

East London

Surgeon's report

Transcribed by Colleen Arulappu

General Remarks from the Journal of Edward Caldwell, Surgeon Superintendent, Female Convict Ship "East London".

April 13th having received all the necessary stores on board the Crew mustered the Ship left Deptford at 11 AM and anchored off Gravesend wind NE weather fine

April 14th weighed anchor 4 AM and stood towards the Nore passed Isle of Sheppey, the morning cloudy 9AM change of Wind blowing hard from N by S discharged the pilot and anchored in the Downs

April 15th Weather dark, cloudy and unsettled the Wind being contrary the Ship cannot proceed. Barometer 2990 Thermometer 50 Wind NW

April 16th Weather more moderate Wind E by S Weighed anchor at 4am Barometer 3000 Thermometer 50 having passed Dungeness and Beachy Heads 6pm the Owers lights in sight Wind at E Course W by N

April 17th passed the Isle of Wight in the night and Portland bearing N this morning the Wind E by N 5pm the Start in sight weather cloudy

April 18th nearly calm all the night the tide and the current has drifted the Ship off the land 6 pm the Start lighthouse bearing North Barometer 3030

Wednesday April 19th 1843 the weather hazy, the land? near the Lizard to be seen on the Starboard bow, a heavy swell of the sea weather dark and cloudy and hazy, passed Mounts Bay Barometer falling to 2978

April 20th Wind fresh at NW Course N by W in the Irish Channel Latitude 51.25 7pm within sight of the Saltees on the Coast of Wexford

April 21st light Winds from SW clouds gathering with rain standing along the coast of Wicklow. The bank of Arklow towards Dublin Bay 3pm anchored in Kingstown

Saturday April 22nd Major Collingham the Inspector of Prisons visited the Ship today, and expressed himself pleased with every arrangement made for the reception of Prisoners

Monday April 24th Waited on Major Collingham at his office Dublin Castle to arrange about receiving the Prisoners from Grange Gorman

Tuesday April 25th dark cloudy morning with heavy rain Barometer falling to 29.60 Visited the Penitentiary of Grange Gorman and inspected 60 female convicts with nine Children already for embarkation. I had the assistance of Dr Harty and Surgeon Read, the Inspecting Physician and Surgeon of the Depot

April 30th the weather having continued boisterous with heavy rains. I have received Stoves to be used daily between decks in order to avoid damp and to secure the health of those about to embark

Tuesday May 2nd the weather is more favourable today Wind variable 2pm received 60 female prisoners and nine children. The remainder about to be embarked have not yet arrived from the prisons of the respective counties in which they were tried.

Wednesday May 3rd I have arranged all those embarked into proper messes, and appointed proper mess women, with a sufficient number of cooks nurses and servants for the hospital.

May 5th the remainder of the females having arrived at the penitentiary, having inspected them with Dr Harty & Surgeon Read found them all fit to embark with 41 children except Mary Healy whose case is detailed No 1 of this journal, whose character has been very bad. whilst an inmate of this prison as a confirmed malinger having examined her chest having felt satisfied with the sounds of the chest we concurred in opinion that this female might derive great advantage from the Sea Voyage and advancing into a more temperate climate.

Monday May 8th morning cloudy Wind S everything necessary for the Voyage being ready Major Collingham came on board with the Lord Lieutenant's Warrant to discharge the Ship in order to proceed upon her Voyage. The agent for Transports came subsequently. Mustered the Crew of the Ship. Wrote to the Comptroller for victualling HM Navy and to the Inspector General

Wednesday May 10th 1843 6am weighed anchor Wind S.E. E. morning cloudy tacked repeatedly today to get clear of the land.

Thursday May 11th Weather mild & hazy Wind S by E prescribed to 15 patients today chiefly from Sea Sickness 8pm the night looks dark and heavy Wind W by S heavy rain Barometer falling.

Saturday May 13th Weather cloudy and unsettled Wind W. Ship off St David's Head endeavouring to make Cape Clear. The women and children suffering much from Sea Sickness, breakers on the lee quarter Sea high.

Monday May 15th Wind high at SW Barometer 29.45 the day being dry over head had all bedding removed on deck Latitude 3058

Tuesday May 16th dark weather & heavy sea Wind W.N.W. Latitude 4919 Mary Harrowhile No 95 from the County of Tipperary was delivered of a female child both doing well, supplied clothing

Thursday May 18th Wind S.W. less violent Barometer 3062 7pm Catherine Carroll having been accused of levity of conduct towards one of the men made an attempt to destroy life by hanging. She was immediately released before life was exhaust. She is doing well.

Friday May 19th high Winds constant rain Barometer 2950 this day the last of the fresh beef was served out and a piece? of Salt Beef marked AH containing 38 pieces one Barrel of Pork marked A1 58 pieces. the convicts all supplied with an abundance of Water.

May 23rd Wind continued high to W.S.W. with heavy rain. I have directed my principal attention to the dry scrape of the decks bed places bedding and clothes, distributed bags and towels to each female. William Lyons Age 3 years fell down the Main ladder received a fracture of the forearm caused by the carelessness of his Mother Mary Lyons No 91

May 28th Wind N.E. the bedding dry and well aired supplied the eldest 5 boys and 12 girls with suitable clothing. Alice Fitzsimons a woman of delicate constitution and nervous temperament complained of rigous/vigous? Headache, pains of the back and loins.

June 1st weather moist Wind West I have great difficulty in inducing the women to keep the deck dry having detected those persons washing below today. Fitzsimons has been removed to the Hospital.

June 4th 9pm anchored in Furchal Roads Madeira weather has been variable with squalls, Wrote to the Vice Consul for a supply of water to enable us to proceed on her Voyage.

June 5th received 15 tons of Water purchased for the use of those confined in the Hospital my own expense. Vegetable sufficient to last for a fortnight.

June 6th Wind E.N.E. having obtained 15 tons of Water on board sailed from Madeira.

June 12th Latitude 2009N Thermometer 68. I have given lemon juice and sugar since the Ship arrived Madeira to be discontinued, except to those the most deserving, the others having declined taking the allowances prescribed by the printed Instructions.

June 14th morning cloudy Thermometer 76 Barometer 3010 Latitude 1308 The island of San Antonio one of the largest of the Cape de Verde Islands laying? East. served out the usual supply of Lemonade, no increase in the Sick List.

June 16th Thermometer 80 Barometer 3005 Latitude 1111317N four cases now in the Hospital. Fitzsimons and Healy convalescent. I have the Wind sails in constant use in fore main and after hatchways.

Monday July 3rd Barometer 3010 Thermometer 76 three Patients have been admitted into the Hospital, served out a moderate supply of preserved Meat and Rice with a small quantity of Port Wine. Mary Healy was seized with rigors, complains today with pains of the Chest increased Diarrhoea and abdominal tenderness. In order to afford amusement and

occupation to the females I distributed to each a Supply of printed Calico for the purpose of keeping the Mind employed and black worsted for the purpose of Knitting.

July 5th distributed a change of body linen and Calico Jackets to each female Latitude 1 23N the children are attended to daily at their Schools. many complaints against Bridget Carey for using improper language having suffered from Scrofula and Diarrhoea since her embarkation I have not put her into confinement.

Monday July 10th Sky dark with rain Barometer 3015 Thermometer 73 Latitude 13 7 S I have order 15 Pints of Oatmeal to be supplied to the Children and older Women checking their allowance of Salt Meat and substituting preserved Meat & Rice.

July 12th Thermometer 73 Latitude 7 28S Eliza Higgins No 120 was delivered of a female Child after 4 hours labour. the Ship continues healthy. Catherine Brady Age one year in a state of great exhaustion extremities oedematous ,unable to take any sustenance, the mother being unable to attend to it it was received into the Hospital.

July 14th Higgins Child died of Convulsions. Catherine Brady of Atrophy Anasacra. Mary Healy died in a very advanced state of Phthisis Pulmonalis and Diarrhoea

July 1st Latitude 2132S Joanna Wilmott was received into the Hospital with Diarrhoea today having suffered from general ill health since she left her prison at Limerick last May1st.

July 18th Latitude 2230S I direct my attention to keeping the decks berths well ventilated, full use of Chloride of Lime

July 19th Catherine Mason attempted to destroy life by hanging at 9pm I released her immediately and restored her.

July 21st died Joanna Willmot from Diarrhoea Case No 10 in this Journal having suffered from Sea Sickness in the early part of the, and placed it under the care of another nurse. She suffered latterly from Convulsions, some advantage was derived from Opium combined with Camphor. Enemata Mercurial Ointment Camphorated rubbed over the abdomen Blisters Lat 27.58S

July 31st Latitude 35.12S, the health of the Convicts has been tolerably good having a good Supply of Water, Wind S.E. being ten degrees westward? Longitude of the Cape of Good Hope I thought it advisable to proceed on our destination without delay as several days would be lost in bearing into the Cape as the Wind is N.W. Made all sail for Hobart Town, Bridget Carey age 40 having suffered from Scrofula and Diarrhoea laterally Anasacra Ascetis. She suffered from Sea Sickness, loss of appetite and great debility.

August 2nd Latitude 34.55S, died John Fitzgerald alias Farrell Age 4 months from debility Marasmus and Anasacra. he was much reduced from the time of embarkation caused by the

illness of his Mother being unable to supply its natural food this Child was very much reduced.

August 3rd Latitude 34111 S died Catherine Murray Age 40 years who had been in the Hospital under treatment since the 19th with Diarrhoea. She was represented to have had a dissolute kind of life and to have been in a constant state of intoxication before conviction, in a fit of delirium she attempted to destroy herself by hanging.

August 4th Latitude 3414, died Mary Spillane age 70 an infirm old woman without disease, chiefly from debility, laterally became oedematous, in the early part of the Voyage I received her into the Hospital from whence she was discharged June 10th

August 15th Latitude 38S, died Mary Wolf alias Wilmott Age 13 months this Child suffered from Marasmus from want of proper support, Abdomen tumid extremities cold and oedematous, for the last week lay in a torpid state, Convulsions for the last 24 hours.

August 17th died M Gannon alias Mary Gardner Marasmus caused by bad care and bad nurturing? in the early part of the Voyage suffered from inflammation of the Chest from which she recovered, laterally from Diarrhoea oedema.

18th died Eliza Read age 13 months, this Child had been reduced to the lowest state of debility. I removed her from the berth of her careless Mother, under my own superintendence in the hospital.

August 22nd Latitude 3830 S Longitude 60 E died Margaret Cowan Age 40 years a Woman of weak nervous temperament said to have been addicted to the free use of Spirits and tobacco of careless and filthy habits. Symptoms of hydrothorax oedematous swelling of the lower extremities for three days past She suffered from Diarrhoea; died suddenly from effusion in the Pericardium

August 23rd Latitude 3850 South Longitude 64 E, the weather is becoming severe, high Winds with rain. Thermometer 59 at Noon 55 in the Morning. I have daily a supply of swinging stoves between decks to keep the berths and the decks dry ?there full ventilation died Alice Brady alias Fitzsimons who suffered from fever in the early part of the Voyage was discharged July 2nd in order to superintend her children. She laboured under great debility and mental depression extremities became oedematous ultimately with Diarrhoea.

August 25th a Gale of Wind with rain and sleet died Ann Rae Latitude 3840 S Longitude 67 42 E this person was received from the Belfast Infirmary convalescent from Erysipelas paralysis of the right hand and arm She suffered from retention of urine but recovered from the use of the Catheter Tinctura Ferri Chloride

August 26th died Ellen Eccles Age 6 months this Child was healthy until seized with Symptoms of Pneumonia, requiring active treatment, it never recovered its strength. Maramus oedematous swelling of the abdomen and extremities with diarrhoea.

August 28th a.m. high Winds W.S.W. CE.S.E. Island of St Paul's in Sight Latitude 3847 S Longitude 7747 E. died Ann Gannon from exhaustion, and Diarrhoea. She bore a bad character, but laterally became more amenable to the regulations, for the health of the prisoners

August 29th the Gale of Wind continues unabated Thermometer 53. 50 the high Winds & Sea with the change of temperature, are very severe upon the women and children. died Catherine Garretty alias Manly having laboured under chronic Liver complaint with Dropsy. She drank freely of ardent Spirits before committal, and had habituated herself to the use of Opium. She suffered from Convulsions for 24 hours, died Mary Hislop alias Cowan Age 4 months. this Infant belonged to Margaret Cowan deceased, had been treated with great neglect; feet oedematous, lay in a state of exhaustion, Convulsions.

August 30th Lat 906 S. Longitude 85 12 E. died Ellinor Curreen Aged 40, of a weak nervous temperament, four children, had led a very intemperate life before embarkation. suffered from Diarrhoea nearly the whole of her passage. I was obliged to find another nurse with suitable regimen for her Infant.

September 1st the Weather continues vey tempestuous. Thermometer varying from 53-56 Latitude 4120 S. Longitude 200 E. died Patrick Healy alias Cassidy, the Child of Mary Healy, deceased, Aged 18 months. Suffered all its life from the effects of inattention causing diarrhoea abdominal distension tabes Mesenterica & weakness of the lower extremities, having been unable to walk. Symptoms of Phthisis Pulmonalis, oedematous swellings, Coma and Convulsions.

September 4th Latitude 4057 S Longitude 100 00 E. died Michael Curreen Aged 18 months. this Child suffered from the carelessness of his nurses appointed by me. Diarrhoea, Prolapsus Ani &c? oedematous swellings, Convulsions 14th Gale continues Thermometer 49, 53. 9 in the Sick List.

