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 Mr J.W. Elliot Surgeon
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Copy of the sick list of the *Stately* Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
May 22 nd	Eliza Fair	36	Convict	Feb: Mit:	29 th May	Discharged well
"	Ann Lefevre	48	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	28 D ^o	D ^o
"	Mary A. Gardner	29	D ^o	Erysipelas	27 th D ^o	Died at ¼ to 1 of am
"	Louisa Marlin	46	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	1 st June	off List
26	Mary Cook	26	D ^o	Erysipelas	6 th June	Disch ^d off List
27	Isab ^l Marshall	18	D ^o	D ^o	6 th June	D ^o D ^o
28	Elizb th Dalton	19	D ^o	D ^o	7 th June	D ^o D ^o
29	Mary A. Harman	19	D ^o	Menorrhagia	7 th June	D ^o D ^o
"	Maria Davis	32	D ^o	Rheumatismus	6 th June	D ^o D ^o
"	Louisa Gregory	29	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	8 th June	D ^o D ^o
June 6 th	Ann Lefevre	48	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	8 th June	D ^o D ^o
"	Mary Dyer	29	D ^o	Diarrhoea	8 th June	D ^o D ^o
12	Rose Kelly	36	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	14 th June	D ^o D ^o
"	Edith Warren	20	D ^o	Cystitis	14 th June	D ^o D ^o
15	Elizb th White	22	D ^o	Phthisis Incp:	27 th July	D ^o D ^o
16	Sarah Morgan	42	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	19 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
"	Jane Sanford	24	D ^o	Epilepsia	2 nd July	D ^o D ^o
17	Jane Thornton	24	D ^o	Monomania	9 th July	D ^o D ^o
20	Martha Wetharall	23	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	7 th July	D ^o D ^o
23	Maria Pully	25	D ^o	Erysipelas	22 July	D ^o D ^o
25	Ann Lefevre	48	D ^o	Debilitas	14 July	D ^o D ^o
July 1 st	Elizb th Stock	44	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	7 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
12	Mary Ann Brown	20	D ^o	Enteritis	11 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
14	Rob ^t Williams	12	months D ^o	Atrophia	14 D ^o	Died at 8:15 PM
17	Mary Tobin	45	Convict	Gastritis	24 th D ^o	Died at 4 Pm
19	Mary Ann Braley	19	D ^o	Feb: Mit:	22 nd Aug ^t	Disch ^d off List
21	Fanny Taylor	19	D ^o	Cyanche	28 th July	Disch ^d well
23	Caroline Hebby	23	D ^o	Feb:Ca::	4 th Aug ^t	D ^o D ^o
26	Hannah Oxley	38	Prisoner	Feb: Mit:	1 st Aug ^t	Disch ^d well
27	Jane Thornton	24	D ^o	Dyspepsia	3 rd Augt	D ^o D ^o
"	Mary Ann Rogers	26	D ^o	Diarrhoea	7 Aug ^t	D ^o D ^o
Aug ^t 4 th	Mary McIver	20	D ^o	Catarrhus	9 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
9	Elizabeth White	22	D ^o	Diarrhoea	15 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
10	Anna Smith	25	D ^o	Dyspepsia	21 st D ^o	D ^o D ^o
13	Mary Ann Rogers	26	D ^o	Dyspepsia	20 th D ^o	D ^o D ^o
15	Maria Pully	25	D ^o	Obstipatio	21 st D ^o	D ^o D ^o
"	Susan Morgan	30	D ^o	Rheumatismus	31 st D ^o	D ^o D ^o

18	Mary Smith	31	D ^o	Gastritis	Died Aug ^t 23 rd	at 10 AM
“	Margt Park	8	Free Settler	Erysipelas	3 rd Sept	Disch ^d well
23	J. McElliot		Surgeon R.N.	Erysipelas	29 th	Duty
25	Maria Hobbins	22	Prisoner	Enteritis	Died 28 th	8:45 P.M.
29	Elizabeth Whiting	29	D ^o	Gastritis	3 rd Sept	Disch ^d well
31	Catherine Short	37	D ^o	Catarrhus	2 nd Sept	D ^o D ^o

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**Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship *Stately* between the
14th May and the 10th September 1849 during which time the said ship has been
employed in conveying Prisoners to Hobart Town, Van Diemen's Land**

