

The Journal of John Barton Hack

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- 6 mo 18 Agreed with B. Adames to let him have Greyling Wells for the ensuing 5 years for £335, and procured Wm. Sowton's consent in writing to underlet to B.A. Sent away C. Toomer, who was discovered to have taken many articles belonging to us.
- 6 mo 20 Set off at 5 o'clock this morning for Portsmo: Went on board the Emerald Isle, steam packet, which
First day was detained till 1 o'clock in the afternoon alongside the Buffalo—she had brought upwards of 20 tons of goods belonging to South Australian emigrants from London. Soon after passing the Needles the swell became rather annoying to us, and the wind rose & became rather cold. Dinner at four o'clock. Soon after Bbe & I became very sick—Annie had been in her berth for some time before. We soon after six gave up being on deck, and went down to lie down and make the best we could of it. Annie was neither undressed or washed as poor Bbe was too bad to stir.
- 6 mo 21 Woke at 5 in the morning and found we were entering the breakwater at Plymouth, and as soon as we
Second day were in smooth water got up, and, as we did not like the fare on board the Emerald Isle or the smell of the cabin, we went on shore at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 to get a quiet breakfast at the Clarence Hotel, expecting also some hours delay—much luggage being to be landed. We were nearly committing an awkward mistake yesterday—forgetting in such a scene that it was first day, we challenged each other to a game of chess. As I was going for the board Bbe fortunately recollected herself and called me back. The packet having come to an anchor within the Catwater we had to go down in a boat about a mile to get to Plymouth, which seemed to consist of narrow steep streets. We were thankful to find that the seasickness did not make us feel ill after recovering its immediate effects. We expect a rough passage across the channel tonight. Dear Bbe seems now but weakly—the ladies' cabin, being at the stern of the vessel, has so much more of the motion of the waves and so much more noise. Arrived at Falmouth at six o'clock—a delightful place—and went ashore at once to a very nice hotel—Pearces—to get some tea and cold meat in peace and quietness. Two or three packets for the Mediterranean in harbour; one steam packet had only been away 5 weeks to Malta and back. Have escaped without sickness since Plymouth and found the kali to be a most refreshing drink when qualmish, and made much use of it.