September 6th Latitude 4134 Longitude 109 36 E, Ellinor Casey died this day, of weak nervous temperament, of careless filthy habits. She was so disorderly in complying with the rules laid down to ensure health to those between decks that I was obliged to have her removed into three different for the advantage of a better class of mess woman. She has left three Children. Rose Quinn Age 28 She did(n't?) acknowledge to have secondary Symptoms of Syphilis until after the Ship sailed, for one month had her confined to the Hospital under the effects of Hydrarg. She recovered, subsequently had retention of Urine & sank under Diarrhoea.

September 9th latitude 41 44 Longitude 119.30 E the Gale continues with heavy Squalls & Rain. the Thermometer 48 51. 5 in the Sick List Mary Farrell D.D. with Phthisis Pulmonalis and Diarrhoea was confined to bed, had been confined one month before embarkation, in

the month of June and July suffered from pain of the Chest, Hectic fever, night sweats, Diarrhoea was reduced.

September 10th severe weather Snow storms Latitude 4210 Longitude 123.06. died Rose Carroll, a person of very irregular habits, from immoderate use of Spirits and Tobacco had been detected in secreting the fat of the Salt Provisions, and punished; had been in the Hospital with secondary Syphilis, within the last week large purple blotches appeared upon the legs showing every indication of Scurvy. her appetite continued good until yesterday, great prostration of Strength and involuntary discharge of Urine & faeces, cold perspirations rc? East London Hobart Town September 28, 1843

Edward Caldwell
Surgeon Superintendent

Dosage symbols and instructions used in the surgeon's journal from the East London voyage 1843.

Symbols

<i>z</i>	a drachm
<i>z</i> with an extra loop	an ounce
<i>fs</i>	half
(the surgeon appeared to use ounce symbol most of the time)	
<i>gr</i>	grain
<i>aa</i>	of each
<i>fiat</i>	make
<i>ft</i>	make

Abbreviations for Medicine

<i>Aq</i>	aqua
<i>Haust</i>	<i>Haustus</i> , a draught
<i>Liq</i>	Liquid
<i>Lot</i>	Lotion
<i>Mistura</i>	A mixture
<i>Pil</i>	Pililua / pill
<i>Pulv</i>	Pulvis, a powder
<i>Tinct</i>	Tincture
<i>Ung</i>	Ungent

Procedures

Emplast Lyttae apply a blister

VS venaesectio bleed

Enema injicienda inject in an enema

Times

bis die twice a day

ter in die three times a day

queque in die four times a day

quotidie four times a day

sesqui hora an hour & a half

hora/horis hour/s

omni mane every morning

omni nocte every night

PRN pro re nata when required

Vespere evening

Terms Used

Coluat strained

Statim immediately

infricatur rub in

bene fricature rub in well

QS or qs quantum sufficiat

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CASE NO. 1.

Nature of Disease reported to have feigned disease by D Harty Inspecting Physician and Surgeon Read the Inspecting Surgeon Penitentiary Grange Gorman near Dublin

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Mary Healy

Age 23 years

No occupation.

in confinement 8 months.

one month in Hospital in Penitentiary.

Reported to have feigned disease by Dr Harty, Inspecting Physician and Surgeon Read, the Inspecting Surgeon, Penitentiary

Grange Gorman near Dublin.

is reported to me as a native of Swainsford near Ballina in the Co. of Mayo, of a very dissolute, dishonest, riotous, bad character. She has been in confinement upwards of eight months, and under the sentence of transportation for seven years. She has given a great deal of trouble to the Matron and to the Medical Superintendent at the Penitentiary at Grange Gorman, having so far succeeded in feigning disease of the chest. She entertained hopes of eluding the sentence of the law, what with voluntary abstaining from all food but what was agreeable and pleasing to the palate, and by the collusion of those in confinement. She has reduced herself to a great state of debility. April 25 Visited her in the Penitentiary with Dr Harty, examined the chest minutely. I found the sounds of the chest to be healthy on percussion and auscultation. having made the necessary examination I expressed myself willing to receive this person on board this ship before the ship shall sail. April 26th. finding that all her efforts were fruitless to be left behind in Ireland She made an attempt to commit self destruction but was prevented by the vigilance of the nurses, and other attendants at the Penitentiary. May 5th 1843. Was received on board complaining with symptoms of diarrhoea; ordered a bed to be prepared for her in the Hospital. Rx. Pulv.Ipecac cum Opii. fviii

May 6th. bowels much acted upon in the course of the last night, her general conduct is dogged and silent. She has shewn a repugnance to take any medicine whatever. Rx.Mistura Cretae zs post singular ledes(?) liquidus, Vespare,

complains of pain across the umbelical region. Repet Pulv.Ipecac

May 7th bowels very open, a quantity of thin fermented feculent matter like yeast has passed the bowels. She complains of total loss of appetite, says that she suffers but little pain.

Repet Mistura Cretae Vespare Repet Pulv. Ipecac

June(May?) 8th. The diarrhoea continues to be very troublesome, says that she is free from pain, tongue clean

Rx.Mistura Cretae z? ter in die, Pulv. Ipecac opii? omni nocte, to be allowed and to continue on hospital diet.

May 10th. 1843 The diarrhoea is in some degree relieved

Rx. Pulve Rheeli..fv? Magnus Carboni fxii Aq. Menthe zfs ?Haustus ? better.

May 11th Having proceeded to sea yesterday, a contrary wind with a heavy sea. She has suffered much from sea sickness with total loss of appetite, the diarrhoea is much relieved today.

Monday May 15th the bowels are less relaxed but she is very feeble, from long continued sea sickness & loss of appetite

Rx.Sulphate Quinine. f? .Vini? Zulic? Tinct Cinnamon? fzs ft Mistura Saniat zi bis die

Monday May 22nd the Gale of wind is subsiding, diarrhoea having ceased the patient is very feeble. Rx Repet Mistura Quininae

May 26th. bowels more regular, appetite improved, tongue cleaner less thirst. Repet Mistura Quininae

May 31st. appetite improved, bowels more regular, sleeps better but still continues weak, to be allowed a more liberal system of diet.

June 3rd. have recommended her to be removed upon deck to continue as before, bowels still regular.

Later entry

Nature of Disease

Diarrhoea, Pthisis

June 4th. appetite continues good bowels more regular, conduct improved. The weather being favourable I allow her a short time on deck for recreation.

Rep. Mistura Crete having discontinued Sulphate of Quininae

She says that it has caused the bowels to be relaxed.

June 5th. idem, continued to improve until? the 11th June Latitude 2216N Thermometer 68 & 72 contrary to my directions she remained longer on deck than I usually permitted her. 3p.m. was taken below seized with rigors. 12th. passed a very restless night, slight cough, increased heat of skin. Appl Emplast Lyttae sterno. Rx Tinct. Opii f.an x ...? acacia zf bis teme die

June 20th. daily becoming weaker, says she suffers but little pain, bowels still much relaxed

June 30th. Night perspirations followed by languer and fainting. Slight expectoration, weak pulse. The sound of the chest indicate a great extent of disease of the left lobe of the lungs, continuing to live in hopes of reaching her destination. Until the 15th when delerium and coma followed and thus passed the night until 1 a. m. D.D.

D.D. 1 a.m. July 16 1843 Latitude 2137 S.

Notes about the women who died by Edward Caldwell, Surgeon Superintendent, the ship, East London.

Mary Healy had led a life of a vagrant in travelling the country had suffered from Typhilis? fever and Diarrhoea had been in the penitentiary of Grange Gorman for many months she made many attempts to destroy life had been

liable to Diarrhoea and symptoms of incipient Pthisis I received her with the hope that the voyage to the South would improve her She appeared to improve in health during the early part of the voyage.

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Nature of Disease

Syphilis

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

MARY DONNELLY

Age 20 years

Maid of all work.

May 2nd 1843 embarked.

May 16th was put into the sick list at sea.

This person is a Native of Ballina in the County of Mayo, was received onboard here from the penitentiary of Grange Gorman on the 2nd day of May 1843. She never acquainted the Medical attendants of that penitentiary with her disease. applied to me on the 16th day of May with several irritable ulcers on

the labia pudendi, and about the verge of the anus, a large ulcer at the back of the tonsil with ragged edges and of whitish colour at the base. app Argent Nitrat. Rx Oil Hydrarg fv: bis in die, Rx Unguent Hydrag fort zi bene frisatur inter femora omni nocte to be ordered into Hospital and placed on Hospital diet.

May 17th. appl. Argent Nitrat, Oil Hydrarg bis die, Ungent Hydrarg fort zi, Omni Nocte, Rx Liq. Phustic? fattxx Aq pine? Rx zyis ? Lotio applied part ?? omni hora May 20th the ulcers look to be more healthy mouth very little? affected, continue medication

23rd. deglutition very difficult, tonsils swollen and inflamed, having encountered very severe weather bowels confined. Rx. Solutio Magnesem Sulphate ziii 24th. mouth affected today, deglutition difficult. Rx Solutio Chloridis Calus zfs, Aq p??? ?? ft Gargle ? applicam Repet Argent Nitrat Lotio, Magnes Sulph. May 28th. ulcers improve, and look more healthy, that on the tonsil has improved much in appearance. Repet Argent Nitrat et Gargle.

May 30th. Mouth improved deglutition less difficult ulcers more healthy. Repet Gargle et Solutio Argent Nitrat.

June 1st. there is less ptyalimi. the ulcer on the tonsils nearly healed. those about the sphincter ani and labia pudendi more healthy. Repet Gargle et Solutio Argent Nitrat. June 4th. mouth better, ulcers healthy, less ptyalimi, bowels confined. Rx Solutio Magnes Sulphate zii, Repet Solutio Argent Nitratis.

June 6th .deglutition quite free, ptyalimi less, ulcers nearly healed, bowels regular, appetite good. Repet Lotio et Gargle ?t Ant?

June 10th. mouth well, able to swallow food with ease, ulcer on the tonsil healed, that on the labia healed. She is fit to leave hospital treatment, and to return to her mess.

Discharged cured June 10th 1843 Latitude 36 12N

Reference

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Case No 4

Nature of Disease

Continual fever

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

ALICE BRADY

alias **FITZSIMONS**

Age 41 years

May 28th 1843 Latitude 3942 N

a native of Killan in the County of Cavan, a Convict on board with four children, a person of delicate constitution, and of a constipated habit of body. liable to great depression of spirits, has been employed for the last two days in washing for herself and children, was seized in the course of last night with rigors, pains of the head, of the back of her upper and lower extremities; a sense of

oppression across the precordia, dry furred tongue, great thirst, being unable to hold her head up, nausea; pulse quick small and hard.

Rx. Hydrarg Chloride fix Pulv Antimon fv ft colual? statim Ag Herd? qs

May 29th. She has passed a very restless night with slight perspiration Skin dry and hot tongue dry. Rx. Solutio Magnesae Sulph ziii Lemonade ad libitum Vespere Hor. 6. bowels have been opened but scantily today, the faeces dark and fetid, and? but scanty, increased fever this evening. Repet Hydrarg Chloride et Pulv Antimon fi

June 30th (May?) Sulphate Magnes zi , Aq. Menthae ziii ft Haustus Hor 6 p.m. She complains of great abdominal tenderness on the slightest pressure, with thirst, skin hot, tongue dry and brown, bowels have been freely opened to day, tongue dry, sordes collected about the teeth and Gums. Rx. Hydrarg Chloride fiv Pulv Antimon fiv Opii fs June 1st. abdominal tenderness complained much of this morning, tongue dry, abdominal distention. Rx. Olei Ricini zi Aq Menthae zi ft Haustus coluat? statim Vespere bowels freely opened today. Repet Pulv?. 2nd. Vomiting and purging during the night, pain of the head continues tongue dry pain over the whole abdomen, great debility with deliriums. Rx C(camphora?) fii Hydrarg Chloride fis C(camphora?)? aromat qs ft Pul coluat? 6hora? to be allowed Sago and Gruel.

3rd Rx Olei Ricini zvi Aq. Menthae zi Vespere Repet Pilulae 6 horis.

4th She has passed a very restless night, tongue dry, of a deep erythematous colour; great prostration of strength; involuntary discharge of urine and faeces all the night and this morning, to be allowed wine. Vespere 6 Repet Pilulae?

June 5th has lain in a state of stupor all the night with occasional deliriums, bowels have not been opened since last evening. Repet Olein Ricini zis Aq. Menthae zi Vespere the stupor continues applied Emplast Lyttae ?? aid?

have had all the hair removed.

7th Diarrhoea and involuntary discharge of black feculent and fetid matter.

Rx Decoct Amygli? zviii Tinct Opii zqs ft Enema statim inficud 8th Repet Pil

June 9th complains of abdominal tenderness. no action of the bowels in the night. Skin hot and pulse small and intermitting delirium. Repet Ol. Ricini ziv Aq. Menthae

10th has less heat of skin and thirst, less abdominal tenderness. 11th very weak, in other respects better, to be allowed wine. 12th still improving, to continue as before. 13th blister nearly healed. 14th restless at night, griping and abdominal pains and tenderness returned Repet Ol. Ricini ziv Aq. Menthae zii to be allowed broth as preserved at sea Gruel Barley water.

June 16th a feeling of uneasiness over the abdomen complained of today. Repet Olei Ricini, Aq. Menthae. 18th Repet Olei. Ricini, Aq. Menthae zfs.

June 19th, 20th appetite improved, bowels more regular less thirst tongue cleaner. Regemin as before, to be allowed Lemonade, Barley Water.

21st 22nd to continue She is permitted to leave her bed.

23rd complains of restlessness and headache omit ?(hard to read word) food. Olei Ricini zv, Aq. Menthae June 26th bowels more regular, appetite improves, to be allowed broth, light food with a little wine.

30th tongue cleaner. She is able to be got upon deck every (day? word missing)

tongue cleaner, bowels regular, very weak small doses of Sulphate of Quinea in wine or water.

