools, during the night – Pulse, skin, and Tongue, nearly natural –  Ol Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus Postea Inject Enema Emolium  5th October Passed several loose, and copious stools, of a healthy appearance during the night, and she feels much better this morning – Pulse, about 80skin, rather hot Tongue clean –  Rx. Mistura Effevesceni Zij quarta qua que hora sumendus  6th October. Slept well during the night, and feels much better this morning –Cont Medicamenta  7th October continues to recover Pulse, skin, and Tongue, natural – Belly regular – I ordered her on Deck, to get the fresh air, and to have Preserved Soup daily –  8th October Symptoms as above  9th October Continues to recover slowly – Cont Medicamenta. She continued to recover her strength gradually from this until the 22nd October.
PA300915 Labour	5	Esther Fynn Age 36 Convict On the 6 <sup>th</sup> October 1842 At Sea	was admitted into the Hospital and at 1.30 PM was safely delivered of a female Infant.  7 <sup>th</sup> October Esther Fynn and her Infant are doing well –  8 <sup>th</sup> October Esther Fynn and her Infant continue to do well  9 <sup>th</sup> October Esther Fynn complains of constipated Bowels, her Infant is doing well, although the mother has no milk we have accustomed the child to take oatmeal gruel – <i>Ol Ricini OZ i Statim Sumendus</i>

		Discharged on the 27 <sup>th</sup> October 1842	10 <sup>th</sup> October Esther Fynn had several stools from the medicine – she, and her Infant, are quite well this morning – she continued to recover her strength rapidly from this date, until the 27 <sup>th</sup> of October, when she was discharged from Hospital on account of her Infant I issued preserved meat, soup, Sago, and wine – until our arrival at Hobart Town
Contusi6n	6	Marg <sup>t</sup> Briggs Age 30 Convict On the 17 <sup>th</sup> October 1842 At Sea  Discharged cured on the 21 <sup>st</sup> October 1842	received a severe contusion on the back, and loins by falling down the Ladder, which leads up from the Prison to the Water Closet – At 9AM she complained of considerable difficulty of breathing, accompanied with acute pain, in the left side, increased by making a full inspiration – Bowels constipated – Ft VS ad Zxx Postea Rx Calomel Ext Colocynth Pulv Scammon a,a, gr iv M ft Pilula No ij Statim Sumendus Appl Lotio Friga Parti affecta 18 <sup>th</sup> October. Several loose and copious stools during the night, pain of back, and side, much relieved – Cont' Lotio 19 <sup>th</sup> October says she is nearly free from pain, this morning – Belly regular – 20 <sup>th</sup> October Continues to recover rapidly, Pulse, skin, and Tongue natural – Belly regular – 21 <sup>st</sup> October Margaret Briggs having no complaint, this morning was discharged
PA300916 Labour	7	Cath <sup>ne</sup> Murphy Age 26 Convict on the 26 <sup>th</sup> October 1842 At Sea  Discharged cured on the 12 <sup>th</sup> November 1842	was admitted into the Hospital and at 30 PM gave birth to a fine healthy Boy. After birth came away almost immediately – 27 <sup>th</sup> October complains this morning of slight after pains, and pain in the loins, no stool for the last twenty-four hours – <i>Ol Ricini OZ i Statim Sumendus</i> 28 <sup>th</sup> October several loose stools – says she has no pain this morning, the Infant is doing very well – 29 <sup>th</sup> October Catherine Murphy and her Infant continue to do very well; To have Preserved Soup daily – 30 <sup>th</sup> October Catherine Murphy and her Infant continued to do well from this date, until the 12 <sup>th</sup> November, when they were discharged but in order to enable her to suckle her child, I continued to give Preserved Soup, till we arrived in Hobart Town
Dysentery	8	Mary Knipe Age 41 Convict on the 8 <sup>th</sup> November 1842 at Sea	was admitted into Hospital complaining of griping pains, in the bowels, the evacuations being watery, mixed with mucous, and without any admixture of natural faeces – Ol Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus – Postea Enema Emolium 9 <sup>th</sup> November Several stools during the night, from the medicine, without any admixture of natural fæces, and attended with severe griping and tenesmus – Rx Calomel Ex¹ Colocynth Pulv Scammonia a,a, gr iv M fiat Pilula No. ij Statim Sumendus Postea Inject¹ Enema Emolium  10 <sup>th</sup> November Purging, griping, and tenesmus, still continue, without any admixture of natural fæces –