- 6 mo 22
Third
day
Turned down early last evening—only just arrived in time at the packet after tea at Falmouth. We had a good night, but I was five or six times sick in washing, shaving, &c, but, being determined to put a good face on matters, I persevered in spite of the swell and took my breakfast when ready. Quite out of sight of land and a drizzling morning and blowing hard, so had nothing to do but to lie quietly on the sofa in the cabin. Escaped sickness all day, and about four o'clock Annie came to see after me and I found Bbe had been ill all day. Did not arrive at Cork until after ten at night at the Imperial Hotel, and in coming up the Cove we were welcomed by a severe shower, as is usual to travellers in Ireland. Have met today with agreeable companions. It threatens to continue squally and rainy.
- 6 mo 25
Sixth
day
We are now safely in dear old Liverpool to our great comfort. We had been informed by the bookkeeper the evening before that the Herald would go from the pier at eleven o'clock, so we drove down to the quay about ten in time to see the paddles work and the ropes cast off. It was no use shouting, so we had to decide on a race to Passage—six miles—and had indeed a wild Irish ride in a crazy jingle, the carman hallooing to his horse and the passers by; a lame horse, which galloped as well as he could, throwing us and our luggage into sad confusion. We were obliged to pay 10/- for the car instead of 2/6, the regular charge. The boatmen took our luggage & ran with it to the boat, and, as we had no time to make a bargain, we were obliged to pay them their demand; which, as I had not change to do, they kept our heaviest trunk and I had to borrow some silver from a fellow passenger from Plymouth named Donaldson, wch. enabled me to redeem the pledge. I had to pay 15/- for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile row. The rain, which had never ceased all the evening & night, left us as we got into the boat at Passage, in which boat I lost a rather favorite straw hat. We were ready for our breakfasts when we got into the Herald, but had to put up with a beef sandwich. We enjoyed the day tho' the sea was rough, as the day was fine and we were not troubled by sickness.
- 6 mo 24
Fifth
day
The following morning we were call'd up to see Holyhead lighthouse, which we were then passing, and soon after came in sight of the Ormes Heads, which looked like old friends. We arrived in Liverpool about three o'clock in the afternoon. Our passage from Cork had been made very pleasant by the politeness and affability of a General Heron & his lady, who quite made the passengers into a friendly party. The young man Donaldson—whom Bbe had in the first instance taken for a friend—we became quite intimate with and hope it may be our lot to meet again. He had served some years in the India Company's 7th Dragoons and was absent on account of his health. He has, like me, found this climate too cold, and spent the last winter at Marseilles.
- 6 mo 25
Sixth
day
We have found ourselves quite at home with our dear Aunt and cousins Sill, and a good night's rest has quite invigorated us. Called at Aunt Waterhouse's this afternoon—only saw Margaret, who is quite an invalid. I walked round Georges Pier and saw the new Custom House, which is a noble building with 8 or more lofty pillars in front—the river quite alive with steam packets. Wrote to Tom, and Bbe to Margaret, tho' the letters were I fear too late for the London post. Uncle Cooke & Jane Kenyon called in the morning, & a kind note from H. and M. Robson enquiring after us. Uncle Cooke looks but poorly—much worse than two years since when with us—having just recovered from an illness.
- 6 mo 25
Seventh
day
Henry Robson called—walked with him down to change and saw most of my old acquaintances. Had my name entered in News Room. Dined early and went across the river to H. Robson's with Aunt Sill, a very beautiful situation. We propose going to the Isle of Man in a week or so with Sarah and Anabella. Felt so well after tea that I was able to take a long walk with H.R. to the Red Noses and almost outwalked him—so that he seemed to think I had no right to be invalid—but trust soon to lose that title. Returned to Richmond Row in a heavy rain. In the course of the afternoon eight or nine steam packets going out & ready to go.
- 6 mo 26
First
day
May this sabbath be spent to a better purpose than the last on board the Emerald Isle. Have agreed to spend it quietly and not to accept any invitations. At the morning Meeting A. Dockwra and E. Robson testified to the necessity there was for all to dedicate the whole heart without reserve to the inward operations of the Heavenly Guide, and Thomas Frankland appeared in supplication very beautifully particularly on behalf of any there might be present who had sinned the great sin of infidelity. His facility of utterance and command of language is quite remarkable. E. Robson spoke again in the evening meeting, and called in the course of the evening with her husband. Annie and I took quite a long walk after meeting.