July 2nd I consider to be sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the hospital to return to her own berth to take care of her own family of children.

Discharged July 2nd 1842 Latitude 3.56

Case No 22

ALICE BRADY alias **FITZSIMONS**

Aged 41 years

August 20th 1843

Latitude 3710 S

DISEASE

Fever Diarrhoea

This woman's case is referred to in the early part of the journal Case 4 She was under my care with fever from the 28th day of May to July 2nd when she was discharged from the Hospital sufficiently recovered to return to her own berth to attend to her family She has disregarded the advice given to her on leaving the Hospital, was seized with Diarrhoea last evening complains today with great weakness being unable to leave her bed received into the Hospital great abdominal tenderness the tongue of a deep erythematous colour pulse small quick and hard thirst nausea and vomiting with pain of the Epigastrium appd Emplast Lyttae vegio Epigast Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fi 4 horis

Aug 22nd became delirious in the night great prostration of strength, collection of sordes about the mouth She is so insensible that she can give no account of her own feelings involuntary discharge of faeces Decoct Amyli zi Tinct Opii zi fs Enema statim inficid

August 23rd She has continued to lay in a State of insensibility the whole of this day extremities cold skin cold and clammy

D.D. 7p.m. Aug 23rd

Latitude 3850 S

Longitude 6400 E

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Case No 4

Nature of Disease

Continual fever

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

ALICE BRADY

alias **FITZSIMONS**

Age 41 years

May 28th 1843 Latitude 3942 N

a native of Killan in the County of Cavan, a Convict on board with four children, a person of delicate constitution, and of a constipated habit of body. liable to great depression of spirits, has been employed for the last two days in washing for herself and children, was seized in the course of last night with rigors, pains of the head, of the back of her upper and lower extremities; a sense of oppression across the precordia, dry furred tongue, great thirst, being unable to hold her head up, nausea; pulse quick small and hard.

Rx. Hydrarg Chloride fix Pulv Antimon fv ft coluat? statim Ag Herd? qs

May 29th. She has passed a very restless night with slight perspiration Skin dry and hot tongue dry. Rx. Solutio Magnesae Sulph ziii Lemonade ad libitum Vespere Hor. 6. bowels have been opened but scantily today, the faeces dark and fetid, and? but scanty, increased fever this evening. Repet Hydrarg Chloride et Pulv Antimon fi

June 30th (May?) Sulphate Magnes zi , Aq. Menthae ziii ft Haustus Hor 6 p.m. She complains of great abdominal tenderness on the slightest pressure, with thirst, skin hot, tongue dry and brown, bowels have been freely opened to day, tongue dry, sordes collected about the teeth and Gums. Rx. Hydrarg Chloride fiv Pulv Antimon fiv Opii fs June 1st. abdominal tenderness complained much of this morning, tongue dry, abdominal distention. Rx. Olei Ricini zi Aq Menthae zi ft Haustus coluat? statim Vespere bowels freely opened today. Repet Pulv?. 2nd. Vomiting and purging during the night, pain of the head continues tongue dry pain over the whole abdomen, great debility with deliriums. Rx C(camphora?) fii Hydrarg Chloride fis C(camphora?)? aromat qs ft Pul coluat? 6hora? to be allowed Sago and Gruel.

3rd Rx Olei Ricini zvi Aq. Menthae zi Vespere Repet Pilulae 6 horis.

4th She has passed a very restless night, tongue dry, of a deep erythematous colour; great prostration of strength; involuntary discharge of urine and faeces all the night and this morning, to be allowed wine. Vespere 6 Repet Pilulae?

June 5th has lain in a state of stupor all the night with occasional deliriums, bowels have not been opened since last evening. Repet Olein Ricini zis Aq. Menthae zi Vespere the stupor continues applied Emplast Lyttae ?? aid?

have had all the hair removed.

7th Diarrhoea and involuntary discharge of black feculent and fetid matter.

Rx Decoct Amygli? zviii Tinct Opii zqs ft Enema statim inficud 8th Repet Pil

June 9th complains of abdominal tenderness. no action of the bowels in the night. Skin hot and pulse small and intermitting delirium. Repet Ol. Ricini ziv Aq. Menthae

10th has less heat of skin and thirst, less abdominal tenderness. 11th very weak, in other respects better, to be allowed wine. 12th still improving, to continue as before. 13th blister nearly healed. 14th restless at night, griping and abdominal pains and tenderness returned Repet Ol. Ricini ziv Aq. Menthae zii to be allowed broth as preserved at sea Gruel Barley water.

June 16th a feeling of uneasiness over the abdomen complained of today. Repet Olei Ricini, Aq. Menthae. 18th Repet Olei. Ricini, Aq. Menthae zfs.

June 19th, 20th appetite improved, bowels more regular less thirst tongue cleaner. Regemin as before, to be allowed Lemonade, Barley Water.

21st 22nd to continue She is permitted to leave her bed.

23rd complains of restlessness and headache omit ?(hard to read word) food. Olei Ricini zv, Aq. Menthae June 26th bowels more regular, appetite improves, to be allowed broth, light food with a little wine.

30th tongue cleaner. She is able to be got upon deck every (day? word missing)

tongue cleaner, bowels regular, very weak small doses of Sulphate of Quinea in wine or water.

July 2nd I consider to be sufficiently recovered to be able to leave the hospital to return to her own berth to take care of her own family of children.

Discharged July 2nd 1842 Latitude 3.56

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Case No 5

Nature of Disease

Prolapsus Uteri

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Frances Warren

Otatis 40

Servant

May 6th 1843

Kingstown

a native of the County of Roscommon. I saw her in the Infirmary at the Depot of Grange Gorman. She had been under the care of Dr Harty and Surgeon Read, the medical attendants of that Depot. We were of the opinion that she would be capable of undertaking the voyage. She was received on board May 2nd, applied to me May 6th, the uterus protruding through the os externum, about the size of a large apple. I immediately placed her in a recumbent

posture -- returned the uterus into its proper position. permitted her to remain in the hospital for one day. *Rx Tinc. Sulphatis zi , Aq Pinae llb ft Infust* (?Word cut off)

May 10th On the ship proceeding out to sea this morning she has suffered much from sea sickness, the force of vomiting has propelled the uterus down to the os externum. Leuconhoal discharge very fetid, complaints made by those in the same berth with her, received into the Hospital May 11th to be confined. *Repet Solutio Sulphatis Quini inficiend 4hr horis Solutio Magnes Sulphates zi omni. mane* checked the animal fotor, to be allowed Gruel and Barley Water May 2nd becoming very weak with loss of appetite, tongue clean, bowels more regular. *Rx Sulphate Quiniaie zii ni zi Vini quotidie Repet Infectio* June 1st Very much improved, the Leuconhoal discharge much diminished in quantity and foter, bowels regular, to be allowed animal food and return to her own berth, well.

Discharged June 1st quite well. Latitude 3612 N

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Case No 6

Nature of Disease

Syphilis

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Ann Conner

Otatis 20

Servant

May 16th 1843

Latitude 4919

a native of Limerick has been on board of this ship since the 5th day of May and did not apply to me until this day 15 with ulcers on both tonsils, hard and ragged edges, large candymalous excrescences about the verge of the anus, several old hard and indolent? ulcers on the labia pudendi. She now says that she had been under treatment for this disease in her own County prison. She did not make her case known before sailing. admitted into the Hospital. appl Argent Nitrat, Rx Pil Hydrarg *bis die* Rx Ungent Hydrarg *fati bene fricature inter femora bis* (lost in margin) 17th *idem* 18th the ulcers on the tonsils improved. appl Solutio Argent Nitrat *omni mane* 19th *Repet* Pil *et* Ungent May 20th the candymalous ulcers about the anus are much better Rx Argent Nitrat 21st *idem* 22nd *idem* 23rd slight swelling of the Gums. She improves *idem* 24th *idem* 25th *idem* May 26th the ulcers on the tonsils assume a more healthy appearance. *Repet* Unguent Hydrarg *fort omni nocte* 27th the tumors? reduce in size daily. *Rept* Pil. 28th *idem* 29th *idem* 30th *idem* June 1st the mouth has become affected with Ptyalism Gums swollen, mecurial fotor of the breath, ulcers more? healthy and improving but I have great fault to find with her I cannot induce her to attend to herself she is so filthy and careless of her person and clothes she requires double attention. 2nd *idem* June 3rd Mouth becoming so affected and complains of griping omit Pil. 4th Argent Nitrat 5th Argent Nitrat continued June 10th Ulcers on the tonsils nearly healed, mouth affected with ptyalism. 11th the candyomatous tumors are much reduced in size and hardness. June 12th Argent Nitrat omit Pil *et* Unguent Hydrarg *fort*, diet to be gruel, Barley Water. Rc? 13= mouth? better Rx Hydrarg BiCholride $g\frac{1}{4}$ Sp??? f

inn? xxx Aq Pinae zfs ft Haustus coluat bis die 14th Repet Haustus June 15th Repet Haustus et Argent Nitrat 16th Repet Haustus 17th Mouth very much affected. Omit Haustus Rep Argent Nitrat Rx Acid Sulphuris delut zi Aq Pinae lbj? Pul Cinchona zii ft Gargle Lope(gradually?) applicam 18th Repet Gargle 19th idem June 20th She is now much better to all appearances the ulcers on the tonsils healed, she complains of pain in her bowels mouth slightly affected. Solutio Magnesia Sulphates zi quolide 21st She is quite well and apparently free from disease that I think her fit to be discharged from Hospital to her own berth and at her own request.

Discharged cured

June 21st 1843

Latitude 91 N

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Case No 7

Nature of Disease

Parturition

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Eliza Higgins

Age 22

None

July 13th 1843

Latitude 1858

12a.m. a native of Carlow was safely delivered of a female child after four hours labour. the mother and child doing well. 3p.m. complains of afterpains
Rx Tincture Opii fati xxv Aq Menthae zi ft Haustus 14th a.m. She passed the night tolerably well, complains of abdominal pains this morning 16 Oil Ricini *zij* Aq Menth *zfi* She continued gradually improve under Hospital treatment until August 1st when she was discharged.

Case No 8

Catherine Higgins

24 hours old

July 14th 1843

Latitude 1924

Disease:

Convulsions

this infant born yesterday apparently well was seized this afternoon with Convulsions, ordered to be put to a warm bath & warmed it? Liq Ammon *fruso*

(frust/um little by little?) lotion?in cachet iv Aq Herd?. in cachet PRN (pro re nata)
continued in these fits until 10 p.m. died in convulsions.

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Case No 9

Nature of Disease

Tabes and Hydracephalus

Anasarca Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Eliza Dunlop

alias **Murray**

Age 1 year 1 month

May 28th 1843

Latitude 3942 N

this child about 13 months was bought on board to accompany its mother a convict May 5th it appeared then to be in a very reduced state. I did not place it in the sick list until May 28th when I found the limbs soft and flaccid, abdomen tumid, flattened ribs large head, relaxed bowels, voracious appetite for a child of its age the mother of the child being a careless indolent young woman had weaned the child 5 months before embarking so that the child was deprived of its proper nourishment at a very early period of its life. Rx Hydrarg *cum* Cretae *fiv bis die* 29th the child was very restless I have permitted it to be brought into the Hospital where it will receive more attention 30th *idem* 31st *idem* June 1st has had a severe attack of Diarrhoea with restless nights Rx Hydrarg *cum* Cretae Pulv Ipecac Comp *aa*(of each) *fij ft coluat bis die* to be allowed a mucilaginous and nutritious diet as Sago June 2nd no improvement Rx Pulv Rheii *fiv* Magnesea *fv* Pulv Zingibus *fi M*(Mitte?) *coluat statim* Vespere bowels very open *Repet* Hydrarg *cum* Cratae *et* Pulv Ipecac Comp *fs* June 3rd *idem* June 4th the purging continues Rx Mistura Cretae cachet ? *ter die* 5th *Repet* Mistura no improvement gradually getting weaker June 15th a great disposition to sleep, lower extremities cold and oedematous June 20th constant desire to sleep Diarrhoea continues. *Repet* Hydrarg *cum* Cretae *sini* Pulv Ipecac *cum* Opio *qs*?(? quantum sufficient) June 25th notwithstanding the state to which this child is reduced the appetite continues to be good it lays in a comatose state all the day and night, extremities cold to have them enveloped in warm flannell to be supported with a little wine in its food July 1st still growing weaker but not troublesome to its attendants passing so much time in sleep continued in this state until July 15th when it sunk without struggle. the body immediately removed, the hospital well cleaned out and sprinkled with Chloride of Lime and well ventilated.

D.D. July 15th

12 a.m.

