

Surgeon's Journal of Her Majesty's Female Convict Ship *Tory* 1848
 Mr Charles Smith, Surgeon
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A Copy of the daily Sick List of the Hired Convict Ship "Tory" between the 22nd April 1848 and the 11th August during a voyage from England to Van Diemen's Land. Charles Smith Surgeon Superintendent. Island of Van Diemen's Land August 19 1848.

Copy of the sick list of the Tory Female Convict Ship

When Put On Sick List	Name	Age	Quality	Disease or Hurt	When Put Off Sick List	How Disposed Of
April 13 th	Margaret Hughes	28		Syphilis	May 28 th	To Duty
" "	Sarah Wheatley	42		Erysipelas	May 4 th	To Duty
" 24	Eliza North	29		Contusio	April 26	To Duty
" "	Letitia Waines (Warnes)	28		Erysipelas	May 20 th	To Duty
May 1 st	Mary Chapman	32		Diarrhoea	May 9 th	To Duty
" "	Eliza Masters	19		Dyspepsia	May 18 th	To Duty
" "	Catherine Cannon	29		Dyspepsia	May 15 th	To Duty
" "	Mary Sweenie	15		Diarrhoea	May 16 th	To Duty
" 8	Eliza Mumby	24		Colica	May 28 th	To Duty
" "	Bridget Glasson (Gleeson)	28		Dyspepsia	May 28	To Duty
" 12	Mary MacArthur	18		Catarrhus	May 30 th	To Duty
" "	Mary Leahy	25		Catarrhus	May 18 th	To Duty
" 16	Margaret Brown	21		Catarrhus	May 29 th	To Duty
" 16	Jane Burrell	40		Dyspepsia	May 25 th	To Duty
" 17	Sarah Crickmer	25		Catarrhus	June 8 th	To Duty
" "	Margaret Thompson	32		Dysuria	June 15	To Duty
" "	Catherine McDonald	30		Dyspepsia	June 12	To Duty
" "	Elizabeth Nuttall	21		Obstipatio	June 16 th	To Duty
" "	Mary Anne Merton	25		Rheumatismus	June 12 th	To Duty
" 18	Mary Anne Clarke	28		Menorrhagia	June 16 th	To Duty
" 19	Helen Buckey	25		Colica	June 13 th	To Duty
" 20	Ellen Brown	29		Colica	June 1 st	To Duty
" 26	Catherine Cannon	29		Contusio	June 10 th	To Duty
" 28	Helen Verity	22		Contusio	June 8 th	To Duty
" 29	Eliza North	29		Dyspepsia	June 15 th	To Duty
May 30 th	Helen Harvey (Buckie?)	40		Erysipelas	June 6 th	To Duty
" 30	Mary Hay	29		Colica	June 10 th	To Duty
" 30	Mary Wood	32		Dyspepsia	June 8 th	To Duty
June 1 st	Jane Foley	25		Dyspepsia	June 18 th	To Duty
" 2	Mary Ann Haney	21		Dyspepsia	June 24 th	To Duty
" 3	Catherine McDonald	30		Anorexia	June 28 th	To Duty
" 5	Jane Humphreys	30		Phlogosis	July 5 th	To Duty
" 8	Mary Parting	24		Phlogosis	June 20 th	To Duty
" 10	Helen Buckie	29		Colica	June 18 th	To Duty
" "	Anne Browne	25		Contusio	June 30 th	To Duty
" 11	Eliza Mumby	27		Colica	July 13 th	To Duty
" 13	Mary Wood	22		Synochus	July 15 th	To Duty
" 23	Eliza Seymour	25		Dysuria	June 28 th	To Duty

“ “	Charlotte Hunt	29		Erysipelas	July 28 th	To Duty
“ “	Helen Buckie	29		Colica	July 13 th	To Duty
“ “26	M. Anne Haney	24		Dyspepsia	July 6 th	To Duty
July 1 st	Elizabeth Ridley	25		Catarrhus	July 12 th	Colonial Hospital
“ 16	Emma Smith	23		Synochus	Aug ^t 16 th	Colonial Hospital
“ 10	Helen Cavins (Cairns)	27		Catarrhus	July 25 th	To Duty
“ 10	Anne Smith	29		Colica	July 23	To Duty
“ 10	Jane Sparrow	42		Rheumatismus	Aug ^t 16 th	Colonial Hospital
“ 16	Bridget White	28		Dysentaria	Aug ^t 4 th	To Duty
“ 25	Jane McLaren	28		Scorbutus	Aug ^t 10 th	Colonial Hospital
“ 25	Jane Humphreys	26		Diarrhoea	Aug ^t 10 th	Colonial Hospital
Aug ^t 1 st	Mary Graham	32		Phlogosis	Aug ^t 14 th	To Duty

