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W.W. HOARE - Diary 1868-69 - 341

*[on the front of its waxed cloth cover]*

**1869**

ADVENTURES.

**PORT DARWIN.**

MY DIARY

**W.W. HOARE.**

Pioneer.

Landed February 5

*[on outside of its detached inner cardboard cover]*

W. WEBSTER HOARE ESQ

32, Marlborough Rd., St ALBANS

*[in ink writing in left margin inside this cover]* G.W.G. Tel Maitre., tel valet. *[in pencil]*

Translated Like Master like Man.

*[in ink]* Cui bono? [*'who benefits'?*]

*[in centre of page]* Suum cuique [*"to each his own"*]

*[this newspaper article from The Faversham and North-East Kent News of July 1916 is labelled in ink 'To accompany No. 341']*

A Man of Kent.

MR. W. WEBSTER HOARE.

Mr. W. Webster Hoare, a well-known figure in St. Albans, has recently been on a visit to Faversham, Kent, his native town, where his father, the late Dr. William Parker Hoare, was for many years in practice; and was Mayor of the town in 1849. The "Faversham and North-East Kent News," after a reference to the visit, publishes the following sketch of Mr. W. Webster Hoare's career, which made its appearance recently in an Adelaide journal: -

Mr. Webster Hoare, now living at St. Albans, Herts (England), is a most interesting personality. Well might he in his peaceful and retiring bachelor days – he has reached his seventy-fifth year – look back with pride and admiration upon an uncommonly useful and adventurous career in Australia, where he spent 21 years. So diversified were his abilities that he played many parts on the workaday stage of life. In turn he has been explorer, naturalist, meteorologist, traveller, surgeon's assistant, chemist, and artist, and when occasion demanded it his ingenuity was applied even to other callings. In 1864 he left England in the ship "Golden City" for Brisbane, in charge of 350 emigrants. Thence he proceeded to South Australia where for many years he served as surgeon's assistant and dispenser at Adelaide Hospital, the Moonta Copper Mines and other centres. But of all his varied adventures his connection as surgeon's assistant to Dr. Peel, with the survey expedition to the Northern Territory, under the command of the then Surveyor-General to the State (Mr. G.W. Goyder), was doubtless his most interesting experience in different parts of Australia and the Motherland, and he has told of his exploits on the outposts of Empire or in

“the enchanting north.” The party left Adelaide on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1863, in the “Moonta,” an old vessel, which took forty days to reach Port Darwin, and that was the quickest passage made up to that time between the two ports. There were then only a few Europeans among hundreds of Chinese resident at and adjacent to the northern port, with a large number of aborigines in the bush. A member of the party (a young draftsman named J.W.O. Bennett) was killed by the blacks, and died in the arms of Mr. Hoare. After the return of the expedition to Adelaide, Mr Hoare visited different parts of Australasia, and returned to England in 1892. Despite his increasing years, Mr Hoare, since his return to the old country, has led a comparatively active life. His love of pageantry has brought him – incidentally Australia – prominently before the English public, and in 1911 he made himself famous at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace, where he successfully impersonated the quaint character of an early British Chief. He has also portrayed the parts of an Arab sheikh, a “Good Samaritan,” and a Viking. His affection for Australia (notably the southern portion) has not diminished with his absence, nor with the flight of years, for Mr. Hoare feels that –

*Where'er you wander – north, south, east or west,  
Old tunes are sweetest, old friends the best.*

With some of Adelaide's citizens, he still maintains an interesting correspondence, in which he recalls incidents of half a lifetime spent in “the land of sunny skies.”

[Written in ink below] Born 19.1.1841

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**NOTES FROM 1868** [stamped in blue ink] **Wm Webster Hoare**

Dec<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Monday noon [in black ink handwriting] Point of departure Cape Borda bore  
ENE 13 miles Lat 35° 45 S Long 136° 21 E

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

Course 6 ¾ W 184 miles Lat 36° 29 S Long 132° 41 E

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Course South 85° West 122 miles Lat 36° 40 S Long 130° 6 E

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup>

Course South 75° West 107 miles Lat 37° 7S Long 127° 5' E

Then out into the world my course I did determine  
Though to be rich was not my wish, yet to be great was charming  
My talents they were not the worst nor yet my education  
Resolved was I at least to try, to mend my situation

Burns

Labor omnia vincit [“Hard work conquers all”]

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[Dec<sup>r</sup> ] 22 [in pencil]

I stayed at M<sup>r</sup> Phillips Port Adelaide

Dec<sup>r</sup> 23

Putting horses on board the Moonta and stowing cargo at 7 PM

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The Northern Territory Party assembled and answered to call of roll at 8 PM  
Tug Steamer towed the Moonta to the North Arm Weather excessive.

Dec<sup>r</sup> 24

Moonta at anchor off North Arm Receiving & stowing away cargo Weather warm Visitors called on us

Dec<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>

Public Holiday. Weather fine A man was shot accidently whilst he was removing a sail in his boat and I had to go with some gentlemen and place the wounded man under the care of the Surgeon at Port Adelaide I saw M<sup>r</sup> Phillips & Family M<sup>r</sup> Wigg & Symes Several visitors came to say good bye to us.

[Dec<sup>r</sup>] 26.Sat

Stowing cargo & cleaning decks &c preparing for start Weather cold

[Dec<sup>r</sup>] 27

At 1.30 am Steam Tug towed us from North Arm to Lights Passage Service read by D<sup>r</sup> Peel at 11 O'clock AM

Turn back this leaf for the continuation of our route

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TOPICS OF THE DAY [*in ink handwriting*]

Books wanted Examples of Modern Alphabet Plain & ornamental by F. Delamotte Price 4/6 Rigby, Adelaide S.A. Publisher E. & F. N. Spon. [*in pencil*]

“Boundless, endless, and sublime Th’ image of eternity, the throne Of th’ Invisible,”  
[*stamped in blue ink*] Wm Webster Hoare [*in ink*]

1 Friday [*January 1869*]

On board Ship Moonta for the Northern Territory. A fine day & noon Lat 36° 37' S, Long 126° 20' E Course N 82° West 82 miles D<sup>r</sup> Peel shot some birds

2 Saturday

A fine day The Moonta Herald was first issued Lat 36° 33' S Long 125° 11' E. Course

3 Sunday

Lat/ 36° 38' S \Long/ 125° 45' E Course South 80° W. 54 miles D<sup>r</sup> Peel conducted Service on board

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4 Monday

A nice breeze I had an order from G W Goyder Esq. £3.0 for pay from 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1868 Lat 37° .32' S Long 122° .54' E Course S 65° W 112 miles

5 Tuesday

Weather fine & Sea Calm Lat 36.34 Long 122. 6.15 Course N 48° W 77 miles M<sup>r</sup> W. Fisher favoured us with the Harmonium during the evening & a few songs were sung

6 Wednesday

A fine day with a good breeze Lat  $36^{\circ} 47$  S Long  $120^{\circ} 24.30$  E Course S  $79^{\circ}$  W 91 miles  
M<sup>r</sup> Fisher & others sang during the evening

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7 Thursday

A fine day Lat  $37.22$  S Long  $118.26.30$  E course S72 W 94 miles

8 Friday

A Shower of rain in the morning Lat  $37.32$  South Long  $117.57$  E Noon Course  $84^{\circ}$  W 30 miles  
Music & songs in the evening

9 Saturday

A fine day Lat  $36^{\circ} 26$  Long  $116^{\circ} 1.45$  E Course N60 W 109 miles Sacred Music for Sunday

10 Sunday

Service on deck with Harmonium Lat  $34.32$  Long  $114.5$  [*in pencil*] Course 150 miles

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11 Monday [*in ink*]

A fine day Lat  $32^{\circ} 8$  Long  $111^{\circ} 45$  Course N 31 W & sl [?] 174 miles

12 Tuesday

A fine day Lat  $29^{\circ} 27.34$  Long  $111^{\circ} 1$  Course N  $\frac{1}{2}$  W 171 miles

13 Wednesday

A fine day with good breeze Lat  $26^{\circ} 36$  Long  $110^{\circ} 25$  Course N by W 164 miles  
[*in pencil*] I put on the boxing gloves with Ringwood

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14 Thursday [*in ink*]

A very fine day Lat  $23^{\circ} 36$  Long  $110^{\circ} 47.30$  Miles 168

15 Friday

A fine day Lat  $21^{\circ} 40$  Long  $111^{\circ} 26$  Miles 109 I had a belt given to me for fighting with Ringwood. I saw some flying fish I helped Dr Peel in making some of Eleys Boxer Cartridges with 8 shot

16 Saturday

A fine day Lat  $20^{\circ}$  Long  $111^{\circ} 56$  102 miles Ringwood & I put on the gloves but was prevented by P. Constables Knuckey & King I helped D<sup>r</sup> Peel in making Eleys Boxer Cartridges with BB shot.

17 Sunday [*in pencil*]

Lat  $17.59$  Long  $112^{\circ} 32$  Course N  $17^{\circ}$  E 115 miles

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18 Monday *[in ink]*

Lat 16° 2' Long 113° 51' 125 miles I lent M<sup>r</sup> Greene £1.0.0  
\ Paid 23/7/69 W.W.H. / By Knuckys check *[in pencil]*  
1869 \July /. My birthday age 28. years *[in ink]*

19 Tuesday

A fine day M<sup>r</sup> Goyder served out the revolvers to the men My Birthday aged 28 years I had two bottles of Sherry from Cap<sup>t</sup> Barneson 10/- Lat 14.28 Long 115° 28 Miles 108 *[in pencil]*  
Course NE ½ N I bought a Yankie hat of Spriggs for 12/6 Flying fish plentiful

*[next 14 pages in pencil]*

20 Wednesday

A fine day Lat 13° Long 116° 50' Miles 119 The Judge & Jury trial of J. Swill & Slasher  
Revolvers & swords cleaned

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21 Thursday

A fine day and very calm I saw a Tropic Bird (Phœton) Lat 12° 0', 118.21 Miles 108  
*[this Newspaper cutting is pasted in]* HOARE. – On the 21<sup>st</sup> January, at Gouger Street,  
Adelaide, the wife of Percival E. Hoare, of a son. *[Written adjacent in ink]* 1869: *[Written below in pencil]* Born at 9.55 P.M.

22 Friday

Lat 11.29 V Breeze Light Winds Long 119.23 Course N70 E 74 miles A Sphinx caught  
No 3

23 Saturday

Lat 11° 22' Calm Long 120° 6' Course E ½ N 46 Miles Several Sharks seen and two  
caught & eaten Two others caught & thrown overboard they had sucker fishes (Echevius  
Remora) on them We had a grand concert at 4.30 PM M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell dressed up as a Nigger  
and caused much fun

24 Sunday

Calm Lat 11° 17' Long 120° 49' I saw a Hydrophis or water snake Course E ¾ Noon  
Miles 34

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25 Monday

A fine day Sea calm Lat 11.10 Long 121.15 Distance 30 miles

*[Sketch of a Booby]*

A bird was caught during the night called the Booby \ Sula Fasca / A Sphinx  
Off the Island of Savon bearing North

26 Tuesday

A fine day but sea calm we passed Savon Island and saw it from the deck

Lat 11.11 Long. 121° 55 Distance 39 miles Near Sumba or Sandalwood Island

27 Wednesday

Lat 11° 18 Long 122° 32 Distance

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28 Thursday

A fine day. Calm I had my hair cut short I made a sketch of Rotte Island also drew a few Shells for Herr Schultze I had dinner with M<sup>r</sup> Goyder. Lat 11° 2 Long 122° 55 Distance 30 miles Sketch of 'Timor, [*in ink*] 10° S, [*in pencil*] and Rotte, and the Arafura Sea, [*in ink*] Malay Archipelago'.

*[Sketch of Rotte and Timor Island, Malay Archipelago]*

29 Friday

A fine day Lat 11° 13 Long 123° 31 \*Sighted an island\* Saw Timor at a great distance 41 miles ? [*in ink*] \*10.S'. Timor Malay Archipelago [*in pencil*] Koepang at noon

30 Saturday

Lat 11° 16 Long 125° 1 Distance 92 miles We had a grand Concert and Nigger Entertainment at 7.30 P.M.

31 Sunday

A Thunder Storm. D<sup>r</sup> P. read the service Lat 12° 16 Long 126° 50 Distance 122 miles

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*[February 1869]*

1 Monday

A Moth caught & I painted it name unknown (No 4

A Mare died & thrown overboard Lat 12.7 Long 127.39 E by S Miles 40

[*in ink*] I painted some moths for S.A.Gov<sup>t</sup>

2 Tuesday [*in pencil*]

A very heavy squall of rain & wind for about ½ an hour before breakfast

A horse died and thrown overboard + [*in ink*] Crabs caught by Herr Schutz

I signed for having recieved £9.16.0 when in Adelaide and I painted some Butterflies for the S.A.Govt [*in pencil*] Lat 12.4 Long 128.48 + 66 miles

3 Wednesday

Day fine Lat 12° 8 Long 129.13 E by S 39 miles I had dinner with M<sup>r</sup> Goyder – I saw a large water snake I painted some butterflies & moths for D<sup>r</sup> Peel

*[The following letter is attached to the diary page]*

Port Darwin  
Northern Territory  
North Australia  
Feb<sup>y</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1869

My dear Parents & Sisters

You will no doubt be pleased to hear the account of my voyage to these tropical regions I left Adelaide on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> but owing to the stowing away of Horses & Cargo we did not leave Port Adelaide until 24<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> we then had to wait until 27 Dec<sup>r</sup> for the Ship Moonta to be able to get over the Bar. On Xmas day we had many visitors from Town & Port to see us off but in consequence of a gun accident I had to go with the wounded man to Port Adelaide as D<sup>r</sup> Peel was away at the time Our amusements were Singing, Concerts as we had a harmonium on board ~~Chrysties~~ Quoits & Chess I had a Surgery made for me on the Deck the size of which was [as per sketch 3 ft 9 inches by six and ½ ft, height 6 ft, Chest 4 ft long & a bed] and in which I slept comfortably

[Sketch of surgery]

On my Birthday I had some sherry wine for my mess I ~~passed my time~~ I amused myself by helping D<sup>r</sup> Peel to fill some of Eleys Boxer Cartridges with No 8 shot We saw several Flying Fish, Sharks Hydrophis. water snakes Echevius Remora or Sucking fish We caught two Sula Fuca (Boobys) in Lat 11.10 Long 121.15. I had dinner twice with M<sup>r</sup> Goyder in the First Cabin We lost Three horses & one bullock and a few goats We arrived at Port Darwin on Feby 5<sup>th</sup> being 41 days from starting I made a sketch of Rotte Island for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder We arrive at this Port early in the afternoon and M<sup>r</sup> Goyder with D<sup>r</sup> Peel & myself landed to seek out a fit landing place for the horses & c D<sup>r</sup> shot a snipe and brought some shells & c on board I landed the next day with the Naturalist M<sup>r</sup> Schutze [Schultze] & son and we found some fine Hermit crabs Shell fish & some most beautiful butterflies which I have to illustrate for the Government We saw two Native boys who spoke to one or two of the Old N.T. party and seemed pleased to see us The bamboos are plentiful & lofty and we have plenty of fresh water which is a luxury in this climate I have not seen nor felt any of the Musquitos yet [two words erased] Our rainy season has commenced not as I used to see at home but by bucketfuls I have had plenty of oysters which are very nice I have seen two alligators. I have to make a drawing of the Coast for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder

William W Hoare

[signed again in green ink] W<sup>m</sup> Webster Hoare 1869.