Latitude 1934 S

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Case No 10

Nature of Disease

Debility

Fever

Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Joanna Wilmott

Otatis 23 years

May 23 1843

Latitude 3237N

Was received on board from the Depot with an infant 12 months old a Native of Limerick from the moment the ship sailed May 10th she became indolent lazy and regardless of her life she suffered much from the severe weather that

the ship encountered on first proceeding out to sea, being utterly unable to take any sustenance whatever never tasting any of the provisions allowed by the government I had great labour to induce her to leave her bed. she manifested the utmost repugnancy to any exertion or cleanliness unless under strong compulsion June 4th although she ceased to be Sea Sick on the arrival of the Ship at Madeira, she lost all desire to take food having had great difficulty in removing her her habits were so disgustingly filthy and irregular, that she was a nuisance to those same and contiguous berths had she been allowed to indulge in these habits June 15 notwithstanding all my care her health (word lost in margin)

She became worse constant harsh dry tongue thirst pains of the back and limbs constipated bowels. She complains of the loss of milk for her support of her infant not yet weaned who was evidently wasting for want of support, I made arrangements to have the child weaned but in consequence of the mother and child becoming worse I discovered that she was deceiving me to suckle her child I removed (it) away from her care and placed it under the care of a nurse, directing my attendion to the state of her bowels. She complained to me July 1st of Diarrhoea with abdominal tenderness, and unable to take any sustenance whatever pain of the abdomen much increased on the slightest pressure dry tongue tremulous voice nausea and vomiting small quick pulse *Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fs ft Pil colaut 14th Nil 6bis? horis Saline? draught in a State of effervescence.* She continued in her own berth until the 15th when a vacancy occurred to allow her to be received into the Hospital July 15th received today had all hair removed put in a warm bath at 94 to be allowed Sago and Barley Water having derived no advantage from the Chloride combined with opium and rejecting the Sulphate of Magnesia from her stomach, diarrhoea continued appl Emplast Lyttae abdominus, *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Comp Opii.* July 17th she says that she passed a more tranquil night and now free from pain, She is very low diarrhoea continues, with involuntary discharge of faeces Decot Amyli zij Tinc Opii zi ft Enema statim inficud 18th a cold moisture on the surface of the skin takes no food great prostration of strength with slight delirium at intervals, involuntary discharge *Repet Enema* to be allowed wine 19th Still weaker diarrhoea continues 20th in articulo mortis stimulants were attempted to be given without power to swallow she lingered throughout the night.

died July 2s1st 11 a.m.

D.D. July 21st

Latitude 2758 S

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Case No 11

Nature of Disease

Scrofula

Diarrhoea

Anasacra

Debility

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Bridget Carey

Otatis Annos 40

May 11th 1843

a native Kings County was received on board May 3rd with a bad character as a malingerer with a view of evading her sentence I examined her with the others and we were then of the opinion that a sea voyage might be of use to her having the Glands of the neck enlarged with ulceration. She was put on the sick list May 11th the day subsequent to sailing: ordered solution of Sulphate of Quinine in a small quantity of wine daily. She suffered from Sea Sickness since was very indolent and careless in her habits. She continued until the month of June Infusum of Gentian with Sulph Quinae wine still allowed. July 12th Diarrhoea commenced which (whitish?) ?. June 13th her constitution already weakened from the effects of Sea Sickness and loathing of food. She was seized with Diarrhoea July 13th received her today into the Hospital requiring constant attention 15th Diarrhoea continues with oedematous swellings of the legs *Rx Pil Hydrarg Pulv Rhei aa?(abv=of each) fii ft Pil coluat omni nocte Infus Gentinae zi Ammon Litque? Cinchona PRN (pro re nata) coluat ter in die* to be allowed a little wine in the Sago *pc(after meals)?* 18th great prostration of strength involuntary discharge of faeces *Rx Mistura Cratae zi Confect: Opii fiv iii M?coluat ter die Rx Decot Amyli zij Tinct Opii zi ft Enema statim inficienda.* Although she has been under treatment during the month of June the ulcers on the neck have continued to improve and all now nearly healed they have lost the color by using a weak solution of Calomel? *f Linere? (linament) well filtered,* which I found to be a useful local application 19th *Repet Mistura Cratae, Tinct Cale?(Calendula?) fialt? xx Tinct Opii forte? x ter in die* 20th Diarrhoea continues to be very troublesome oedematous swelling of the lower extremities continued to be very cold scarcity of urinary secretions I would be induced to prescribe Digitalis but the great prostration of strength has presented me to be allowed small doses of Sulphate of Quinine in a little wine continue daily getting weaker the 28th July Stupor and low delirium no abdominal tenderness or pain takes what is offered when roused up 29th Very

restless sensible at intervals takes but little support 30th Sinking extremities cold 31st 5 p.m. D.D. Latitude 3512S

Longitude 8840E

Case 12

JOHN FITZGERALD alias FARREL

Age 4 months

June 30th 1843

Latitude 530

Disease

Tabes

Mestenteria

Diarrhoea

this infant embarked with its, mother a young ignorant inexperienced young person in the treatment of children; from the time of her embarkation and sailing she gave herself up to sloth and would do nothing towards attaining health unless compelled by force June 20th Her milk failed her the child wasted limbs becoming flaccid abdomin tumid seized with diarrhoea I removed the child away from her and placed it under the care of a nurse directing the regimen myself until? July 1st Diarrhoea continues abdomin hard and tumid apthous ulcers of the Mouth and Gums *Rx Rheeli fii Magnes fij statim 2nd* the same mouth to be well washed with syrup *zi Argent Nitrat delut friste?x* 16 July *Rx Pulv Ipecac Cfii? (cachet?)* This infant continues to get weaker bowels still relaxed feet and legs oedematous and cold though July 27th lays in a state of stupor slight convulsive actions of the upper and lower extremities takes nothing but a little wine in Barley Water or thin Sago 28th the same 29th the

same 30th the same 31st the same August 1st life appears almost extinct
August 2nd 12 a.m. D.D.

D.D Aug 2nd 1843

Latitude 3430 S

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Case No 13

Nature of Disease

Dyspepsia

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Catherine Murray

Otatis amos 40

May 9th 1843

Kingstown

Latitude 2351 S

applied to me before the ship sailed with symptoms of Dyspepsia attended with constipation, She suffered much from sea sickness on the Ship proceeding out to sea of that she recovered She appeared to be fit to undertake the voyage at the time of embarkation having lead a dissolute irregular life She was repeatedly put into confinement for quarrelling and swearing contrary to all rule On the night of July 19th she attempted to commit self destruction without any cause assigned fortunately I was with her in time to assist in saving her life July 20th She complains of acute pains shooting through her head and nape of her neck, tongue foul and dry, quick pulse *VS ad zvi* (bleed to 16 drahms) the hair of the head to be removed a blister to be applied to the nape of the neck I desired her to wean her infant 13 months old which appeared to cause her much trouble *Rx Hydrarg Chloride fiv Pulv Antimon fiii* followed by Solution of Sulphate of Magnesia July 26th complains of Diarrhoea with great want of her former energy in assisting to keep her berth clean, which I found to be offensive this morning all bedding & clothes to be removed the boards taken up and well sprinkled with Solution of Chloride of Lime. removed her into the Hospital. She complains of great abdominal tenderness the tongue a deep erythematous colour, small quick and hard pulse *Rx Opii fi Camphorae fii ft Pil coluat 1 ter in die Unguent Hydrarg C?* (lost in margin) *cum Camphora bene fricatur abdomini bis die* a flannel veller? applied fermentations 27th She has passed a very restless night with involuntary discharge of faeces to have the abdomen well fermented *Rx Mistura Create zi ter in die Decoct Amyli zvi Tinct Opii zi ft Enema statim inficienda* 28th Weaker diarrhoea continues skin cold and clammy She is sensible, to be allowed small dose Sulphate Quinine in a little wine. *Repet Opiin* 29th the same to be continued. involuntary discharge continuing July 30th She appears to have passed a more tranquil night, prostration of strength great, collection of sordes about the teeth and Gums. to continue the same 31st Still sensible, skin cold and clammy, pulse scarcely perceptible, discharges involuntary, to continue August 2nd 8a.m. in articulo mortis D.D. 7 p.m.

August 2nd 1843

Latitude 343 S

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Case No 14

Nature of Disease

Old age & Debility

Anasarca

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Mary Spillane

Otatis 70 annis

May 20th 1843

Latitude 4412 N

a Native of Templemore in the County of Tipperary was received on board on May 5th and agreeable to article 8 of the Surgeon Superintendants Instructions I had no objections to her age, being then apparently in good health but on the

Ship proceeding out to sea from the severity of the weather and Sea Sickness reduced her to a state of great debility. I received her into the Hospital May 20th allowing her a little Quinine and wine daily and a Supply of preserved meat. She continued improving until July(June)18 when I thought her sufficiently recovered to return to her own berth.

D. recovered

June 18th 1843

Latitude 1009 N

July 22nd 1843

Latitude 2945 S

Disease:

Diarrhea Old Age Debility Anasarca

applied to me this morning July 22nd with Diarrhoea loss of strength and appetite, received her into the Hospital and placed her on a more suitable regimen says that she suffers no pain. I have had great trouble and pains taken to induce those of the same berth to be orderly and regular in keeping their berth clean they have been very tardy in complying with the orders given unless forced. *Rx* Mistura Cretae *z ter die* Tinct Catechu *fati xx fl* Haustus 23rd The same 24th She complains of a spasmodic affection of the extremities particularly her hands to be fermented *Rx* Tinctura Opii *fati xx* in Haustus *ut* cratea? 24th the same 25th extremities cold troublesome with spasmodic contractions *idem* 26th discharge involuntary, feet odamateous and cold the same to August 1st. Shews great inclination to sleep requires constant attention from the involuntary discharge *Rx* Decoct Amyli *zis* Tinct Opin *zi ft* Enema *Statim inficd.* Aug 2nd Voice weak pulse weak and intermitting I support her with wine and Quinine 3rd cold perspirations purging continues

August 4th D.D. 7 p.m. 1843 Latitude 3414 S

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Case No 15

Nature of Disease

Fever

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Margaret Lyons

Otatis 40 annos

No occupation or trade

Native of Kildare

July 23rd 1843 6 p.m.

Latitude 2945 S

says that she has felt herself indisposed for several days past with constipated bowels headache pains of the back I??? and lower extremities loss of appetite, was seized to day with rigors succeeded by heat of skin dry tongue thirst respiration hurried *Rx Hydrarg Chloride f ν Pulv Antimon f ν* to have her feet put into warm salt water, to be allowed Barley Water 24th passed a restless night, some slight moisture on the surface of the skin bowels have acted twice scantily *Rx Solutio Magnesiae Sulphatis ziii* 25th I have found her to be a person of such careless indolent and filthy habits requiring constant attention to keep her bedding clothes and person clean; complaining of pain in the Epigastis, tongue dry, breath fetid removed into the Hospital VS *ad zxiv(bleed to 14 drahms) Rep Hydrarg Chloride et Pulv Antimon* 26th complains of abdominal tenderness with severe pain of the head *Repet Sulphate Magnese*: to be put into a warm bath 96D, the whole of the hair to be removed *Vespere Repet Hydrarg Chloride* 27th the bath gave temporary relief *Repet Solutio Magnesae Vespere* complains of pains of the head and Stomach appl *Emplast Lyttae N?(lost in margin) regioni Epigastrio* 28th the blisters have risen and discharged freely S *Mistura Saline?* 29th the skin cooler and moister a free discharge from the blisters, *Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fs Antimon Tinct fiv ft Pil ?(margin).1 bis die* 30th to be allowed weak broth 31st continues to improve, mouth very slightly affected omit *Pil Rx Infes Gentian Aug 1st Mistura 2nd idem 3rd* improves daily by attending to cleanliness and to the bowels, to be allowed a quantity of wine & Quinine 4th the same to the 7th improving, fit to leave

Discharged August 7th 1843 Latitude 3504 S

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Case No 16

Nature of Disease

Tabes

Anasarca

Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Mary Wolfe

alias Wilmott

Age 1 year

June 30th 1843

Latitude 530 N

I have alluded to the case of this child in that of Joanna Wilmott having had cause to find fault with the careless manner that it attended to, received into the Hospital to day under my own super??(word unclear) very much reduced from Diarrhoea, limbs wasted, abdomen tumid, appetite voracious, to be allowed a proper allowance *Rx Hydrarg cum Cretae fiii Rheii fii statim* July 1st the child is very fretful owing to the ulceration of the mouth Diarrhoea continues *Rx Mistura Cretae Syrup zfs Acid Nitric dilut futi? x ft Gargle* 2nd the same 3rd the same 4th the same 5th the same to July 22nd gradually becoming weaker feet cold and oedematous refuses her food very restless at night 23rd *Mistura Cretae* 24th *Mistura Cretae* I allow her small quantity of thin Sago and a little

wine 25th the same I keep her continually under my own care or that of the nurses to see that cleanliness is attended to, in the same state until August when she became lethargic passes the whole time in sleep takes now a little food when offered to her is less fretful, bowels still very much relaxed Rx Mist. Cretae August 13th Convulsions coldness of the extremities between the paroxysms always asleep

D.D. 12 a.m. August 15th 1843

Latitude 3715 S

Reference

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Case No 17

Nature of Disease

Erysipelas

Ophthalmia

Debility

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Ann Rae

Age 33

Servant

Kingstown

May 10th 1843

a native of Belfast had been under treatment in that Infirmary for those diseases mentioned in the margin superadded to Syphilis Was received on board May 5th from the Depot of Grange Gorman applied to me May 9th with inflammation of the right Eye. the structure of that organ appears to me to be centrally? destroyed, chronic inflammation remaining. Says that she suffered from Erysipelas of the face and head with enlarged lat? axillary glands May 15th She suffered much from Sea Sickness being unable to take any food whatever from the 10th to this date but what was ejected from the stomach, bowels now constipated. I continued to attend to her in her own berth until June 15th when I received her into the Hospital I have now chiefly directed my attention to the restoring strength to a shattered constitution as the State of Abdomin and tongue will admit Sulphate of Quinine in a small quantity of wine daily Pil Hydrag Pulv Rheeii *aa fii ft* Pulv Ipecacuanha *f? ft* PRN Horis nocte but? allowing her preserved meat in the form of broth, Barley Water boiled rice and Sago. She was allowed to remain under this treatment until July 20th when Thought her sufficiently recovered to return to her own berth where she remained until August 5th from her extreme debility and inability to pass urine with distension of the urinary bladder I received her into the Hospital Says she has passed no urine for four days being unwilling to communicate it. I immediately introduced a female Catheter and drew off 3 pints, from the smallness of the quantity am inclined to think the kidneys at fault supported? it to heal there was no albuminous deposit *Rx Tinct Opii falt xxv Liq Ammon A? Aq pinae? zfs ft* Haustus She passed the night tolerably well more free from pain and passed a small quantity of urine, bowels confined *Rx Olei Ricini zii Ag Menth zf ft* Haustus Vespere She complains this evening of great difficulty in passing urine, bowels have been acted on from the effort of the castor oil *Rx Tinc Ferri Chloride fati xv Aq pinae? zi* from this date to August 16 her appetite continued good giving relief to the bowels occasionally by an enema Using the

solution of Nitrat of Silver to the affected eye but perceptibly growing weaker daily August 23rd She became lethargic pulse feeble. I supported her with wine Sago and broth 24th She lays in a daze pulse very feeble and intermitting, extremities cold. She has suffered much from the severity of the weather being tossed about particularly at night 25th 8 a.m. extremities cold, is insensible