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Medical and Surgical Journal of Her Majesty's Convict Ship *Tory* between the 22nd of April 1848 and the 11th of August 1848 during which time the said ship has been employed in a voyage from England (Woolwich) 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>Syphilis</p> <p><i>Image 4</i></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Margaret Hughes Ætat:28 Taken ill at Woolwich April 23rd and discharged from the Sick List on the 28th May at Sea in Lat: 6°.42'N. Long^{de} 22° 25' E.</p>	<p>This patient who is of a feeble and broken-down constitution, has had repeated attacks of Syphilis in its various forms, the cartilages of the nose have disappeared and the alae of that feature having no support lie flat down to the face, the cicatrices of old ulcers were also visible in different parts of the body and the skin has in many places a mottled appearance evidently the remains of venereal eruption. I was not at first disposed to receive this Female on board, but on being assured by the medical officer, at Millbank Penitentiary that she had been in moderately good health for some time I consented to take her on board in the hopes that a sea voyage would invigorate her constitution. Several patches of ulceration appeared on the right leg below the knee, with defective appetite & feeble pulse.</p> <p><i>Rx Ioded: Potassii gr xxiv</i> <i>Aqua Puræ ℥vij solv</i> A wine glassful three times a day <i>Rx Sulphat: Zinci gr iv</i> <i>Aqua Puræ ℥vij solve</i> <i>Ft. Lotio.</i> to be applied to the ulcerated surface, a little simple dressing with a bandage to be afterwards used.</p> <p>April 30th Appears to be improving and is in much better spirits, the ulcers look more healthy. Tongue clean but bowels rather confined.</p> <p><i>Rx Pulv. Rhei gr xij</i> <i>Carbon: Magnesia gr x</i> <i>Pulv:Zingiberis iij ℥ s. statim</i> <i>Ioded: Potassii contin:</i></p> <p>May 5th Ulcers nearly healed up, and general health rather improved, To have preserved soup for dinner, with a little port wine twice a day. <i>Ioded: Potassii contin:</i></p> <p>May 13th Ulcers healed up & appears to be gaining strength, tongue clean, but rather defective appetite.</p> <p><i>Rx Infus: Gentianæ ℥vij</i> <i>Infus: Aurantii ℥ij</i> <i>Tinct: Cardiomom: Comp: ℥fs ℥</i> <i>Ft. mist</i> – a wine glassful three times a day</p> <p>May 20th Has improved considerably since last report & is looking much better than when she first came on board To continue taking the bitter infusion, Preserved Soup & wine as formerly.</p> <p>May 28th Appears now to be in very good health, states, that she has not felt herself so well for a long period, is discharged from the Sick List.</p>

<p><i>Image 5</i></p> <p>Erysepelis</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>Letitia Waines Ætat:28 Taken ill at Woolwich April 23rd and discharged from the Sick List on the 20th May at Sea in Lat: 22° .37' N. Long^{de} 22° 35' W.</p>	<p>Of a feeble constitution, & imbecile in appearance, states that she has suffered for some days from severe headache, and nausea & that she is faint & giddy, and unable to support herself in an upright position; Pulse quick; but small; skin preternaturally hot, Tongue white and much furred; bowels confined; skin of the Face red and shiny, countenance puffed up. <i>Rx Pulv: Ipecac: ̄j</i> <i>Antonim: Pol: Tart: gr j ̄ S. Statim</i> To have Barley water for common drink. 25th The Emetic acted freely & the skin is moist, but the pain in head is rather increased & the febrile symptoms have not abated. Hair to be cut short, & head kept cool. <i>Rx Pulv: Rhei ̄xv</i> <i>Chlorid: Hydrarg gr iv ̄</i> <i>Ft. Pulv. S. Statim</i> 26th Bowels freely opened by the medicine, but has passed a restless night, headache very severe, skin of Face beginning to vesicate, the febrile symptoms are urgent, but the pulse altho' rapid is soft and compressible. Hirudinea viij Applicet: Fronti – Rx Nitrat: Potass ʒfs Antim: Potas: Tart: gr ij Aqua Fontana ʒ viij ̄ 28th 2° A wine glassful every three hours, a little flour to be dusted over the Blistered surface to absorb the discharge. Has passed a quiet night & appears considerably improved. The headache is less severe and Pyrexia has partly subsided leeches bled freely – <i>Mist: Contin:</i> May 10th Continues to improve the Febrile symptoms have nearly disappeared, skin is coming off the face & the countenance is more natural, bowels rather confined & there is little disposition for food. <i>Rx. Infus: Gentian: ʒviij</i> <i>Tinct: Cardimom: Comp ʒj ̄</i> - a wine glassful three times every day. 28th Has nearly regained her strength & looks well. Discharged from the Sick List.</p>
<p><i>Image 6</i></p> <p>Catarrhus</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>Sarah Crickmer Ætat:27 Taken ill at Sea 17th May in Lat : 33° .38' N Long^{de} 17° 45' W. Discharged from the Sick List on the 3rd June Lat: 1° .45' S. Long^{de} 27 °49' W.</p>	<p>Who is of a Plethoric constitution, unmarried, & without children, states that she has not been well since she came on board & attributes her illness to having caught cold on the morning she left Millbank; to join this vessel. The symptoms at present are pain in right Hypogastric region considerably increased on taking a deep inspiration, pulse quick & firm; Tongue white; bowels rather confined; There is also a catarrhal discharge from the eyes & nose, with slight cough. <i>Rx Sulph: Magnesia ʒifs</i> <i>Antim: Potass Tart gr ifs</i> <i>Aqua Fontana ʒiij ̄</i> A wine glassful every three hours. May 18th Has passed a restless night respiration is much impeded & the pain in right side acute. <i>V.S. ad ʒxvi. Mist: Contin:</i> To have barley water for common drink. Has passed a quiet night and the symptoms are much improved. The respiration is free & the skin more cool,</p>

