

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship "Cadet"
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 and the 17th March 1849
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Copy of the sick list of the *Cadet* Female Convict Ship

Date Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	Result
1848						
Nov ^r 6 th	Marg ^t Miller	23		Diarrhoea	Nov ^r 20 th	Cured
" 7 th	Harriet Wiseman	31		Colic	Nov ^r 10 th	Cured
" 8 th	Ann Shanks	17		Scalded Legs	Dec ^r 16 th	Cured
" 12 th	Isabelle Scott	28		Synochus Fever	Nov ^r 21 st	Cured
" 14	Eliz Rackham	4		Scalded Legs	Nov ^r 28 th	Cured
"	Biddy Cain - Child	12		Obstipatio	Nov ^r 20 th	Cured
" 13 th	Marg ^t Casey	21		Synochus	Nov ^r 22 nd	Cured
" 14 th	Eliza Jones	20		Synochus	Nov ^r 21 st	Cured
" 20 th	Molly McGuire	25		Scalded Legs	Nov ^r 30 th	Cured
" 18 th	Ann Holt	42		Palpitation & severe debility	Dec ^r 3 rd	Died
" 22 nd	Mary alias Mg ^t Farrell	24		Malignant Cholera	Nov ^r 23 rd	Died
" 23 rd	Mary Hughes	32		Malignant Cholera	Nov ^r 26 th	Died
"	Harriet Wiseman	31		Diarrhoea	Nov ^r 30 th	Cured
"	M. A. Jones	34		D ^o	Nov ^r 29 th	Cured
"	May A. Smith	21		D ^o	Nov ^r 26 th	Cured
" 24	Eleanor Watkins	22		Cholericine	Dec ^r 13 th	Cured
"	Jane Cunningham	36		Diarrhoea	Nov ^r 30 th	Cured
"	Ann Wheatcroft	33		Melancholia	Dec ^r 3 rd	Died
"	Elizabeth Viant	20		Diarrhoea	Nov ^r 29 th	Cured
24	Harriet Wilson	24		D ^o	Nov ^r 27 th	Cured
"	Eliz. Holden	24		D ^o	Nov ^r 27 th	Cured
"	Jemima Gowans	20		Synochus	Nov ^r 27 th	Cured
"	Marg ^t Casey	21		D ^o	Nov ^r 27 th	Cured
" 25	Ann Howard	22		Diarrhoea	Nov ^r 27 th	Cured
"	M.A. Palmer	30		Rheumatism	Dec ^r 10 th	Cured
" 26	Mary Smith	21		Cholericine	Dec ^r 4 th	Cured
"	Isabell McDougal	40		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 1 st	Cured
" 27	Ann Baker	24		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 7 th	Cured
" 28	Alice Lugg	22		D ^o	Dec ^r 4 th	Cured
" 30 th	M.J. Cooke	23		Ophthalmia	Dec ^r 9 th	Cured
" 30 th	Sarah Prosser	30		Malignant Cholera	Dec ^r 17 th	Died
Dec ^r 1 st	Eliza Rackum	2		Mesenteric Disease	Dec ^r 6 th	Died
"	M. A. Jones	34		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 11 th	Cured
"	Harriet Wiseman	31		D ^o	Dec ^r 11 th	Cured
Dec ^r 1 st	Bridget Laven	23	PB100095	Phlegmon	Dec ^r 11 th	Cured
" 7 th	Caroline Johnson	28		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 11 th	Cured
"	Susan Owens	20		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 22 nd	Cured
"	Jane Dowd	23		Catarrh	Dec ^r 11 th	Cured
" 10 th	Mary McAuslin	19		Ophthalmia	Dec ^r 13 th	Cured
"	Sarah Errington	20		Catarrh	Dec ^r 13 th	Cured

“ 11 th	Jane Whitton	18		Diarrhoea	Dec ^r 21 st	Cured
“ 15 th	Ann Howard	22		D ^o	Dec ^r 20 th	Cured
“ 16 th	M.A. Jones	34		Bronchitis & debility	Dec ^r 27 th	Died
“	M.J. Cooke	23		Ophthalmia	Jan ^y 4 th	Cured
“20 th	Jean Bannerman	22		Pleurodyne	Jan ^y 1 st	Cured
“ 22 ⁿ	Eliz Kain	37		Colica	Dec ^r 24 th	Cured
“ 22	Eliz th Holden	24		Psora	January 3	Cured
“	Ann Sullivan	18		“	“	Cured
“	Marg ^t Brown	20		“	“	Cured
“	Harriet Wiseman	31		“	“	Cured
“	L.. Rackum	4		“	“	Cured
“	Js Rackum	10		“	“	Cured
“	Francis Rackum	9		“	“	Cured
“	Eliz Rackum	5		“	“	Cured
“	Emily Rackum	3		“	“	Cured
“	W. Wiseman	10		“	“	Cured
“	E. Wiseman	11		“	“	Cured
Dec ^r 23	Francis Rackum	12		Typhus Fever	Jan ^y 27 th	Died
“ 28 th	Robina Hadden	20		Diarrhoea	Jan ^y 1 st	Cured
“	Martha Evison	24		Synochus	Jan ^y 1 st	Cured
“ 29	Martha Scrivens	20		Catarrh	Jan ^y 3 rd	Cured
“ 30 th	Jane Crawford	18		Synochus	Jan ^y 3 rd	Cured
“	Car ^c Johnson	28		Bilious Fever	Jan ^y 10 th	Cured
“	Mg ^t Keith	36		Cynanche	Jan ^y 8 th	Cured
“	Ann Fitzgerald			Dyspepsia	Jan ^y 10 th	Cured
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January 2	Isabel McDougal	40		Dyspepsia	Feb ^y 4 th	Cured
“ 5	Caroline Winton	28		Synochus	Jan ^y 10 th	Cured
“ 7	Christine Angus	29		Scalded Legs	Dec ^r 21 ⁷ h	Cured
“	Cath ^c Drummond	40		Synochus	Jan ^y 13 th	Cured
“ 9	Mary Anderson	27		Synochus	Jan ^y 15 th	Cured
“ 10 th	Agnes Thompson	56		“	Jan ^y 20 th	Cured
“ 12	Hepz ^h Bastow	21		“	Jan ^y 16 th	Cured
January 13 th	M.A. Reynolds	23	PB100096	Synochus	January 20 th	Cured
“ “	Eliza Graham	21		Rheumatism	Jan ^y 24 th	Cured
“ 12	Alice Sponsforth	12		Synochus	Jan ^y 28 th	Cured
“ 17	Ann Howard	22		Swollen Breast	Jan ^y 29 th	Cured
“ 18	Ann Parks	20		Synochus	Feb ^y 11 th	Cured
“ 19	Mrs Nicol		Matron	Synochus	Feb ^y 19 th	Cured
“ “	Miss Annie Nicol	11		D ^o	Feb ^y 8 th	Cured
“ 20	Marg ^t Sponsforth	33		D ^o	Feb ^y 11 th	Cured
“ 25	Isib Scott	28		D ^o	Feb ^y 1 st	Cured
“ 26	C. Winton	28		D ^o	Feb ^y 10 th	Cured
“ 29	Mary Brown	32		Scalded Legs	March 26 th	Cured
“ 29	Eliz Blakey	19		Synochus	Feb ^y 2 nd	Cured
“ “	Martha Dunn	27		D ^o	Feb ^y 4 th	Cured
“ 30 th	Miss Ellen Nicol	3		D ^o	Feb ^y 7 th	Cured
“ 31 st	Hannah Milles	30		D ^o	Feb ^y 4 th	Cured
Feb ^y 2 nd	Heb ^y Bastow	21		Dyspepsia	Feb ^y 19 th	Cured
“ 4	M.A. Palmer	30		Rheumatism		
“ 5 th	Louise George	24		Typhoid Fever		
“ 7	M.A. Williams	30		Catarrh	Feb ^y 17 th	Cured
“	Eliz Herron	20		Synochus	Feb ^y 19 th	Cured
“ 9	Eliz Holden	21		D ^o	?	Cured
“ 10 th	Marg ^t Keith	36		Synochus	March 3 rd	Cured
“ 11	Marg ^t Wilson	19		D ^o	Feb ^y 14 th	Cured