D.D. 11 a.m. 25th August 1843

Latitude 384s

Longitude 6742E

Reference

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Case No 18

Nature of Disease

Injury to the chest

Hemoptysis

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Eliza Cinnamond

Otatis ammos 30

August 5th 1843

Latitude 34 S

a strong healthy person whilst sitting upon the booms the weather and the sea heavy the ship pitched and threw her with great force against the bulwarks of the Ship that form the hammock nettings. She was taken up in a state of insensibility vomiting large quantities of clotted and frothy blood. I saw her immediately, the skin cold, the pulse almost imperceptible. She pointed to me the seat of pain along the margin of the 6th, 7th ribs on the left side of the Chest ordered to have cooling acid drink August 6th 8a.m. a large quantity of blood expectorated during the night almost to suffocation. I have examined the extent of the injury the ribs appear to be detached from the cruciform cartilage injury done to the Diaphragm VS *ad zxx*(bleed to 20 drachms) Hydrarg Chloride *fi* Antimon Tart? *coluat statim*, Lemonade *ad libidum* August 6th She lays in a state of insensibility expectorating clotted and frothy blood in such quantities almost to suffocation, pulse full and quick Vespere 4 or 6 *Repet V Sectio ad zxx*(bleed to 20 drachms) She has remained today in her own berth I have removed her into the Hospital Solut. Magnes Sulphat *ziii fs* Acid Sulphate *dilute futi ft* Haustus *colt?(coluat?) statim* August 7th difficult respiration discharge of blood by cough and expectoration, full pulse *Repet V Sectio ad zxx* pm she feels relief from the loss of blood and the free circulation of air in the Hospital *Rep Pil* August 8th Suffering still from suffocation great oppression of the Chest a large quantity of blood expectorated *Repet Venae Sectio ad zxx* the loss of blood has always given great relief *Repet Hydrarg Chloride cum* Antimon Tart 9th She complains of pains and points to the seat of pain by signs not being able to express herself expectorates large quantities of frothy mucus mixed with blood by which respiration is impeded. Pulse full and hard *Repet V Sectio ad zxxv* Solutio Magnes S(lost in margin) Acid Sulph *dilute fiati xv* which she has attempted to swallow with great difficulty 6p.m. No relief as yet to the Bowels *Rx Infus Linere? ziii* Magnes Sulphatis *ziii ft* *Repet V Sectio ad zxxvi* 9PM *Repet Hydrarg Chloride Ant Tinct Rep V Sectio* August 10th bowels still confined *Repet Haustus Lemie? et Enema* 11a.m. the bowels have been freely

evacuated and appear to have given great relief there is less oppression of the chest, the expectoration of the frothy phlegm continues with less blood. She is quite sensible but disinclined to speak pulse now reduced, her mouth is slightly affected from the Calomel taken with Antimon Tart Sulphat of Magnesia and Infusion of Lemon? administered every morning in moderate doses 11th, 12th, 13th, She continues to improve 14th, 15th, 16th, Repet Haustus to August 20th

I have allowed her to have a little broth *Rx Potasso Nitrat ft Aqua Pinae zs ft Haustus coluat ter die* She continues alternately with the aperient draught until the 29th when I thought her sufficiently recovered to leave the Hospital being free from Cough or expectoration

D. August 29th

Latitude 3905 S

Longitude 8059 E

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Case No 20

Nature of Disease

Tabes

Diarrhoea

Anasarca

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Eliza Read

Age 1 year

June 22nd 1843

Latitude 840N

this child has suffered considerably since the Ship sailed owing to the illness and negligence of its Mother put it upon the Sick List June 12th then reduced from Tabes Mesenterica recommended it to be removed from its Mother which she would not consent, today was seized with Diarrhoea; the Mother growing wearied or careless gave up the child with less reluctance I placed it under the care of a proper person to see that proper food was administered July 1st there is no admendment Diarrhoea continues Abdomin tumid limbs soft and flaccid, the child is not fretful *Rx Mistura Cretae cachet ter die* July 20th Abdomin tumid, extremities odemateous excorations about the natis notwithstanding the care? that this nurse paid to take in cleanliness brought the child into the Hospital where with cleanliness cooling lotions it improves continued becoming more reduced until August 18 Sank under prostration of strength, every care and attention being paid to regime and cleanliness

D.D. August 18th

7p.m. 1843

Latitude 3814 S

Longitude 5330 E

Reference

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Case No 21

Nature of Disease

Debility

Diarrhoea

Scurvy

Anasarca

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Margaret Cassan

Otatis 40 years

August 8th 1843

Latitude 3152 S

Longitude 12 00E

a native of Rathtreylan (Rathfriland) in the County of Down of repulsive appearance obstinate and indolent had she been permitted would have polluted all those congruous to her was in the Sick List occasionally from the 27th of June making partial recovery requiring constant attention and watching to see that she attended to personal cleanliness and that of her bedding & Child from her disagreeable and slothful manner she has been the cause of her own illness refusing proper regimen I prescribed for her requiring double attention from me to any other convict in the Ship Rx Mistura Cretae zi 4in horis Tinct Opii zx this has continued since the 1st and has not yielded to the Mistura Cretae how? been quite unattended ?? in pain on pressing the abdomen feet cold and oedematous oppression of the chest and the precordia Aug 10th she still persists that she is getting better daily, and that if I have patience with her she will be able to get upon deck in a few days but I see that she is worse every day added to this Gums a swollen and spongy with large black patches upon the upper and lower extremities I have had her removed into the Hospital against her will in order that she may have more attention continued until August 22nd when she was able to leave her bed daily became comatose this morning continued all the day Died 11pm

Died August 22nd 11pm 1843

Latitude 3850S

Longitude 6000E

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Case No 23 **Ellen Eccles**

Nature of Disease

Tabes

Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Ellen Eccles

Age 6 months

August 13 1843

Latitude 3700 S

this infant from the carelessness of the Mother had been exposed to cold, was brought to me August 13 with cough hurried and oppressed respiration . the Child being already much reduced could not stand active treatment, applied a small blister to the chest Hydrarg Chloride *fii* Pulv Rheel *fiii* Pulv Ipecac C(cachet?) $f\frac{1}{4}$ fi? the urgency of the Symptoms requiring further reduction of the System as the warm bath Aug 20th It is very much reduced & subsists on the little supplied from her Mother refusing anything except a Spongeful of Barley Water

D.D. August 25th 1843

Latitude 3840 S

Longitude 7037 E

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Case No 24 Ann Gannon

Nature of Disease

Debility

Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Ann Gannon

Otatis Annis 23

Servant

July 20th 1843

Latitude 2543 S

a native of Meath with an infant 10 months old, embarked May 5 apparently in a healthy state She suffered much in the early part of the Voyage from Sea Sickness and in giving way to indolence and carelessness of her person, her clothes and bedding what from Sea Sickness and loss of appetite she was under my care in the month of June from the 15th to 20th She recovered speedily by directing my attention to regimen Infus. Gentianae She never had occasion to consult me for herself, but repeatedly for her infant suffering from oppression of the chest with Diarrhoea She became indolent and inattentive to her Child. applied to me today with Diarrhoea, has no pain but feels languid has a dry furred tongue, thirst disinclination for food *Rx Pulv Rheeii fvii Magnes fviii Pulv Zingibus fviii Aq Pinae? zj ft Haustus $\mathit{coluat statim}$ Vespere Rx Pulv Ipecac Comp fvi $\mathit{coluat statim}$ 25th Diarrhoea continues Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fs Confect Aromat qs ft Pil Argent i $\mathit{6hs?}$ horis She continued this Pil until July 26th having been received into the Hospital warm fermentions with mild farinaceous diet Diarrhoea continues, July 27th feeling great prostration of strength I have recommended her to wean her Child, August 1st since the Child has been placed under the care of another she appears to have gained a little*

strength, passes her nights better *Repet* Pil. Symptoms of Scurvy showing themselves by swelling of the Gums black painful patches upon the legs, these have yielded to regimen fermentations Lemonade with a little wine August 2nd bowels more regular to be allowed a small quantity of Quinine with wine twice a day continued to August 5th She was discharged sufficiently well to return to her own berth, to make room for another Patient. August 20th very much reduced within the last 24 hours from Diarrhoea She shows the greatest reluctance to leave her berth, I have received her into the Hospital She complains of abdominal tenderness, dry tongue discharge of faeces involuntary *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Tincture Opii futi x colaut statim Rx Decoct Amyli zij Tinct: Opii zi ft Enema statim inficicienda Ungent Hydrarg fort cum Camphora bene fricatur abdomin bis die a flannell Vollocto?(velloct?)* applied round the body 21st the same to continue 22nd to continue 24th to continue 25th complains of great pain and oppression of the Epigastrium nausea and tenderness of the abdomen appl *Emplast Lyttae* 26th She says that she has received relief from the effects of the blister but is weaker. The tongue of a deep erythematous colour. She has no inclination for food her voice is strong, She expresses great confidence of recovery, is quite sensible, is allowed wine in moderate quantities 9p.m. voice very weak & tremulous. has been inclined to doze a great alteration in her appearance since the morning to have Sago and wine 27th great prostration of strength voice weak purging continues *Repet* Haustus p.m. the same Aug 28th She lays all the night in a state of insensibility I saw her at 3 a.m. in articulo mortis died in a state of great exhaustion

D.D. August 28th 1843

Latitude 3847 S

Longitude 7741 E

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Case No 25 Catherine Manly

Nature of Disease

Liver Complaint

Diarrhoea

Ascetis

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Catherine Manly

Age 39 years

August 1st 1843

Latitude 3453 S

a Native of the County of Tyrone before conviction she says she was much addicted to the use of ardent spirits had been in the hospital of Grange Gorman laboring under a chronic affection of the liver. On arrival of the ship at Dublin she was examined by the medical attendants of that establishment where she had been considered as a Malingerer. We were of opinion that she was (to all appearance), likely to undertake the coming? voyage She was received on board May 2nd. on the ship proceeding out to sea during the severe weather she suffered much from Sea Sickness bowels constipated in the early part of the Voyage, the bowels were kept open by Hydrarg Chloride *fii* Extract Colocynth Comp *fiii* ?ammon? *fifi alternis nocte* May 16th She

complains to me today with pain in the right and left hypochondrium pain and tenderness of the Epigastrium pain extending up to the right shoulder and nape of the neck *Rx Pil Hygrarg Extract Colocynth Comp aa and Extract Hyoscyamin fi fs PRN coluat omni nocte Magnes Sulphat zift Infus Amonitia Haust. coluat omni mane* this treatment was continued in until June 1st when She felt herself sufficiently well to be discharged from the list throughout the month of June she continued to be tolerably well She complained July 12th with the same symptoms, the same treatment was under my care until July 20th She derived great advantage from slight serup/sereness of the mouth caused by Pil Hyoscyamin She says that she has suffered for several days past with Diarrhoea (having continued well from July 2nd to this present date) with increased pain of the side appld Emplast Lyttae lateri que dilute Hydrarg Chloride fviii Opii fi Confect aromat qt ft Pil coluat statim 17th She has passed restless night bowels disturbed from Diarrhoea *Rx Pulv Rheel f? Aq Menthae zi Liq Ammon ??? iii ft Haustus coluat statim* I? slight symptoms of Scurvy as swellings of the Gums, oedematous swelling of the feet, distension of the abdomen, loss of appetite checked her allowance of Salt Provisions, to be allowed thick Gruel boiled rice and a little of the preserved & Serup 18th She feels herself weaker the Diarrhoea continues, pulse very feeble *Rx Decoct Amyli zij Tinct Opii zi ft Enema Statim inficienda Mistura Cretae zi Tinct Opii x ft Haustus* Aug 22nd bowels still much relaxed abdomen painful on the slightest pressure *Repet Emplast Lyttae Rx Pulv Ipecac Compi fvi.* She is unable to take any support voice and pulse weaker 27th refuses food *Opii fi bis die* which gives her great relief oedematous swelling of the legs increase, feet cold 28th lays in a state of insensibility August 29th 1843 4 a.m. D.D.