Image 7		<p>May 23rd</p> <p>May 25th</p> <p>May 26th</p> <p>May 28th</p> <p>May 30th</p> <p>June 3rd</p>	<p>bowels open; To take a little arrow root twice a day – The medicine to be continued, but in smaller doses.</p> <p>Much the same as in last report, but there is a slight return of pain in the hepatic region, with tenderness on pressure, the pulse however is soft & the bowels open.</p> <p><i>Rx Aquæ Ammoniacæ ℥fs</i> <i>Ol: Olivar: ℥j ℥</i></p> <p><i>Ft. Liniment- applicet: parti dolente. Mist: omittat:</i></p> <p>Has passed a quiet night but the pain is considerably increased in right side stretching up towards the shoulder, the conjunctiva has also a yellowish tinge & the Tongue is foul. <i>Emplast: Vesicator app' latori dolori</i></p> <p><i>Rx Chloridi Hydrargri gr iij</i> <i>Ext: Hyosciumi gr i ℥</i></p> <p><i>Ft pilul- 1- bis in die.</i></p> <p>Blister has risen well & the pain of side is completely removed, blistered surface to be dressed with simple ointment – <i>Pilul: contin:</i></p> <p>Continues to progress favourably, there has been no return of hepatic affection and the blistered surface is healing up bowels open, Tongue clean gums slightly affected by the <i>Chlorid: Hydrarg.</i></p> <p><i>Rx Infus: Quassia ℥iij</i> <i>Acid Nitric Dil: ℥j ℥</i></p> <p>A wine glassful three times every day. <i>Pil: omittat:</i></p> <p>The same treatment has been continued since last report, & with considerable benefit, the appetite is better; & she is gaining strength, catamenia have appeared today the first time for four months, blistered c surface healed over. <i>Infus: Quassia contin:</i> To have a little preserved soup & a small quantity of wine twice a day.</p> <p>General health now good. Discharged from the Sick List.</p>
Image 8	4	<p>Mary A. Clarke Ætat:27 Taken ill at Sea On the 17th May 1848 Lat : 33°.38'N Long^{de} 17° 45' W. Discharged from the Sick List on the 16th June Lat: 18°. S. Long^{de} 33 °24' W.</p>	<p>This woman who is of a nervous and excitable temperament, states that she has been married for six years, during which time she has borne three children & has always enjoyed good health, till about twelve months ago, when her husband was unfortunately killed, the shock of her husband death, brought on a miscarriage, and since that period her health has never been good, that she is liable to attacks of hysteria, irregular menstruation & despondency &c.</p> <p>The symptoms at present are as follows; Pulse quick and small Tongue of a whitish color; bowels rather confined; there is a considerable discharge of blood from the vagina; & she suffers also from severe nervous headache, palpitation of heart & pain in Lumbar regions the countenance is pale and blanched:</p> <p><i>Rx Acetat: Plumbi: gr j</i> <i>Gum: Opii gr fs ℥</i></p> <p><i>Ft Pilul &j – ter in die.</i></p> <p>Is to take a little preserved soup with a small quantity of Port wine twice a day.</p> <p>May 18th Much the same as yesterday to take a small dose of <i>Oleum Ricini</i>, bowels being still confined; <i>Pilul: contin:</i></p> <p>May 19th The bowels have been freely opened, the pulse is diminished in frequency & is more full, she expresses herself as feeling easier. <i>Pilul: contin:</i></p>

		<p>May 25th The discharge considerably diminished in quantity; pulse slower & more natural; & the appetite is improving; Tongue moderately clean; but she still complains of severe headache. <i>Rx Tinct: Ferri Sesquichlor ℥j</i> <i>g^{tt} xx L. – three times a day in a glassful of cold water.</i> <i>Pilul: omitt^r:</i></p> <p>May 28th Is much better this morning – the headache is very nearly gone & there is only a slight oozing of blood from the vagina, appetite improving, Tongue clean; bowels still rather confined, To take a small dose of castor oil, <i>Tinct: Ferri Sessichlorid: contin:</i></p> <p>June 2nd The same treatment has been continued since last report and the patient was doing well up to last night about 10 o'clock when she was seized with a severe attack of Hysteria which has left her in a debilitated condition, countenance very pale and pulse scarcely perceptible at wrist – a small quantity of Brandy & water was exhibited & she gradually revived.</p> <p>June 8th Has completely recovered from the effects of the Hysterical Fit & the discharge from the vagina has disappeared for these last three days, Pulse natural, appetite moderately good & bowels open. The <i>Tinct: Ferri</i> to be continued</p> <p>June 10th States that she has been in such good health since her husband's death. She was discharged from the Ship in sound health.</p>
<p><i>Image 9</i> Rheumatismus</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>Mary A. Merton Ætat:25 Taken ill at Sea On the 17th May 1848 Lat : 33° .38' N Long^{de} 17° 45' W. Discharged from the Sick List on the 12th June Lat: 23° . 45' S. Long^{de} 32 ° 15.30' W.</p> <p>May 18th Of a feeble and worn-out constitution states that she has frequently been the subject of Rheumatism, and has been much exposed to the inclemency of the season when travelling through the country in the capacity of a Hawker. She is at present suffering from the following symptoms – Pulse quick and hard, skin hot & dry, the countenance is flushed; acute pain in joints particularly knee & shoulder joints, much increased on motion, bowels rather confined; tongue white, and slightly furred; catamenia regular. <i>V.S. ad ℥xv Hab: Olei Ricini ℥j S. Statim</i> – To have barley water for common drink.</p> <p>19th Has passed a restless night from pain in joints, but the pulse is softer and the skin moist, blood abstracted buffy but without firmness – bowls freely opened. <i>Rx Chlorid: Hydrarg: gr iv</i> <i>Gum: Opii gr j ꝯ</i> <i>Ft: pil: j ter in die</i></p> <p>May 21st Much the same as yesterday. To have a little Sago or Arrow Root twice a day. <i>Pilul^r Chlorid: Hyd: C: opii Cont^r.</i></p> <p>May 23rd Febrile symptoms considerably abated, but the pain in joints still severe & the left knee is stiff and swollen, bowels rather confined. To take a small dose of Castor Oil. <i>Pilul: Repet: ut antea.</i></p> <p>May 23rd Much improved since last report, the pulse is soft & natural. Tongue clean and skin cool, pain in articulations nearly gone with the exception of the left knee joint which is still painful when moved. Gums tender, the breath has a slight mercurial fœtor.</p>