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
<p align="center">Febris</p> <p>PB010324.JPG</p>	<p align="center">1</p>	<p>Eliza Fair "Convict" Æt: 36 attacked with Fever May 22nd Discharged well 29th d^o</p>	<p>Suffered from considerable Sea Sickness on first quitting Harbour, was attacked this morning with excruciating pain in the head, more particularly over the orbits pain of back and lower extremities, shivering and slight sickness of stomach, Tongue thickly coated white, pulse hard and full, skin hot and dry, constant thirst for cold drink. Bowels not relieved for the last two days.</p> <p><i>V.S. ad 3xvi</i> <i>Rx Hyd: Chl: gr vi</i> <i>Ext: Colo: Comp: gr viii in pil ii statim sumendus</i> To be followed by <i>Sol: Sulph: Mag: 3 iv</i> Barley Vesp: Bowels opened freely from medicine administered this morning. Headache still severe. Skin hot, thirst, pulse much the same as in the morning. <i>Rx Hyd: Chl: gr ij</i> <i>Pulv: Antim: Pot: Tart: gr 1/8 4^{is} horis cum Mist: Salin: Effervese:</i> 23rd Has taken medicine as directed still complains of great headache pains in different parts of the body, less fever but the thirst continues urgent, with great restlessness and tossing about the extremities, to continue medicine. Vespere. Head symptoms the same as in the morning has been twice purged, the skin is somewhat moist pulse less frequent still considerable thirst, directed clothes wetted in cold vinegar and water to be kept constantly applied to the frictions. 24th Less headache pulse still somewhat frequent but soft, skin continues considerably above its natural standard, but moist. Gums slightly inflamed from Calomel, Bowels not opened since yesterday, Omit powders. <i>Rx. Sol: Sulph: Mag: 3 iij statim</i> Vesp: Bowels freely opened by medicine presented in morning and all the symptoms much improved. To have the Saline Draught only. 25th Considerably improved, pulse almost natural, skin moist, Tongue becoming clean and complains of no particular ailment. 27th For the last two days has been using Quinine and is getting quite strong. 29th No complaint discharged off List.</p>
<p>PB010325.JPG</p> <p>Erysipelas</p>	<p align="center">2</p>	<p>Mary Ann Gardner Convict æt: 29 taken ill on the passage down the Chanel May 22nd Died 27th of d^o at Plymouth.</p>	<p>This woman embarked on board the <i>Stately</i> under my superintendence May 14th at Woolwich at which time she seemed to show a tolerable amount of health, during the passage down the Chanel suffered from more or less Sea Sickness, until this morning when she was suddenly seized with shivering succeeded by rigors which</p>

<p>PB010326.JPG</p>			<p>continuing for some time gradually gave way to heat of skin thirst and throbbing pain in the head. he was administered an Emetic followed by Calomel and a Saline purgative and placed in Hospital on fever diet. 23rd Seemed greatly relieved by medicine till about noon this day when she was again attacked with rigors which lasted until evening when reaction set in she became hot restless and feverish complained of considerable throbbing pain in the head with a frequent full pulse and thirst. <i>V.S. B. ad 3xvi</i> <i>Rx Hydrarg: Chlorid: gr xi statim post horas six.</i> <i>Mag: Sulph: 3j</i> <i>Salin: Pot: Tart: gr 1/8 4th horis</i> Head to be shaved & kept wetted with cloths dipped in cold vinegar & water, Barley water for drink. 24th Face and scalp considerably swollen with a deep red & pungent heat tongue white and furred pulse 110 full and hard, great thirst, complains chiefly of pain and tightness in the part and of a sense of burning prickling pain, Bowels freely opened, made several deep incisions in the part and applied warm fomentation to the bleeding surface <i>pergat</i>. Vesp^r; Pain of head and tension greatly relieved by incisions made this morning – and she has been less restless and slept. <i>Rx Liq^r: Ammon: Acet: 3ij</i> <i>Mist: Camph: 3iv</i> <i>Syrupi 3j</i> <i>M 4th horis sumendus</i> 25th Head much more swollen pulse 100 small and hard, tongue white, thirst urgent, skin hot, wanders very much but still replies to questions with considerable correctness, during the night had been violently delirious and had got out of bed repeatedly in spite of attendant. <i>Applicatur Emp: Lyttæ nuche capitis</i> – to have Quinine & ammonia every two hours. Beef Tea. Vesp: slightly improved more quiet and rational pulse less frequent, has taken her medicine & Beef Tea. 26th Much worse Erysipelas inflammation not extended but her tongue has become dry dark brown and fissured, pulse small 120 weak, the entire surface of body below the natural standard, and the extremities exceedingly cold, lies in a semi-conscious state, unable to answer to enquiries. Impeded breathing, wine and Ammonia, every 2 hours. Sinapisms to the calves & legs & Lobes of Fat, with Bottle of hot water. 6 P.M. Gradually sinking, pulse 130 thready, extremities cold, in this state she continued to sink and expired at 1/4 to 1 o'clock A.M. on the morning oof the 27th</p>
<p>PB010327.JPG</p> <p>Erysipelas</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Mary Cook Convict æt: 26 Admitted at Plymouth May 26th Discharged well June 6th</p>	<p>Attacked with Erysipelas of the jaw and scalp the parts were of a deep red without much increase of swelling or heat tongue moist but covered with a yellowish brown coating pulse 100 – the above symptoms were ushered in by rigors accompanied by more or less swelling of the subcutaneous Lymphatic ganglia behind the Ears, and under the jaw – and the other premonitory symptoms, to have an Emetic immediately. <i>Rx Hydrarg: Chloridi gr viij</i></p>