PA300917		Discharged cured on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1842	Pulse, about 80 and small, skin, cold and rather clammy – Tongue, whitish.  Ol Ricini Zi Statim Sumendus Postea Enema Purgans  11 <sup>th</sup> November Purging, griping, and tenesmus, still continue, without any admixture of natural fæces. Pulse, skin and Tongue as above –  Rx Calomel gr vi Opii Purificati gr i M fiat Pilula Nº j omni nocte Sumendus – This medicine was continued until the gums became slightly affected by the mercury – after which natural fæces made their appearance, and the Patient became convalescent –  12 <sup>th</sup> November The patient continued daily to recover until our arrival at Hobart Town, when she was discharged cured -
Scald	9	Mary Ludlow Age 20 Convict on the 9 <sup>th</sup> November 1842 at Sea  Discharged cured on the 17 <sup>th</sup> November 1842	received a severe scald on the right thigh from a kettle of boiling Tea falling upon it – <i>Appl Spi<sup>t</sup> Terebinthin parte affecta</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> November Pain of thigh considerably relieved this morning – <i>Cont<sup>r</sup> Spit Terebinth part affect</i> 10 <sup>th</sup> November The blister having broken the Prepared Chalk was applied, and the unguent Resina softened with Spirit of Turpentine by this treatment the sore healed on the 17 <sup>th</sup> November she was discharged
Scald	10	Marg <sup>t</sup> Mc Kinney Age 41 Convict on the 28 <sup>th</sup> November at Sea Discharged cured on the 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1842	Received a severe scald on the breast from a bucket of boiling gruel being upset by accident into her bosom – I treated this case in a similar manner to the forgoing one, by which treatment the sore healed on the 20 <sup>th</sup> December.
Dysentery	11	John Keilly Age 3 years and three months son of Sally Raferty Convict on the 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1842 at Sea Died on the 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1842	This child was so obstinate I could not get him to take medicine he therefore fell a victim to the disease on the tenth day – He died at 7.30 AM on the 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1842 two days after our arrival at Hobart Town

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### A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the $30^{\rm th}$ Article of the Surgeons' Instructions.

		Numbers					
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<b>Diseases</b> Nosologically arranged	Total	Discharged to Duty	Sent to the Hospital	Died on board	Invalided	Remaining	Nos. of such Cases as are detailed in the Journal
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana							
Tertiana							
Continua Synochus							
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis							
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus							
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Opthalmia							
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata							
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus							
Dysenteria	2	1		1			8,11
Neuroses.							5,11
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia							
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea							
Cohea							
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia						<u> </u>	
Mania							
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes						<u> </u>	1
Ord. II. Intumescentiae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites						1	
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Hydrothorax						
Ord. III. Impetigines.						
Syphilis						
Scrophula						
Icterus						
Scorbutus						
Locales.						
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.						
Amaurosis						
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.						
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.						
Ord. IV. Apocenoses.						
Gonorrhoea						
Ord. V. Epischeses						
Ischuria						
Obstipatio	3	3				1,3,4
Amenorrhoea	1	1				2
Ord. VI. Tumores.						
Aneurisma						
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.						
Hernia						
Prolapsus						
Labour	2	2				5.7
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.						
Vulnus	3	3			_	
Uleus			•			
GENERAL TOTAL	11	10	1	1.5.		

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**

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On the 25<sup>th</sup> August and the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 1842 one hundred and Forty- nine Convicts with Forty of their children were embarked in a clean and healthy state, with Forty of their children on board the Waverley Convict Ship from the Depot at Grange Gorman Lane Dublin, and with the exception of the eleven cases detailed in this journal they continued in a healthy state during the voyage.

The only reason's which [seem?] a sign for the healthiness of the Prisoners are the following

The Prison Water Closes and Berths were always kept clean, dry, and thoroughly ventilated. We were also extremely fortunate in having fine weather during the voyage, which enabled us to admit the whole of the Prisoners, and their children, on Deck very day, from 9 oclock in the morning, till six oclock in the evening; at which period I invariably mustered the Prisoners, and sent them to Prison.

The strictest attention was at all times paid to cleanliness not only in their persons, but in their clothes, and I am happy to add that the whole of the convicts with their children were landed in a clean and healthy state with two in addition to the number which were embarked – The only case of death which took place in the Ship, was John Keilly aged three years and six months and he was so obstinate I could not get him to take medicine. He died of Dysentery on the 17<sup>th</sup> September (*December*) two days after our arrival in the River Derwent

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