Feb ^y 14	Mary Anderson	28		D ^o	Feb ^y 20 th	Cured
“ 16	Mary Thomas	25		D ^o	Feb ^y 20 th	Cured
“ 19 th	Ann Quinn	27		Dyspepsia	March 4 th	Cured
“ 21 st	My Phillipps	34		Synochus	March 25	Cured
“ 23	M. A. Williams	30		Catarrh	March 1 st	Cured
“ 24	Alice Hassal	16		Ophthalmia	March 16 th	Cured
“ 25 th	Eliz Herron	20		Synochus		
“ 26	M. A. Reynolds	20		D ^o	March 21 st	Cured
March 1 st	Marg ^t Jones	40		Diarrhœa	March 5 th	Cured
“	Jemima Gowans	20		Inflamed Leg	March 5 th	Cured
“ 4	Ann Robertson	23		Diarrhœa	March 7 th	Cured
“ 6	Eliza Jones	20		Catarrh	March 9 th	Cured
“	Biddy Mahony	22		Dyspepsia	March 12 th	Cured
“ 7	Jane Harris	25		Catarrh	March 21 st	Cured
“ 7	Jean Armour	40		Ulcer of Cornea	April 9 th	Died
“ “	Maria Brown	24		Contusion	March 12 th	Cured
“ “	Marg ^t Sponsforth	33		Catarrh	March 16 th	Cured
“ 16	Biddy Cain	12		Diarrhœa	March 19 th	Cured
“ 26	Ht Wiseman	31		Diarrhœa & Debility	April 13 th	Colonial Hospital
April 1 st	Mary Farrell	24		Scalded Legs	April 13 th	Colonial Hospital

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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.
Malignant Cholera PB100098JPG		<p>Mary alias Margaret Farrell Æt 24 22nd November 1848 Died 23rd November 1848 In Plymouth Sound</p> <p align="right">23 Nov^r 5 A.M. Died</p>	<p>2nd Nov^r 7 A.M. after being detained on shore all night by a Gale wind (having gone on shore to visit the Admiral on the duty of the Ship) got on board this morning and found that during the night M. Farrell had been attacked with all the symptoms of Malignant Cholera. She had been kept warm, & some slight stimulants administered, had her removed to Hospital, & I found her labouring under severe vomiting, Purging, accompanied by severe cramps, the evacuations exhibiting the peculiar rice watery appearance, so characteristic of this disease. Extremities cold as also the Tongue & Breath, no secretion of urine – appears from the first, to have been in a state of Collapse.</p> <p><i>Rx Hydrarg Chlorid</i> ℥j <i>statim</i> <i>Rx Sodæ Bicarb</i> ℥ij <i>Sodii Chlorid</i> ℥fs <i>Spt Vini (Cognac)</i> ℥ij <i>Aqua</i> ℥xij <i>Ft. Mist cap cynthus sæpe</i></p> <p><i>Rx. Ung Hyd</i> ℥fs <i>Spt Tereb. Spt Ammon á á</i> ℥j <i>Ol Olivæ</i> ℥vj <i>Ht Liniment</i> – Extremities to be well rubbed with the above Liniment.</p> <p>P.M. Every effort to keep either medicine, light aliment, or stimulant on the stomach unavailing – Purging & vomiting continue – Body deadly cold. Let the warm bath be used & continue remedies. Derived temporary benefit from the Bath, has less vomiting & purging but no cramps. Warm bath to be repeated. Patient very deadly cold & evidently in a hopeless state. Stimulants were continuously given during the night, so as to avoid congestion of the Brain.</p> <p>but at 5 A.M. Mortuus Est.</p>
Malignant Cholera	2	<p>Mary Hughes Æt 38 Convict November 23rd 1848 Died Nov^r 26th 1848 In Plymouth Sound</p> <p align="right">3 P.M.</p> <p align="right">4 P.M.</p>	<p>Nov^r 23rd at 2 in the afternoon fell down suddenly on the Deck on her return from the Water Closet – seized with spasm of stomach, cramp of extremities, vomiting & slight purging. Pulse at present fair & extremities warm.</p> <p><i>Rx Spts Camph. C. ℥j Tinct Opii grs xx Aqua</i> ℥ifs, <i>haust. – statim</i> –</p> <p>Vomited the previous draught & another was immediately given the spasm of stomach continuing. Is now worse the skin has become cold as also the breath & tongue, is covered with a cold clammy perspiration, with blue extremities quite blue & pulse imperceptible, has little purging or vomiting, but is quite prostrate –</p> <p><i>Rx Calomel</i> ℥j & <i>Rep Haust Anodyn.</i></p> <p>Has vomited draught & Calomel. <i>Rx Hydrarh Chlorid grs [ij?] Opii grs ij 2 dis horis et Utat^r Linim Ung Hydrarg Spts Tereb et Spts Ammon et Ol Olivæ</i></p>