PB010328.JPG			<p>To be followed by a Saline Purgative draught. 27th Bowels freely opened by medicine and felt great relief until 2 o'clock this morning when rigors set in followed by increased heat of skin and thirst, violent pain in the head and restlessness, pulse full and frequent. <i>V.S. B. ad ℥xx</i> <i>Rx Mag: Sulph: ℥j</i> <i>Antim: Pot: Tart: gr ⅛ 4th horis</i> Cold applied to the head the hair having been removed – Barley water for drink. 28th Symptoms less urgent. Bowels freely opened by medicine, skin moist, no return of rigors. <i>Pergat</i> 29th Swelling of the head notably diminished the affected parts not so hot and their color was less vivid, pulse 88, less thirst, the tongue still white and furred but the heat of skin greatly lessened. <i>Rx Liq: Am: Ant: ℥ij</i> <i>Mist: Camph: ℥ij</i> <i>Vin: Ipecac: [g^{tt}] x</i> <i>Syupi qs 4th horis</i> 31st Much improved in every respect, swelling greatly diminished and desquamation has commenced pulse 80 Tongue less coated heat of surface not above the natural standard to continue medicine. June 2nd Continues to get well redness and swelling almost removed, heat of surface natural, complains principally of weakness and long confinement in a bed; to have Quinine & Broth, with a small portion of wine daily. 6th Perfectly recovered & discharged off List.</p>
PB010329.JPG	4	<p>Maria Pully Convict æt: 25 taken ill at Sea June 23rd discharged well July 23rd</p>	<p>Presented herself this morning complaining of general ill health. States that about 2 o'clock this morning she was attacked with a sharp rigor followed by heat of skin, thirst and throbbing pain in the head, at present there is considerable pyrexia with a coated tongue, nausea and some flushing of face. Bowels irregular and have been so for some time past, to have an Emetic draught immediately – afterwards <i>Rx Hydrarg Chloridi gr vi</i> <i>Ext Colo: Comp: gr viii</i> To be followed in six hours by a dose of <i>Infusion of Sulphate of Magnesia</i>. 24th Felt relieved until 2 o'clock this morning when she again experienced a return of rigors, succeeded as in the first instance by heat of skin increase of pain of head with restlessness slight swelling and redness of the nose right cheek and forehead swelling and inflammation of subcutaneous Lymphatic ganglia under the ear and jaw of same side, skin dark red, eyes injected her tongue white there is much thirst and her pulse is 92 full and hard. <i>V.S. B. ad ℥xvi</i> <i>Rx Magnesia Sulph: ℥j</i> <i>Antim Pot Tart gr ⅛ 4th nil 6th horis</i> Cloths wetted in a tepid solution of the Chloride of Zinc to the forehead. 25th The entire face and scalp has this day become greatly swollen with a deep red and pungent heat, the tongue white and furred pulse 92 full and hard, has considerable</p>