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4 Thursday

A fine day but calm Lat 12<sup>o</sup> 14 Long 129.47 Distance 32 miles Mr Goyder's Newfoundland dog died [in ink]  
At our Anchorage after \a/ sea voyage of 41 days in the Ship Moonta.

5 Friday [in pencil]

A very hot day and fine We arrived at Port Darwin (Talc Head & Pt Emery each side) D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Goyder & a few other went to look for a landing place fit for Horses & c Snipe and a few specimens came from shore. [in ink]

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Port Darwin North Australia Latitude 12° . 28' . 25" Longitude 130° 52.40

6 Saturday *[in pencil]*

A very hot day we landed the ~~[rest of the ?]~~ Bullocks & Horses I went ashore with D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Goyder and walked about the beach with M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & son and picked up some specimens of Crabs Shellfish Butterflies &c Two Blackfellows came to see us and spoke to Bennett & other old N.T. hands Water plentiful on land A road was made through bamboo &c Another of M<sup>r</sup> Goyders dogs was found dead on the beach  
*[in ink]*

3<sup>rd</sup> Day *[in pencil]*

Mc Intyre brought from shore ill with Spasm? Sun stroke

7 Sunday

A fine day I saw an Alligator I went Ashore and eat some oysters D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service on board I carried a blackfellow's canoe ashore with his assistance

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8 Monday

\at Fort Point/

I remained on board all day sketching the coast for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder M<sup>r</sup> Schultze had plenty of Native Crabs & shells. The rest of the Horses landed D<sup>r</sup> went to Talc Head with Capt Barneson and found fresh water It rained hard with thunder & lightening during the evening

9 Shrove Tuesday

I remained on board all the morning making up medicines In the afternoon I went ashore and took a walk up to the Cliff Then busy in making stables & Forge I saw about a dozen Native women and ½ doz men We had such a violent storm during the evening with Lightning An old man named Beard broke one of his ribs by falling down the steps in the hold.

10 Ash Wednesday

M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell Packard Green Brooking R<sup>d</sup> Home Departed into the country [...] Exploring. D<sup>r</sup> P & M<sup>r</sup> Goyder went for a sail & returned late in the evening Rained hard with lightning during the night

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11 Thursday

D<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>n</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Goyder went to join Mitchells Party at East Arm. Fisher came on board with a severe cut on the sole of his foot by Jumping on an axe whilst getting into the boat Robinson & Lowther D<sup>r</sup> Peel to open their hands A fine day  
*[in ink]* My Sister Helen Alice, Birthday aged 22 years

12 Friday *[in pencil]*

M<sup>r</sup> Goyders bitch Brownie had 4 pups and Mr Roberts Kangaroo bitch 8 pups during the night I did some washing and attended to the Patients on board ship M<sup>r</sup> Goyder D<sup>r</sup> Peel Capt<sup>n</sup> & Smith returned at 1.30 AM Saturday 13/2/69 A fine day.

13 Saturday

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A fine day I was busy making up medicines in the morning I rowed to the shore and back and painted a curious fish for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder It rained during the afternoon Several men foolishly requested for more grog to be served out

14 Sunday

A fine day. D<sup>r</sup> Peel read Service I had a bad boil on my leg

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15 Monday

A fine day. & very hot I had one boil opened by D<sup>r</sup> Peel and had to rest all day M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & Son went on shore to sleep in a Tent with Holmeyer. I saw a specimen of Crab which was very large also a native Pheasant like an English one.

16 Tuesday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Goyder Roberts Burton Harvey & Capt Barneson left for exploring South Arm I unpacked medicine Chests for drugs & made up medicines for the men ashore sick

17 Wednesday

I visited the men on Shore for D<sup>r</sup> P and ordered medicine for them. My leg better but swollen It rained hard in the evening I made a study in Oil Painting of Fort Point & Camp Saw M<sup>r</sup> Schultze: in his tent on a hill n<sup>r</sup> camp

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18 Thursday

A fine morning but wet afternoon Visited the sick ashore. Worked on my oil Painting My leg still swollen M<sup>r</sup> Goyder & party arrived at [9 ?] PM D<sup>r</sup> Peel asked after the patients health Slept very badly owing to the Insect life on board ship

19 Friday

Mitchells party returned at 5 PM all well I unpacked cases of drugs. I got 2 doz seidlitz for Cap<sup>t</sup> Barneson Dalwood hurt his ribs by a fall D<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Goyder went to see him during the evening I put a bandage & [*Eucpt. - for eucalyptus ?*] Roborants on Beard I slept under John Benhairs Musquito tent

20 Saturday

I unpacked case No 1 & No 4 Made some bandages I made some acid for Cap<sup>t</sup> B. I had to go ashore to put a bandage on Dalwood with Eucpl Roborans I called on M<sup>r</sup> Schultze and heard that Holmeyer misbehaved himself towards his superiors

21 Sunday

I went ashore with D<sup>r</sup> Peel and he read service & visited the patients

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22 Monday

I painted a Picture of Fort Point Port Darwin NT. in oils [*crossed out in ink*] for G.W. Goyder Esq [*in pencil*] I gave Cap<sup>t</sup> Barneson a sketch in oils of the same I went ashore with medicine & saw Schultze & Son

23 Tuesday

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I left the Ship with D<sup>r</sup> Peel at 8 am and walked to the well bearing his name and saw the garden The scenery was beautiful I saw fern palms Screw & fan Palms we walked up the creek to a place like a waterfall with tall ferns water etc then to Horse creek from thence to Gov<sup>t</sup> Well and back to Camp for the Ship D<sup>r</sup> Peel Killed a pigeon & two other birds. I painted the Fort Point in Indian Ink. I saw Shultze near [camp?] botaniseing with his Son. D<sup>r</sup> Peels dog Bully died which I regret as I was very fond of it [*in ink*] My dear Fathers Birthday aged 62 years Percys baby to have been Christened

24 Wednesday [*in pencil*]

A fine day I gave M<sup>r</sup> Goyder six yd of bandage Calico

[*A sketch of the fish*]

A curious fish was caught and I made a study of it I helped D<sup>r</sup> Peel to make some more Eleys Boxer Cartridges I painted the Scenery at Fort Point Port Darwin in Indian Ink for P E Hoare to be Photographed [*in small writing*] Green stoled it

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25 Thursday

I packed up case No 8 containing calico &c. Bandaged Dalwoods ribs and had orders to tell him he was invalided. I visited those ashore Dr. P M<sup>r</sup> Goyder M<sup>r</sup> McLacland, Berry. Left early to go to [*rest of line left blank*]

It rained hard in the afternoon & I had a shower bath washed clothes & wrote letters in the Evening packed up the Salts Senna & Linseed into a small box & wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Godfrey Wallaroo Times Office

26 Friday

I removed my boxes & the medicine Chest the Surgery was pulled down and we had the Carpenter & Mates deck house lifted into [?] the sea ready for going ashore for the surgery & bed room I slept at Herr Schultzes tent I drew some crabs for him in the evening M<sup>r</sup> Goyder & D<sup>r</sup> Returned to the Ship it rained

27 Saturday

I was busy making medicines I removed Medicine Chest into McCallums Store I slept in Schultzes Tent A fine moonlight night I drew the Coast for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder I am pleased that I am no longer cooped up on board a Ship and I enjoyed my walk on shore

28 Sunday

Service in the evening by D<sup>r</sup> Peel I finished my letters & drawings.

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1 Monday Public Holiday [*March 1869*]

I went with Cap<sup>t</sup> Barneson & D<sup>r</sup> Peel to Talc head got some specimens of Shells, Talc, & Coral I made a sketch of Fanie Bay Pt Emery & saw a beautiful water fall at Barnesons Springs The officers gave a grand dinner to Cap<sup>t</sup> [B &] the mate of the Moonta and presented them with an address I was invited to the dinner A fine day and very warm

2 Tuesday

A Warm day The Mail closes for South Australia I made up Medicines & a copy of the M Herald & NT Gazette for D<sup>r</sup> Peel finished up some drawings for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder [*in ink*] I recieved pay for the Month of February viz £8 " 8 "

3 Wednesday [in pencil]

I went with Schultze Jnr Fishing but got nothing worth looking at as the tide was down I had orders from D<sup>r</sup> Peel to row off to the ship Moonta leaving in the morning

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4 Thursday

I was up early in the morning and took a letter for the Ship Moonta and I pulled the dingy to the Ship and had breakfast & wine with Cap<sup>t</sup> Barneson who left this morning at 9.30 D<sup>r</sup> Peel and I rowed back to the Shore and on leaving the vessel they fired the cannon & dipped the Flag I shied an old slipper at Cap<sup>t</sup> B as we departed A hot day I made up medicine [in ink] \* Moonta left

5 Friday [in pencil]

I was very busy opening cases for the Medicine chest The men removed the Wooden deck house to the Store for the use of the draughtsmen. It rained during the evening. [in ink] Dear Percys Birthday aged 27 years

6 Saturday [in pencil]

We moved the Medicine Chest into M<sup>r</sup> Goyders Tent lately used by the Draughtsmen D<sup>r</sup> Peel & I slept in it [A 'classified' advertisement has been affixed here] KINGSFORD – BROCK-HOLLINSHEAD – March 6, at St. Matthew's, Bayswater, Douglas Kingsford, Esq., of the Middle Temple, to Beatrice Emma, daughter of the late Henry Brock-Hollinshead, Esq., of Billinge Scarr, Lancashire.

7 Sunday

We had Service in the house joining Store A fine Eagle Hawk was killed Brookes & I had a walk to the Waterfall nr Peels Well

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8 Monday

I made a table for our Tent & opened cases of drugs I had a Cockatoo & a parrot for tea which I considered very good

[sketch of table]

9 Tuesday

I fine day The blacks stole ~~some~~ a Knife from Holmeyer I made the front of the Tent level & put gravel on it I saw a fine Laughing Jackass at Schultzes

10 Wednesday [in ink]

I was very poorly with Dysentery and was obliged to lay down nearly all day D<sup>r</sup> Peel was very kind towards me. I painted a small Picture of a Bay in oils on a lid of an old water colour Box for D<sup>r</sup> P.

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11 Thursday [in pencil]

I was better and I painted some butterflies in a book given to me by M<sup>r</sup> Goyder made a duplicate of the fish see sketch 24/2/69

12 Friday [in ink]

I painted a very large black butterfly with native grass in the book I had from M<sup>r</sup> Goyder I had some Musquito Cloth given to me. [in pencil] The Eucalypti or gums are found scattered but rather small the rocks are of Ironstone in conglomeration with sandstone & quartz.

13 Saturday [in ink]

I painted some butterflies for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder a duplicate of what was sent to Adelaide. D<sup>r</sup> Peel very kindly gave me some grog as I was very weak from Diarrhoea. Burton, Hood, Tuckwell &c &c went to Escape Cliffs

14 Sunday

I had a bathe in the Sea before breakfast [in pencil] I was rather unwell during Evening Service I painted a group of butterflies for G.W.G Esq

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15 Monday [in pencil]

I had breakfast dinner & tea with G.W.Goyder Esq and I am to continue to have my meals with him I am better but not strong I painted a beautiful transparent butterfly for D<sup>r</sup> Peel

16 Tuesday [in ink]

I painted some moths for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder unwell. I worked on the oil painting of Fanny Bay I continue weak but better in health I saw a very good water colour sketch by M<sup>r</sup> Berry from a Photograph by Brooks of our camp taken from the Hill Nr Schultzes

17 Wednesday

I was very busy all day unpacking cases of drugs for various Survey Camps D<sup>r</sup> Peel helped me greatly in preparing the Medicine Chests I am still weak but better

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18 Thursday

Burton Hood Tuckwell &c returned from Escape Cliffs and brought home Bananas Arrowroot and other plants with Native Spears They report the houses lately belonging to the Doctor & Governor in good repairs other houses partly destroyed by fire. I was busy getting medicines ready for Survey Parties. My health improving [in pencil] G.G.

19 Friday [in ink]

M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>l</sup> Lachlans Party left for East Arm during the afternoon M<sup>r</sup> Goyder took a short ride into the country. I put up some Chlorodyne & Carboloc Acid and fitted up another Case A fine day.