<p>PB100099JPG</p>		<p>6 P.M</p> <p>7:30.</p> <p>12:30</p> <p>Nov^r 24</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>Nov^r 25th</p> <p>[Note in column] <i>alive or dead?</i></p> <p>1 P.M.</p> <p>4 P.M.</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>Nov^r 26th</p> <p>4 P.M.</p> <p>Nov^r 26th</p> <p>Died</p>	<p>Has had no purging but vomiting & Cramps of stomach returned. Chloroform to be administered per Inhalation. Remained for 20 minutes under the influence of the Chloroform, when she awoke & complained only of thirst – has now an alvine evacuation of the <u>rice watery</u> appearance, patient quite sensible & repeatedly asking for a repetition of the inhalation <i>Cont. Pil Hyd et opii.</i></p> <p>A little cramp having returned another inhalation of Chloroform was given & from this time, to her death there was no return of cramp vomiting or purging.</p> <p>Has slept & is lying quite tranquil, but in a complete state of collapse – <i>Cont Pil Cal et Liniment.</i> Some weak Brandy & water also occasionally to be given –</p> <p>Attended this day by Mr Allen of the R.N. Hospital in conjunction with myself – She continues in the same state, the Calomel has taken no sensible except occasional stimulants to be given.</p> <p>Has slightly rallied, pulse became perceptible & extremities warm – Continue slight stimulants.</p> <p>Still in a state of Collapse – at 9 taken with labour pains & I was now informed from the first time that she was pregnant, on making an examination a Child was found descending by a breech presentation – 11 – labour progressing –</p> <p>Delivered of 7 month old Infant.</p> <p>Uterus & vagina contracting – Placenta not yet thrown off & patient making strong efforts to resist its extraction – administered an inhalation of Chloroform & safely extracted the Placenta.</p> <p>Still collapsed, continue stimulants</p> <p>Continuing in the same state – Case now evidently hopeless.</p> <p>Gradually sunk and at 4 P.M. mortuus est.</p>
<p>PB100100JPG</p> <p>Melancholia</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Ann Wheatcroft Æt 38 Convict Gradually fell into a state of melancholia & remorse & died Dec^r 3rd 1848 In Plymouth Sound.</p> <p><i>[her crime was starvation and extremely cruel treatment to her step children resulting in the death of a 10-year-old boy.]</i></p>	<p>Of this case only a slight history can be given, as it admits of no detail no bodily disease ever exhibited itself – this woman came on board Nov^r 4th in good health. She was transported for a heinous & cruel offence, & her mind appears to have been greatly affect by the rough weather experienced in coming down the channel – my attention was first called to her Nov^r 16th when she stated herself to be ill, but could give no symptoms, & said it was something internal, however all her functioning appeared natural. She gradually fell into dirty habits, for which on being reprimanded she promised amendment, finding her mind diseased I directed the attention of the Minister to her and to him she made some disclosures that he did not feel called on to impart. Towards the close of her life some slight Tympanic symptoms appeared, when some Calomel & Opium were given & the catheter used. Slight delirium appeared shortly before her death, when the case was treated as one of delirium Tremens, she gradually sank & died on the 3rd Dec^r. the Ministers evidence convincing the Coroner that her disease was mental he thought it unnecessary to order an examination of the Body.</p>

<p>Cholerine or Choleraic Diarrhœa</p> <p>PB100101JPG</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>Eleanor Watkins Æt. Convict Nov^r 24th Plymouth Sound Dec^r 13th 1848 Discharged Cured.</p> <p>Nov^r 25th</p> <p>Vespere</p> <p>Nov^r 26th</p> <p>Vespere Nov^r 27</p> <p>Nov^r 27th</p> <p>Dec^r 13th Discharged Cured</p>	<p>Nov^r 24. seized with severe vomiting & purging, with cramps of the legs. Pulse small evacuations fœcal, tho unnatural, & not consisting of the serum of the blood. <i>Hydr Chlorid gr x Opii gr ij</i> Immediately rejected pill. <i>Rep Pil 2^{dis} horis</i> Vespere still vomiting & occasional purging <i>Cont. Pil Cal et Haust Efferves.</i> Less Purging but vomiting incessant <i>Rx Hydr Chloris ℥fs</i> Calomel failed in acting as a sedative – A mustard poultice to stomach, & when taken off a rag dipped in Laudanum to be applied. Still purging of fœcal matter & vomiting – R. Purgative Enema to be given, & a blister applied to Epigastrium. Less purging, but a constant urging & bringing up small quantity of bile. <i>Rx. Haust Emetic</i> In same state <i>Repet Enemata Purgans et cont pil Hydrary</i> Mouth a little touched less purging, but still occasional vomiting – <i>Haust Efferves – et Rep^r Emp. Lyttæ Epigast.</i> Gradually improving only occasional vomiting – <i>Cont Haust Efferves.</i> Continued weak for some time, & was discharged Cured Dec^r 13th 1848</p>
<p>Fever Mesenterica</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Eliz. Rackum Æt. Convicts child Dec^r 1st Died Dec^r 6th 1848 In Plymouth Sound</p> <p>Dec^r 3rd</p> <p>Dec^r 6th Died</p>	<p>Has frequent diarrhœa, of offensive matter, the child is of a very scrofulous, rickety appearance, & has also malformation of the bones of the chest, the appetite is good – but the abdomen is tumid. <i>Rx Hydra Submur gr j Rhei Pulv gr v.</i> Dec^r 1st Was purged but Diarrhœa continues <i>Rx. Hydr Chlorid gr ij Opii gr ij in pil xij cap j ter dei</i> Dec^r 2nd Child in same state <i>Cont^r pil, et Habeat Mist Cretæ cum Tinct Catechu pro re nata.</i> Has less purging but the glands of the abdomen are too diseased for medicine to be of any avail, a nourishing diet & the Chalk mixture when necessary - Gradually became exhausted & died this day</p>
<p>Malignant Cholera (The Reactive Fever)</p> <p>PB100102JPG</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Sarah Prosser Æt. 30 Convict Nov^r 30th 1848 Died of the Reactive Fever subsequent to the Cholera Dec^r 1848 Plymouth Sound</p> <p>12 P.M</p> <p>Dec^r 1st.</p>	<p>Has been attending on the sick during the late illness, complains at 10 this morning of diarrhœa & took a dose of Chalk mixture which stopped the diarrhœa. At 3 P.M. again attacked with violent purging & vomiting, with great prostration of strength – <i>Rx. Calomel gr xij Opii gr ij et Habeat Haust Efferves.</i> Retained the pill, & several effervescent draughts. 6:30 P.M. Vomiting & purging returned, pulse became imperceptible eyes sunk extremities cold slight cramps, Tongue & breath cold - Ejecta consisting of the serum of the blood. 6: 30 continued -<i>Cataplasm Sinapis Epigast –</i> <i>Rx Hydrarg Chlorid ℥j et contin^r Haust Efferves –</i> Retained the Calomel & draughts purging slight but of the same nature – continue effervescing draughts. Passed a tolerable night, & took & retained the draughts – Has still some scanty Cholera stools. Pulse improved & extremities became warmer, countenance still ghastly.</p>