- 6 mo 27
Second
day Eliza Cooke called after breakfast—we were much pleased to see her so nicely again after her long illness. Walked out to Newsham House to call on Mrs. Molyneux to obtain some information as to Madeira. Found her very communicative. Lodgings that is a house ready furnished £45 for the season—two English bakers make good bread—boys wages 3 to 6 dollars a month—to take carpeting, blankets, mosquito nets, soap, matrasses, flannels, linen, rice, loaf sugar, an altna [atlas?], books, stationery, fly poison, arrowroot, rice, &c. Went to dine at Aunt Waterhouse's, and call'd on the Bartons. Was much pleased with Octavius, who is shortly to be married, and is going to take a tour in Switzerland afterwards. Had a letter from Tom, who will meet us at Bristol on our way to Gloucester.
- 6 mo 28
Third
day Went down to Hannover Street to call on John Frankland, who had been in Sicily & different parts of the Mediterranean, but cannot find anything that promises us the same comfort we are likely to have in Madeira. Had a very pleasant visit in the afternoon at Jonathan Flounders, who has been 20 years since in Madeira, for the same reason I have in going. He kindly offers me a letter of introduction to a Mr. Young there, which is absolutely necessary to enable a stranger to land with comfort and obtain a dwelling, and Mr. Young, I understand from all quarters, is a very influential person there. Went in the afternoon with Mr. F. to the Zoological Gardens and was much pleased with them.
- 6 mo 29
Fourth
day Wrote to M.H. Went in a car to dine at Aigburth with A. & M. Waterhouse & met Paul Bevan and wife; spent the afternoon very pleasantly—the children are very pretty and well managed—little Maria is as beautiful as I can imagine a child. Call'd in at Daniel Waterhouse's & saw Hannah.
- 6 mo 30
Fifth
day Wrote to Gates & Margaret. Went across to New Brighton and spent the day among the sand hills about the Red Noses. Took our dinner with us. Weather hotter than we have had before. Saw an immense number of vessels pass around the rock.
- 7 mo 1
Sixth
day Spent this day at Mill Bank, and were very kindly received. Uncle Cooke called for us and Aunt Sill with the carriage. Thomas & Hannah, Maria Burgess went with us whom I was glad to meet. Advised with Uncle Cooke on the management of his bees which he is attempting to keep on Nutt's principle.
Ther. 78 3 p.m. Went in the evening to see George & Isaacs' new houses, which are well situated and convenient.
- 7 mo 2
Seventh
day Thomas Burgess called on me after breakfast, and we went in the Ennis Howen round the Floating Light, which did me a deal of good as I was rather feverish and unwell. Back at Richmond Row at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3, and after an early tea went with Bbe to have a ride on the rail road, which seemed necessary to be done before we left. Went as far as Newton—very fine prospects from the embankment, tho' the motion of the carriages and the noise of the engine made it anything but pleasant—average rate 21 or 22 miles an hour. ['Entered' written and deleted] My 32nd Birthday today. Heard from Gates.
- 7 mo 3
First
day Abigail Dockwra spoke this morning at meeting, testifying to the necessity of all witnessing that to take place in their hearts, similar or rather comparable to the crucifixion of our Saviour, and that none can hope to secure their salvation without experiencing the spirit of the world to be turned from them and their natural dispositions changed—even tho' it be by trials only to be compared to a death by crucifixion, from which none may shrink if they hope for peace. After dinner Bbe and I left Annie with dear Aunt & Cousins, and walked down to the pier. Crossed to Egremont and walked to H.E. Robson's to tea. Arrived there at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 and at six sat with them in their little meeting, which Robt. Cooke and family attended. Were much pleased by doing so. Not at home till 10 o'clock at night.
- 7 mo 4
Second
day Walked thro' town with Bbe and Annabella, and met Aunt at the pier to go to dine with H.E. Robson. Very hot day. Packed up for the Isle of Man, where we go tomorrow.
- 7 mo 5
Third
day A dull morning with rain but broke [?] away soon after breakfast. A. & S. Sill, Bbe & I went in a coach down to the packet the Mona's Isle. Sarah got on board very nicely, and laid on a bed on deck until about 12 o'clock, when a severe thunder storm came on and drove all of us into the cabin. Took Sarah on deck again about dinner time. I was the only one of our party who ventured to take any, and had a very good one. Very soon after the wind rose and became very cold, and there was much swell; our poor cousins became very sick. We were disappointed in seeing the Island enveloped in fog as far

as we could see, and were informed it was very often the case in summer & often could not be seen until close upon it. With some trouble we got on shore as it was low water, and procured a covered phaeton to go to the Castle Mona Hotel and had the mortification to find it quite full, the same of the Crescent Hotel, and also of the first lodging house we went to. We were at length glad to get in at a house which could only let us in for a night or two. It was then past nine o'clock, and the fog turning to rain, so that we had no choice. I was feverish after going to bed so Bbe called Annabella who kindly made me a mustard plaister—which relieved me.