20 Saturday

I painted some butterflies in the morning. I tried to catch some fish and used a native Spear for a rod. ~~Mr Daly and McLachlan Party left~~

21 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service in the morning I went with M<sup>r</sup> Bennett to take The Meteorological Observations

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22 Monday

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D<sup>r</sup> Peel. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder left this morning for a tour I went with Bennett to take the Meteorological Observations I washed my clothes made up my medicines & packed a Case for M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell & Party [*in pencil*] Heavy rain all night with Thunder & lightning

23 Tuesday [*in ink*]

Very busy [*in pencil*] with the Meteorological Observations with Mr Bennett as he left early in the morning for inland D<sup>r</sup> P & M<sup>r</sup> Goyder returned at 5.30 pm [*in ink*] My Brother Henry Herbert,s birthday aged 24 years

24 Wednesday

I took the Meteorological Observations

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25 Thursday [*in grey ink*]

Natives required our attention [*in black ink*] We moved our Tent near to the Store for protection against the Natives I took the Meteorological observations D<sup>r</sup> P left at 1 oclock for M<sup>r</sup> Mitchells Camp & returned at 6 PM I had to mount guard from 8 to 10 PM I tasted some Bananas which came from Escape Cliff

26 Good Friday

Weather rather damp. I began to paint our Camp as it was seen from the Ship Moonta with Fort Point & Jetty on Zinc as I had no canvass I had Dysentery very bad better towards night [*ink line through pencil*] ~~I was ... from 4 to 6 pm~~ [*In grey ink*]

NB It was absolutely necessary to establish nightly guards for the security of our Camp in case of the savages coming on us or our animals. [*in black ink*]

[*sketch of cobweb-edged star*]

27 Saturday

I sighted the Schooner [*in grey ink*] Gulnare [*in black ink*] round the Point at 1.25 pm It rained hard at 1.45 PM I was on guard from 4 to 6 am The Gulnare brought me letters from P.E.H, H.H, H, M<sup>r</sup> Phillips & M<sup>r</sup> Lohe M<sup>rs</sup> Dodd with Papers with news that I was an Uncle to Percys boy and that Emily was expected to have her firstborn in April. D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Roberts &c &c first to see & board the Schooner

28 Easter Sunday

I was on Guard from 2 to 4 am D<sup>r</sup> Peel read Divine Service Cap<sup>tn</sup> Sweet of the Schooner Gulnare in attendance with his Middy M<sup>r</sup> Bagot Jun<sup>r</sup>

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29 Easter Monday

I was on watch from 12 to 2 am It rained early in the morning. The men busy unloading The Schooner Gulnare. I tasted some of the apples which I enjoyed very much I was on watch from 10 to 12 PM

30 Easter Tuesday

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder D<sup>r</sup> Peel [*in pencil*] went to South Arm. M<sup>r</sup> Harvey & Smith left [*in ink*] I was on watch from 8 to 10 P.M.

31 Wednesday [*in pencil*]

I made a Musquito Tent out of the one given by Jack Benham on leaving Adelaide which was rather rotten The Men busy putting up the Iron Store [in ink] I received my pay for the Month of March viz £9 6 0

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1 April Thursday [in pencil] Natives troublesome

I was on watch from 4 to 6 am D<sup>r</sup> P & M<sup>r</sup> Goyder returned from South Arm I did some washing A.J. Thomas gave two of his Men the sack viz Houston & Warren

	Dry	Wet
Max Ther	95	85
Min Ther	78.5	78.5

2 Friday

I was on watch from 2 to 4 am D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Goyder &c left for a trip to the Interior It rained very heavy at 10.45 PM and the wind nearly lifted up our Tents Men very busy putting up the Iron Hospital

	Dry	Wet
Max:	92.5	83.5
Min:	75	74

3 Saturday

I was on Watch from 12 to 2 am [in ink] D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> Goyder & Cap<sup>tn</sup> Sweet returned and they brought home some plants & marine Shells A large snake was killed measuring 10 feet I was on watch from 10 to 12. [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max:	96	84
Min:	73.5	73

4 Sunday [in ink]

We had service in the lean to N<sup>r</sup> the Store by D<sup>r</sup> Peel [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	95.75	91.75
Min	77.5	77

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5 Monday [in ink]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel, M<sup>r</sup> Goyder, Packard & Berry left us for a Journey to various camps overland. It rained hard at 5 O'clock pm The Iron Hospital fell down as it was unfinished [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	98.5	85
Min	78.	77.5

6 Tuesday *[in ink]*

I visited *[in pencil]* \Government/ *[in ink]* the Schooner Gulnare and got some Opodeldock & Arnica Pulv Rhei-Jalapoe Ung Resin &c from the Medicine Chest and had breakfast with Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet Men repairing the Iron house. Weather warm.  
*[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	99	85
Min	75.5	74.5

7 Wednesday

The Iron houses unfinished as the men work very slowly *[in ink]* On watch from 8 to 10 PM *[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	99	88.5
Min	77	74

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8 Thursday

M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & son left for Shoal Bay Weather very hot all day Musquitos plentiful  
*[in ink]* I was on watch from 10 p.m. to 12 am The men put down the boards in the Iron Hospital *[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	101.	85
Min	77	76.5

9 Friday

	Dry	Wet
Max	93.75	83.5
Min	77.5	75

*[in ink]*

I wrote out the Native Vocabulary for D<sup>r</sup> Peel Very hot day. I slept in the Iron Hospital as Musquitos are plentiful and very tormenting *[in pencil]* The Native Women are smaller than the men but lanky with straight hips and sides and thin legs so that when viewed at a Distance it is difficult to tell a woman from a man In the old Women the breast is small flat and pendant and connected by a loose fold of skin In the younger ones the breast is full but small & conical instead of hemispherical.

*[Sketch of a woman's breast]*

10 Saturday *[in ink]*

I was on watch from 12 to 2 am [*in pencil*] I was rather unwell from Prickly Heat & boils.

	Dry	Wet
Max	100.5	86
Min	78	77

11 Sunday

	Dry	Wet
Max	98	87.75
Min	76	76

On watch from 2 to 4 am M<sup>r</sup> Woods, Mitchell, Knuckey, [...] Horne Thomas Bennett came to see us

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12 Monday [*in ink*]

I was off watch. I felt very unfit for work boils, prickly heat, tormenting me so that I did not go to M<sup>r</sup> Mitchells Camp to see Collard I could have had a drive there but how to get back no-one knew [*in pencil*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	99.2	85
Min	77	75

13 Tuesday [*in ink*]

I am still poorly and in great pain I recieved a note from D<sup>r</sup> Peel requesting me to put up two bottles of Quinine Solution for M<sup>r</sup> Woods M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan & Smiths Ca [?] [*in pencil*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	100.2	90
Min	78.75	78

14 Wednesday [*in ink*]

Shultze & Son with Tuckwell arrived bringing two Shipwrecked men natives of Timor and a Chief of the Natives (Mira) from Escape Cliff [*in pencil*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	94	87.5
Min	78	78

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15 Thursday [*in ink*]

Bennett called at the Camp and took one of the Natives of Timor to his camp to learn their language. I felt very weak and dull spirited I took Quinine & Iron [*in pencil*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	98	86.5
Min	78.5	78.2

16 Friday [in ink]

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder D<sup>r</sup> Peel and Berry returned by the (Midge Steamer) I moved all the boxes &c out of M<sup>r</sup> Goyders tent into our Iron house. The Medicine Chest taken out of the Store.

[in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	100	90.5
Min	80	79.5

17 Saturday

	Dry	Wet
Max	100	95
Min	78.5	77.5

[in ink]

I was very busy putting up Lime Juice, Unpacking Cases to make more room I felt very weak and uncomfortable as my boils hurt me and the Prickly Heat. I put up some Quinine Wine. I had a bathe in the Sea at 5.30 P.M. water warm.

18 Sunday [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	101	93.5
Min	77.5	77.5

D<sup>r</sup> Peel had to go to Mitchells Camp in the Evening to see Collard. /Tho<sup>s</sup>/Woods/ & Mitchell came D<sup>r</sup> P went on board the Gulnare I had to get some lime juice for Smith Woods & M<sup>r</sup> Lacland [McLachland] Port and ret<sup>d</sup> medicine ready [in ink] IDear Emily Tomlinson had a daughter!

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19 Monday [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	95	91.5
Min	77	75

I made & filled a small Medicine Chest for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder. M<sup>c</sup>Calum had Port wine & Quinine for the men with Lime Juice taken alternately every day D<sup>r</sup> P returned from Wood & Mitchells camp to order some things to be done and then got into a boat for South Arm & I am takin Quinine & Sherry also Lime Juice Still rather weak. Boils not much better Prickly heat very tormenting at bed time and after meals M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & Son removed with my assistance into Main Camp as the blacks are treacherous

20 Tuesday [in ink]

Very busy making up my monthly Reports of the Meteorological Observations I visited Herr Schultze [~~with .....~~] and spent a pleasant evening. I got a box made of Tin & Zinc for some Shells to send per Gulnare for Percy & Harry I tried a Solution of Carbolic

Acid as directed by Father in a letter dated January 24<sup>th</sup> 1868 for my prickly heat & sores and found relief by it. *[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	91.5	88.5
Min	77.5	76

21 Wednesday *[in ink]*

I had a letter from D<sup>r</sup> Peel for Ol Riani Flor Sulph Hj S. King Rep<sup>t</sup> Mistrel Ung Sulph: Green F Ferri Mur. I was busy all day unpacking cases of Drugs making new lids for the boxes and repacking to see what supply we had. Robinson busy putting up bamboo in the Iron house so as to divide into rooms I put up a book case in my room Musquitos troublesome this evening. *[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	91.5	82.5
Min	76	72

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22 Thursday *[in ink]*

Very busy making out a list of the contents of Medicine Chests. I got some String Bags Belt, made of bark one made of hair a Fish spear & womera in exchange for a pocket handkerchief which I cut in two and an old Knife, 'A yam bag made of string'

*[Sketch of 'a womera [in pencil] or Throwing stick]*

*[Sketch of a 'spear head']*

*[A sketch of 'A yam bag made of string']*

	Dry	Wet
Max	100.5	92
Min	76	70

23 Friday *[in ink]*

I had haemorrhoids very bad and felt sickly all day. I took Hausl Ricino et Confect Piper. Nigra. I copied out the Native Vocabulary for D<sup>r</sup> Peel, very warm all day. I went to sleep In the afternoon as I was so weak from loss of blood *[in pencil]*

	Dry	Wet
Max	100.5	92
Min	77	74.5

24 Saturday

	Dry	Wet
Max	100.75	92.75
Min	77.5	76

[in ink]

I painted Fort Points & Depôt in water colour for M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder, D<sup>r</sup> Peel & Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet returned from South Arm at noon. I had Turtle soup & flesh for dinner and enjoyed it (Rather like lobster in taste.) I was very well all day. D<sup>r</sup> P. kindly ordered a glass of Porter for Robinson D. Wilson and myself every day until stop<sup>d</sup>

25 Sunday [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	95.5	87.5
Min	76	74.5

[in ink]

A nice fresh breeze all day from the East Mr Goyder ill D<sup>r</sup> P read service in the Iron Store I sent Percy two £1.0.0 notes No 122030 Nat: Bank S.A. No 22183 Bank Australasia (For Boots & Boy)

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26 Monday [in ink]

Frank Hood chosen StoreKeeper M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>c</sup>Callum. Secretary to M<sup>r</sup> Goyder, Donolly left to join the Gulnare as Cook &c. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder much better. I was busy making out a list of drugs wanted from Adelaide [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	96	85.5
Min	75.75	69

27 Tuesday

	Dry	Wet
Max	95	85
Min	74	64

[in ink]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel made out a list of Drugs Required from Adelaide and I made two copies To send per Gulnare [in pencil] The Mangrove tree (Rhizophora Mangle are supported as it were on piles by its numerous roots which raise up the stem thus

[Sketch of a Mangrove tree]

The screw palm gives off roots that are aerial such as sketch

[Two sketches of the screw palm]

28 Wednesday [in ink]

I painted two butterflies D<sup>r</sup> Peel went out coral hunting

'A Rough sketch of Our Iron house'

[Sketch of house: external view shows dimensions, 20 feet long by 12 feet wide, and 3 windows with open flaps. The material appears to be corrugated iron and the house is raised up slightly from the ground on blocks.]

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29 Thursday

Woods Mitchell Thomas & Knuckey came to our camp at 12.30 pm and returned at 10 pm with Cap<sup>tn</sup> Sweet. I went on board the Gulnare for Epson Salts lb ij I painted a little [*in pencil*] After dark you can see the Native fires on all sides of the Port which look very much like the Beacons of Old [*pasted newspaper clipping has been torn out*]

30 Friday [*in ink*]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel went to South Arm I posted letters viz W.P.H., D.W.T; M<sup>rs</sup> T.P.D, E.Phillips 2 for P.E. ? [*torn*], Stamps 2/6 I painted a flower &c for an Insect group in D<sup>r</sup> Peels book. [*in pencil*] I gave a young Woman a looking glass as a present which she was highly delighted with She looked at herself with such a contorting countenance as to cause convulsed laughter.

1 May Saturday [*in ink*]

A lovely day I posted a group of Photographs of the NT party for England Stamps 8<sup>d</sup> I finish up my monthly Meteorological Observation Report for March & April

2 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel returned from East Arm M<sup>r</sup> Hardy unwell. Mess<sup>rs</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachland & M<sup>c</sup>Minn came, I painted a flower belongs to Malvacea. I got some specimens from Natives of necklace & belts &c

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3. Tuesday

I recieved my pay for the month of April viz £9.0.0 I got some curiosities from Natives I exchange a new spear for an old one with C. Miller [*in pencil*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	96	85.5
Min	75.75	69

Box 2 ft long 17 inches high 16 inches wide The Natives of Port Darwin paint themselves with Red, Yellow, White in different styles. It is curious to see the scars on the body of the Natives they are raised [...] of flesh very much in relief nearly half an inch above their skins and ½ inch wide

[Sketches of two scars]

4 Tuesday [in ink]

The Mail closes for Adelaide D<sup>r</sup> Peel busy with his letters. I made a box for him to send specimens to Adelaide by Gulnare. I painted a flower for a butterfly picture I got a necklace from Bellamuck<sup>1</sup> a Native of Port Darwin made of reedbeads

[in pencil] and saw some Natives with bamboo thrust into a perforation in the nose and with girdles of twisted human hair  
Man

[Sketch of a man's nose with bamboo insertion]

5 Wednesday [in ink]

The Gulnare left us at 12 noon [in pencil] and I saluted her on departure. D<sup>r</sup> Peel had a Canvass partition up in the Iron house M<sup>r</sup> Goyder went to East Arm in the Midge [in ink] I helped Brooks when Photographing Stokes Hill &c &c  
Royal George Ensign

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6 Thursday

I painted a Bee on a flower (order Malvacea) M<sup>r</sup> Goyder returned from East Arm at 5.30 P.M. M<sup>r</sup> Brooks went out Photographing. I obtained a few things from the Natives viz Yam bag. Necklace. Emue Feather ornament

[Sketches of emu feather ornament]

a head dress with bills of the Spoonbill attached, bracelets of reed & Native String

[Sketch of head dress with bills of spoonbill attached]

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<http://www.placenames.nt.gov.au/origins/greater-darwin#b>

'The original Palmerston suburb is named after a local Larakia Aboriginal mentioned in Goyder's 1870 papers on the early survey expedition and the settlement of Palmerston (Port Darwin). One of the first Aboriginal people to welcome Goyder, Bellamack (also known as 'Billiamook' or by his nickname 'Billy Muck') gave W W Hoare, the Doctor's assistant, a necklace of red beads when the party first arrived on the Moonta in 1869. He gave help to the surveyors, standing between Schultze, the botanist, and a group of the tribe with spears who were demanding food (the remains of an emu). Saving the life of Schultze, he was described as:- 'a handsome, well built Aboriginal whose intelligence was outstanding among his tribe and was well liked by all the members of the expedition who encountered him'.