<p>PB010330.JPG</p>			<p>thirst, but the chief complaint is of a throbbing pain in the head and a tightness and pricking burning pain in the part. <i>Rep^r V.S. B. ad 3^{xii}</i> And to continue medicine and tepid application as before Vesp: less restlessness and has had some sleep. 26th The febrile symptoms increased considerably after my visit last evening, the pain of the head and throbbing returned and towards midnight she became delirious, this morning the head presents a much more swollen appearance pulse 92 and hard tongue white much thirst and the skin hot, made several deep incisions throughout the full extent of the inflamed part, and had clothes rung out of hot water applied to the bleeding surface. <i>Rx Hyd: Chl; gr v statim.</i> 27th Swelling and redness diminished the affected part not so hot and the color less vivid pulse 88 less thirst tongue still coated white, a few Bullo have appeared on the lower part of face which I had sprinkled with flour. <i>Rx Potass: Carb: ʒj</i> <i>Acid Cit: gr iv</i> <i>Vin: Ipec: ʒ viii</i> <i>Syrup: Simp: q s]</i> <i>Fiat haustus sexta quaque hora sumendus</i> 28th In every respect much improved quite collected and comfortable pulse 86 less thirst, tongue cleaning heat of surface becoming natural and slept for the most part of the night. <i>Cont^r.</i> 30th Says she has no complaint but weakness to have Quinine & Broth with wine daily – under this treatment with occasional mild doses of Aperient medicine her strength daily improved and 22nd July she was discharged off the List.</p>
<p>Enteritis</p> <p>PB010331.JPG</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Mary Ann Brown “Convict” æt: 20 taken ill at Sea July 12th died on the 18th d^o at 8:15 P.M.</p>	<p>For the last week or so has suffered from an irregular and constipated state of the Bowels. This morning complains of pain in the abdomen, slept badly, there is considerable pain on pressure pulse 90 small, has suffered one or two slight rigors and the tongue is somewhat coated moist, Bowels open from a purgative draught given yesterday. <i>Det^r: é Brach: Sang: ad 3^{xx} statim</i> <i>Rx Hyd: Chl: gr ii</i> <i>Opii gr ¼ in pil i 6^{is} horis</i> Warm fomentations to the parts. 13th The pain continues but somewhat slighter there is occasional retching and vomiting of green bilious matter. <i>App^l Cucurb: Cruent: part abdomen.</i> To have a purgative enema, with an occasional effervescent draught and to continue pill as ordered yesterday. 14th Pain has recurred at intervals and more so within the last six hours, the stomach continues to reject every thing excepting the effervescent mixture, she complains of pain being of a more burning nature aggravated by pressure, lies on her back with her knees drawn up. Bowels twice opened. <i>Applicatum Emp: Lyttæ parti; et Rep^r Pil et Haustus tertia hora.</i> 15th Pain continues but less severe the anxiety of countenance increases and the stomach continues to reject all fluid, the pulse is small and frequent tongue coated</p>

			<p>dark with red tip and edges, the abdomen continues painful on pressure dozed a little during the night is extremely low to continue medicine with an Anodyne Enema.</p> <p>16th The symptoms continue with but little variation, but the exhaustion has greatly increased with repeated alvine discharges of highly offensive matter, inducing great exhaustion. Omit medicine and to have Port Wine freely.</p> <p>17th Greatly exhausted stools continue to pass involuntarily, in this state she continued gradually getting worse and sank exhausted on the following day at 8:15 P.M.</p>
<p>PB010332.JPG</p> <p>Gastritis</p>	6	<p>Mary Smith “Convict” æt: 31 Taken ill at Sea Aug^t 18th Died 23rd of d^o at 10 A.M.</p>	<p>Applied this afternoon suffering from constant vomiting. Effervescing Saline Draught with opiates were given, but did not allay the sickness the vomiting of Bilious matter was incessant with pain and a sense of burning heat the pulse was very feeble, surface cold anxious expression of countenance and tongue coated, she was bled. Cupping glasses applied to the abdomen, afterwards Blisters, Hyd [ammoni?] Acid, Opium, and all the other medicines were applied, notwithstanding which she suddenly died on the morning of the fourth day. The vomiting having never ceased until within a few hours before death.</p>
<p>Erysipelas</p> <p>PB010333.JPG</p>	7	<p>J McElliot “Surgeon Superind” taken ill at Sea Aug^t 23rd 29th recovered Sufficiently to resume duty.</p>	<p>For the last few days experienced a sense of heats and chills, which was followed this morning by violent headache sickness and a feeling of general distress. Tongue was very white but not much furred, took an Emetic followed by a strong saline purgative, during the afternoon and night voided several scybala from the Bowels succeeded by bilious motions attended with considerable relief, I still however experienced a sense of great oppression with a constant degree of nausea and continued to vomit much green and yellow fluid which was intensely sour to the taste – on the following day</p> <p>24th Erysipelas began to manifest itself by swelling and redness of the nose and which in less than 24 hours had spread to the right cheek, subsequently across to the opposite side. Mercurial Purgatives and Saline effervescing draughts were persevered in and on the 27th the local inflammation appeared to have reached its intensity, this being the fifth day from the commencement of my illness.</p> <p>29th The swelling and inflammation had almost disappeared, and which was followed by desquamation of the cuticles.</p> <p>30th All traces of the disease have nearly disappeared. During the latter part of the attack I was enabled to visit the sick in Hospital of whom one was a little girl a (Free Settler) suffering from a severe attack of Erysipelas, also a case of Enteritis which I regret to add terminated in death.</p>