<p>Image 10</p>		<p>May 25th</p> <p>28th</p> <p>June 1st</p>	<p>Liniment: Ammonia To be rubbed into the affected knee & a Flannel bandage applied. <i>Pilul: omittat^r</i>. To have a little wine twice a day.</p> <p>There is little change since the 23rd. The knee is less painful but the swelling is not diminished, she also complains of weakness; with defective appetite – To have a little preserved soup, with wine.</p> <p><i>Rx Infus: Gentian: ℥viiij</i> <i>Infus: Autantii ℥ij</i> <i>Tinct: Cardimom: Comp ℥fs ℞</i></p> <p>A wine glassful three times every day. Continue friction with <i>Liniment: Ammonia</i>.</p> <p>Has gained some strength since the 25th & is looking better appetite improved knee joint stiff but without pain.</p> <p><i>Infus: Gentian</i> <i>Infus: Aurantii Contin:</i></p> <p>A little camphorated mercurial ointment to be rubbed into the affected joint instead of the <i>Liniment: Ammonia</i></p> <p>General health much better, free from Rheumatic pains: the knee joint has more freedom of motion – friction with mercurial ointment to be continued – was discharged on the 12th & had no return during the voyage.</p>
<p>Colica</p> <p>Image 11</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Ellen Brown Ætat:29 was taken ill at Sea on the 26th May In Lat : 11°.16' S Long^{de} 25° “ “ Discharged from the Sick List on the 1st June Lat: 2°. 10' S. Long^d e24 °38.45' W.</p> <p>May 27th</p> <p>May 28th</p> <p>30th June 5th</p>	<p>Of a robust and powerful constitution, states that she has always enjoyed good health, is married & has two children. She has been employed as cook since being on board this vessel & a very industrious and hard-working woman.</p> <p>May 26th She was seized this morning with severe colicky pains, shivering & a disposition to vomit, the abdominal muscles are hard & spasmodically contracted & the extremities rather cold, pulse natural, bowels confined; tongue clean; she attributes her illness to having taken a sudden drink of cold water, when overheated at the coppers – 40 drops of <i>Tinct: Opii</i>, with a small quantity of brandy was given, hot fomentation applied to abdomen, & hot water to extremities in bottles, under this treatment the urgency of the symptoms were relieved, & a dose of castor oil was prescribed.</p> <p>Has passed a restless night, the bowels have not been moved, & there is a return of pain in belly pulse accelerated, & skin hot. V.S. ad ℥xv To have an Enema of Castor Oil.</p> <p>Vespere – Blood abstracted slightly buffed with a firm coagulation. Enema brought away a quantity of hardened scybala, without giving much relief – <i>Rx Olei Ricini ℥j Tinct: opii g^{ss} x</i> To be taken at bed time. The belly to be well fomented with hot Chamomile Fomentations</p> <p>Has passed a quiet night and is much easier this morning, bowels well opened, evacuations dark & bilious, belly quite soft & free from pain, pulse & tongue natural.</p> <p>Continues to improve catamenia appeared today. Discharged from the List.</p>
<p>Phlogosis</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Mary Parting Ætat:25 was taken ill at Sea on the 8th June</p>	<p>Of a sanguine temperament single & without children; states that she has not enjoyed good health for some years, she has been much exposed to the inclemency of the</p>