The *NT Times* recorded his movements over the years around Darwin and in 1882 he was sworn in before the Court as an interpreter for the Larakia Aboriginal people. He and 'Umballa', another Larakia, travelled widely including to Adelaide. Bellamack disembarked on return from Adelaide in the uniform of the Adelaide Volunteers.

Bellamack was described by Wildey as :-'becoming a fluent speaker of English and one of the finest to demonstrate a remarkable ability to adopt to the European culture whilst retaining his responsibilities as a Larakia'.

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I painted a small frilled lizard for D<sup>r</sup> Peel.

~ We expected Natives ~

7 Friday

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder left for Mitchell & Woods Camp I finished the painting of frilled lizard. My legs very bad all day with Ulcers that are very irritating. D<sup>r</sup> Peel ordered me a Linseed poultice. As Hayes was returning home at 6 PM he fired at what was said to be a native and as he told those in camp he would fire if one molested him so they sent out a body of Armed men to see what was up. The blacks strange to say have kept out of our sight all day, but just at sunset I saw three N<sup>r</sup> Stokes Hill in the water amongst the Mangroves when returning from taking my Meteorological Observations. -----

8 Saturday 200 (Natives on the War Path)

A Number of Armed Blacks came and wanted to fight us Old Mira tried to Stop them all the Camp took up fire arms. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder returned I painted two moths for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. In consequence of the blacks behaving badly D<sup>r</sup> Peel organized an extra Guard viz of 4 men and is leader to them. I have to be on from 4 to 6 am Sunday. The Magnesium Light was burning this evening. My legs in great pain all day.

9 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read the Service in the M<sup>n</sup><sup>g</sup>. I painted some butterflies I was on duty from 6 to 8 pm and the Sandflies tormented me. Legs in pain especially towards night

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10 Monday

I was feverish and my legs pained me very much I went to bed early and took pulv Jacobi g x. M<sup>r</sup> Bennett very kindly sent me a skin of the Cuckoo Pheasant which M<sup>r</sup> Schultz preserved for me I painted some red berries in butterfly book. M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Callum & Rowe returned from Mitchells camp with a Bullock

11 Tuesday

I painted two black butterflies I am a little better but my legs are painful. I took Lessons from Alfred Schultze in the art of Bird Skinning Sayers moved his Forge within the fence near The Cook house.

12 Wednesday

I bathed in the Sea. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder had his medicine chest refilled. I painted a Dragonfly in D<sup>r</sup> Peel's book. I had a box of moist water Colours given to me belonging to the Government and was given to understand that I am to illustrate all perishable specimens of Natural History M<sup>r</sup> Schultze prepared a Case of Insects for that purpose. My legs not quite so painful I did some washing after dinner and the clothes soon dried

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13 Thursday

I began to draw a Large Mantis. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder left for his Journey to the Interior I cut my long boots down to Slippers I feel I can walk about easy as my feet are better

[*Sketch of the boot cut down to make slippers*]

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[Sketch of crickets and mosquitos entitled 'Some of our Crawlers and Jumpers &c &c']

14 Friday

I painted a crab for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> life size. I obtained a bunch of Sea Birds feathers from the Natives also some Pea Crabs. Lubras came to see us. D<sup>r</sup> Peel kindly ordered Barlow to make me a desk to paint on. I painted a curious Spider whos web had a large White Cross worked in it

[Sketch of a spider's web]

15 Saturday

I painted two butterflies for D<sup>r</sup> Peels Book. I had a ride on Horseback to Peels Well with Lambell and enjoyed the journey I got a curious fish from the Natives belonging to the Rays also a few Cowries and other shells

[Sketch of a fish]

16 Whit Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read the Service at 5 Oclock pm I painted the praying mantis Greene came to see us with 3 horses

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17 Whit Monday

I painted a convolvulus for the S.A. Government also a yellow & white butterfly and a small mantis for D<sup>r</sup> Peel I had an Ink eraser. Greene had the horses Shod. and returned to his camp at 1.30 pm and is living in the bush alone as they are shifting camps. It rained hard at 8.30 p.m. and continued until 9.20 pm which was a treat to us

18 Whit Tuesday

I made some bandages Schultze & Son arrived per Midge with Specimens of Natural History also some Botanical. I painted a Water Lilly of a Lilac Colour with a violet smell I put up some Quinine Brooks also arrived with Nottage & Palmer. The former to remain at head Camp.

19 Wednesday

I painted two butterflies from Herr Schultze collection for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. I obtained two large fishing spears and a basket [Sketch of a fishing spear]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel had a stand made for the Solar bulb to rest in, also a staff with a vane to see the direction the wind is in

[Sketch of a basket]

I had ½ dozen sheets of drawing paper for Gov<sup>mt</sup> work We had a large fish for tea and was very good. [in pencil] J.H. Packard arrived late per Midge./

[Inset: A sketch of a crab]

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20 Thursday

I painted a convolvulus in D<sup>r</sup> Peels book of Butterflies. I suffered very much with my legs all day ancles very swollen I obtained another Native Basket only better than that got yesterday J.H. Packard had his thumb cut open by D<sup>r</sup> P.

[Inset: two newspaper clippings]

‘Kangaroos do not seem to be abundant through Central Australia, though seen occasionally. Where we saw one kangaroo we saw a dozen emus; these were often very large, and generally together in threes and fours. They would look at the buggies and follow them a long while, especially if a red pocket-handkerchief were hoisted. This always attracted them until they became tired or were frightened away. Of smaller birds there are in some places – Sturt’s Plains, for instance – flocks of pigeons so dense that they look like a black cloud as they pass by. Flocks of shell parrots, too, just like those in South Australia, are very common about Barrow Creek. As to the parroquets, they have often been described; they are of all sizes, shapes, and colours. Aquatic birds, too, are very numerous. The lagoons and lakes are literally alive with them; ducks, teal, and wild geese abound, whilst there are also splendid specimens of the jabirou, the native companion, and other similar birds.’

‘... one day when on Goulburn Island. They went by in Indian file, looking on the ground and pretending not to see me or o notice a party of woodcutters some distance off. ‘

[loose page with line pencil sketch of crab with lead pencil on the backof the page, evidently used in transferring the image]

21 Friday [in ink]

I painted a blue flower in D<sup>r</sup> P butterfly [book]

[Sketch of flower]

and a large dark Olive Green Crab for the S.A. Government. My leg Very painful D<sup>r</sup> P ordered Pulv Opii sj Ceral Cetacei ĩj ftungt: Crab body 7 inches wide, 16 inches wide including legs.

[Sketch of a crab]

22 Saturday [in pencil]

I finished the Crab and began a Mantis for D<sup>r</sup> Peels book. We had one of the Crabs for Tea. Brooks shot a laughing Jackass Lambell & McCalum shot an Eagle & Crane the latter I skinned

23 Trinity Sunday [in ink]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 10.30 am The Natives visited the camp with spears in exchange for food &c &c

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V. R.

24 Monday

Queens Birthday \aged 50 years/ A day of great rejoicing Racing, jumping in Sacks, 3 legged race, Diving Swimming, Throwing 14 lb weights, high & low jumping, Rifle & Revolver shooting. Every one enjoyed themselves in Head Camp I subscribed 10/- by an I.O.U. A large bonfire was lighted at night amidst much cheering &c &c &c D<sup>r</sup> Peel did everything to make the men Jolly and Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hood McCallum assisted greatly in the Sports. Amongst the successful was North Smith, for racing. McCallum for throwing the weight Hayes Diveing, N. Smith Rifle Robinson revolver, Hood Carbine, J Miller Swimming

25 Tuesday

We heard from Thomas the sad News that Bennett was speared which is hoped not mortally also Guy the cook whilst in the tent at Freds Pass about 95 miles from Port Darwin D<sup>r</sup> Peel returned with Thomas to see the wounded men

[Sketch of a tent in a hollow at the base of hill]

26 Wednesday

I was uncomfortable all day thinking of poor Bennett. J. Burton put up some Canvass in D<sup>r</sup> Peels room and I assisted him Bennett had a spear in the left chest and at the back. Guy had one in his Anus

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27 Thursday

Dear Emily's wedding day 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary. D<sup>r</sup> Peel returned with Bennett & Guy who are not so much hurt as we supposed but of the two Bennett is the worst from great loss of blood. Guy had the broken spear extracted and is doing well. At 7.40 pm poor Bennett had a piece of spear about six inches taken out of his back under Chloroform by D<sup>r</sup> Peel with 3 barbs and part of a fourth in a splintered condition when removed. I fear it is a case with him - as it reached near the 3 or 4<sup>th</sup> ribs

28 Friday

At 10.45 am I heard poor Bennett was dead which has made the whole of us very sad as he was such a favourite I painted the Coffin Plate on Zinc with black block type I saw him laid therein he had a smile on his face. I put some everlastings and a white waterlily in his coffin I shook hands with him in the morning and he said he was hungry and much better. [*in blue ink*] I gave him water he then - fell into my arms dead.

[Sketch of the heart-shaped Coffin Plate with the Inscription:]

J.W.O. Bennett aged 23 years  
Died May 28<sup>th</sup> 1869  
From spear wounds  
inflicted by the Native[s?]  
of Freds Pass  
May 24<sup>th</sup>  
1869

[This newspaper cutting has been pasted in underneath]

'O close with reverent care those eyes;  
Their meek and sorrowing light hath fled;  
No trembling gleam through mists of tears  
From those dimmed orbs will more be shed'.

29 Saturday

We buried poor Bennett on Fort Point at 2 30 p.m. D<sup>r</sup> Peel read the Burial Service  
All the Officers attended and as many men as could leave camp He was an excellent young  
man, quiet and attentive to his duties with good character in every respect W.W.H.

30 Sunday

I was laid up all the morning with bad legs. At 5.30 pm Old Mira and another came down the  
Hill and spoke to us and we saw a few more said to be Escape Cliff Natives  
They hid their spears on the top of the Hill before speaking to us  
Dear Percy's little Willy died aged 4 months [*word crossed out*]

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31 Monday

When D<sup>r</sup> Peel was dressing Guys wound Old Mira cried bitterly and he had the spear heads  
shown to him by D<sup>r</sup> P. The Blacks very numerous today. I had to lay up with bad ulcerated  
leg and had a poultice on. I drew a crab and painted a flower whilst on my bed I had a  
bunch of Feathers from the Natives also a sword of wood in other words a Club about 4 ft. 7  
inches long

[*Sketch of a metpahdinga*] [*in pencil*]

Metpahdinga a two-edged instrument like a sword

[*Sketch of a club and a bunch of feathers*]

June 1 Tuesday [*in ink*]

My dear Mothers Birthday aged 57 years [*in pencil*] I painted a few flowers and some  
spiders The Natives still about us in search of food. They are a lazy lot and require careful  
watching. They have been grinding hoop Iron for knives to make spears with them My legs  
still bad and I have to remain still all day.

	Dry	Wet
Max	94.5	85.5
Min	72	66.5

2 Wednesday [*in ink*]

My Sister Constance Mary's Birthday aged 14 years [*in pencil*]  
I painted a flower of a tree for the Government of S.A. We had a Pie made of the Native  
Plum which I consider very good.

[*Sketch of Flower*]

Flowers cream colour Leaves bright green'

[*Sketch of a pear-shaped fruit labelled as green*]

	Dry	Wet
Max	92.75	85
Min	72.5	65.75

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3 Thursday [in ink]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel's Birthday and I was invited with other Officers to spend a jovial evening with him I painted a large transparent butterfly for D<sup>r</sup> P. Schultze & Son & Brooks returned. Schultze had a young crocodile about 8 inches long also two native rats about the size of a Guinea Pig [in pencil]

[Sketch of seed with ink outline] labelled *Nux Vomica*, silvery or silky drab colour

[Sketch of seed vessel with ink outline] labelled Orange red Seed Vessel, contains 2 or more seeds in a glutinous pulp in a glutinous pulp.

	Dry	Wet
Max	94	81
Min	70	64

I painted a large flower for SA Gov<sup>mt</sup>

4 Friday

The seeds of the *Strychnos nuxvomica* are found in the neighbourhood of Port Darwin and I got a few as specimens. Guy, A. Smith and myself have a bottle of Porter between us about noon. For some weeks D<sup>r</sup> P has kindly given me a glass of Port Wine at night, My legs look healthier but not well yet I am using Ung Linci Oxyd é Liq Plumbi.

	Dry	Wet
Max	87.75	76
Min	70	63.5

5 Saturday

I painted a flower in the Butterfly Book also a small crab \of a yellowish brown with red on the tips of pincer/ on the other leg they are blue at the tips.

[Sketch of the crab]

A Pine Apple was brought to D<sup>r</sup> Peel which grew [ed ?] at Port Darwin.