			<p><i>Cont. Haust Efferves – et Inj. Enema Anodyne cum Tinct Opii m XL et repet' si opus sit.</i></p> <p>Vespere Takes & retains draughts, is decidedly better, stools less & of a healthier character <i>Cont' medicament</i></p> <p>Dec^r 2nd Passed a good night has only watery purging. <i>Haust et Mist Cretæ p.r.n.</i></p> <p>Vesp^e No change, less purging –</p> <p>Dec^r 3rd Pulse risen & rather frequent, no cholera, eyes rather suffused – no headache or pain anywhere, mind much depressed. <i>Cont. Haust Efferves</i></p> <p>Dec^r 4th At 12:30 last night awoke from a sound sleep, sat up in Bed & attempted to get out, eyes wild, pulse full, violent in temper – <i>Hab Antimon Tart. g^r ij.</i> Mustard Plaster to neck, & cold douche to head, - no vomiting Emetic repeated. Morning, has vomited & been kept nauseated, & some leeches having been procured a Dozen were applied to the temples. <i>Rx Pil Cal et Ant 3 tis horis et Inj^r Enema Purg cum Ol. Tiglii Croton gts iij</i></p> <p>Vespere Been briskly purged, leeches bled well, but still suffering from the head, <i>Emp Lyttæ Nuche</i> head shaved & cold douche. Continue injections.</p> <p>Dec^r 5th Slept well & appeared better, but again attacked to the head at morning -pulse low, <i>cont medicament.</i></p> <p>Vespere Blister running well freely purged & more conscious</p> <p>Dec^r 6th Gradually sinking, is unconscious & is labouring under profuse menorrhagia, smell became cadaverous – the Catheter used -</p> <p>Vespere Dec^r 6th Moribund</p> <p>Dec^r 7th 3 A.M. Died.</p>
PB100103JPG Bronchitis & General Debility	7	Mary Ann Jones Æt. 34 Convict Dec ^r 16 th at Sea Died Dec ^r 27 th 1848 at Sea	<p>States that she has been more or less ailing since embarkation & has had catarrh & diarrhœa, now complains of cough with free mucus expectoration, chest dull on percussion, has bad appetite & of a bad constitution the result of a previous life of debauchery & disease – seems indeed now labouring under general debility the result of a worn out constitution, than any active disease , the observed Bronchitis, being the only prominent symptom. I have classed is as such – Pulse small tongue clean B. irregular no pain of chest – but complains of a pain of left side of abdomen <i>Rx Tinct Scillæ ʒj Spts Ether nit. ʒfs Tinct Opii gts x ter die cap</i></p> <p>Dec^r 17th As yesterday, tho less cough & pain gone – <i>Cont Haust.</i></p> <p>Dec^r 19th Appears a little improving.</p> <p>Dec^r 20th No complaint, but a little cough & expectoration of mucus but appetite very bad, & often sick, the result of the motion of the ship only takes a little wine & water & has diarrhœa. <i>Tinct Opii g^{ss} xx Spt æth ʒj nocte</i> Wine & arrow root at intervals</p> <p>Dec^r 21st Very sick, has still cough, & complains of pain of stomach. <i>Rx Ext Conii g^r iij Pil Hydrarg ij ter die</i></p> <p>Dec^r 22nd A little better appetite improving cough less <i>Cont^f Medicament</i></p> <p>Dec^r 23 Only complains of Diarrhœa - <i>Mist Cretæ cum Alter. Medicament</i></p>

		<p>Dec^r 24</p> <p>Dec^r 25th</p> <p>Dec^r 26</p> <p>Dec^r 27th Died</p>	<p>Is suffering much from exhaustion the weather having blown a whole gale lately, no other complaints <i>Cont^r Medicam.</i></p> <p>Worn out by the motion of ship, stomach rejects all food – All medicines & only occasional stimulants & food to be given.</p> <p>Still heavy gales patient sinking from exhaustion, & takes only soup or wine, has passed an involuntary motion.</p> <p>Has gradually sunk & at 11:30 <i>mortuus est</i> – Immediately after death, the body became covered with thousands of vermin tho none previously could be observed, this & the state of the weather precluded a post mortem examination.</p>
<p>PB100104JPG</p> <p>Typhus Fever</p>	8	<p>Francis Rackum Æt. 12 Son of a Convict taken ill 23 Dec^r at Sea Died 27th of December 1848 At Sea</p> <p>Vesp 25th</p> <p>26</p> <p>27 At 5 A.M. Died</p>	<p>Was brought to the Hospital this morning after being allowed to remain all night delirious, by his mother, without her reporting it – Tongue brown & furred, skin dry, pulse very fast, countenance febrile.</p> <p><i>Rx. Hydrarg Chlorid gr ij Pulv Ant gr iv, 4 tis horis – Rx Liq Ant ʒij Spts æth nit ʒij Aqua ʒvj coch 3 tis horis –</i></p> <p>24th Bowels freely opened, but has become drowsy & half comatose <i>Emp Lyttæ nuchæ – Lotio frigid capiti – Pulv Rhei gr v Potassæ nit ʒj 4 tis horis</i></p> <p>Roused by blister seems much better <i>Cont^r medic –</i></p> <p>Again comatose & passed an involuntary motion, <i>rep^r Emp Lyttæ – Applic^r Emp Sinap Epigast.et Hab Mist x Spts æther nit, et Spts Ammon. p.r.n.</i> Also a little wine occasionally.</p> <p>No amendment – Stimulant occasionally - & mustard cataplasms.</p> <p>Has gradually sunk & at 5 A.M. <i>Mortuus Est.</i></p>
<p>Synochus Fever</p>	9	<p>Martha Evison Æt Convict Taken ill at Sea the 28 Dec^r 1848 Discharged cured the 7th January 1849 at Sea</p> <p>Vespere Dec^r 30 Jan^y 1st Discharged Cured</p>	<p>Has pains of head, Back & limbs Tongue white, pulse full & bounding, skin hot, is of a very phlethoric (sic) habit of body. <i>Ft .Venæ Sectio pro viril. et Habeat Mist Ant et Magnes Sulph ad nauseum.</i></p> <p>Vespere - quite delirious <i>rep^r Venæ Sectio</i>, cold douche to head & body to be sponged – <i>cont^r Altera medicament.</i></p> <p>Dec^r 29th Passed a tolerable night - & at morning was better at 9 headache returned, with delirium, Pulse again full & bounding – <i>Repet^r Venæ Sectio et cont. Mist Ant. – et Lotio frigid capiti –</i></p> <p>Fever subdued, Bowel free, skin moist no delirium –</p> <p>No complaints or bad symptoms – <i>Mist Selinæ</i></p> <p>Continued well and discharged cured.</p>
<p>PB100105JPG</p> <p>Diarrhoea</p>	10	<p>Jane Whitton Æt 19 Convict Dec^r 11th 1848 Plymouth Discharged cured Dec^r 21st/48 Plymouth Sound.</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>Dec^r 11th This was one of those troublesome & severe diarrhœas so prevalent at the time the Cholera was on board, & perhaps a modification of that disease – Has had Diarrhœa for two days & taken some remedies – seized now with violent vomiting & purging, with great loss of strength & cold extremities.</p> <p><i>Rx Hydrarg Chlorid g^r x Opii g^r ij statim –</i></p> <p>Vomited the first dose, but retained a second one – Has great thirst – <i>Haust Efferves.</i></p> <p>Purging stopped but vomiting continues – <i>Rx Calomel ʒj</i></p>