Image 12		<p>In Lat : 12°.47' S Longde 32° 32.30' and discharged from the Sick List on the 20th June Lat: 33°. 56' S. Longde 12° 18 E.</p>	<p>weather through the country & has altogether led a rather intemperate life. catamenia regular.</p> <p>Has suffered for some --- days from headache, constipated bowels & foul tongue & this morning feels pain and stiffness in the left ankle shooting up the external aspect of the leg – the part is hot & puffy & has a reddish tinge, resembling incipient Erysipelas, the pulse is accelerated & there is a good deal of constitutional disturbance.</p> <p><i>Rx P. Ipecac gr xxv</i> <i>Antimon Pot: Tart gr j</i> To be taken immediately.</p> <p>9th The emetic acted freely and the skin is moist with less pyrexia, the pain & swelling in the leg are increased, it looks red & tense, <i>Rx Sulphat Magnesia ℥ij</i> <i>Antimon Potass tart gr ij</i> <i>Aq: Fontana ℥xij</i></p> <p>10th Has passed a restless night, with great pain in the leg, the swelling is more circumscribed & there is a throbbing sensation in the part as if suppuration was going on, bowels open – apply a large poultice to the affected part. <i>Sol: Sulphat: magnesia contin:</i></p> <p>11th There is little change today, the pyrexia has diminished but the pain & swelling on the leg are rather increased, apply hot Poultice of oatmeal three times a day – To have barley water for common drink.</p> <p>13th The same treatment has been continued since the 11th & fluctuation is now evident. The swelling has become more elevated, & circumscribed & the pain less acute, a free opening is made in a depending position and about 6 oz of a thin unhealthy pus discharged; <i>cataplas: applicet:.</i></p> <p>15th Swelling subsided, no pyrexia, the skin is pale & the wound looks healthy, a little simple ointment & a bandage was applied & the wound gradually healed.</p>
Image 13	8	<p>Elizabeth Ridley Ætat:23 was taken ill at Sea on the 1st July In Lat : 37°.15 S Long^{de} 18° 49 and discharged from the Sick List on the 12th July Lat: 38°. 56° S. Long^{de} 63° 38 E.</p>	<p>Of a delicate constitution, fair hair; eyes light blue, complexion fine, the strumous diathesis in its most perfect form; states that she has been liable to coughs and colds, during changes of temperature, & that she attributes her present illness to having slept in a damp bed.</p> <p>She is at present suffering from cough with slight difficulty of breathing, pain in the limbs and spine, general uneasiness & lassitude. Tongue white, bowels rather confined, catamenia regular.</p> <p><i>Rx P. Rhei ʒj</i> <i>Chlorid: Hydrarg gr iij ℥</i> <i>Ft Pulv – S. Statim.</i> To have barley water for common drink.</p> <p>2nd Has had little sleep during the night, bowels freely opened, cough rather troublesome, but without much pain. <i>Rx Liquor: Ammonia Acet: ℥ij</i> <i>Antimon Potass. Tart gr j ℥</i> A table spoonful three times a day.</p> <p>3rd Symptoms much the same as on yesterday, complains of pain in the region of the bronchi; Liniment Ammonia to be well rubbed over that part of the thorax. <i>Mist: Amon: Contin:</i></p> <p>5th Considerably improved since last report the skin is moist and cool, & the cough is less troublesome, there is a good deal of pain however in the superior portion of right lung.</p>

			<p>The respiratory murmur is there indistinct & percussion somewhat dull – <i>Emplast: vesicator applicet parti dolenti.</i> <i>Rx Chlorid: Hydrarg gr ij</i> <i>Ext: Hyoscyami gr ij ꝯ Ft: Pilul</i></p> <p>July 7th The Blister rose well & the pain is in a great measure relieved, the Gums are also slightly affected. The cough has nearly disappeared, <i>medicina omitt:</i></p> <p>15th Blister healed up, cough gone, respiration natural.</p>
Synochus	9	<p>Emma Smith Ætat:23 was taken ill at Sea on the 16th July In Lat : Long^{de} and discharged to the Colonial Hospital on the 10th of August at Hobart Town V. Diemen’s Land.</p>	<p>Of a sound constitution; temperament sanguine, single, & without children; states that she has generally enjoyed good health & has been employed as a domestic servant, - this female has acted as messwoman since being on board this vessel & has been industrious and well behaved.</p> <p>The symptoms at present are as follows -Skin hot; tongue dry and furred, pulse quick & full; but soft, pain in head, and joints; with general lassitude – bowels rather confined; catamenia regular. Hair to be cut short & vinegar & water freely applied to the head.</p> <p><i>Rx Pulv: Ipecuanha ʒj</i> <i>Antimon: Potass: Tart gr j ꝯ S. Statim</i></p> <p>To have barley water for <i>potu communi</i></p> <p>17th Emetic acted freely on the bowels & skin, but without producing any relief & the pyrexial symptoms are much the same as yesterday.</p> <p><i>Rx Sulphat Magnesia ʒifs</i> <i>Antimon: Potass: Tart gr ij</i> <i>Aqua Fontana lb j ꝯ Mist.</i></p> <p>A wine glassful 3 times every day.</p> <p>19th Pyrexia rather increased since last report, the skin is moist & pulse moderately soft, but the tongue is dry & brown in the centre with ed irritable looking edges; she also complains of pain at the epigastrium, secretions from bowels rather fetid & bilious.</p> <p><i>Emplast: vesicatorium applicet: Epigastrio</i> <i>Rx Chloridi Hydrargri gr iij</i> <i>Carbon Magnesia gr v</i> <i>Pulv: Zingiberis ij ꝯ Ft Pulv – S j bis in die.</i> <i>Mist: Salin: omittat:</i></p> <p>24th Has passed a quiet night & appears rather improved, the tongue is moister & not so fiery, blister rose well, blistered surface to be dressed with resinous ointment.</p> <p><i>Pulveres – contin:</i> To have a little arrow root occasionally</p> <p>July 25th The same treatment has been continued since last report & with considerable benefit, the pyrexial symptoms have become more mild, blister nearly healed up gums slightly affected by the mercury, secretions from the bowels more natural. To have a little wine in sago or arrow root twice a day – (to have S. of alum wash for the mouth) – <i>Chlorid: Hydrargyr: omittat:</i></p> <p>26th Continues to improve the febrile symptoms have entirely disappeared there is slight headache today however with confined bowels, to take a dose of castor oil.</p> <p>August 6th This patient continued to do well and was gradually regaining her strength up to the 31st of July when a relapse of all the former symptoms took place, an Emetic was exhibited which acted freely – small doses of <i>Pulv. Rhei</i> with <i>Chlorid: Hydrarg:</i> were then prescribed, under this treatment the Febrile symptoms gradually subsided,</p>
Image 14			