	Dry	Wet
Max	91.5	83.5
Min	71.5	60

6 Sunday

I painted a Pine Apple in Oils for D<sup>r</sup> Peel also two transparent butterflies for Barlow D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 6.30 pm and had a full congregation Guy getting on well under D<sup>r</sup> P. treatment

	Dry	Wet
Max	93	85.5
Min	74.5	71

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7 Monday [in ink]

I painted a Pine Apple and a bird called a [~~word crossed out~~] Bee eater (Merops apiaster) I began to paint the head of a Kangaroo hound (cooeey) M<sup>r</sup> Hoods [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	93	86
Min	74.5	69

8 Tuesday [in ink]

I painted a butterfly on the Pine Apple and finished the Dead bee eater I also painted a flower in D<sup>r</sup> Peels butterfly book J M Lambell McCallum & Schultze went to Point Emery and shot two large birds belonging to the Pheasants. and several other birds [in pencil] I saw plenty of Macaws or Black cockatoos fly over the Camp

	Dry	Wet
Max	90.5	79
Min	72.5	72.5

9 Wednesday

I began another picture with a Bee eater & some other bird with its head down on a deal board for D<sup>r</sup> Peel

[Sketch in ink of the two birds]

	Dry	Wet
Max	89	80
Min	74	74

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10 Thursday [in ink]

I painted a crab in watercolours [*labelled with yellow body and red legs*]

[Sketch in ink of the crab]

I got a basket from the Natives for a needle and some bread

[Sketch in ink of needle]

Sketch of a water basket

[Sketch in ink with brown watercolour of water basket] [in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	90	82.5
Min	73	68

[in ink]

I painted the above crab only a front view also another crab of a dark green colour for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> The carpenters have made a cross of Hardwood for Bennetts grave which I shall have to write his name on &c &c

11 Friday

[in pencil]

	Dry	Wet
Max	86.5	79
Min	68.5	59

12 Saturday

	Dry	Wet
Max	82	77.5
Min	70	58.5

[Sketch of the cross for Bennett's Grave, 24 inches wide, with 7 in. wide panels]

I made a sketch of what I shall have to Print on the cross in memory of J.W.O. Bennett M<sup>r</sup> Goyder, Berry, Burton, Dean, Fitch returned to Camp and informed us that the Natives wanted to surround them with fires so that they could Spear them when almost blinded with smoke [in ink] 8 pm The whole camp alarmed by some Natives going into the Mangroves Schultze heard them talking and the guard also heard a noise M<sup>r</sup> Goyder with a number of men armed, stood ready to fire on them by aid of the Magnesium Light.

13 Sunday [in pencil]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 6.30 pm Blacks prevented from visiting us. M<sup>r</sup> Goyder not well

	Dry	Wet
Max	84	76
Min	67	57

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14 Monday

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder saw my Drawings and Paintings which I had done for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> and expressed his satisfaction by D<sup>r</sup> Peel and I began a group of Butterflies. Natives have not troubled us since M<sup>r</sup> Goyders returned

	Dry	Wet
Max	83.5	76.5
Min	64	56

15 Tuesday

The Midge went to East Arm, and she looks well with the new coat of Paint I painted some of the Butterflies in the group for the Gov<sup>mt</sup> (It is rather cold in the mornings The Minimum was Dry Bulb 62.5 Wet bulb 53.5. Max Ther - 85 Dry, 72 Wet)

16 Wednesday

The Midge returned at 1.30 pm I finished the group of Butterflies

	Dry	Wet
Max	85.5	69
Min	63	54.5

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17 Thursday

I painted two moths in a group of Moths & Butterflies for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup>

	Dry	Wet
Max	85.5	72
Min	61.75	53.5

The big Wooden store measures

[Sketch of 'The big Wooden store, main part labelled as measuring ' 50 feet long]  
[in ink] 20' broad]

[Sketch of Vegetation]

18 Friday [in pencil]

I painted some Butterflies & Moths in the group for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> I saw Berry make a die with a file with the words Pay for Extra Survey which was credible

	Dry	Wet
Max	85.5	73
Min	60	55

I read some of the Narrative of the Voyage of H.M.S. Rattlesnake by John Macgillivray FRGS. 1846-1850 lent by M<sup>r</sup> Goyder

19 Saturday

I did a good deal of washing clothes. I painted a large grasshopper and a moth in D<sup>r</sup> Peels book. I read some of J.B. Jukes Voyage of the Fly Torres Strait New Guinea and other Islands of the Eastern Archipelago [in ink]

	Dry	Wet
Max	82	72.5
Min	61	60.5

20 Sunday [in pencil]

I painted a Blue Crab for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Peel held Service in M<sup>r</sup> Goyders house at 10.30 am

	Dry	Wet
Max	84.5	73
Min	62.5	61.5

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21 Monday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel left in the Dolphin boat for South Arm at 1.20 pm

	Dry	Wet
Max	87	77
Min	63.5	63.5

22 Tuesday [*in ink*]

I painted some butterflies and some grass to a background of a group. A Few Canoes were seen about 1 pm and at 1.30 a few natives with Fish and other things wanted to bargain with us but prevented as we are not to give them any encouragement after their conduct

23 Wednesday

I painted some butterflies (12.30 pm D<sup>r</sup> Peel returned from South Arm with M<sup>r</sup> Arthur Smith and brought some crabs with red legs & claws which I painted for the S.A. Gov<sup>ment</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Goyder looked at my paintings and asked me to paint a Cuckoo Pheasant & some Spiders.

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24 Thursday [*in pencil*]

I painted a Pheasant Cuckoo unfortunately a failure M<sup>r</sup> Goyder had a party - Brooks Berry and Lambell invited. Hayes brought me a cat fish to paint, but having other paintings in hand I did not sketch it

25 Friday

\Ragged Sea Scorpion? Stone Fish?/ The Midge arrived from the South Arm at 2 a.m. I painted a Fi-fi a kind of Sea Scorpion Fish a kind of Sea Scorpion fish see sketch

[*Sketch of a Fi-Fi*]

Its skin hangs about it in loose warty masses as if diseased. The ugliest fish I ever painted It is of a dirty brown colour with blackish brown on the pectoral fins reddish Eyes which are very small The length is about 6 inches Vide Pelor Filamentosa

26 Saturday [*in ink*]

I painted a Crab and finished another picture of the Pheasant Cuckoo.

27 Sunday

I painted \in oils/ a beautiful fish with blue and crome yellow marks on the scales C. Yellow belly and the eyes Blue & Yellow with black

[*Sketch of its eye with a black centre and blue and yellow rings*]

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D<sup>r</sup> Peel read the Service at 6.30 p.m.

[Sketch of the fish labelled 'Length 14 inches x Height 4½ inches']

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28 Monday

I painted the underneath of a crab for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> M<sup>r</sup> A Smith left per Midge for South Arm. M<sup>r</sup> Schultze had a fine Specimen of a Lizard about 4 feet 8 inches/ long which R.C. Burton got out of a well with a running noose

29 Tuesday

I painted the Fish that I did on Sunday in Water Colours and put a background to the former The Lizard was skinned by Schultze and they found a body entire of a Cuckoo Pheasant with feathers inside it

30 Wednesday

I painted a crab in the Fish Picture I drew the outline of the Plant Abrus Praecatorius and will introduce a bird on it. The Midge returned and I had a few red crabs from South Arm. Hazard arrived as invalid from Rheumatism D<sup>r</sup> Peel still gives me a glass of good Port wine every night & with my glass of Porter daily I do very well through his kindness. \*Maggie Phillips of Port Adelaide Birthday

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July

1 Thursday

I painted some leaves to a butterfly picture also a small crab in two views for S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup>

2 Friday

I painted a Flower belonging to the Malvaceae order of a bright Scarlet colour [-?] Smith washed my clothes as I was busy painting [*in pencil*] # NB I painted this flower again on the 13<sup>th</sup> July. and I have described it #

3 Saturday [*in ink*]

I painted a Blue Crab from a large Specimen also a Chiton in a Fish picture for D<sup>r</sup> Peel I painted a jar in the Picture of Pine Apple &c for som flowers. J Burton and others went out with the net and caught some fish at 6.30 pm and I got a beautiful fish like quicksilver in colour which I gave to Schultze our Naturalist to be put in Spirit

[Sketch of fish]

4 Sunday

I painted the fish in watercolour for S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Peel read Service in M<sup>r</sup> Goyders house at 7 pm. D<sup>r</sup> Peel, M<sup>r</sup> Hood, McCallum. Jas Lambell took a ride into the country during the morning

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5 Monday [*in pencil*]

I painted some seedpods of the Abrus Praecatorius in the Oil Painting of Pine Apple &c I painted the same in watercolours for the S.A. Gov<sup>mt</sup>

6 Tuesday [in ink]

A Native skirmish we had to use firearms [in pencil] The Natives came to the top of the Hill but were driven back by fire arms I painted some flowers in the Oil Painting of Pine Apple &c

7 Wednesday

I painted a curious Mantis Crab (Squilla) I went to Peels Well in the afternoon with men for Water and I got some botanical Specimens for Painting and looked over the Native Camp which had been empty for some time I saw a magnificent fire ragin about South Arm

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8 Thursday

I painted a small bird in the act of catching an Ant on the Plant (Abrus Praecatorius in water colours also a large butterfly in the same picture D<sup>r</sup> Peel ordered me sea bathing and Quinine & Iron in 5 grain doses. A Large Triangle was made out of a Steel Bar to warn the men from and to work it has a good tone

[Sketch of the steel triangle made to call the men to work]

The Hospital Tent was put up alongside of our Iron House and is called by some for fun Guys Hospital as its first patients name was Guy from a spear wound on 24/5/69

9 Friday

I painted a Bee Eater as flying in the air and will make some landscape background for it. I made a sketch of the coast in the Camp for it

[Sketch of Bee Eater] [in ink]

Merops apiaster'

10 Saturday [in ink]

My Sister Edith Augusta's Birthday aged 17 years [in pencil] I painted a Bandicoot rat it had short ears the snout long and pointed

The teeth on the top jaw	Canine	P	Molar
1.5.5	1.1	3.3	4.4
0.3.3	1.1	3.3	4.4

[Sketch of the bandicoot rat]

I witnessed this evening a magnificent sight viz a Large bush fire that lit up the sky for some miles

11 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 10.30 am I painted a small crab with swim feet

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12 Monday

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D<sup>r</sup> Peel gave me a bottle of Port Wine and ordered me an ounce & a half twice a day  
I painted some grass and stones for a background for the Bandicoot Rat

13 Tuesday

I painted a beautiful flower belonging to the Malvaceae for D<sup>r</sup> Peel scarlet coloured blossoms but without leaves stems reddish brown with bright green in patches I have seen it about 10 feet high

[Sketch of Malvaceae with flower colour labelled as merging from: 'light green' to 'dark scarlet' and 'light scarlet' at the tips]

MIDGE

14 Wednesday

I painted an air plant for SA Gov<sup>t</sup> I left in the Midge for South Arm at 4 pm and we saw a very large turtle which J Miller shot and we turned the Midge about to go after it and came alongside of it that C Miller caught it by the fins but worse luck he managed to let go of it and it sank out of sight. We sailed until 9 pm and anchored off Storm Point for the night [in ink]

My Journey to Southport

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15 Thursday [in pencil]

We started at day break for South Arm We then had our breakfast after which C. Miller and myself took an oar and pulled to the first landing Stage we unshipped the Barley then amused myself by cutting my name on a Tree as a memento of my visit. We waited sometime until Mess<sup>ts</sup> Woods, Mitchell, McMinn, McLachlan, Packard, Knuckey came up. Three of them returned with us to Port Darwin and arrived about 7 pm. I saw the Rivers Berry & Darwin and found them studded with Mangroves which unfortunately gives such a sameness to the scenery [in ink] I saw some Ant Hills

16 Friday [in pencil]

The Midge, Dolphin and M<sup>r</sup> Goyders boat started at 5.30 for South Arm to bring back some of the Survey party. at 5.30 am a slight shock was felt of an Earthquake which I thought was coffee grinding It shook some plaster down in our lean to, I saw some very fine specimens of the Trepang at M<sup>r</sup> Schultzes dug out of the mud at low water I painted a butterfly for D<sup>r</sup> Peel.

[Sketch of 'Psolus Phántapus Sea Cucumber or Trepang']

17 Saturday

About 40 men including Officers arrived with baggage in the 3 boats from South Arm and were heartily welcomed at Port Darwin I drew some outlines of Crabs for Schultze The whole camp puts one in mind of an English fair with its tents

18 Sunday [in ink]

I saw some very fine nuggets that M<sup>r</sup> C Giles got out of a creek at South Arm. R.G. Burton is to go with men to search for it and has provided himself with cradles &c other men in camp have specimens of gold. [in pencil] We had service in the Mess Marquee at 7 p.m. by D<sup>r</sup> Peel (M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell gave me a broken Emue Egg which I mended [in ink]

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19 Monday Aurum [*in pencil*]

I made up a Medicine Chest for R.C. Burton & party who are going to South Arm with tools in search for Gold. M<sup>r</sup> Shultze & son will be with them and I hope to see plenty of Specimens on their return. I painted a group of Butterflies for D<sup>r</sup> Peel from those I did for the S.A. Gov<sup>nt</sup>. Burton & Party left at 9 pm in the Midge for S Arm

20 Tuesday

I painted some seed vessels of the supposed Malvacea see 13/7/69 for flower. I took a list of Medicine Chest returned from M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Minn. I painted some Cape gooseberry in the Oil Painting of Pine Apple which grew at Port Darwin

[*Sketch of seed pods*]

21 Wednesday

They removed the Post for Meteorological Observations in a better place. I went with the grass cutters and made a sketch of them at work also of some beautiful Fern & skrew Palms. D<sup>r</sup> P & M<sup>r</sup> Hood visited me. I saw some Flowers & seed pods of the Native Cotton tree. The Midge returned with Jepp and a crocodile\* about 5 feet long stuffed and its flesh was eaten. It was killed up the South Arm

[*in ink*] \* This is a Crocodile misnamed alligator W.W.H.

[*in pencil*]

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22 Thursday

The Midge left with Rowe Sen<sup>r</sup> for South Arm. I painted a leaf & seed pods of the flower see 12/7/69 name unknown

[*in pencil*]

[*On*] 22/7/69 [*in ink overwriting the pencil version*] M<sup>r</sup> Greene paid me a check for £1.0.0 [*in ink*] signed by R. Knuckey National Bank of Australasia. I look back viz 18/1/69

23 Friday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel and I had a ride as far as the Proposed Cemetery and I got off my horse to sketch a Cotton tree full of yellow blossoms and D<sup>r</sup> P, procured some very good specimens of Flowers & Pods for me to paint. The scenery throughout our ride was magnificent. The Fan, Fern & Screw Palms stood out in relief with their rich green foliage against the grey & sombre gums. Box and other trees. We went to Doctors Gully and I saw the trench for the supply of water which is satisfactory. I saw some Macaws, a Bower Bird & a Jungle fowl

[*Sketch of water trench*]

I painted an Alligator\* [*see note*] from a specimen M<sup>r</sup> Goyder gave me to make a study of. Its length was 5 feet from snout to the tail. [*written at top of page with an asterix in the text*] 'This is a crocodile misnamed alligator, W.W.H.'