		<p>Dec^r 12th</p> <p>Dec^r 13</p> <p>Dec^r 14th</p> <p>Dec^r 21st Cured</p>	<p>- <i>Applic^r Emplast Sinapis Epigastrio</i></p> <p>Calomel checked the vomiting for some time stomach again irritable. <i>Cont^r Haust Efferves et rept^r Cataplasm. Sinapis</i></p> <p>Greatly improved, Bowels regular pulse good but has constant severe pain of stomach – <i>Emplast Lyttæ</i> –</p> <p>Pain gone no bad symptoms.</p> <p>Quite well Discharged Cured.</p>
Ophthalmia	11	<p>Mary J. Cooke Convict Æt 23 Dec^r 16th /48 Plymouth Discharged cured Jan^y 4th /49 At Sea</p> <p>Dec^r 18th</p> <p>Dec^r 19th</p> <p>Dec^r 25</p> <p>Jan^y 4 Cured</p>	<p>Has severe inflammation (Conjunctivitis) of both eyes, eyelids swollen, & great exudation of tears, Having leeches on board 6 were applied to each eye & afterwards warm fomentations of Camomile Flowers constantly continued. -</p> <p>Dec^r 17th Eyes relieved continue fomentations & take Salines –</p> <p>Eyes worse, the eyelids everted & all the inflamed vessels divided down to the Sclerotic & incisions made in the lids. Much relieved, a Blister to each Temple.</p> <p>Eyes greatly relieved, <i>Rx Argent Nitrat g^{ss} vj Aquæ ʒij fs T. Collyrium, bis die utat</i></p> <p>Only chronic Inflammation remaining Collyrium to be changed for one of Sulphate of Copper. -</p> <p>Eyes quite well, & clear –</p> <p>Discharged Cured.</p>
PB100106JPG Pleurodyne	12	<p>Jean Bannerman Æt 22 Convict Taken ill Dec^r 19th /48 Discharged cured January 1st 1849 At Sea</p> <p>Dec^r 22</p> <p>Dec^r 23</p> <p>Dec^r 24</p> <p>Dec^r 26</p> <p>January 1st Cured</p>	<p>Has had slight Catarrh lately, was now suddenly taken faint, & complains of Pain & difficulty of breathing - & has tenderness of Epigastrium apparently muscular & Hysterical – <i>Sol Ant Tart ad nauseum</i></p> <p>Dec^r 20 Been nauseated & vomited all pain & tenderness relieved <i>Cont^r Solut Ant.</i></p> <p>Dec^r 21st Still complaining of same pain – but tongue quite clean & pulse natural – <i>Cont Mist.</i> -</p> <p>Dec^r 22 Little complaints</p> <p>Dec^r 23 Pain again in chest & Epigastrium, skin dry, Pulse a little accelerated, Tho not quite convinced of its necessity, Some blood was taken, & a blister applied-</p> <p>Dec^r 24 Much better, <i>Cont^r Mist Antimonialis-</i></p> <p>Dec^r 26 No complaint</p> <p>January 1st Cured Quite well discharged Cured.</p>
Cholerine	13	<p>Mary Smith Æt 21 Convict Taken ill November 26th/48 Plymouth Discharged Cured December 4th 1848 Plymouth Sound Nov^r 27</p> <p>Vespere</p>	<p>Suddenly seized with violent vomiting & purging, with great prostration of strength, nearly imperceptible pulse, & cold extremities, ejecta watery & mucus but not the true Cholera evacuation – <i>Hydrarg Chlorid g^r v Opii g^r j 2 dis horis-</i></p> <p>Vespere stomach continues to reject all remedies</p> <p><i>Rx Emplast Sinapis Epigast Habeat Cal. ʒj cum Haust et Tinct Opii et Sp^{ss} Lavand C.</i></p> <p>Passed a tolerable night no vomiting in the early part, but vomiting & recurred towards morning, extremities are however warmer – <i>Rep Pil Cal et Opii cum Haust Lavand et Rep^r Cataplasma Sinapis</i></p> <p>Is improving only occasional vomiting <i>Cont^r Med.</i></p>

		Nov ^r 28 Nov ^r 30 Dec ^r 4 th Cured	Mouth not sore but disease abating <i>Cont^r Medic.</i> Free from disease Well discharged Cured
PB100107JPG Synochus (Bilious) Fever	14	Caroline Johnson Æt 28 Convict at Sea December 30 th /48 Discharged Cured January 10 th 1848 at Sea January 1 st January 2 nd January 3 rd January 4 th Jan ^y 5 Jan ^y 6 th Jan ^y 7 th Jan ^y 8 th Jan ^y 10 th Cured	Is of a very full phlethoric (sic) habit of Body, complains of great pain of head, Back & limbs. Pulse full & bounding. Tongue white skin hot and dry bowels confined <i>HJ. Venæ Sectio pro viril et postea Habeat pil Hydrarg Chlorid et Pulv Ant., et postea Mist Magnes Sulph cum Antim Tart-</i> December 31 st Less fever but Bowels not opened. <i>Rept^r Pil Calom et Hab Pulv Seidlirtz [Seidlirtz] sæpe</i> Vespere has had Bilious vomiting, but no motion of Bowels, <i>repet pil cum Ol. Tiglii Croton gr^s ij –</i> Had severe spasm of stomach during the night & a stimulant & anodyne draught was given & a purgative enema administered contains Croton oil – The Bowels have been opened, & has less fever – <i>cont^r pil sal. st Haust Salinæ.</i> Bowels free <i>cont^r Mist Antim.</i> No fever & improving <i>Cont Medic –</i> Bowels again not free, & stomach rejected two purgative draughts & has again bilious fever. <i>Inject^r Enema purg –</i> Better, <i>Habeat pil Coloc C et Hydrarg Chlorid –</i> Bowels free but still occasional bilious vomiting. <i>Hab Haust Efferves cum Magnes Sulph ter die –</i> Bowels free, no fever, no bilious vomiting <i>Contin^r Haust Seideitz cum Magnes Sulph.</i> No complaints Quite well discharged Cured.
PB100108JPG Synochus	15	Catherine Drummond Æt 40 Convict Taken ill January 7 th at Sea Discharged Cured January 18 th 1849 at Sea January 10 th January 11 th January 12 th 13 th 14 15 16 18 th Cured	Jan ^y 7 th Complains of pain of head back & limbs, skin a little dry, tongue moderately clean, Pulse only a little accelerated <i>Habeat Mistura ex Magnesia Sulphat et Antimon Tart – ter die –</i> January 8 th - Skin moister & less headache. <i>Cont^r Mist. Salinæ</i> Jan ^y 9 th Not so well, more fever & bilious <i>Rx Mist Ant ad nauseum-</i> Vespere. Has more headache, strength prostrated, & has slight delirium, Bowels are regular, & skin cool, symptoms rather Typhoid, is rather of a debilitated habit of body – <i>Ommite Mist Antimon et Habeat Mist ex Spts. æther Nit Potassæ Nitralsis, Spts Ammon C. et Spts Lavandulæ 2dis horis - Applicet^r Lotio Frigid Capiti</i> Passed a good night & going on favourably. January 10 th Going on well but Bowels have not lately been opened- January 11 th <i>Habeat Mist ex Pulv. Rhei, Magnes Carb. et Magnes Sulphat –</i> Bowels well opened & has no bad symptoms - All fever gone, & complaining only of great weakness. <i>Habeat Quinæ Disulph gr ij Vini Rubri ʒij bis die –</i> Better appetite bad. <i>Habeat Mist ex Infus Cort Aurant,</i> <i>Liquer Quassæ et Quinæ Disulph</i> Appetite improving Improving Much stronger appetite good Discharged cured