Image 15			<p>leaving the patient in a debilitated condition, bitter infusion was given twice a day & small quantities of Port wine with arrow root Cautiously administered – a small dose of rhubarb was given every second night to keep the bowels regular.</p> <p>4th Much improved in appearance bowels regular tongue clean pulse nearly natural, appetite increasing. <i>Infus: Gentian: Contin:</i> To have a little preserved soup twice a day.</p> <p>August 6th Little change has taken place since last report, the patient does not gain strength but the tongue is clean and the bowels regular – the ancles are slightly œdematous & pit on pressure no doubt the result of debility; bandages to be applied and gentle friction used – continue Gentian & preserved meat with wine.</p> <p>August 8th Appears to be slowly gaining strength, the œdematous state of the ancles have disappeared & the appetite is moderately good; when discharged to the Colonial Hospital she was convalescent.</p>
Image 16	10	<p>Bridget White Ætat:28 was taken ill at Sea July 16th In Lat : Long^{de} & discharged from the Sick List on the 4th of August in Storm Bay Van Diemen's Land</p>	<p>Of a sanguine temperament; is married & has borne 4 children, the youngest, about six months old – states that she has always enjoyed good health but that she has had several attacks of bowels complaint since being on board this vessel altho not so severe as to require assistance. The present symptoms are purely dysenteric, i.e. severe griping pain in the belly, evacuations muco-sanguineous, with hardened scybala, tenesmus, pulse quick & hard, skin hot, tongue red & fiery looking – V.S. ad 3xij</p> <p><i>Rx Olei Ricini ʒj</i> <i>Tinct: Opii gr x ʒ</i> <i>Ft statim</i></p> <p>17th Has passed a restless night with severe griping pain & tenesmus, a quantity oof hardened feculent matter brought away by the oil, blood abstracted not buffy.</p> <p><i>Rx Chlorid: Hydrarg gr iv</i> <i>P. Opii gr ½</i> <i>Confect: Aromat: q.s. ut</i> <i>Ft Pilul ij – S- j ter in die.</i> Abdomen to be rubbed with hot turpentine, to have barley water for common drink.</p> <p>19th Feels easier this morning, evacuations from bowels more feculent – less pain – tenesmus however still troublesome. To take a little arrow root. <i>Pilul: Contin:</i></p> <p>23rd Considerably improved since last report, stools less frequent & more natural, gums affected by the <i>Chlorid: Hydrargyrum</i></p> <p><i>Rx P. Ipecac: Comp: ger x h.s. Pilul: omittat:</i></p> <p>24th Much the same as yesterday, complains of pain & tenderness in abdomen on pressure; <i>Emplast: vesicator: applicet abdomini.</i></p> <p><i>Rx P. Iecac: Comp: gr xij h.s.</i></p> <p>25th Blister has risen well, & has a beneficial effect, bowels have not been open during the night, pulse natural, skin cool, no unfavourable symptom recurred after this date & she gradually recovered and was discharged from the Sick List.</p>

<p>Rheumatismus</p> <p>Image 17</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>Jane Sparrow Ætat:44 was taken ill at Sea on the 25th July at sea Lat : 41.19. S. Long^{de} 108° 12'E. and discharged to the Colonial Hospital Van Diemen's Land. 10th of August</p>	<p>Of a broken down constitution & sanguine temperament, stats that she has led a very irregular & intemperate life, & has been much exposed to vicissitudes & inclemency of the weather, in consequence she has been often sick & is liable to stiffness & rheumatic pains on the approach of cold or damp weather.- complains of severe pains in the large joints, particularly knee and shoulder of the right side, there is also difficulty of breathing with a "stitch" on taking a deep inspiration; Pulse quick & hard, tongue white & furred; skin hot: bowels rather confined; catamenia regular. <i>V.S. ad 3xij</i> <i>Rx Chlorid: Hydrargyri gr iv</i> <i>Ext: Colocynth: Comp vi ꝑ</i> <i>Ft Pilul: ij - S. hora somni</i> To have barley water for common drink.</p> <p>26th Has passed a quiet night & the respiration is much easier & the pain in thorax nearly removed, the joints are still painful and swollen, urine red, with lateritious sediment – bowels were freely opened, blood abstracted yesterday covered with a thin layer of Fibrin, but the coagulum without firmness. <i>Rx Carbon: Magnesiæ ʒifs</i> <i>Vini Colchia ʒifs</i> <i>Aqua Pura ʒvi</i> A tablespoonful three times a day.</p> <p>28th Feels easier this morning the pulse is softer and the skin more cool, the tongue is cleaner & the pain & swelling of all the joints considerably diminished. <i>medicina continuat:</i></p> <p>30th Is free from pyrexia, & generally much improved, there is a slight return of pain in the right shoulder joint however, and she is unable to move it – <i>Emplast: vesicatorium applicet:</i></p> <p>August 2nd Blister rose well and has given considerable relief, the blistered surface was dressed with resinous ointment and is still discharging freely, but the appetite has not returned & she is weak & unable to make any exertion. <i>Rx Infus: Quassia ʒviij</i> <i>Acid Nitric Dilut: ʒjfs</i> (faded or rubbed out line)</p> <p>August 6th A wine glassful three times every day; to have a little port wine with preserved soup twice a day. Has gained strength since last report, & the appetite appears improving, there has been no return of pain in the joints, but the muscles are weak & flaccid & have little power – new flannel has been supplied to wear near the skin – continue the infusion with <i>Nitric Acid</i> – was discharged to the Hospital on the 10th convalescent.</p>
<p>Image 18</p> <p>Diarrhoea</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>Jane Humphreys Ætat:26 was taken ill at Sea on the 26th July Lat : 42.12. S. Long^{de} 112° 27'E. & discharged to the Colonial Hospital at Van Diemen's Land.</p>	<p>Of a feeble constitution & impairment; is married, & has borne 4 children, the youngest is now about 6 mths old – states that she has in general enjoyed good health up to the period of her trial, now 12 months ago – since that time she has been liable to fainting fits & other nervous and hysterical complaints. 26th She was seized yesterday with violent purging & griping followed by a severe shivering fit, resembling the</p>