[*Sketch of Alligator\**]

24 Saturday

I was laid up with a severe cold and was unable to paint. I had Essence of Meat & Arrowroot at meal time. The pain was felt in the back and legs. I think it was owing to my horse exercise yesterday

25 Sunday

I was better but had to remain on my bed all day. D<sup>r</sup> Peel conducted service at 7 P.M.

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26 Monday

I was much better and I painted the Seed Pods of the Cotton Tree also some of its flowers which D<sup>r</sup> Peel kindly brought in fresh from the country both he and M<sup>r</sup> D.D. Daly had a ride. [*The following sentence is lightly crossed through in pencil.*]

I regret to state that M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Brooks had some bradawls in his possession that belonged to an old case that my Father gave me on leaving England in 1864 and I got D<sup>r</sup> P. to assist me in regaining the same which he did but not without M<sup>r</sup> B. telling an untruth and made out M<sup>r</sup> Berry gave them to him.

27 Tuesday [*in pencil*]

I had Diarrhoea all day and very weak The Midge arrived with M<sup>r</sup> Rowe Sen<sup>r</sup> and started again for S<sup>t</sup> Arm

28 Wednesday

I have Diarrhoea and took Hyd Chlor gr  $\ddot{y}$  & Arrowroot My stomach was in great pain all day D<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> DD Daly had a ride into the country The Midge arrived.

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29 Thursday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> Hood went for a ride early this morning. I painted a little on the fish picture as it was damaged in mounting I was not much better. [*in ink*]

A View of Port Darwin for the Drop Scene giving a view of the Entrance to The Harbour

30 Friday [*in pencil*]

I had Haust Ricini in the morning [*in ink*] I painted a large Frilled Lizard in the afternoon I have been asked by D<sup>r</sup> P and M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell to paint the Scenery for Theatre Royal. J Burton & Tuckwell busy Joining the Canvas D<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Peel had a rehearsal in one of the Iron house with the minstrelsy and Comic Singers.

[*Sketch of 'Chlamydosaurus Kingii' – a frill-necked lizard*]

31 Saturday

I painted the tail and legs of the Frilled Lizard. I got the Canvas and ironed the seams and got some size ready for proving it [*in pencil*]

August 1 Sunday

Some Natives were seen and about six Canoes close to us on shore. In the Evening a canoe with another inside was seen floating down by the current

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2 Monday

I painted a Drop Scene for Theatre a view of Port Darwin with Tents for Theatre Royal P<sup>t</sup> Darwin. M<sup>r</sup> A. Smith Packard, Mills & Fisher arrived with others in the Midge. Men practising singing &c /More Pay.\

3 Tuesday

I went on with my Scene Painting and I was told by D<sup>r</sup> Peel that I will receive an addition of 2/- pr day from May up to this date and to continue until otherwise. [*in ink*] £150 per annum [*in pencil*] £150 per annum

4 Wednesday	[ <i>in ink</i> ] I received my money orders	£	s	d	No
1263 from	May 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1869	12.	8.	0	
1332	- June 1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 June	12.	0.	0	
1339	July 1 <sup>st</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> July	<u>12.</u>	<u>8.</u>	<u>0</u>	
		36.	16.	0	

We had our first Theatrical performance at 8 P.M. It was a Niger Entertainment and I consider it was a complete success. I was at the end of the performance applauded for my Scene Painting

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5 Thursday

I painted the background for my Picture of the Frilled Lizard Chlamydosaurus Kingii. N.T. I began a frontispiece for my Paintings from Nature. [*in pencil*]  
vide July 30<sup>th</sup> sketch.

6 Friday

I was very busy in the Surgery and did very little drawing. [*in ink*] \*The Surveyor General G.W. Goyder Esq named some Hills after me. (NB.)

7 Saturday

I saw on a plan a range of Hills which M<sup>r</sup> A. T. Woods has kindly called Hoare's Range on the Eastern Tributary of the Finnis through sections marked with N<sup>o</sup>. 1190. 1191. 1192. 1193 & 4.5.6. We had our second entertainment at 8 P.M. and M<sup>r</sup> Daly read the Prologue in which he called the scenery to wit the drop scene and the dog depicted therein. The performance was very ludicrous and great credit was due to those that entertained us. M<sup>r</sup> Daly was rigged up with a broken white hat patched trousers black coat with a comic figure pinned on his back blowing a pipe as if he would burst with This is a Foreigner that played the Flageolet

8 Sunday

Service at 7 P.M. Hazard was gradually getting weaker and I thought a change for the worst anticipated D<sup>r</sup> Peel kindly read to him out of the Bible

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9 Monday \Yesterday D<sup>r</sup> Peel hurt his foot very badly and was in great pain all night and managed with difficulty to go to the Funeral./

<p>9 Monday R. Hazard died at 1.25 AM he had been ill for some time with Rheumatism. I wrote on the Coffin Plate Block type. The at 5 PM. and he grave on Fort Point with a large number read the Service for the</p>	<p>'RICHARD. HAZARD. DIED August. 9<sup>TH</sup> 1869. AGED 42 YEARS.' †</p>	<p>which was of Zinc in Black Funeral took place was buried in Bennetts M<sup>r</sup> Goyder and Officers of men attended D<sup>r</sup> Peel burial of the Dead and I assisted him</p>
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[Sketch of heart-shaped coffin plate transcribed in centre of the above tribute]

10 Tuesday [in pencil]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel and I had to leave the Iron house as they will remove it so we slept in the Hospital Tent all our boxes &c removed I painted a birds nest with foliage &c during the morning

11 Wednesday

The Iron house was moved about a yard further back, by a number of men everything out even the flooring I slept in the Hospital Tent M<sup>r</sup> Woods M<sup>r</sup> Brooks & men brought home some coral from Talc Head & coast with some crabs which I got to paint. I slept in the Tent

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12 Thursday

I painted a beautiful crab with crimson claws. In the afternoon I was very busy repacking cases and placing them into our Iron House. D<sup>r</sup> Peel had the Performance players in the Iron House to practice I slept in the Iron House

13 Friday

I finished painting the crab with crimson claws and painted one with hair all over its legs and body & another with swim feet. The men came in the Evening to practice I got a curious sucking<sup>φ</sup> fish given to me which came off a Shark The Hospital Tent taken down and used as a green room for Theatre <sup>φ</sup>[in ink] Remora

14 Saturday [in pencil]

We had our third entertainment and everything a perfect success M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell & C Palmer amused us very much. I did some washing in the afternoon. All hands eagerly looking out for the Gulnare with Mail &c but with no luck

15 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7 PM

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16 Monday

I tried my hand at Designing letter for frontispiece. I had a Kingfisher given to me by Stanborough. [in ink] I was called out of bed by some with a report that the Gulnare had arrived, which was a hoax [in pencil] I painted on some tracing cloth a representation of fire & made a fireplace out of Zinc for the Play of Box & Cox

[Small pencil sketch of the fire grate]

17 Tuesday [in ink]

I painted the young pods of the flower as sketched on July 13<sup>th</sup> The boat with M<sup>r</sup> Woods & Party being delayed \this evening/ caused some excitement as the Gulnare is expected hourly. Those on Shore set up a rocket and the boat party fired a gun in answer to it. I tried to do some printing but with no better success as I am not use to the work I have a bad cold hanging about me.

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18 Wednesday [in pencil]

My Kingfisher died. I was very poorly all day with cold and my feet pain me very much. M<sup>r</sup> Harvey & party arrived at 10 PM. I painted some orange berries & leaves of a tree name unknown [in ink] NB<sup>x</sup>

<sup>x</sup> Nucis Vomica (Strychnia)

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19 Thursday [in pencil]

I painted a Cotton Tree with blossom and pods from a sketch taken 23/7/69 when out with D<sup>r</sup> Peel

20 Friday [in ink]

I painted a flower of an Orchideous form which was found on a trunk of a tall tree by W.W. Mills. It was of a green colour with purple brown markings on it the leaves are channelled with-out spines & like the Aloe The seed pods like a Brazil nut in shape about 2 inches in length and light green.

[Sketch of the leaves]

[Sketch of the seed pods and flower]

M<sup>r</sup> Smith & Burden with some men arrived per Midge at 4.20 P.M.

21 Saturday

We had our fourth Entertainment and was very amusing (The Programme) An Apology by A.T. Woods Ricitation by North Smith, Song, Marseillaise Hymn M<sup>r</sup> Holmeyer Ricitation Brutus & Cassius Mess<sup>rs</sup> Woods & Aldridge, Flute Solo M<sup>r</sup> Brooking -Ricitation Mark Antonys Oration M<sup>r</sup> Beetson Song The Greenwood Bell D<sup>r</sup> Peel Ricitation Waterloo Ballad M<sup>r</sup> Knuckey. Concertina Solo M<sup>r</sup> Irwin Fifteen minutes Interval To conclude with the laughable Farce Box & Cox I painted the Fireplace, a door, and windows for the stage. M<sup>r</sup> T. Bee made a very good woman. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell & Daly as Box & Cox A Man named Edwards had his finger amputated by D<sup>r</sup> Peel as it was smashed by a stone

22 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service 7 P.M. M<sup>r</sup> Arthur Smith \kindly/ gave me some old lace up boots.

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23 Monday

I cleaned and sent in 21 Water Colour Drawings to M<sup>r</sup> Goyder. It rained hard at 2.15 a.m. I finished the painting of a Cotton tree and the flower of 20/8/69. All the men had lime Juice as Scurvey is among some of them. We had some goats flesh for tea which I thought a great treat. No Gulnare arrived but I hope she will not be long before she is sighted. My legs pain me very much towards evening. \* Ship in Sight. good news

24 Tuesday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel first saw the Gulnare and the People cheered with the pleasure of seeing her I spoke to Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet & M<sup>r</sup> C.U. Bagot they are looking well the latter I regret has lost use of one of his eyes. I recieved 5 letters from P.E. Hoare 2 H.H.H. Mr Phillips. Zeigler. Horton. W.H. Benham M<sup>r</sup> Price

25 Wednesday

We had some Potatoes for dinner I tasted an orange & some honey from M<sup>r</sup> Hardy which was a luxury M<sup>r</sup> Lambell gave me some Cocoa Nut. We had several cases of drugs from Faulding & Co. A large shipment of Fowls to enliven us by their crowing &c I had my News papers with Illustrated Xmas numbers from Father & Percy The Former sent Dick Wittinton. I saw a rough copy of my water colour sketch in the Illustrated Australian News of Port Darwin N.T. 22/5/69 I got the Wallaroo Times from M<sup>r</sup> Godfrey with a copy of my letter to M<sup>r</sup> Burks

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26 Thursday

I had to unpack the Medicine Cases and pack up some Medicine &c for M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell & Party who left us for some additional survey. I recieved the Iron Box from dear Percy with many little acts of Kindness enclosed I \had/ some Tomato sauce from M<sup>r</sup> Codd & Percy Jam, Almonds, Marmelaide, boots, Books, Cake from Susy, & Emily's wedding cake other things too numerous to mention

27 Friday *[in pencil]*

I unpacked several cases of drugs and very tired M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell & Knucky left with men to do extra Survey

28 Saturday *[in ink]*

Rather busy all day. Wine & fruit in abundance just now, which is a luxury to us. Monkey's Cockatoos are eagerly sought after by the Residents of Port Darwin *[in pencil]* We had our 5<sup>th</sup> Entertainment

29 Sunday

I had dinner with G.W. Goyder \Esq/ and enjoyed myself very much. Capt<sup>n</sup> Sweet M<sup>r</sup> Brooking M<sup>r</sup> Giles & Green also invited We had service at 7 PM by D<sup>r</sup> Peel

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30 Monday *[in pencil]*

I saw in the Adelaide Observer a very complimentary notice of my early pictures of Port Darwin dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 1869

31 Tuesday *[in ink]*

I painted a little and sent in my paintings for this month viz Filled Lizard, Birds nests, 2 views of Air Plant, Cotton Tree (Yellow berrys, Bean tree, Crabs. I painted a Cray Fish with curious crimson pads on the claws Body

*[Sketch of cray claw]*

dark green. I had plenty of things brought to me from the sea by the fishermen and at a loss to know how to make good use of them owing to the late hour they arrived

1 September Wednesday

I painted a butterfly and it was full of rich colouring on the under wing. I began a large Oceanic Swimming Crab crimson lilac & blue claws and its last pair of legs are flat & wide at the tips &

*[Sketch of crab leg]*

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used as oars by the creature and with swiftness

[*Sketch of crab carapace*]                      [*in pencil*]

& belongs to the Family of Brachyurous Crustacei

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2 Thursday

I finished the crab of yesterday My feet pain me still and I wish them well. I began a letter to E<sup>d</sup> Lund Esq Manchester

3 Friday

I painted a butterfly in a group for D<sup>r</sup> Peel, and finished the printing for the frontispiece

4 Saturday

I painted a little. We had our sixth entertainment Capt Sweet amused us greatly. The Niggers did their share pretty well.

5 Sunday

I finished the crab begun on 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> from a fresh specimen. Wrote letters.

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6 Monday [*in ink*]

I went on board the Schooner Gulnare & got some Photographs from Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet ~~which I shall get Percy to pay for until I see him~~

7 Tuesday

I painted a little I wrote to Percy Harry. WPH. E Lund Esq, O. Zeigler, M<sup>r</sup> Codd W.H. Benham E Phillips Esq & D W. Tomlinson D<sup>r</sup> Peel gave me some scent I got some Photographs for enclosure.

8 Wednesday

I finished the butterfly group with grass for D<sup>r</sup> Peel Capt Sweet busy taking Photographs of the Camp. I have been taken in a view of Our Iron house on a tub

[*Newspaper excerpt:*] [*com*]mences thus, "Occasionally distressing accounts of accidents happening to persons residing alone in the bush reach us, but seldom a story so painful as that we are now about to relate," &c. No sympathy for a young man who was a credit to South Australia, and whose bereaved parents are known to half the residents in Adelaide. The Northern Territory surveys are dearly purchased by the heart's blood of one of her best citizens. A REAL MOURNER.