<p>PB100109JPG</p> <p>Dyspepsia</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>Isobel McDougal Æt 40 Convict at Sea January 2nd Discharged Cured Feb^y 4th 1849 at Sea Jan^y 4th Jan^y 5th Jan^y 6th 10 January 12 Jan^y 16th Jan^y 19th “ 25 Feb^y 4th Cured</p>	<p>Isobel McDougal is a weak woman & one who has suffered from much previous illness; & also lately from sea sickness. Has bad appetite, tongue foul, breath fœtid bowels confined. <i>Habeat Haust, ex Pulv Rhei et Pulv Jalapa.</i> Jan^y 3rd Vomited the draught yesterday, now states that her bowels have not been opened for neary a fortnight. <i>Injec^r Enema Purgan</i> Bowels slightly opened, stomach very weak & still rejects purgatives – <i>Repet^r Enema Purg</i> – Bowels only again once moved but stomach is quiet <i>Rx. Hydrarg Chlorid gr iv Ext^r. Coloc C. grs ij in pil ij</i> Bowels freely acted on & better – appetite bad. <i>Pulv Rhei grs x Tinct Rhei ℥ij Aquæ ℥j Ft Haust.</i> Appetite a little improved – <i>Hab Mist Infus Quassia et Quinae Disulph bis die</i> – Bowels again obstinate, liver torpid. <i>Pil Hydrarg g^{ss} v nocte. Cont^r Mist Rhei cim Magnes Sulph ℥ij</i> Improving – <i>Cont^r Mist Rhei et pil nocte et Mistur Tonica</i> Mouth a little touched & purgatives now act on the Bowels appetite improving – <i>Cont^r Medica</i> Much better but sleeps indifferently, <i>omite pil Hydrarg et Habeat pil Extract Hyoscyami nocte.</i> Continued to improve had a good appetite & got strong. Discharged Cured Feb^y 4th</p>
<p>PB100110JPG</p> <p>Synochus (Bilious) Fever</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Ann Parks Æt 19 Convict taken ill at Sea January 17th Discharged Cured Feb^y 11th /49 at Sea Jan^y 21st Jan^y 22nd Jan^y 23rd Jan^y 24 Jan^y 25th Jan^y 26th Jan^y 27 Feb^y 2nd Feb^y 3rd Feb^y 11th Cured</p>	<p>Has pains of head back & loins with a hot dry skin white tongue & full pulse. <i>Rx. Hydrarg Chlorid g^r ij Pulv Antimon g^r iv tertis horis et Habeat Mistur Salinae</i> January 18th Still a good deal of Fever skin very hot & bowels confined. Cold affusion et <i>Habeat Pulv Jalapa C ℥fs et Cont Mist Salin cum Ant Tart.</i> Jan^y 19th Bowels free less fever <i>Cont Mist Salin cum Ant.</i> Jan^y 20th More fever today – repeat cold offusion, et <i>Habeat Pulv Rhei g^r x Potassæ Nit ℥j ter die.</i> Tongue cleaner & less fever. <i>Cont^r medicament</i> Tongue cleaner. Bowles not sufficiently free <i>Habeat Haust Purgans.</i> Very febrile, stomach exhausting itself with ineffectual - bilious vomiting- <i>Rx Pulv Ipecac ℥j Antimon Potass Tart g^r ij F^r Emetic</i> Is better but has again a recurrence of Bilious vomiting. <i>Rep^r Haust Emetic.</i> Less Fever Tongue cleaner bowels free no vomiting <i>Cont^r Pulv Rhei et Potass Nit.</i> Somewhat better, but has pain at pit of stomach & bilious nausea & vomiting. <i>Rep^r Emetic</i> Vomited much bile, Tongue clean & no fever- <i>Cont Mist Saline</i> Was nearly well till to day now complaining of pain of right side increased by raising the arm. <i>Rx Hydrarg Chlorid gr vj et postea Haust ex Infus Sennæ et Magnes Sulphat</i> Freely purged of Bile & pain of side gone- no unfavourable symptoms afterwards shewed itself & she was discharged Cured Feb^y 11th</p>