		<p>On the 10th of August</p> <p>27th</p> <p>28th</p> <p>August 3rd</p>	<p>cold stage of Intermittent; dejections, thin & watery, pulse quick, skin hot & cold alternately; tongue yellow & much furred; catamenia appeared three days ago; but suddenly stopped (as she supposes from having upset a tub of cold water about her feet and legs) –</p> <p><i>Rx Olei Ricini ℥j</i> <i>Tinct: Opii gtt xij</i> <i>S. statim</i> – apply hot bricks to the feet, & also hot fomentations to abdomen -</p> <p>Has passed a quiet night but the griping pains have returned, the bowels were freely opened & a considerable quantity of hardened scybala came away from the intestine. The pulse is quick & firm, & there is some tenderness on pressing the belly –</p> <p>V.S. ad ℥xij <i>Rx Chloridi Hydrargyri gr v</i> <i>T.. opii gr ifs ℥</i> <i>Ft.pilul:j</i> [] – bis in die.</p> <p>Is much easier this morning pulse diminished in frequency and softer; skin moist, bowels open without much pain, <i>Pilul: Cont:</i> Continues to improve, pulse natural, Gums slightly affected by the calomel, - <i>omittat: medicina</i> – To have a little wine twice a day with arrow root. She gradually regained strength was convalescent when discharged.</p>
<p><i>Image 19</i> Scorbutus</p>	13	<p>Jane McLaren Ætat:28 - was taken ill at Sea on the 25th July Lat : 42.12. S. Long^{de} 116° 6'E. & discharged to the Colonial Hospital Van Diemen's Land. on the 10th of August</p>	<p>Of a strumous temperament & feeble constitution, is unmarried and has one child now at the breast. According to her own statement she has always been delicate & liable to suffer much from trivial causes; during the month of May, she appeared to be in tolerably good health; and never made any complaint, towards the end of June, however, & the beginning of July she suffered from constipation; dyspepsia; & general debility, for the relief of which , laxatives; & bitters infusion were prescribed; & a more generous diet allowed; about the 26th July the gums became tender, & swollen, with slight oozing of blood – several large black spots were observed on the lower extremities, evidently the result of effused blood. Pulse became feeble & slightly accelerated; tongue pale; little or no appetite, countenance blanched; general debility; bowels slow. The child was at once weaned, & the allowance of wine increased, to have three gills a day, an additional quantity of preserved potatoes was now given for dinner, & arrow root at morning & evening meals. Lime juice ad libitum for common drink, the bowels were kept regular by small doses of Powdered Rhubarb. Under this treatment; the Scorbutic symptoms did not increase but little or no amelioration of the general health took place during the time she remained on board this vessel.</p>
<p><i>Image 20</i> Phlogosis</p>	14	<p>Mary Graham Ætat:25 - was taken ill at Sea on the 1st August Lat : 43.15'. S. Long^{de} 131° 36'E.</p>	<p>Of a sanguine temperament and sound constitution, states that she has in general enjoyed good health, altho she has had several attacks of Erysipelas phlegmon: or some similar affection, before joining this vessel.</p>

		<p>& discharged from the Sick List on the 14th August at Van Diemen's Land.</p>	<p>She was seized yesterday with shivering, headache, & vomiting for the relief of which an emetic was administered.</p> <p>3rd The emetic operated freely but without producing much benefit, there is considerable pyrexia, with foul tongue & constipated bowels. She also complains of a severe pain in the middle portion of the right forearm. The part is swollen but the skin is of the natural color.</p> <p><i>Rx Sulphat: Magnesia ℥j</i> <i>Antimon: Potass: Tart gr iv</i> <i>Aqua Pura lbj ℞</i></p> <p>A wine glassful three times very day.</p> <p>4th Medicine has acted freely on the bowels and skin and pyrexia is [not?] urgent, but the swelling of the forearm has increased with severe & throbbing pain, the surface is hot & red – <i>medicina contin.</i>, apply a large poultice to the part affected two or three times a day.</p> <p>6th The arm is much swollen and the pain is still severe but the pyrexia has nearly gone and the tongue is clean, <i>medicina omitt</i>: continue the poultice.</p> <p>10th The swelling has become more circumscribed & fluctuation now very perceptible; a free opening was made & a large quantity of pus escaped – the usual simple dressing with a bandage was applied & the wound gradually healed up.</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	2	1	1				9
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosis	3	3					7.14
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus	2	1	1				5.11
Cynanche							
Bronchitis							
Ophthalmia							
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas	4	4					2
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis							
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata Menorrhagia	1	1					4
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus	6	6					3.8
Dysenteria	1	1					10
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsiae	10	10					
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea	3	2	1				12
Colica	8	8					6
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							
Amentia							
Mania							
Cachexiae.							
Ord. I. Marcores.							
Tabes							

Ord. II. Intumescenciae.							
Anasarca							
Ascites							
Hydrothorax							
Ord. III. Impetigines.							
Syphilis	1	1					1
Scrophula							
Icterus							
Scorbutus	1		1				13
Locales.							
Ord. I. Dysaethesiae.							
<i>Anorexia</i>	1	1					
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.							
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.							
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.							
Gonorrhoea							
Ord. V. Epischeses							
Ischuria							
Obstipatio	1	1					
Dysuria	2	2					
Ord. VI. Tumores.							
Aneurisma							
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.							
Hernia							
Prolapsus							
Luxatio							
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.							
Vulnus							
Ulcus							
Contusio	4	4					
GENERAL TOTAL	50	46	4				

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

On referring to the Preceding Nosological Synopsis it will be seen that the Female Transports have in general, been very healthy during the passage from England to this place & that no fatal case has occurred & only a few of a severe character.