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9 Thursday [*in ink*]

My Eldest Sister (Emily, Mary, Ann Tomlinson's Birthday, aged 26 years [*in pencil*]  
I drank her health in silence and thought of those at home I painted the Hermit Crabs in two views [*stamped in blue ink*] WM WILLIAM HOARE

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*Two ~~graves~~ bodies/ in one holy sod ~  
Two throbbing hearts, now still: ~  
Two glorious spirits gone to God!  
To bless His perfect will!*

10 Friday

I drew a rough sketch of what I shall place on the Monument to J.W.O. Bennett & R. Hazard

[Sketch of the monument to J.W.O. Bennett]

Sacred to the Memory of M<sup>r</sup> J.W.O. Bennett who died on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1869 aged 23 years from spear wounds inflicted by the Natives at Freds Pass on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of the Same month, M<sup>r</sup> B. placed implicit confidence in the Blacks and treated them with familiar Kindness They requited his Kindness and confidence by treacherously spearing him when off his guard

Sacred also to the Memory of Richard Hazard who departed this life at Fort Point 9<sup>th</sup> August 1869 aged 43 years

11 Saturday

We had our 7<sup>th</sup> entertainment and Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet sang some Jovial Songs & G. Dean sang very well. M<sup>r</sup> Brooking & Brooks played on the flute. I Painted a flower and pearlike fruit name unknown

12 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7. PM

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13 Monday

I took a list of all the drugs in cases & cleaned up some of them from the white ants who have destroyed the bottom of the cases and have worked round the bottles their curious nest. My legs painful this evening

14 Tuesday

I began to paint the name on Bennetts Tomb but what with the Sun who<sup>s</sup> rays nearly blinded \me/ until I got an awning put up and the flies would insist in getting into my eyes I made sad work and had to clean it off and recommence it again much to my annoyance. I had to work cramped up and sit astride the tomb

15 Wednesday

I recieved my Pay for August £11=18.0 I had the 10/- which was given to me when in Adelaide in the Month Jan<sup>y</sup>. viz £1.16.0 it should have been £1.6. \they/ deducted 10/- to make it right Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet gave us a Lecture on his trip to Adelaide & back from P<sup>t</sup> Darwin.

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16 Thursday

I finished painting Bennetts Grave but owing to its being upright I made poor work of it. I finished a large Spider crab for the Gov<sup>nt</sup> and I am to have all drawings ready by the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder to take them to Adelaide

17 Friday

I did some washing and felt tired after it. I painted some plant in a butterfly Picture. Cleaned up some Corals to send to Adelaide per Gulnare

18 Saturday

We had a trial scene from Pickwick at the Theater also a few songs. M<sup>r</sup> Brooks & Cap<sup>tn</sup> Sweet took Photographic views of the Monument to M<sup>r</sup> Bennett & Hazard I wrote to Dan & Emily Tomlinson

19 Sunday

I had a nice walk round Stoke's Hill and returned home by Peels Well and the Coast M<sup>r</sup> E. Smith & Burden was with me.

19 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7 pm

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20 Monday

I started in company with D<sup>r</sup> Peel soon after 9 am to see a Bower Birds Bower and made a sketch of it and made a water colour study from it with the aid of specimens brought home viz shells and seeds &c

21 Monday

I finished the Bower. M<sup>r</sup> Schultze gave me some Corals he has a large number of Cases full of Specimens for Adelaide

22 Wednesday

I painted a Lizard for the S.A. Gov<sup>nt</sup>, I got 8 Photographic views of Port Darwin from Cap<sup>tn</sup> Sweet I packed up 5 of them for my Parents in England as a new years gift I made a study of birds for Schultze the Naturalist so that he might know them by the colour of the Feathers & Form &c &c

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23 Thursday

I finished the Lizard. I payed Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet £2.0.0. with my order £8.8.0. got change (order C Lowther £4.5.0 Check by D<sup>r</sup> Peel to Miller £1.0.0 Gold £1.0.0 Silver 3/- I payed G. Dean for trousers £2.0.0 by check D<sup>r</sup> P to Miller £1.0.0. + Gold £1.0.0. I mounted 3 views of Port Darwin by Capt Sweet on one Millboard .

*[Ink Sketch - brief - of the view of Port Darwin]*

24 Friday

I mounted a Photograph for M<sup>r</sup> John Roberts 2 views of F<sup>t</sup> Point on Millboard M<sup>ssrs</sup> Mitchell, Knuckey and D. D. Daly with men arrived late at night amidst great cheering. They have surveyed 70,000 acres since 26<sup>th</sup> August. I payed Cap<sup>t</sup> Sweet 3/ for Photographs of Banyan Tree and the Grave of J.W.O. Bennett.

25 Saturday

I painted Bennetts Tomb in Indian Ink for M<sup>r</sup> Goyder and sent in 9 of my water colour studies for Gov<sup>nt</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Josheph Brooks gave me a Photograph of the Bower Birds Bower and Bennetts grave by himself.

26 Sunday

Every body busy getting ready for the Mail & Ship

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27 Monday

The men had punch served out to [by ?] M<sup>r</sup> Goyder D<sup>r</sup> Peel gave some speaches and a jolly evening was spent previous to going on board the Gulnare I posted all my letters.

28 Tuesday

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder left with men at 8.30 am for Shipment and stated from us at noon D<sup>r</sup> Peel kindly enclosed a letter to my Father with a Kind remarks about myself which letter was much valued by me. D<sup>r</sup> Peel conducts all business for the Camp in lieu of M<sup>r</sup> Goyder I recieved my order for Sep<sup>t</sup> £12.0.0.

29 Wednesday

We moved all the medicine chests out of the Surgery to an Iron house opposite D<sup>r</sup> Peels White House which I occupy alone & D<sup>r</sup> P has made it very comfortable for me.

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30 Thursday

It rained a little. B. Wells the Carpenter put up some shelves in my Iron House for the drugs and I busy unpacking cases We had two patients in one day with loss of nail to finger [*underlined in pencil*] Bennett & R<sup>bt</sup> Collard.

1. October Friday

Put the drugs on the Shelves and labeled them & Very busy in the Surgery

The working hours are shorter viz

From 6 AM till 7.30 AM

- 8 AM do 11.30 AM and

- 3.30 PM to 5.30 PM.

On Saturday from 6 till 7.30 am and from 8 AM to 12 noon

Breakfast 7.30 AM Dinner 12 noon Tea 6 pm on Sundays breakfast 8 AM

2 Saturday [*in pencil*]

I put up some drugs on the Shelves & Cleared the place up. M<sup>r</sup> Schultze went out dredging and gave me some specimens from the reef

3 Sunday

I cleaned up my box and got some corals &c from Schultze the Naturalist [*in ink*]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service as usual at 7 pm.

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4 Monday

I began to paint in oils Bennetts Tomb for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. I covered an old Pith Hat with a shirt that had seen better days.

[*Side view sketch of the renovated Pith Hat on the head of a man Bennett ? with long beard*]

I skinned a curious Shark with Schultze for the Adelaide Museum

5 Tuesday

I painted a curious fish in water colours for S. A. Gov<sup>nt</sup> I did a lot of washing  
\ NB. Aqua Calcis. Ol Lini for burns/

[*Ink sketch of 'a curious fish'*]

6 Wednesday

I worked on the picture of the Tomb M<sup>r</sup> Schultze went out collecting Coral.  
The men had to get some to burn for lime M<sup>r</sup> Schultze gave me some specimens

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7 Thursday

I painted a flower like sketch the fruit of which is hard and pear shaped

[*Small ink ketch of its flower*]

[*Small Ink sketch of the pear shaped fruit labelled 'green'*] [*in pencil*]

NB. I nearly got shot

8 Friday [*in ink*]

W. Stanborough was cleaning a carbine and it went off accidentally and the bullet went through the Armory & my surgery whilst I was drawing a crab and whistled by my head. It came through the Galvanized Iron House used as an Armoury and into my Iron House and curled up the Portion nearest to my head and finally fell from the inside of the roof.

9 Saturday

I painted a curious hairy crab I got some medicines ready for the Stock Search Party who are going towards Escape Cliffs In the afternoon a lot of men went down to the Old Jetty in search of corals and found cart loads of it some of which is to be burnt for lime

10 Sunday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7.30 pm I got some shells & corals from the beach

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11 Monday

The Stock Search Party consisting of the following H.B. Packard, J Lambell. J Roberts. Beetson. G. Dean. Hughes. Greene. I went with Schultze Jun<sup>t</sup> to Paper Bark Swamp botanising and helped to fell a tree for its seeds. We saw plenty of Quail on our journey and stood as close as 2 yards off ~~them~~ without frightening them I cut my name on a Banyan tree with date of my visit I saw some Ant Hills [*in pencil*]

My Shooting experience

12 Tuesday [*in ink*]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel gave me permission to go with Alfred Schultze to Fannie Bay and I got some shells from the beach and then we made our way home inland and I shot 2 Pigeons & 3 Quails in 6 shots With A.S.'s double barrelled gun and it was my first attempt since leaving England M<sup>r</sup> Hood went out shooting with the Stock drivers and they shot 5 Geese & a Duck

13 Wednesday

I went with Alfred Schultze as far as Hungry flat N<sup>t</sup> the Cemetry after flowers & plants We had two geese for dinner which was a treat to us and We thanked M<sup>r</sup> Frank Hood for them I filled some Cartridge cases with No 3 & 10 shots

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14 Thursday

I painted some Clouds and two Fern Palms in the Picture of Bennetts grave  
A. Schultze went to get some geese with the Stockmen and brought home 10 amongst them

15 Friday

We had a goose for dinner and it was very good. Alf<sup>d</sup> Schultze and I went out shooting and I shot 9 Birds out of 10 shots and a beautiful Kingfisher (Halcyon Macleayii) which I killed was given to our Naturalist Herr Schultze to be stuffed with the other birds

The weather is very hot during the day and cool at nights. The Party that left on Monday returned with 1 ? entire and 4 horses. [*In animal husbandry, an 'entire' animal is spayed or neutered*] Hughes hurt his leg The Natives tried to Burn them out

16 Saturday

I painted a curious fish I went with M<sup>o</sup>Kay to Peels Well and did some washing at home  
W[e ?] had a little rain in the morning and had Goose for dinner.

[*Ink sketch of a fish*]

17 Sunday

I went with M<sup>r</sup> Schultze Sen<sup>r</sup> & Alfred to Stokes Hill after plants and saw two bowers of the Bower Bird on the edge of the Mangroves

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18 Monday

I had a bad night as the Musquitos were troublesome and it rained hard a 2 A.M. more than ½ inch fell. The Stock Search Party started at 2 pm for some cattle. M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & son went to a small Island and brought home a large number of birds and Plants and they dredged up some hammer headed Oysters & Corals Moyse gave me two Spears & a Womera for a present

[*Brief pencil sketch of a hammer headed oyster*]

19 Tuesday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan Hood and Alfred Schultze left with R Price in a buggy to go out shooting Geese and returned at 5.30 pm with 28 geese and said that the Stock Search Party had rain last night and remained to dry them

20 Wednesday

I painted a curious Crab legs & Carapace [Smoth?] and red claws at the fingers black tipped with white size of carapace 1 inch 4 lines breadth 2 inch 4 lines Carpilus [*Carpilius*] cinctrinanus (Genus Carpilus. \Mosquitos plentiful/

[*Ink sketch of crab*]

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21 Thursday

I painted the underside of the crab. M<sup>r</sup> Schultze got some plants &c from an Island n<sup>r</sup> here also a native plum with ripe fruit of which I tasted and liked it very well. of a rich Yellow colour with flowers Mosquitos very tormenting at night

*[Coloured ink sketch of a native plum and flower, labelled 'Green & white as sketch']*

22 Friday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan M<sup>r</sup> D. D. Daly M<sup>r</sup> S. King ( Lines & A Schultze went out after wild geese and got 32 and 3 Ducks. Donald McCauley & Moyse got burnt very much with gunpowder whilst lowering a bucket with gunpowder & a short fusee into the well to destroy the Mosquitos as D<sup>r</sup> was absent I had to dress their wounds I painted a Native Plum in water colours. Mosquitos as bad as ever and will remain with us I think until we leave.

23 Saturday

I did some washing Moyse & Donald M<sup>c</sup>Cauley feel easy. I made lime with coral for 'Aqua Calcis' to mix with Linseed oil for Carron oil to use for the two men after the severe burns

24 Sunday

I painted Bennetts Tomb in Water Colours for M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7.30. PM.

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25 Monday

I went with Alfred Schultze beyond the Cemetry for flowers and was without water and tormented by miriads of Mosquitos and it was very hot. I saw a fine specimen of the Banyan Tree in a dense Jungle which we had some difficulty in getting out, and tore my shirt very badly

25 Tuesday

I weigh 10 stone 8. M<sup>r</sup> Hood weighed me in the Store. I painted a bright scarlet flower of a plant like a mistletoe that was found on a gum tree.

*[Ink sketch of the scarlet flower with parts labelled as 'Leaves opaque green', stem 'Light green' and flowers 'scarlet'.]*

27 Wednesday

I painted a hairy crab in two views viz upper & under surfice I did some washing and regret to find all my clothes going to rags by the perspiration and heat. and I have only two shirts and one Pair of Trousers in use. I hope should I return home in a steamer to obtain an outfit in Sydney or Melbourne to look decent again

*[Small ink sketch of the crab]*

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28 Thursday

Busy in the Surgery. The 5 wooden Huts built for the workmen are progressing favourably. They are thatched with the long grass found about 2 miles from here

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[Ink sketch of thatched wooden huts]

the thatched wooden huts show doors and windows 'Height 10 feet from ground to commencement of the roof'

[Ink sketch of concrete floors]

concrete floors and walls puddled. Floor dimensions '13 feet 6 inches' x '15 feet', and between the huts a 'Passage'

[Ink sketch of hut roof corner showing its thatched eaves]

29 Friday

A man named Hayball hurt his back by a fall in one of the huts. Great excitement at 7 PM. The arrival of the Stock Search Party with 1 Bull 4 Bullocks & 2 Calves & a Large Native Companion which is like a Crane and of a Slate Blue Colour. The lightning very vivid this Evening, no doubt the rainy season will soon set in. I saw some butterflies painted by W. Hardy. and are creditable.