PB100111JPG Synochus	18	Miss Annie Nichol Æt 10 Matron's daughter taken ill at Sea January 19 th Discharged Cured February 8 th 1849	Jan ^y 19 th Complains of pain of head & limbs, has hot & dry skin, furred tongue & accelerated pulse. <i>Rx Hydrarg Chlorid gr ij Pulv Ant gr iv 4tis horis</i> January 20 th Less fever but complains of head, B free <i>ommit' pil – Rx Liq. Ammon Acetat ʒij Spts Ether Nit ʒij Potass Tart ʒij Liq Ant gts jc Aqua ʒvj F' Mist cap coch 2 dis horis.</i> Jan ^y 21 Less Fever but still headache – <i>Cont' Mist Lotio frigid Capiti</i> Jan ^y 22 Tongue became brown & furred & Bowels not free, still headache. <i>Rx Pulv Rhei g' v Potassæ Nit g^{ss} x tertis horis.</i> Jan ^y 23 Much better, no fever head better, Bowels free tongue cleaner – <i>Contin' Medicament pro re nata</i> 25 Going on favourably. January 27 Went on well till to day, now has no fever, but much congestion of Lungs & breathing oppressed by thick inch mucus. <i>Rx Tinct Scillæ ʒijj – Vini Ant Tart ʒij Tinct Digital g^{ss} xxx Aquæ ʒviij Ft M cap coch 3 tis horis</i> Jan ^y 28 th Has vomited a large quantity of mucus & much relieved <i>Cont' Mist –</i> Jan ^y 29 Has still stuffing of Lungs especially the right one which is dull on percussion. <i>Rx Hydr Chlorid g' ij Opii g' fs nocte maneque – et cont' Mist.</i> Jan ^y 30 A little better <i>Cont' Medic.</i> Feb ^y 2 nd Mouth a little touched & breathing quite free Lung clear <i>Omitt' Pil et Cont Mist Scillæ</i> Feb ^y 6 No complaint, & getting better & stronger. Feb ^y 8 th Quite well discharged Cured Cured.
PB100112JPG Inflamed Mamma	19	Ann Howard Æt 22 Convict at Sea January 17 th Discharged Cured January 29 th 1849 at Sea	Jan ^y 17 th Is nursing – Has great swelling & hardening of left mamma & some constitutional disturbance. <i>Rx Hydrarg Chloris g' ij Pulv Ant g^{ss} iv 3 tis horis</i> Breast to be suspended in a poultice. Jan ^y 18 th Less derangement of health, breast the same – bowels not open- <i>Habeat Mist purgans-</i> Jan ^y 19 th Breast same – <i>cont mist Infus Sennæ et Sulph Magnes.</i> Jan 20 General health good – mamma still very hard. To be smeared with mercurial ointment, & a poultice over it. Jan ^y 21 st Mouth already affected by absorption & mamma softer. <i>Cont medic</i> Jan ^y 24 Mamma soft & swelling nearly gone. Jan ^y 28 Cured Well Discharged Cured
Ulcer of Cornea	20	Jean Armour Æt 40 Convict at Sea March 7 th Died April 9 th 1849 at Sea	March 7 th Has for some time had Chronic Inflammation of left eye & been occasionally used a lotion. Eyes at all times, of the denomination commonly called bleared – with the lids devoid of lashes, inflammation a little increased, conjunctiva congested. Is a woman constantly quarrelling & of a most obstinate disposition, seems almost to be in a state of moral mania – Health in general

<p>PB100113JPG</p>			<p>& at present good, is of a robust habit. Complains but of little pain – <i>Applicr Emplast' Lyttæ Tempori</i> – Immediately on placing the blister on her temple I observed her, pull it in dangerous contiguity to her & cautioned her about it, & then replaced it in a proper position – I was afterwards informed that the instant my back was turned, she again pulled the blister <u>over</u> her eye & her messmates, not being aware of the danger failed to report it –</p> <p>March 8th In consequence of the above, eye to day more inflamed & conjunctiva much irritated, no other complaints. Constant warm fomentations.</p> <p>March 9th Inflammation subsiding. Continue warm fomentations & to take Salonis.</p> <p>10th A white spot forming over the Cornea. – Continue remedies.</p> <p>11 Slough separated & has an ulcer on the transparent Cornea, about the size of a pea. <i>Rx Tinct Sulph g^{rs} x Aquæ Zifs T' Opii g^{tt} xxx Ft Collyrium,</i> From this time the Collyrium, was varied to one of the Sulphate of Copper or Nitrate of Silver, & the ulcer at times touched with the dry nitrate and I find no remark made of her till March the 23rd where I find, her eye stated to be much better & ulcer shewing every disposition to heal- <i>Cont Lotions varia-</i></p> <p>April 2nd Better & ulcer gradually healing.</p> <p>April 5th From some unknown cause not so well, ulcer began to spread, & at times cannot see but, on the surface of the ulcer being cleansed by a lotion vision is restored, ulcer does not penetrate the chamber of the eye. <i>Cont' Lotio et Argent Nit</i> –</p>
<p>PB100114JPG</p>		<p>April 6th</p> <p>April 7th</p> <p>April 8th</p> <p>April 9th Died</p>	<p>Eye same, but, her temper has become quite unbearable, abusing & quarrelling with everyone, but this not being at all an unusual occurrence, did not excite much attention- does not complain of pain of head, or if she feels it will not allow it – appetite fair general health robust.</p> <p>April 7th Eye no worse but still in same irritable state. Tongue clean & all functions natural.</p> <p>April 8th Eye improving & healing but is now falling off in general health, but not confined to bed – only complains of thirst & will to day insist on drinking water till she vomits & if not supplied in that quantity abused every one. Pulse & tongue natural & takes food, eye better</p> <p>April 9th Died As yesterday, has still thirst eye improving – At 2 P.M. she got up from a bench in the Hospital on which she had been sitting, indulging in her usual abuse, and went to her bed, after remaining for 5 minutes she raised herself up & then suddenly fell back quite dead, beyond her naturally irritable temper, she never shewed any symptoms of disease, & was tolerably strong – Her local disease was improving & whether she died of apoplexy or obscure meningitis I cannot say, we were on the eve of getting into Port but a Heavy Gale prevented us, I kept the Body till offensive in hopes of a Post Mortem on shore. The weather precluded it on board but for the above reason was obliged to consign it to the deep.</p>

<p>Synochus Fever</p> <p>PB100115JPG</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>Alice Sponsforth Æt 12 Child of Convict at Sea 12th January 1848 (sic) at Sea Discharged Cured Jan^y 28/49 at Sea</p> <p>Jan^y 14th Vespere</p> <p>January 15th</p> <p>Jan^y 16th</p> <p>Jan^y 17th</p> <p>Jan^y 18th</p> <p>Jan^y 19th</p> <p>Cured</p>	<p>January 12th Has been suffering all night with fever. Has hot and dry skin, a white and furred tongue, severe headache & pain of limbs, is a child of delicate habit. <i>Rx Hydrargyri Chlorid gr^{ss} iij Antimon Pulv gr^r vj et post tres horis, Habeat mistura ex Sulphat Magnes ex Solut Antim Tart. 2^{dis} horis.</i></p> <p>Jan^y 13th Has been a little delirious during the night relieved by cold douche. Has been well purged, Tongue cleaner, but skin still burning – Continue cold douche to head, Saline mixture & let the body be well sponged. Better – <i>cont medic</i></p> <p>Worse skin again became burning, has also slight delirium, is a child of nervous & hysterical nature & delirium not dangerous. Let the douche & cold sponges be renewed & repeat the Calomel & Antimony and Saline mixture.</p> <p>Is better this morning, no delirium, less heat of skin. <i>Rx Rhei Pulv gr iv Potassæ Nitras grs x tertis horis</i></p> <p>Gradually getting better -<i>nil-</i></p> <p>Tongue cleaner, Bowels regular but has at times slight occasions of Fever Cold affusions & repeat the <i>Rhubarb & Potass.</i></p> <p>Better, Bowels not very free <i>Pil Hydrarg Chlorid et Ant – nocte.</i></p> <p>Better bowels free <i>Con^{tr} Mist^r Salinæ</i></p> <p>Continued to improve and was discharged Cured January 20th 1849</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John C Bowman Surgeon R.N.</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	34	34					9.14.15 17.18
Typhus	2	1		1			8
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis	4	4					19
Pneumonia	“	“					
Rheumatismus	4	4					12
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia	5	4					11.20
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas							
<i>Psora</i>	13	13					
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis confirmata	1			1			7
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	8	8					
Dysenteria <i>Cholera</i>	3			3			1.2.6
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia	5	5					16
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	25	24	1				10
Colica	2	2					
<i>Choleric Diarrhoea</i>	2	2					4.13
Ord. IV. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania <i>Melancholia</i>	1			1			3
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes	1			1			5
Ord. II. Intumescantiae.							

Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetiginæ.							
Syphilis							
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus							
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysæthesiæ.							
Amaurosis							
Ord. II. Dysorexiæ.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiæ.							
Ord. IV. Apocnoses.							
Gonorrhœa							
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	1	1					
Dysuria							
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Hypertrophia Cordis	1			1			
Ord. VII. Ectopiæ.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus							
Ulcus-Scalds	6	5	1				
GENERAL TOTAL	112	107	2	9			
NOTE.—Medical Officers are desired particularly to Notice that the Numbers in each Disease and the general Total must not only correspond with the Sick Book, but also with the particulars contained in the several Nosological Returns for the period.							

GENERAL REMARKS

The Female Prisoners to the number of 150, with about 30 Children, were embarked at Woolwich on the 3rd and 4th of November 1848. At that time they were in good Health, but a few Cases of Cholera had occurred in Millbank Penitentiary on the male side, tho none had as yet appeared amongst the Females. Cholera also at the time was prevalent on Board the Hulks, near which the Cadet lay moored at Woolwich.

Whilst at Woolwich diarrhoea frequently occurred amongst the Prisoners, but it was not of a nature to create any alarm and I at that attributed it to change of Diet; the Cases did not require to be put on the Sick List, & were removed by a dose of Rhubarb & Blue Pill or other appropriate Remedy.

We left Woolwich on the 12th of November, & experienced very severe weather in the Channel, and on the 20th of the same month I desired the master to bear up for Plymouth, the Prisoners being very exhausted from constant Sea Sickness & some slight cases of Synochus Fever having appeared, & also there are not appearing any Prospect of the vessel making any progress in her voyage – Immediately on the vessels anchoring a beneficial change took place in the health of the Convicts, and on the 21st I went on shore to report the Ship to the Admiral & obtain supplies of Fresh Beef & vegetables – and a Gale of wind having set in I was that night unable to return on board. The next morning at 7, I succeeded in reaching the Ship & found that during the previous night a woman had been attacked with Malignant Cholera. The symptoms were undoubted, & it appeared hopeless from the first. The Case is given in No. 1 of this Journal.

On the 23rd Nov^r another case occurred of a very peculiar nature, Viz Cholera & delivery of a Child during the Collapsed state, and this case would in all probability not have proved fatal but for these strange combination of circumstances – I have given the case in No. 2 – At this same period there were numerous cases of Diarrhoea, & some of Choleraic or Choleraic Diarrhoea, Two of the latter Cases I have detailed in Nos. 4 & 13 – and a Case of severe Diarrhoea No 10.

I was very careful in all these cases, in classing those only as Malignant Cholera, in which I considered the Ejecta to consist of the Serum of the Blood, if this symptom were absent I called it Cholera or Diarrhoea according to its severity – Were all other Practitioners (sic) equally guarded perhaps we should hear less of their cases of actual Cholera, and less nonsensical remedies, cried up as specified.

Towards the end of November the Convicts were getting in a more healthy state, when another case of true Cholera occurred, in the person of one of the sick attendants, this woman undoubtedly recovered from the Disease, but died of the subsequent reactive Fever, notwithstanding early & vigorous treatment, her case is detailed in No 6.

During the prevalence of the Cholera, the utmost care was taken, to keep the ship dry, by the means of constant airing stoves, and the repeated use of the Burnett Solution, of the Chloride of Zinc, to the Closets, Hospital and every other practicable part of the Ship.

Having at the time expressed my opinion to Sir W. Burnett, of the great value of his invention I need not here repeat it.

I used the Solution, not only on account of its great & undoubted purifying powers, but also as a precautionary measure on account of its disinfecting ones also – although I do not believe in any absolute infection in Cholera.

With regard to the Treatment of Malignant Cholera (which term I prefer to Asiatic, the latter making a geographical disease of it) my experience fortunately was too limited, to enable me to offer any very decided opinion. I should rather prefer the effervescing draughts, to allay thirst & check vomiting, with Calomel to restore the secretions, more especially of the Liver. Of Chloroform I can undoubtedly speak well, as exemplified in Case No. 2 in which not a single cramp followed its second application, and it also proved of great use after in the extraction of the Placenta. Of course, the Diarrhoeas that occurred during this time were treated on general medical principals.

Whilst remaining at Plymouth 3 other deaths occurred, one that of an infant from Tabes requiring no mention, another that of Ann Holt a very weak woman who died of some obscure disease of Heart & General Debility, her stamina not being sufficient to stand her late hardships for I ought to here mention that during the month we were in Plymouth Sound, it was almost one incessant Rain accompanied by Heavy Gales of wind.

The remaining case of death was that of Ann Wheatcroft from Mental Disease; It may be remembered that I applied in vain for this woman's removal, my application being supported by the Director General of the Medical Department of the Navy, but the Secretary of State refused it; her case is given in the Journal in No. 3.

The Cadet proceeded to Sea on the 17th of December, & again the unfortunate Vessel experienced Heavy head Gales. One very debilitated woman afflicted with a Phthisical or Bronchitic disease did not long survive, Case No. 7 – and a boy, No. 8 case, also contracted Typhus Fever, & soon was carried off, fortunately this proved a solitary case.

Shortly after getting to Sea, I observed symptoms of Psora and on minutely inspecting the convicts, I singled out such as were afflicted, and soon got rid of this nuisance.

On getting into the Tropics, many cases of Synochus Bilius Fever broke out, somewhat severe, such as cases Nos. 9, 14, 15, 17, 18 and 21 – Between this and the arrival at Hobart Town, one other death occurred. The woman was put on the Sick List with chronic ophthalmia which from her own folly, subsequently became aggravated, & she was afflicted with Ulcer of the Cornea, from this complaint she was fast recovering, but suddenly & most unexpectedly expired. Her case is detailed in No. 20. I think from her irritable & obstinate disposition that she laboured always under a Chronic Meningitis & perhaps the Inflammation ~~of~~ and irritation of the Eye insidiously aggravated, an already over excited organisation.

On arriving at Hobart Town, it was found necessary to send 2 Patients to the Colonial Hospital, one with severely Scalded Legs, another a woman who had been constantly under treatment, and was afflicted with General Debility & Diarrhoea.

The expenditure of medicine has been rather large but it must be recollected that at times nearly every woman in the Ship was under treatment tho not actually on the Sick List. I vaccinated & revaccinated all the Infants whose mothers would permit it, till the Vaccine matter was exhausted, but as every case, tho performed with the greatest care, proved unsuccessful. I have not given a detailed account of them.

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