- 7 mo 6
Fourth
day After breakfast Annabella & I went to call on a friend of theirs, Mrs. Gibson, whose daughter kindly went round Douglas with us to assist us in finding lodgings. We only found one and that was partly engaged, and finally were obliged to go for a barouche to take us on to Ramsey and was sorry after we set off to find it very uneasy, and stopped on the road to borrow some pillows for poor Sarah. The roads also were very rough and hilly. On arriving at Ramsey, Sarah was too much exhausted to speak, but hope now for better things as the Hotel is very comfortable and the people attentive. We congratulate ourselves very much on the change. I walked out on the sands after tea, and was much pleased with the beautiful bay. We intend to spend a few days here, as Sarah will not bear moving until we are obliged to quit the Island and prepare for our voyage to Swansea on our way to Gloucester.
- 7 mo 7
Fifth
day Sarah still very poorly with the rough ride. A beautiful morning—and she improved hourly, but dear Bbe has taken a sad cold. We were on the sands most of the day. In the evening a little rain, which did not prevent me from trying a boat belonging to Heelis, the landlord, and practised rowing with a pair of oars for almost the first time, and did as well as could be expected. All went to bed tired. Wrote to dear Margaret.
- 7 mo 8
Sixth
day All better this morning. I took an exploring walk along the beach and found a beautiful ravine with a stream running down it, and a walk leading up a hill which promised very fine views, but was obliged to give up ascending very high; tho' I took Annabella there in the evening and pleased her much. Sarah took a ride on the sands in the afternoon in a car, and can walk a little and talk to us again.
- 7 mo 9
Seventh
day The ninth anniversary of our wedding day; where we shall spend the next seems at present so uncertain, that it is best not to look forward, trusting that our best arranged plans may be overruled for our good by Him to whom we endeavour to trust all our proceedings and plans. We went a ride this morning to a very beautiful waterfall named Ballaglass and scrambled about for an hour or two to our heart's content in a smart shower which scarcely reached us in the deep ravine in which we were. Sarah was disappointed of her ride in the afternoon, the car being engaged; could procure no other conveyance. The boat was out too.
- 7 mo 10
First
day Bbe & I were sadly disturbed last night by a man having the night mare in the adjoining room, who made such shocking noises as if he was suffocating. He had gone to bed tipsy we found. We came to the conclusion of leaving by the Ailsa Craig packet this afternoon to Liverpool. We read a chapter and had a little sitting together this morning, which was very pleasant. Embarked on Board the Ailsa about four in the afternoon. Got Sarah on board better than we expected, and found it a comfortable vessel.
- 7 mo 11
Second
day Woke at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 in the Mersey and got up and went on shore in a boat, as we did not wish to go into the Clarence docks. I fetched a coach for my party, who reached home very comfortably. Sarah decidedly better for her journey. Found a letter from Gates and Margaret. G. has heard of a Madeira packet, the Vernon, 200 tons, self & B. & 3 children £70 including everything included—will call at Portsmo: Wrote to Tom this morning asking him to come [?] to Swansea if possible, as we should see them and dear little Teddy so much sooner.
- 7 mo 12
Third
day A wet morning; congratulate ourselves on having returned from Ramsey, as we should have had to set off at four this morning if we had staid. Went down to the pier to see the steward of the Mona's Isle, to get him to procure me a parcel sent after me to the Isle of Man. Blew very strong on the pier—met Eliza Waterhouse and Abigail Dockwra. Afterwards had a warm bath and went on change—left a message with H.E. Robson for Uncle Cooke—and assisted Annabella with her books the rest of the

day.