30 Saturday

Dear Percival & Suzette anniversary of their wedding day. (Married 1867) [*Word crossed out*] Arrival of Prince Alfred off Glenelg 1867. We had some geese for dinner which the Stock Search Party shot and they were [*word crossed out*] very good. I painted two crabs

31 Sunday

M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth Hardy gave me a spear which is 15 feet long also a womera. I looked over the Illustrated Papers & Home news lent by W. Hardy D<sup>r</sup> Peel read service at 7.30 P.M.

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November 1 Monday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel, M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan & Hood, With M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & son left per Midge for a Sail to Fannie Bay. M<sup>r</sup> S brought home some plants & Shells. I washed my trousers and painted a small crab of a red colour with short protruberances in the place of hind legs

[Ink sketch of the crab]

2 Tuesday

I was busy in the Surgery ~~Dr Peel & Mr McLachlan went into~~ - washed a little. I felt dull as Specimens are scarce for Painting

3 Wednesday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan went into the Country on horseback. At 4.40 PM a heavy Shower with strong wind Washed clothes &c No specimens to be had so I cannot paint. The heat has been very great and the Thermometer is a little over 100 in the Iron Houses 136° in the Sun. Outdoors in the shade 96.5°

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4 Thursday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel unwell but better in the evening I painted a Orchid / flower also a fish marked with deep Black bands thus

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[Sketch of the whole banded fish]

with light blueish green band on the edge of the black which softens into a silver white a reddish brown patch over the nose bud on the lower Jaw. Length 3 ½ inches

[Sketch of the band detail of the fish]

5 Friday

I painted a fish like this Sketch 'natural size of the fish'

[Large sketch of an 'orange red & scarlet fish, with a 'Dark black' back and 'scarlet' fins;]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel not much better.

6 Saturday

I painted a beautiful red crab and two little fishes. D<sup>r</sup> Peel a little better

7 Sunday

M<sup>r</sup> Schultze gave me some wild nutmegs with mace (*Myristica Moschata*) found near Port Darwin N.T. M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth Hardy and I left camp at 3 P.M. and walked to Fannie Bay and along the coast by Point Emery looking for shells & plants [in pencil] My Parents 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of their Wedding day [in ink] No service as D<sup>r</sup> P. unwell.

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8 Monday

I painted a curious fish belonging to the Rays of a bright red colour with blue spots the tail is more like an Eels with a thorny projection but other rays have a whip like tail. The length of the body 7 inches with 7 inches of tail.

[Ink sketches of the Ray and its tail]

9 Tuesday

A Public holiday most of the men out of the Camp shooting coral cleaning and otherwise enjoying themselves [in pencil]

D<sup>r</sup> Peel gave me the fruit called by M<sup>r</sup> Steven King one of Stuarts Party The Eugenia a genus of Myrtaceae It is of a Rose or Crimson colour It has a mealy and slightly sour taste and a seed about the size of sketch

[Pencil sketch of the seed showing its natural size]

[Coloured ink Sketch of the Eugenia fruit, showing the natural size of the fruit]

10 Wednesday

I made a water colour drawing of Fort Point and had a boat with awning at anchor a little way from shore. It rained hard at 3.40 pm

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11 Thursday [in ink]

I painted the Eugenia with young fruit and leaves also a whole ripe fruit as sketch 9/11/69. also a crab with swim feet. D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan went out on horseback I did not feel very well

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[Pencil sketch labelled 'Nautilus pompilius']

12 Friday

I measured 33 ½ inches round the chest I painted a small crab of a dark crimson colour. I got some drawing paper from M<sup>r</sup> Ringwood, I made out my report of the Meteorological Observations for October with M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Callums Assistance I like a good many in Camp have Prickly heat which is a little painful M<sup>r</sup> Schultze left early this morning in the Midge for Specimens on the Sea Coast

13 Saturday

The Entire [horse] died this morning [in animal husbandry, an 'entire' animal is spayed or neutered]. I painted in Sepia a sketch of Fort Point and Camp for Photographing - M<sup>r</sup> Schultze returned this afternoon with some beautiful Echinus and Botanical Specimens &c A severe storm passed over us at 10 P.M. several of us washing in this natural Shower Bath (nude)

14 Sunday

About an inch of rain fell during the night (1.04) I began another picture of Ft Point for D<sup>r</sup> Peel

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15 Monday

I put some plants into dry papers for M<sup>r</sup> Schultze who is away from home. D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan & M<sup>r</sup> Schultze & son left for West Arm [*word crossed out*] this morning in the Midge I painted a beautiful crab I was bad with Haemorrhoids and went to bed early

16 Tuesday

I took a draught this morning and felt better in the afternoon. I painted the underside of the crab. D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan &c returned in the Evening. We had a smart shower of rain during the afternoon I dried the plants for M<sup>r</sup> Schultze. Mosquitos plentiful & very tormenting I had to burn some Ant hill to get rid of the pests. \ (Formic acid)/

17 Wednesday

I painted a beautiful lilac coloured crab also 4 Moths in a group for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. Mosquitos plentiful They have placed seats under the Screw palms and the men have got up a band which with the noise of the Sea one might think of the sea port towns of Old England

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18 Thursday

I recieved my pay for October viz £10 -13 -0. I have painted a view of Fort Pont in colours for D<sup>r</sup> Peel An Alligator was fired at close to our bathing place at 7 pm by R.C. Burton Mosquitos plentiful early morning and at night M<sup>r</sup> Schultze Sen<sup>r</sup> & Jun<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan left per Midge for Byloe Harbour

19 Friday

I finished the picture of Fort Point and gave it to D<sup>r</sup> Peel. A neate little model of the Ship Darra made by Irwin was raffled for by 20 members at 5/- each It rained hard during the afternoon. I have prickly heat and what with the Mosquitos I am at a loss to know how to make myself comfortable

20 Saturday

M<sup>r</sup> Wentworth Hardys Birthday. We had some hens eggs for the first time since leaving Adelaide I painted an Eel of rather a curious Shaped head

*[Ink sketch of the eel]*

21 Sunday

I had dinner with D<sup>r</sup> Peel M<sup>r</sup> J. Roberts Sprigg, Greene, Bee, Beetson Aldridge also invited We had a Pie made of White Pigeons, Salmon [*illegible word*] and other delicacies and we all enjoyed ourselves The wine was handed round and we partook freely Service at 7 P.M.

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*[Brief sketch of the triangle, '2 feet' each side]*

22 Monday

I painted \some/ Lilly's Flowers which M<sup>r</sup> Schultze got from Indian Island The men here for some night delighted us with their musical band consisting of Brass Drum, Fife & Triangle about the size of sketch

*[Ink sketch of triangle base and sides 2']*

also bones &c &c I paid 2/6 toward my share of the Modle Ship Darra and owe 2/6 more

23 Tuesday

I painted some plants in the picture of Moths for D<sup>r</sup> Peel. I got a box from M<sup>r</sup> Roberts for which I owe him 2/6

24 Wednesday

I had my little finger dislocated in a quarrel with \*J. Roberts last night when on duty taking Meteorological observations M<sup>r</sup> J.R. had a stool that I used for my duties

\*J. Le M. F. Roberts

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25 Thursday

I was unable to work as my hand was swollen. Last night some men saw what they took for a rocket and spread the news so we sent up rockets but I fear was a mistake., as the Steamer did not appear this morning I got some specimens of N.T. woods

26 Friday

I had to paint the Name of the boat viz MIDGE PORT DARWIN. My hand pained me a little. No Steamer

27 Saturday

I did not do much as my finger was bad No steamer

28 Sunday

No Steamer We had service at 7 PM [*words crossed out*]

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29 Monday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan left in the Midge for a sail I painted a view of Fort Point for M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan like D<sup>r</sup> Peels.

30 Tuesday

We had a false alarm about 11.30 AM and thought we should see the Steamer as smoke was seen about Point Emery. I gave M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachland the Sketch of Port Darwin

1 December Wednesday

The men like myself waiting for the Steamer and are unsettled

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2 Thursday

I made some Eleys Cartridges up with No 10 shot. I lined some boxes with cork for insects for D<sup>r</sup> Peel.

3 Friday

I painted a mistletoe for the Gov<sup>nt</sup> like the sketch of 26<sup>th</sup> October

4 Saturday

I painted M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlans name one 3 Boxes

5 Sunday

We had service in one of the New huts at 7 PM

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6 Monday

I painted the name on the Stern of the New boat MARY ELLIE Port Darwin  
D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan with J Burton went towards Talc Head to put down a Buoy N<sup>r</sup> a rock  
[two words crossed out] I painted a fish which M<sup>r</sup> Schultze procured for me.

7 Tuesday

I bought a Gun (single barrel by Stanley Peterboro) of Sayers for £2.10. with powder & Shot in good condition. I painted a curious crab and finished the fish also drew the outline of another crab with claws like sketch

[Sketch of curious crab claws]

I owe the sum to Sayers as I cannot change our Money orders

\*Paid Sayers on the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1869

by Order (Lowthers) £. s. d and gave an IOU for 5/- as he gave me £2.0.0.

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2 . 10.  
£1. 15. 3

8 Wednesday

I painted a crab like sketch with a view of the underside

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[Sketch of underside of crab]

I painted a carved head belonging to a Stags \horns/ for R.C. Burton

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9 Thursday

D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> McLachlan left in the Mary Ellie with J Burton for a sail. It rained during the afternoon & Evening: I painted the Royal Arms on the Brass drum belonging to the P<sup>t</sup> Darwin Band.

10 Friday

I did some washing in the afternoon. I felt dull all day and would be thankful to see the Steamer

11 Saturday

I painted a crysalis like silver also some moths in D<sup>r</sup> Peels Book. About 7 PM Old Mira came to see us and many went to speak to him D<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan also paid him a visit I saw a few Lubras on the Hill. Great Excitement but still no Steamer. It was hard to make out if Mira saw signs of any-

12 Sunday

Many left the camp this morning to visit the Natives at Peels Well. A Heavy storm at 6 pm (My youngest Sister (Clara Louisa's Birthday aged 11 years) Service in the New Huts at 7 PM by D<sup>r</sup> Peel

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13 Monday

I painted a large black butterfly in D<sup>r</sup> Peels book. D<sup>r</sup> Peel & M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Lachlan went out in the boat. Some of the men moved out of their Tents into the new huts as the wet season has set in

14 Tuesday

I painted some flowers &c for backgrounds for D<sup>r</sup> Peels' butterflies in the book. A stiff shower fell about 7 pm and I Stood out in it and had a good wash with several others and felt so fresh after it. No Steamer yet every body talks about it

15 Wednesday

I painted a large Convolvulus for the S.A. Gov<sup>nt</sup> I was rather feverish all day., and am tormented this evening by mosquitos that I cannot sleep

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16 Thursday

I painted the Nutmeg fruit with leaves &c for the S.A. Gov<sup>nt</sup> showing the Mace I was a little better Mosquitos as bad as yesterday. I mended my curtain and had some sleep in consequence

17 Friday

I painted a \[in pencil] Hoya?/ creeper with very small waxy looking flowers of a greenish yellow colour. I could not eat much & felt dull spirited all day. M<sup>r</sup> Beard cut my hair. ~~shert~~

18 Saturday

I did very little as I had nothing to paint except the Nutmeg plant. The fruit before it is quite ripe is very much like a peach. This however is only the outer rind, which opens as it ripens, and shows the inner nut which is of a bright yellow colour. The outer part when removed exposes the mace or covering of the inner nut \which/ is carefully taken off when a dark skin is/ broken out falls the nutmeg of a light Chocolate colour.

19 Sunday

Service in Guards hut at 7 PM

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20 Monday

I did some washing. Weather hot. Out of spirits for the want of animation.

21 Tuesday

The longest day. I cleaned the Shelves & bottles of the Medicine Chest. made a water colour study of some mace in the Picture of the Nutmegs &c. I left dear Percy & wife to go to the N.T. 1868

22 Wednesday

I painted a little but was dull most of the day. thought a good deal of Home &c

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23 Thursday [*in pencil*]

We departed from our friends for the Northern Territory

[*in ink*] I painted a Flower of the Hibiscus and filled several of Boxer Cartridges with B and No 3 Shot for D<sup>r</sup> Peels Gun as M<sup>r</sup> Hood starts early for shooting geese with several others.

24 Friday

M<sup>r</sup> Hood. M<sup>r</sup> Daly. M<sup>r</sup> Mills, King & Wells left early to go geese shooting for Xmas dinner. They returned this evening with over 30 Geese and a few ducks. I made some imitation Holly out of the seeds of *Abrus Præcatorius* [*Præcatorius*] and a plant whos leaves resemble the old time honoured sprig for decorating the Xmas pudding. The Port Darwin Band played some airs during the Evening

25 Saturday Xmas day.

I decorated our lean to with shrubs &c. We had service at 10.30 AM by D<sup>r</sup> Peel in the guards hut. We had geese & plum pudding and each man had half a bottle of Bass Δ Ale so we spent our Xmas day in the NT and thought of Friends at Home. It rained the whole afternoon and was somewhat cool in consequence

26 Sunday

About 30 Natives seen close to the camp.

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27 Monday

I painted the undersurface of the Crab with claws like sketch of 7/12/69. Some Natives tried hard to visit the Camp but ordered away much to their disgust (No Steamer)

28 Tuesday [*in pencil*]

M<sup>r</sup> Goyder & the Northern Territory Party left South Australia 1868. in the Ship Moonta. [*in ink*] Proclamation of South Australia The men struck work as they considered they ought to have a holiday So no work was done.

29 Wednesday

I did no painting as I had no models. The Steamers absence is making most of us Sullen

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30 Thursday

I had nothing to paint and felt very uncomfortable all day in fact Home Sick. No News and the every day sameness makes us dull

31 Friday

Like yesterday and suffering with [*word crossed out*] bad legs. I paid Sayers per check and still owe him ~~5/-~~ by L.O.U. as he gave me two sovereigns.

	£	s	d	
Lowthers check	4	5	3	Paid
Gun	2	10	0	
	<u>£1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	

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[*crossed out*] Late Artist of the School of Fine Arts Newman St Oxford St London

[*written in pencil on a piece of paper pasted into page*]

[*Pencil sketch labelled in ink as 'Wild liquorice seed' - Abrus Praeratorius [Precatorius] with small red and black ink drawing of Red & Black seeds Bead plant*]

[*in ink*]

*He needs little more, to content him for life Than his pretty, accomplished, & good natured wife.*