Latitude 3965 S

Longitude 8059 E

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Case No 27 Mary Donnelly

Nature of Disease

Syphilis

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Mary Donnelly

Age 20 years

None

July 15th 1843

Latitude 1934 S

whose case No 2 is already recorded in his journal applied to me today complaining of pain in swallowing deglutition difficult, on examining the tonsils two large ulcers presented themselves the tonsils inflamed, ulcers white, the edges of the ulcers hard and ragged with inflammation, several candylomatous tumors about the anus, several blotches on the skin of a Syphilitic character, was put upon the sicklist was received today into the Hospital and confined to

bed appl Ungent Nitrat Rx Pil Hydrargi *fv bis die* Rx Unguent Hydrarg Bi Chloride f(g?)^{1/4} Aq Pineae? *zfs ft* Haustus *coluat bis die* Unguent Hydrarg *fort zi bene fricatur inter femora omni nocte* July 31st this was persevered in with great advantage mouth lessening? affected the ulcers having a healthy appearance the? mouth was kept affected throughout August. She was discharged to all appearances perfectly well August 31st 1843

Discharged cured

August 31st 1843

Latitude 3936 S

Longitude 920 E

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Case No 28 Ellinor Curreen

Nature of Disease

Diarrhoea

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Ellinor Curreen

Age about 37 years

June 10th 1843

July 20th 1843

since her embarkation May 5th she has discontinued careless person with three Children to attend to of very filthy habits of a querulous nervous temperament suffered much during the early part of the voyage from Sea Sickness and not taking the food allowed by the ship. In June I allowed her Children and herself an allowance of oatmeal by checquing their salt provisions July She and her Child suffered from Diarrhoea from which they recovered. July I advised her to wean her child 18 months old having nothing to support it She continued tolerably

August 18th I visited her in her own berth this morning she is very much reduced in strength from Diarrhoea She expresses the utmost reluctance to be removed from her present position. removed all her clothes and bedding and cleaned ?Cloths? underneath her. *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Tinct Opii fiati x* She continued under this treatment until Aug 23rd when she complained of abdominal tenderness nausea & diarrhoea & with great prostration of strength received today into the Hospital Decoct Amyli *zis Tinct Opin zi ft Enema Statim inficiend* to be allowed a liberal farinacious diet had the berth well cleaned and when received into the Hospital well sprinkled & clean stove placed into it all bedding well washed and aired *Rx Hydrarg Chloride fifi Opii fi ft Pil coluat ter die* 26th Symptoms of Scurvy manifested themselves by swelling of the Gums, black patches upon the legs, great debility, to be allowed Wine in Sago 27th Diarrhoea continues she expresses the greatest reluctance to be moved, abdominal tenderness ?(left?) feet odemateous *Rx Mistura Cretae* Aug 28th involuntary discharge slight symptoms of delirium pulse feeble no inclination for food incoherent talking all this day but sensible when roused, 29th a collection of sordes about the mouth, delerium skin cold and clammy continued 30th delerium and slight convulsions in the night

A.M. 11 D.D. Lat 396 S Long 856 E

Case No 29

Patrick Cauldry

alias Healy

Aged 18 months

May 10th 1843

Kingstown

Disease

Rachitis

Tabes Mesenterica

Diarrhoea

Anasacra

Syphilis

this Child was received on board with his mother Mary Healy the child to all appearances the victim of gross neglect and bad nursing, not able to put a foot to the ground, tumid abdomen wasted limbs a large head bowels constantly relaxed, craving appetite the Child has been weaned for some months past. The Government order that it should accompany its mother I have complied with that order, and received it, to be kept apart from the mother who is (in my opinion an improper person to take care of it. several large ulcers on the face, neck and arm of a Syphilitic character, a large ulcer where it had been vaccinated at the Depot, no appearance of healing .appl Unguent Hydrarg Nitrat *?dilut?* Hydrarg Cretae *fv* Pulv Ipecac Comp *fiii bis die* from the time the Ship proceeded out to sea and getting into warmer latitudes having the advantage of salt water bathing the child improved was able to walk, bowels continued to be relaxed, great attention being paid to regimen giving it occasionally small doses Pulv Rheel Magnesia as the ship approached the Southern latitudes health again gave way became *?irritable* loss of appetite odema of the lower extremities, abdomen enlarged breathing oppressed appetite good until August 26th when it failed became lethargic, the extremities cold and of a purple colour 27th declined all offers of support 28th takes merely? a few spoonfuls of gruel with a little wine 29th extremities cold

in a continual sleep 30th sinking September 1st 10a.m. D.D. I was in hopes to have enabled to land him safely

Latitude 402

Longitude 920 E

Case No 30

Michael Curreen

Age about 18 months

August 20th 1843

Latitude 3910 S

Longitude 535 E

Disease

Tabes

Diarrhoea

Prolapsus Ani

I have alluded to this childs case in that of his mother Ellinor Curreen. he was the victim of poor living and neglect, he seemed to improve from the time I had him removed away from his mother to the care of a more proper person August 25th he suffered from prolapsus ani I immediately returned into its proper position to be allowed thick farinaceous food in small quantities, a weak solution of Sulphate of Zinc applied to the sphincter ani 26th bowels in the same state *Rx* Mistura Cretae 27th the Child has slept better last night but is very weak 28th the same 29th the appetite fails and suffers from prolapsus ani

Repet Mistura Cretae 30th abdomin tumid limbs very flaccid great prostration of strength 31st still weaker September the bowels still relaxed refuses all

sustenance 2nd is almost reduced to the last extremity supported by a little port wine Sept 3rd lays in a state of exhaustion, feet odemateous and cold, in this state it continued until evening Sept 4th lay all the night with involuntary discharge skin cold slight convulsions D.D. 10 A.M. Latitude 4057 S

Longitude 1005 E

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Case No 31

Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Mary Farrell

Age about 20 years

Servant

July 20th

Nature of Disease

Sea Sickness

Debility

Fever

Diarrhoea

a native of Queens County that was received on board May 5th on the Ship proceeding out to Sea May She suffered much having an Infant with her about one month old, She lost the means of supporting her infant in consequence of the stomach rejecting all means of support and in refusing any kind of food offered to her. She applied to me May 29th I put her upon the Sick List and directed my attention to the State of the Bowels at that time constipated I regulated them by mild aperients and endeavourment? to recover the tone of the Stomach by small doses of Infus Aurantii Sulphate Quininae allowing a little Wine constantly insisting upon her to leave her berth which she shews the greatest disinclination to do June She continued in the same state, both she and her child were very much reduced July I persevered in the same course now the 20th when I separated the Child from her and placed it under the care of a proper person fit for it the child having suffered from Diarrhoea previously DD Aug 2nd She was seized today with Syntoms of Diarrhoea loss of appetitie but without pain *Rx Pulv Rheeli fvii Magnesea fx Zingibus fiv* 21st the same as before bowels very much open *Rx Mistura Cretae* 22nd Rep Mistura food boiled Rice and Sago in a little Wine, of this attack she partially recovered and continued to improve in August until when she was seized with headache, pain in the back loins & chest abdominal tenderness thirst I received her into the Hospital to day ordered her to have a warm bath and to sponge the surface of the Skin with tepid Vinegar and Water appl Emplast Lyttae Epigastrio September 1st She seems to me to have derived considerable advantage(from) the treatment Yesterday to continue the tepid sponging *Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fi/1 Pil coluat i 6 horis*, 2nd the same she takes but little to support her *Repet Pil 3rd* Gums a little swollen, *Rx Camphora fii Opii fi Confect a qt ft Pil coluat i 4in horis* 4th She complains of great prostration of strength tongue of a deep erythematous colour smooth bowels relaxed abdomen has a lymphanitic feel *Repet Pil 5th* gets gradually weaker but still sensible is perfectly satisfied and willing to take advice *Repet Pil 6th* involuntary discharge of faeces Skin cold odema of the feet & legs 7th drousy Diarrhoea continues *Repet Pil 8th* delirium

at intervals cold perspiration 9 am DD September 9th 1843 Latitude 4144 S
Longitude 11950E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 32

Ellinor Coony

Age about 36 years

None

August 1st 1843

Latitude 3455S

Nature of Disease:

Scurvy

Diarrhoea

Fever

a native of Enniskillen in the County of Fermanagh with 2 Children of a weakly constitution indolent habits. I had the greatest difficulty to induce her to keep her berth, her clothes her person and that of her Children clean and to make a daily inspection of that of her bedding She was so disagreeable a person that I was obliged to charge her often the month of August she suffered from fever and Diarrhoea which yielded to the usual remedies August 20th Symptoms of Scurvy began to shew themselves great debility and an absolute unwillingness to leave her berth unless by force. She always appeared very willing to comply with my orders although suffering from debility, swelling of the Gums, large black spots on the legs thighs & arms with Diarrhoea She is so weak that she is unable to give support to her Child, now 16[?] Months old also very much reduced, Aug 23rd I have separated the Child from her and placed under the care of a proper person, which will be a great relief to her, 26th Rigors and headache Diarrhoea feeble pulse I now allow her boiled rice & Sago with a little Wine, *Mistura Cretae zi Tinct Opii fiat x ft Haustus coluat ter in die* Aug 31st I received her to day into the Hospital She complains of abdominal tenderness with a lympanitic feeling of the abdomen, to have the abdomen well fomented, and to have the surface of the Skin well sponged with equal parts of warm Vinegar and Water, *Rx Hydrarg Chord? fif Opii fi Confect aromat q1 Pil coluat ter in die* Sept 1st appears to improve 5th since she has been received her(e?) *Repet Pil* to be allowed a little wine with Quinae to 8th she gets weaker, bowels still relaxed, with involuntary discharges *Decort Amyli zij Tinct Opii zi ft Enema inficiend* 9th She was in a State of delirium during the night, skin cold and clammy sordes collected about the mouth. D.D. 5 p.m. September 9th 1843 Latitude 4144S Longitude 11950E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 33

Rose Quinn

Age about 28 years

Nature of Disease

Syphilis

Dyspepsia

Diarrhoea

Suppression of urine

Debility

on her first embarking the day of the Ship sailing May 10th she consulted me saying that she had been a great sufferer from Secondary Syphilis that she had been a patient in the Belfast Infirmary and at the Depot. No Syphilitic Symptoms but that of a worn out constitution. May 20th she has suffered much from Sea Sickness and the want of proper support I allow her half a Glass of Wine daily with a small dose of Sulphate of Quininae in it, throughout the early part of the passage I have had great difficulty to force her upon deck her habits were so indolent and intolerably lazy and dirty. She paid not the slightest attention to the comfort and cleanliness of her berth or in the smallest degree to the attainment of health. June ulceration of the tonsils with candidulous tumors about the verge of the anus. appl Ungent Hibiati Rx Hydrarg bi Chloride *f*1/6 Infus Gentianae *zi bis die* Rx Pil Hydrarg *fv omni nocte*, mouth becoming

sere the ulcers healed but she became so weak that she was unable to leave her berth I allow her one Glass of Port Wine daily, afterwards adding *f1* Sulphate Quininae July ulcers healed but complains of pain of the legs with large black spots Diarrhoea total loss of appetite to have her allowance of meat checqued being unable to take, to substitute these Sago & Oatmeal in lieu of it a little Wine with good thick Gruel or Sago daily in addition to her usual allowance to continue the Vinie August 2nd the same as yesterday getting weaker Diarrhoea increased rapidly *Rx* Mistura Cretae Tinct Opii *fiat x ft* Haustus *coluat ter in die* Decoct Amgli *zvj* Tinct Opii *zi ft* Enema *statim inficiend* 3rd I have great difficulty to induce her to leave her berth. She complains of pains in her legs with tenderness of the abdomin, to have her legs and abdomin fomented. She complains of thirst, dry tongue *Rx* Hydrarg Chloride *fi* T Opii *ft Pil coluat i ter in die* 4th mouth slightly affected, bowels less acted upon *Rx* Sulph Quininea? (runs into margin) *fi* in Wine, to be allowed preserved meat with Rice & Sago She continued gradually to improve until August 25th having had return of Diarrhoea 26th She suffers from abdominal tenderness, abdomin has a lympanytic feel, bowels relaxed *Rx* Mistura Cretae 27th the same 28th feels herself very weak, was received into the Hospital today. She is suffering from retention of Urine, to have the abdomin well fomented *Rx* Decort Limi? Aq Potass ?Citratis-for common drink 30th She has passed a considerable quantity of urine September 1st She feels greatly (lost in margin) continued until Sept 15th involuntary discharge of faeces with delerium *Repet* Enema *ofi Rx* Opii *fi* Camphora *fij* Confect Aromat *qs ft Pil coluat i 3irs horis* *Vesper* delirium skin cold and clammy pulse scarcely perceptible at the wrist 6th lays in a state of insensibility, extremeties cold continued until 8pm DD September 16th 1843