- 7 mo 13 Colder this morning, thermometer at 8 a.m. 58°. Walked with Bbe to Georges Pier as she wished to go to Tranmere to take leave of Margt. & Sarah Waterhouse. Went and bought a telescope & two thermometers, also a quarter chest of tea @ 4/6. Walked in the afternoon to Clarence Dock to see the Mountaineer, and it was well I did, as Captn. Edwards said he could not sail till night. On the whole we were not displeased at the delay. In the evening Jonn. Flounders called and was very kind, and agreed to write concerning us to his friend H. Young of Madeira.
Fourth day
- 7 mo 14 In the morning went to Georges Pier to see the Mona's Isle again but found it had been so stormy she had got in so late at Douglas that nothing could be done as to my parcel. Went to Castle Street to see after some dividends for Father. About 8 in the evening we all went in two coaches to the Dock. Annabella left us soon after nine, and Aunt, Bbe & I remained on deck till past eleven to see the Mountaineer go out of dock, when we all turned into our berths for the night—too full in the ladies cabin to be pleasant particularly for poor Sarah.
Fifth day
- 7 mo 15 Came to an anchor in Menai Straits at six this morning—about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile short of the bridge. We found it very wet when we looked out. The weather cleared up after breakfast when we got Sarah to a bed on deck, and we enjoyed the very beautiful scenery of the Straits very much. The wind however did not moderate, and when we were off Caernarvon we got into a heavy swell, which increased until we were all obliged to get to our berths.
Sixth day
- 7 mo 16 A winter's gale blew all night; those in the ladies cabin, 15 in all, as sick as possible. Early in the morning we got into Milford Haven and were in some hopes of going on shore to breakfast, but only staid a short time—we were too much shaken with sickness to enjoy our breakfast. Poor Aunt looked very ill. We all cheered up a little about twelve oclock when we came off Tenby, a most tempting looking little place, the houses being beautifully situated on cliffs—and a very fine beach underneath. We were glad to conclude our remaining 30 miles to Swansea. We had to lie at anchor, three hours in the bay, before there was water enough in the harbour to let us in. It came on to rain heavily and we had a most uncomfortable landing. We met with Captn. Moys, who was kind enough to procure us lodgings. The town appears nice and clean.
Seventh day
- 7 mo 17 We have all had a very tolerable night and feel much better. Our lodgings appear very comfortable tho' I could not sleep much thro' the attacks of those pests of lodging houses—bugs. Have only a slight sore throat to complain of, which made me stay at home and let Aunt and Bbe go to meeting by themselves. In the afternoon Captn. Edwards called and told me of a warm bath close by, and which I immediately had recourse to. Aunt & Bbe went again to meeting in the evening and Sarah was kind enough to read to me after we had finished letters to Annabella & Tom. As I did not get better when they returned from Meeting, we sent for a blister. Cap. Moys and two daughters called after meeting with Aunt and Bbe.
First day
- 7 mo 18 Laid in bed this morning till dinner time trying to get rid of my cold, which is now heavy in my head. The blister appears to have done me some good. Sarah went a longish ride in a bath chair in the afternoon. Obligated to have good fires on account of the cold. Bbe & Aunt went to call on Mrs. Edwards after tea & took a walk. Did not stir from the fire side. Letter from Annabella in the evening.
Second day
- 7 mo 19 My cold still heavy in my head, but think myself better—got up at 10 o'clock. Blows quite stormy again this morning wch. makes us rather dislike the idea of embarking again tomorrow. Wrote to H. Watson. Became very poorly towards evening and had much debate on the propriety of proceeding tomorrow.
Third day
- 7 mo 20 We were obliged to call up dear Aunt last night and send for a Surgeon, who bled me rather largely, and dosed me in regular order. Laid in bed all day and improved much. We had to part with our dear Aunt and Sarah in the morning to go by the Mountaineer and it tried us deeply to part with them. Aunt offered to put off going, but we could not consent knowing how much they were wanted at home. Some of the Friends of Falmouth the Fox's and Gibbin's have been very kind in calling on
Fourth day

Bbe. We wrote to Tom by the Bristol packet as he would be waiting there to meet us, to say why we did not come. We wish he had been able to have come over. We have also been much disappointed in not seeing Mary Bigg, who is expected.