<p>Enteritis</p> <p>PB010334.JPG</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>Maria Hobbins Prisoner æt: 22 Taken ill at Sea Aug^t 25th Died 28th of D^o 1849</p>	<p>Admitted this morning with diffused pain all over the abdomen heat of skin frequent small pulse, nausea and vomiting, countenance anxious, tongue dry respiration greatly accelerated and costal, urine scanty, lies on her back the thighs flexed and complains of the slightest pressure on the abdomen which is somewhat tumid. These symptoms came on suddenly and apparently without any exciting or other cause the patient having previously enjoyed uninterrupted good health ordered a Purgative.</p> <p><i>V.S. B. ad 3xx</i></p> <p>Fomenting of hot water ap^l to the part Vesp: Bowels feely opened pain and other symptoms continue urgent.</p> <p>Rept^r. V.S.B. ad 3xx</p> <p><i>Rx Hyd: Chl: gr ij</i> <i>Opii gr 1/4 tertia hora</i></p> <p>26th Urgent pain with constant vomiting of green bilious matter.</p> <p><i>App^r Cucurb: Cruent: Abdomen</i> to have a purgative enema, with a Saline Effervescing draught and Pill as yesterday.</p> <p>27th The stomach continues to reject every thing excepting the effervescing draught complains of the pain being of a more burning nature greatly aggravated by the slightest pressure, lies on her back with the knees drawn up; Bowels thrice opened in the night.</p> <p><i>App^r Emp: Lyttæ abdomen</i> and to continue medicine as yesterday.</p> <p>28th Symptoms continue but with little variation great exhaustion with repeated alvine discharges of highly offensive matter to omit medicine. Beef Tea & Wine. 8 P.M. In being assisted to the night chair her strength became suddenly exhausted. Stimulants were administered but without effect she became more exhausted & expired at 8:45 P.M.</p>
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A Nosological Synopsis of the Sick Book kept during the Period of this Journal, in conformity with the 30th Article of the Surgeons' Instructions.

Diseases Nosologically arranged	Numbers						Nos. of such Cases as are detailed in the Journal
	Total	Discharged to Duty	Sent to the Hospital	Died on board	Invalided	Remaining	
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana Tertiana							
Continua Synochus	11	11					1
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis							
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus	2	2					
Cynanche	1	1					
<i>Enteritis</i>	2			2			5. 8
<i>Gastritis</i>	3	2		1			6
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas	7	6		1			2.3.4.7
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis confirmata <i>Menorrhagia</i>	1	1					
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	3	3					
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	4	4					
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea Colica	3	3					
Epilesia	1	1					
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania	1	1					
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes <i>Phthisis Incipiens</i> <i>Atrophia</i>	1 1	1		1			

Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis							
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.							
Gonorrhoea							
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	1	1					
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus							
Ulcus							
GENERAL TOTAL	43	38		5			8
NOTE.—Medical Officers are desired particularly to Notice that the Numbers in each Disease and the general Total must not only correspond with the Sick Book, but also with the particulars contained in the several Nosological Returns for the period.							