The total number of sick and hurt amount to 50 of these forty-six have been cured on board and four sent to the Colonial Hospital in this Colony, nearly convalescent.

The convicts when received on board at Woolwich were in general thin and pale, no doubt the result of confinement in Prison, many of them appeared to be suffering from mental depression at the prospect of leaving their friends & native country while a few were completely apathetic as to everything going on around them.

During the first month, dyspeptic affections, & cases of severe headache & constipation were common. Hysterical symptoms of various kinds also frequently presented themselves; these complaints may be accounted for partly by the novel situation in which many of the Females found themselves placed and partly by the nature of the lives some of them had led before being convicted.

Being deeply impressed with the influence of the mind upon health, every means was taken to have the Transports, cheerfully and usefully occupied in making shirts (of which 500 were made up during the voyage) & in knitting; regular, morning & evening schools were established for reading & writing, under the care of the Religious Instructor; & every portion of the day set apart for some particular duty. Constant employment, has no doubt a most beneficial effect on health, & adds very much to their comfort and happiness; opportunities were taken to encourage the desponding by pointing out to them, the probability of their doing well in the colony, provided their conduct deserved it, during the voyage, & the great advantages that would accrue to them, by a following out a regular & industrious course of life. The prison was carefully cleaned out every morning and the scuttles opened; when the weather would permit; the swinging stoves with coke fires were used, during damp or heavy weather, and the "Tween decks" – preserved in a dry and comfortable condition. The temperature in the prison never exceeded 81° of Fahrenheit. The solution of the chloride of zinc was freely used in the Hospital and Prison and always with the best effect, in destroying that offensive effluvia, which is present in many crowded vessels during hot weather.

Considerable attention was paid to the personal cleanliness of the convicts, the under clothing were regularly changed, & the beds & bedding aired by hanging up in the rigging. During the month of July the weather became much colder as we advanced southward & a few catarrhal & rheumatic affections occurred but in general the Females were much improved in appearance, & had completely lost that pale & sallow look which almost all had when received on board. They continued to improve during the remaining portion of July & first part of August and when discharged to the "Anson Hulk" at Hobart Town, the change that had taken place during the voyage was most striking, with the exception of four sent to the Colonial Hospital; they had all the aspect of high health.

The total number of sick as stated above, amount to 50 being the ration of 1-3.

Of these 2 cases have been reported under the head of Synochus, as they nearly resembled that type of fever, the first No. (9) – was sent to the Colonial Hospital – the 2nd was of a more tractable character & readily yielded to the remedies prescribed. There were three cases of Erysipelas, the first occurred before leaving England, & was of a severe character, the remaining three were of less importance and gradually gave way to the usual remedies. The Bowels complaints, composing dysentery No. (10) colic & diarrhoea, amount to 13 -Some of the colicky affections were very troublesome, requiring acute treatments. – V.S. large opiates, & turpentine enemata etc. Of the three cases of Diarrhoea, one was sent to the Colonial Hospital; the two cured on board were less obstinate, mercurial alteratives, chalk with catechu & opium, were used with success. The Catarrhal affections six in number were of a more varied character in a few cases there was a good deal of respiratory disturbance, & smart pyrexia requiring the use of the lancet; antimonials, & counter-irritants, in others, laxatives, & sudorifics with abstemious regimen were found sufficient to relieve the symptoms.

The dysenteric complaints were numerous & difficult to treat, constipation, with severe headache, & general debility were the most frequent symptoms; laxatives, bitters & tonics, variously combined were exhibited, but only with partial benefit. There is little doubt but that the nature of life on board ship; want of exercise tends much to aggravate these disorders. Towards the end of the voyage however, they had nearly all disappeared. There is one case of menorrhagia reported, No. (4), this patient was discharged at Van Diemen's Land in good health, the amelioration that had taken place in her appearance during the voyage was most striking.

Of the two Rheumatic affection, one was cured on board, the other was sent to the Colonial Hospital. They had both been the subject of the same complaint at a former period, & the great vicissitudes of temperature during this voyage is not favourable to disorders of this kind.

The cases of Phlogosis were all cured on board the proportion of this genus is comparatively low, inflammatory affection of the extremities being in general extremely common at sea.

No casualties of any importance occurred during the passage; only 4 slight cases of contusion as reported in the synopsis.

The only remaining case is one returned under the head of Scorbutus; no similar symptoms appeared in any of the other Females, & I am inclined to think that it in this instance it was more the result of simple debility, than from any excess of salt provisions. The preserved potato now supplied is a valuable addition to the convict's rations and no doubt has a most beneficial effect in counteracting that peculiar influence which salt provisions are well known to have, (when long continued).

The potato was served out in the proportion of 2 oz to each Female & there can be no question but that it contributed largely to the high state of health they enjoyed during the voyage out.

Lime juice was served out in the proportion directed by the Printed Instructions.

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