Latitude 41.35

Longitude 107.36 E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 34

Mary A Holland

Age 29 years

June 4th 1843

Madeira

Nature of Disease

Dyspepsia

Syphilis

Rheumatism

Diarrhoea

Scurvy

a Native of Belfast in the County of Antrim at the time she was surveyed at Grange Gorman Depot she was considered equal to undergo the Voyage and embarked May 5th having proceeded out to sea she suffered from Dyspepsia, constipation of the bowels, Sea Sickness and loss of appetite. She informed me that she had been a patient in the Belfast Infirmary with Secondary Symptoms of Syphilis for six Months and that she had been under treatment whilst in the Depot for the first Month she appeared to be tolerably well applied to me June 4th complaining of pains in her ankles and knees and in the joints of the upper extremities, passing her nights very restlessly *Rx Tinct Colchici fii ft x4? omni nocte, cum Ipecac? V.S. at fxii* (bleed to 12 drachms?) *Aq Menthae fi Vespere Pulv Ipecacuanhae g fviii omni nocte Hora Somna* June 15 becoming gradually weaker. I was obliged to desist from the use of Colchicum bowels being so much relaxed from the use of it July 1st She has been taking Mistura Guaici without any material advantage *Pit Hydrarg fv omni nocte* July 10th Mouth slightly affected, pains a little alleviated, to be allowed a small quantity of wine and Sulphate of Quininae, twice a day July 30th in examining her knees to ascertain the extent of pain and swelling of the joints I discovered large? livid spots of several inches in diameter on both legs and knees swollen and painful the old syphilitic es? Chancres? as if they would again ulcerate looking livid and painful to the touch Gums spongy & swollen. She seems so perfectly indifferent all that she requests that she may not be disturbed. I removed her into the Hospital immediately? direct? that in? fomentations August 1st feet odemateous and cold, she complains of difficult deglutition tonsils much inflamed and ulcerated appl *Unguent Nitrat Rx Hydrarg Opii fi Confect aromat ft Pil coluat ter in die* Aug 2nd She is very restless complains of great difficulty in swallowing her food *Repet Argent Nitrat Repet Pil ut Aurantico?* to August 8th the mouth is a little affected She complains of great weakness but little improvement to the throat to be allowed a more liberal system of diet, wine with a small quantity of Sulphate of Quininae lemonade 9th to continue 10th She complains much of pain and difficulty of deglutition, tonsils highly inflamed, ulcers irritable with a slough upon them to have the fumigated with the Vapour of Baking Vinegar appl *Emplast Lyttae singulis? ???* August 19th the same until this morning when she complained of great irritability of her bowels *Rx Pulv Ipecac cum Opii* the throat better the easier the ulcers less irritable in appearance, the blackness of the legs less 20th She passed the night

better continu? Mist Quinae *bis die* Pulv Ipecac Comp *Vespare* continued improving until the 30th when she suffered from the severity of the weather from a Gale of Wind severe coldness, complains of hoarseness and oppression of the Chest, tonsils inflamed, breath fetid *Repet* the Vapour of Vinegar, to have the throat well gargled with decoction of bark and Port Wine 31st tonsils look livid, feet cold & odemateous, pulse slow, continue Mist Quinae September 1st weaker bowels irritable *Rx Opii fi ter die Repet* Mistura 2nd *Repet* Pil 3rd Pil Gargle et? ??? 4th the Gums black and swollen, supplied her with a new tooth brush and Gargle Sept 5th complains of pain and relaxation of the bowels Sept 6th She is unable to take a sufficiency of food, great oppression of the Chest, bowels relaxed feet odemateous and cold *Repet* Solutio Argent Nitrat *et* Gargle Mist Quinae *ut aulta horis?* Sept 7th the throat and Gums rather better today, voice clearer the purging continues the same *Rx* Mistura Cretae *zij* Tinct Opii *fati 1 ter die* Sept 8th She has passed a very restless night complaining of the throat to have this little fomented with warm flannel and shewing? de?ertion of Chances? *Repet* Mistura 9th and throat and Gums much swollen with a quantity of Sordes collected *Repet* Gargle 10th oppression & hoarseness increases *Repet* Emplast Lyttae 11th the application of the blister appears to have given relief 12th the tongue more clean Diarrhoea very troublesome very weak *Repet* Decot Amyli *zij* Tinct Opii *zi ft* Enema *statim inficiend* 4p.m. the tonsils look black and gangrenous, quite unable to swallow feet cold and odemateous, sinking pulse slight delirium 10p.m. I have seen her again she appears to be in articulo mortis and that she will not pass the night, involuntary discharge of faeces 13th 4a.m. D.D.

September 13th 1843

Lat 4331 S

Long. 131.00 E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 35

Rose Carroll

Age about 28yrs

August 14th 1843

Latitude 37.15

Nature of Disease

Ulcerated leg

Scurvy

Diarrhoea

a native of Kings County was received on board May 5th with an Infant about 15 months old, applied to me May 30th with one ulcer on the left leg, Upon the spine of the tibia Warm fomentations were applied. the ulcer having a livid appearance ???? several spots on different parts of her legs, from the deep copper colour apparently the Vestiges of a former attack of Syphilis. I confined her and directed attention to the improvement of her general health by affecting the Mouth gently and by keeping up ptyalism. She being of a very indolent lazy habit, the neglecting to attend to her personal cleanliness and being addicted to the immoderate use of tobacco. She was punished for having been detected smoking tobacco in bed although her general health appeared

to me to be giving way, I recommended her to keep on deck as long as her strength would admit of, in that respect she complied with my orders by appearing daily upon deck. When she applied to me Aug 14th being unable to appear upon deck She complained of pain in the upper and lower extremities with large livid and black spots, Gums swollen and spongy, Bowels relaxed, abdominal tenderness, tongue foul breath fetid. She says that her appetite has been good until this time, has now failed I found her laying upon her bed, ordered her immediately upon deck with her bedding being unable to accomplish that had it put upon deck, the berth & boards underneath to be well aired and scraped, and to be sprinkled with Chloride of Lime Aug 16th checked her usual supply of salt provisions, to be supplied a little ??? fresh? Soup made with preserved Meat Rice and a moderate supply of Wine, Lemon Juice and Sugar the great objection to that is the irritable State of the Bowels *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Tincture Opii fati x ft Haustus coluat ter in die* this has been continued until August 20th having an Infant constantly at the breast and having to support for it I have strongly recommended it to be weaned immediately I have made her a mixture of *fviij* Sulphate of Quininae in a Pint? of ??? Wine. One ounce to be taken three times a day, one gram of opium to be taken every night the legs to be well fomented, and a Stimulating Volatile Embracation to be used every night with flannel (word lost at end of page) says that she has gained strength (from) juice She weaned her Child. Sleeps better, to continue the mixture and fomentation. August 27th She is so indolent and lazy that I have great difficulty in directing her to leave her berth her bedding is so filthy that I have had the whole of it removed this morning the berth well sprinkled with Chloride of Lime being sensible to assist herself I have selected two proper persons to keep her clean in her own berth *Repet Pil* Aug 28th the purging continues their contents passing away involuntarily *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Tinct Opii fiat xii ter in die* to September 1st the same as before but the cause of my not receiving her into the Hospital is the ??? of ?vermin? (not certain of these words) continue the mixture as before with the *Pil* September 6th received today into the Hospital purging continues put into a warm bath at 94 feels more comfortable after the warm bath and a supply of clean linen, September 7th the bowels have been very irritable during the night. *Rx Mistura Cretae zi Tinct Opii fiat xv Pil PRNata* to be allowed rice well boiled and a quantity of wine added to it with Sugar, having complained of abdominal tenderness

abdomin to be well fomented Vespere *Rx Pul Pul Ipecac Comp fvj Hydrarg Chloride fii* Sept 8th having passed the night very restlessly *Repet* fomentation *et Mistura* 9th she says that she feels herself weaker great depression of countenance involuntary discharge of faeces, *Rx Decoct Amyli zij Tinct Opii zi ft Enema statim inficiend*, 10pm slight indication of delerium, skin cold and clammy Sept 10th am. in articulo mortis lower extremeties cold pulse ceased at the heart

DD 10 am September 10th 1843Lat 4210 S Long 123 36 E

Case No 36

Patrick Whittle

Age 18 months

July 31st 1843

Lat 35 16 S

Disease

Marasmus

Rachitis

Diarrhoea

this child was received on board with his Mother May 2nd a poor sickly diminutive Child shewing a clear indication of bad care in the nursing. In the early part of the voyage the mother suffered from Sea Sickness severely but recovered herself from the effects of bad weather as it became finer the Child improved in the warmer latitudes from bathing in Salt Water and attention to regimen keeping a cheque upon his appetite. August 20th I took him away from his mother who was suffering from Diarrhoea with Scurvy, the mother

having no milk and having already kept him too long by 6 months to the detriment of the Child. I placed him under the care of a person to take care of him, under my superintendance, with great difficulty found one. from the dislike to this mother attending to her person cleanliness and regimen the Child improved taking small doses of Pulv Rheeli Hydrarg Chloride Aug 25th abdomen tumid & hard limbs weaker his appetite is voracious, his bowels are disturbed Sept 1st Diarrhoea increases abdomen hard to be put into a warm bath Mistura Cretae zi Sept 8th the appetite hitherto good has failed extremities cold and odemateous, in a comatose state all this day 9th he lays in the same state, to allowed a little Wine in the Sago 10th in articulo mortis

D.D. 7pm September 10th 1843

Lat 4210 S

Long 123.36 E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 37

Mary Deane

Age 30 years

September 4th

Latitude 40 57S

Longitude 100E

Nature of Disease

Parturition

a native of the County of Cavan was safely delivered at 12a.m. of a full grown female infant after six hours labour September 5th she passed a very restless night from the severity of the weather being one continual gale of wind during the night Rx Olei Recini *zij* Aq Menth *zi ft* Haustus having been always a healthy person she and the Infant continued doing well until the 13th September

having had a slight attack of Diarrhoea when by the aid of Mist. Cretae she recovered Sept 15th

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 38

Ann Read

Age 33 years

Sept 5th

Lat 41.54 S

Long 10656 E

Nature of Disease

Ophthalmia

Diarrhoea

Gastric Enteritic

Scurvy

a native of the City of Dublin who has to all appearances led a very irregular life, was received on board the 2nd day of May with 2 children, from the time of her embarkation she never ceased daily either to consult me for herself or her children, the case of the youngest child is already mentioned No. 20 this woman suffered in the early part of the voyage from Sea Sickness. She became very indolent and filthy in her habits having lost all interest in her children, constant complaints against her by those in the same berth with her free from the want of cleanliness and order June She was ordered into confinement from want of cleanliness & order & being impertinent. June 20th She was put into the sicklist with Ophthalmia Hydrarg Chloride being continued with Antinim Tinct and small quantities of opium which was attended with decided advantage, repeated blisters were applied and a discharge kept up July 3rd had a lesser attack of Diarrhoea having previously weaned her Infant, which was a great relief to her. I now ordered an additional Supply of thick oatmeal Po?? (porridge?) as she preferred that to any other form of regimen, She became so careless and indolent, that I had the greatest difficulty in managing her

washing daily the death of her Child I had daily occasion to find fault with her her conduct so annoying to others. July 10th was seized with Cynanche Tonsillitis in a very aggravated form her health was so far reduced that I took the Infant away from and placed it under the care of a person more capable of taking care of it Haustus Nitrate of Silver Gargles continued to suffer occasional fevers Diarrhoea during the Months of July and August which yielded to the usual methods of treatment Aug 20th She complains to day of acute pains in the lower extremities with large black livid spots of several inches in diameter swellings of the Gums, spongy and discharging blood the Diarrhoea continues without any abdominal tenderness at present, tongue foul, breath fetid breathing oppressed, the appetite continues good constant complaining of the quantity and quality of her provisions, to have the lower extremities well fomented a stimulating ?traction used *Rx Mistura Cretae zif Tinct Opii fati x4 ft* Haustus *coluat ter in die* 21st the Diarrhoea is a little relieved the pains of the limbs abated *Repet* Haustus *et pediluvium* 23rd She shews the greatest reluctance to leave her berth without force as soon as vacancy may occur in the Hospital She expresses herself to me how happy she feels herself in the loss of her Children 24th becomes gradually weaker every day to be allowed a moderate allowance of Wine daily with Rice ??? ? Sulphate of Quininae *fii ter in die* 25th Diarrhoea continues no abdominal tenderness *Repet* Mistura Quininae continued the same treatment daily since the 23rd until to day I received her into the Hospital ordered a warm bath, removed all the hair from her head cleaned out and fumigated her berth all clothing and bedding committed her living Child now 3 years old to the care of a proper person 31st the discharge of faeces almost involuntary complains of slight abdominal tenderness Abdomin has a lymphanitic feel. E? Amyli *cum Opii statim* Hydrarg Chloride *fii Opii ter in die* Mistura Cretae *cum Tinctura Opii PRN* September 1st the weather so severe that My Patient suffers very much Stomach very irritable appl Emplast Lyttae Virge Epigast to have the whole surface of the Skin well sponged with tepid Vinegar and (and) Water omit Mistura Quininae September 2nd She expresses herself more comfortable and with thankfulness the great part of her suffering is from the severity of the weather but I obviate that inconvenience by admitting clean swinging stoves daily into the Hospital certain? medicanemte 10th stomach very irritable rejecting evey thing received

Repet Emplast Lyttae becoming weaker daily until the 13th delirium countenance dejected unable to take any thing except Wine & Water

DD 14th September 10 am Lat 43 38S Long 134 30 E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 39

Mary Gilbride

Age 39 years

August 10th 1843

Latitude 3452S

Longitude 12E

Nature of Disease

Coma

Dyspepsia

Constipation

Diarrhoea

Scurvy

Gastro Enteric

this woman embarked May with 2 Children apparently in good health is a Native of Enniskillen in the County of Fermanagh One Child above 2 years old the youngest 8 months about the the 10th of May the time of leaving She was seized daily with fainting ??? (margin word) below, although there was a free circulation of fresh atmospheric air below I was compelled to have her carried upon deck every day, when the weather would admit of it and to relief in the evening when they all went below on the Ship proceeding out to Sea She suffered immediately from Sea Sickness up to the 4th day of June on arrival of the Ship at Madiera She felt herself better as the Ship advanced into the more temperate climate suffering occasionally from Hysteria and constipated bowels, between the tropic she became careless and indolent I had occasions to punish her for purloining the fat from the Coppertub? Contrary to all orders in destroying health She continued tolerably (well) until July 20th Lat 254?S being the first person that Scurvy manifested itself in the Ship, began with pain in the back & nates down the thighs & lower extremities restless nights Gums very much swollen and spongy discharging blood at that time her appetite was very good August 1st Diarrhoea appeared having now lost all her former energy being careless & indifferent. August 10th I have directed my attention to the State of her bowels. 11th directed (directed?) an alteration to her regimen allowing her an addition of one pint of thick Gruel daily good fresh soup boiled rice sweetened wine added to it the throat to be well washed often with Vinegar and Water all sordes & debris removed from her teeth & Gums by means of a tooth brush supplied to her from my self Sago and Wine every night Mistura Cretae Mistura Quininae in Wine iz Aug 30th She gets weaker & having now received her into the Hospital having weaned her Child August 1st September 2nd a Collection of Sordes about the teeth difficult deglutition having suffered from Coma? ? Abdominal tenderness has the lymphanitic feel

continued getting weaker daily until Sept 17th having been in a state of torpor from the 15th Sept

DD 17th September 1am Lat 4348S Long 143E

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Womens Names, Ages, Qualities

Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.

Case No 40

Susan Whittle

Age 21 years

August 29

Latitude 3905S

Longitude 8059E

Nature of Disease

Dyspepsia

Constipation

Diarrhoea

Gastro Enteritic

Scurvy

was received on board May 2nd a Native of Dublin City with a bad character having a Child in a bad state of health from neglect. She complained of constipation in the early part of the Voyage but little from Sea Sickness having a good appetite and a strong constitution She was very inattentive to my directions and orders respecting regimen at this time she became indolent and inattentive to her Child that I had it removed to the care of another person. My whole time was taken up in superintending cleaning and ventilating her berth I removed her into the Hospital September 2nd the usual diet allowed to her wine lemonade Sponging the Skin with Warm Vinegar & Water Warm Bath to Sept 8th suffering from pains in the lower extremities to be well fomented gradually weaker until September 14 complains of abdominal tenderness low muttering deliriums at intervals expressing herself so perfectly happy. Appetite continues good until the 15 now chiefly drunk so fell into a State of lethargy lower extremities cold and oedematous sordes about the lips and Gums pulse sinking Skin cold & clammy DD 4pm September 17th

Lat 4343S

Long 143E

Case No 22

ALICE BRADY alias **FITZSIMONS**

Aged 41 years

August 20th 1843

Latitude 3710 S

DISEASE

Fever Diarrhoea

This woman's case is referred to in the early part of the journal Case 4 She was under my care with fever from the 28th day of May to July 2nd when she was discharged from the Hospital sufficiently recovered to return to her own berth to attend to her family She has disregarded the advice given to her on leaving the Hospital, was seized with Diarrhoea last evening complains today with great weakness being unable to leave her bed received into the Hospital great abdominal tenderness the tongue of a deep erythematous colour pulse small quick and hard thirst nausea and vomiting with pain of the Epigastrium appd Emplast Lyttae vegio Epigast Rx Hydrarg Chloride fii Opii fi 4 horis

Aug 22nd became delirious in the night great prostration of strength, collection of sordes about the mouth She is so insensible that she can give no account of her own feelings involuntary discharge of faeces Decoct Amyli zi Tinct Opii zi fs Enema statim inficicud

August 23rd She has continued to lay in a State of insensibility the whole of this day extremities cold skin cold and clammy

D.D. 7p.m. Aug 23rd

Latitude 3850 S

Longitude 6400 E

Ref CSO 22/88/1859

Letters which preceded the Board of Enquiry

John Clark M.D. to the Colonial Secretary

H.M.'s Office

22 September 1843

Sir,

I have the honor to report my having inspected the Female Convict Ship "East London", of which Mr. Caldwell R.N. was the Surgeon Superintendent.

It sailed from Kingston on the 10th. of May with 133 females convicts and 49 children. After missing the Cape of Good Hope, sickness appeared and no less than 19 fatal cases among the women and 12 among the children have occurred. Every care on the part of the Surgeon Superintendent and the Captain seems to have been afforded:- still, I consider it advisable on many accounts that I may be authorized by His Excellency to appoint a Medical Board to inquire into and report on the causes of this unprecedented mortality. Twelve sick have been ordered into the Colonial Hospital.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient servant

John M. Clark M.D.

D.M.O.

The Colonial Secretary.

Letter from W. Dermer M.D. Colonial Assistant Secretary to

J. Clark Esq. M.D. Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals

Nursery Hobart Town.

2nd. October 1843.

Sir

In answer to your queries respecting the mortality of the children who accompanied their mothers to this Colony. I beg to state that they generally landed in a sickly state, so much so, that one half generally dies, and I attribute it to the women having salt provisions during the long voyage which renders the milk not sufficiently nutritious and also from the reckless state of their minds, which renders them careless about everything connected with their offspring.

I give this opinion after nearly six years experience as the Medical Officer in charge of this Establishment during which time a great number of children from ships have come under my care, under five years of age.

I have ????

W. Dermer M. D.

Col. Asst. Surgeon.

J. Clark Esq. M.D.

Dit. Inspt. General

of Hospitals.

THE BOARD OF ENQUIRY

Hobart Town

5th. October 1843

In accordance with an order of the Principal Medical Officer bearing date 30 September 1843 that a Board of Medical Officers should assemble composed of -----

Andrew Sinclair Esq.

Surgeon R. N. President.

William Sercomb Esq.

Col. Assistant Surgeon.

Brook T. Townsend Esq.

Staff Asst. Surgeon. Members.

.to investigate into and report as to the causes that have led to the great mortality of the women and children on board the Female Convict Ship "East London" during the voyage from Dublin to Van Diemen's Land.

The Board having assembled on the 3rd., 4th., and 5th. October instant and having laid before them the necessary documents and heard such testimony as was deemed requisite, and of the opinion that the mortality on board has arisen in the greater number of cases from Scorbutic diseases and from having been 133 days on the passage and during that time on salt provisions and no deaths during the first 66 days shews that the common cause of scurvy having been in this case more than usually active.

The principal of these causes have arisen from want of Nourishment produced by the prisoners obstinately refusing Pea Soup, Cocoa, Tea, Pudding and Lime Juice during the first part of the voyage particularly. Another cause existed in the filthy habits of the prisoners themselves. Although the decks were cleaned thoroughly during the day and the use of the swinging stoves had recourse to yet they were in the habit of soiling the decks by depositing their faeces and urine over them during the night in spite of every attempt made to prevent it and from spilling water after their being locked up at night their berths as well as the decks were consequently always found in that wet state in the mornings.

The berths abutt the main hatchway and those near the water closets appear to have been the principal seats of the cases that terminated fatally. It appears also that from the Prisoners becoming more reconciled to the Government Diet, that during the last part of the voyage, mortality became less.

The Boardthat from the State of Sickness existing amongst the Prisoners on coming within sight of the Cape of Good Hope and nine deaths having taken place within the previous three weeks that the Surgeon Superintendent did not deem it advisable to put into that port for refreshments.

The Board are of opinion that the Surgeon Superintendent and the Captain of the Ship throughout the entire voyage made use of every other means to arrest the progress of disease and alleviate the condition of the prisoners.

Signed

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William Sercomb Esq., Col. Asst. Surgeon.

Brook T. Townsend Esq.,

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Dept. Inspt. General of Hospitals.

The Report of the Medical Board of Enquiry to the Colonial Secretary, Van Diemen's Land

Principal Medical Officer's Office.

9th. October 1843

Sir

I have the honour to forward for the information of His Excellency the report of the Proceedings of a Board of Medical Officers held at my request for the purpose of investigating the causes that have led to the great mortality of women and children on Board the Female Convict Ship "East London" during the voyage from Dublin to the Colony, of which ship Mr. Caldwell was the Surgeon Superintendent.

It becomes my duty to make some observations in this report ---Scurvy on board female convict ships is an unusual disease, greater personal cleanliness, more liberty of exercise on board ship and less anxiety respecting their future term of probation in the Colony perhaps, as principal causes, which give them protection from this disease which male convicts do not generally possess. The fact, however, is certain, whatever be its cause.

The Board are of opinion that the chief cause of the scurvy was want of nourishment, "the prisoners refusing Pea Soup, Cocoa, Pea Pudding, during the first part of the voyage particularly. It appears therefore that the diet consisted principally of salt pork 1/3lb. daily and ship biscuit; if this be the case no wonder that fatal disease sprung up.

No mention is made in the Report, what, if any medical comforts were given by the Surgeon Superintendent, nor have they commented on the fact that other females in convict ships have arrived from Ireland after equally tedious voyages without suffering

from this disease; and who have never refused Tea, Cocoa, Pea Soup, etc. I believe the fact is and it ought to have been reported that a majority of these convicts of the "East London" were from districts in Ireland where these articles of diet are unknown and consequently rejected when offered. They would willingly have exchanged them for their favourite Oatmeal with a little salt butter potatoes, which during the early part of the voyage could be supplied or perhaps boiled rice. --it appears to me absolutely necessary in future to adopt a scale of diet more in accordance with the habits and wants of this particular class of convicts. The present one may suit English or Irish females accustomed to English manners but apply it to convicts from Galway or many other counties of Ireland, I believe the results will prove as disastrous as in the present case. Another cause of disaster in the opinion of the Board, "existed in the filthy habits of the Prisoners". It is difficult to preserve cleanliness on board an Irish Convict Ship. Still, I cannot but think that if a strict and stern discipline was in the first instance of this shameful violation of decency, they would not have prevailed as it seems they did throughout the voyage.

The Board, among some faults of omission, have suggested what appears contrary to evidence.

Jlms. say " that from the Prisoners becoming more reconciled to the Govt. diet during the last part of the voyage, mortality became less". Now referring to official documents which I required for my information from the Surgeon Superintendent I find 3 deaths in July, 8 in August, 8 in Sept. The ship arrived on the 20th. of this month and no less than 4 deaths took place the last week. It is worth remarking that it is only in this month the fatal cases are terminal scurvy. If the prisoners really took more nourishment during the last part of the voyage the mortality occurred during this time. The ship ought to have put in at the Cape of Good Hope

I proceed to another subject of inquiry not instituted by the Board, but well deserving the most searching investigation--Vize-- the terrible mortality rate of the children embarked, 49 in number, of whom 12 died on the passage. This is I believe the first time the experiment has been made in so extensive a scale and it is to be hoped it will be the last.

It has been seen that 19 female adults perished among 133. I find that no less than 12 of them were mothers and four lost their children. Eight left 16 orphans of them 5 were infants under 2 years, admitted into the nursery at at Hobart Town. One has since died and there is every appearance that other deaths will follow.

Of the 12 deaths among the children all were under 2 years. These are melancholy but most important medical statistics. They all died of Atrophy with its attendant bowel complaints. Scanty and unhealthy food, foul air, cold, wet and maternal neglect are sources of disease which infant life cannot long struggle against. That a mother, could have maintained an infant on the breast and brought it alive to this Colony, whose own

nourishment, derived solely from a small portion of salt pork and ship biscuit daily appears indeed extraordinary. I am sure His Excellency will agree with me that infants of this tender age ought not be victims of transportation to this Colony and that it is imperative the Government at Home should learn the fact, I presume not yet known, that if this system be preserved, it will be one of infanticide at the ratio of at least 75 per cent.

I subjoin a copy of a letter from Dr. Derner in Medical Charge of the Nursery where infants under 2 years are admitted

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant.

John Clark M.D.

Dept. of Insp. General of Hospitals.

V.D.L.

The Colonial Secretary

V.D.L.

Letter from W. Dermer M.D. Colonial Assistant Surgeon to John Clark M.D.
Deputy Inspector of Hospitals

Nursery, Dynnyrne House,

23rd. October 1843.

Sir,

Seventeen children landed from the "East London" and were received into this Establishment in a very sickly state of health, five have since died. Their names and ages

are in the margin. Some of the remainder are still sickly, others are recovering and I beg to observe that one half of the children who accompany their mothers to this Colony die, and the whole of them sickly.

Nothing is wanted or neglected in the way of nourishment or medicine to sustain them but such is the debilitated state to which they are reduced during the long voyage that they prove fruitless in the majority of cases.

I have -----

(signed) W. Dermer M.D.

Col. Asst. Surgeon.

John E. Clark Esq. M.D.

Dpt. Inspt. General

Names noted in the margin

: ? Iwin 20 months

John Brady 2 years 9 months (Actually Judy Brady)

? Carney 17 months

? Murray 14 months

? Bennett 14 months.

John Clark M.D. to the Colonial Secretary

H.M.O.'s Office

24th.Oct. 1843

Sir,

In reference to my letter of the 6th.inst. commenting on the great mortality among the women and children which lately took place on board the female convict ship "East London".

I have the honor of forwarding a copy of a letter from Dr. Dermer in medical charge of the infants in the nursery Hobart Town; from which it will appear that five more children have died---Four of whom were under two years of age

Thus twenty -three under two years were embarked on board the East London", of whom twelve perished on the voyage, and four in the Nursery:- of seven remaining there is a probability that other deaths will follow.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your very obedt. servant,

John M. Clark M.D.

Dep. Insp. Gnl. of Hosp.

The Colonial Secretary.

Letter from Edward Caldwell to Sir William Burnett, Inspector General of the Navy

Sir,

I feel desirous that every information in my power should be given of those embarked at Dublin for Hobart Town. 133 females ---19 deaths occurring left 114 which were landed September 28th 1843.

The first party embarked were 60 in number from the Penitentiary 6 deaths occurring amongst them having been victims to disease. 54 of them landed in good health having had all the advantages of the diet and discipline of the penitentiary. The 2nd.embarkation consisted of 73 from the different jails of whom 13 died leaving 60----- the last embarkation required every attention as to and cleanliness. I beg to observe that there was an ample supply of water during the whole of the voyage

Your Obedt. Servant

Edward Caldwell

Sir W. Burnett

Sir William Burnett's Response

I have carefully, perused Mr. Caldwell's Medical Journal for this Ship and have also had several conversations with him on different points which appeared to me to require explanation and though the mortality has undoubtedly been very great the more so as no contagious diseases existed in the Ship. The mortality amongst the women appeared greater in proportion amongst those who were received direct from the different gaols than amongst those received from the penitentiary] and the deaths amongst the children were chiefly occasioned by their mothers from their own state of health being unable to nourish or attend to them.

I do not find that neglect or improper treatment can be fairly charged against the Surgeon.

W.B.

Dated 10th. August 1844.