- 7 mo 21
Fifth
day Had a good night and am much better this morning—got up about 10 o'clock had a nice quiet day. Am much pleased with our Doctor. Wm. Gibbins called in the evening, and went with Bbe to see if Tom came in the Bristol packet, but he did not come, and cannot make it out.
- 7 mo 22
Sixth
day Debating whether to go or not, as we hear nothing of Tom—do not know what to do. The packet leaving at 12 o'clock we thought we could not do better than to go, particularly as we found on calling for our bill that our money began to get very low and we do not like the idea of borrowing. After settling with our Doctor & landlady we found we had under three pounds to take us to Gloucester. It was as much as my legs could do to get down to the Benledi, & I lay down at once to remain till we arrived at Bristol. Barnard Dickinson was very kind in assisting us and our luggage to the packet, and Bbe met there Wm. Spriggs one her old friends. Went on deck on arriving at Ilfracombe, and found a most beautiful little bay. We landed there the Prince Oldenburgh & suite who was on a tour. He was quite a common looking person. We as usual did not escape without being sick as there was a heavy swell—Did not get into the Cumberland Basin at Bristol till nearly one in the morning and in consequence made up our minds to have a nap in the saloon of the packet in preference to going on shore to an inn till morning—and it suited our financial difficulties, as being the most economic plan.
- 7 mo 23
Seventh
day Sent for a fly soon after six, and went to the Feathers Inn where we had breakfast, and engaged places in the Traveller to Gloucester, and left at eight and had a pleasant journey there. We had not anything left when we had paid the coach fare. On arriving we found Tom in his counting house, and came with him home. Lydia and dear little Teddy quite well. Went after tea to call on Mamma and saw poor Mary who appears very ill and weak. They are much discouraged about her.
- 7 mo 24
First
day We thought it very pleasant to sleep again in a good bed after our poor accommodations at Swansea, and are quite refreshed by it. Went to Meeting which is a very nice little building and afterwards went to see Mamma. We had much talk with her respecting our Australian projects, and as we feel decided as to our going there at any rate next year, she wished us to consider whether a move there at once would not be better than going to Madeira now; we feel quite inclined to do so, if we can see our way clear to do so.
- 7 mo 25
Second
day I could not sleep last night—but do not feel much amiss this morning. Find it so difficult to bear any excitement. We took a ride over to Cheltenham, and Tom, having put another horse to the phaeton, drove us to the Spa's and round the town. We were excessively pleased with the place—came back to dinner at four o'clock. Called on Mamma in the evening. Heard from Annabella & Sarah, the latter was very poorly as they had a sad voyage back to Liverpool after leaving us. Their luggage which was sent wrong at Swansea, had not turned up, which is very vexatious. I had been at the mail office at Bristol enquiring about it without any effect.
- 7 mo 26
Third
day Quite myself this morning. Took a ride with Tom to the top of a hill about 5 miles off and enjoyed it. Rode his young horse. We went to dine with Mamma, who is very kind and made us a present of £100 towards our outfit. Wrote to Gates informing him of our change of plans as respects Madeira.
- 7 mo 27
Fourth
day Dear Bbe's birthday—she is thirty years old today. Wrote to Annabella enclosing £20 to pay money borrowed and their acct., also to George Bigg of Swansea respecting Aunt's luggage. Left at eleven for Bristol in Mamma's phaeton. Lydia with us and had a very pleasant ride. In the evening after tea we walked out into the town and procured a fly, which took us round Clifton. We were surprised and delighted with the beauty of the place, of which we had formed no conception. It is by far the prettiest place we have seen in our travels.
- 7 mo 28
Fifth
day We rose at 5 o'clock to go home by the Red Rover at $\frac{1}{2}$ past six and had the coach to ourselves as far as Bath, where we took up a heavy load. We arrived at Chichester about six, and found our friends waiting our arrival at the coach office. On reaching home we were favoured to find dear Margaret and the little ones looking well. We felt home very precious to us, more especially as we are so soon to

leave our quiet retreat at the Wells for ever. Were much fatigued by our hot ride from Bristol, as we had been on the roof of the coach.

- 7 mo 29 A thoroughly wet and windy morning. I feel thankful that we had returned yesterday, as we should have been so badly off today if we were exposed to such weather. Dear little Allie not well. Confined to the house all day. Have a letter from Gates who quite approves of our going out at once to Australia, and gives some information as to vessels.
Sixth day
- 7 mo 30 Windy tho' fair. H.W. called at nine, also thinks with us as to Australia. Lent me some colonial papers. Drove Bbe in to shop. Thos. Smith proposes that a new stock be taken, and a final settlement made in three weeks from this time. Thos. & Gates will then be here and assist me in the business. Walked in again in the afternoon and called on Dr. Forbes, who is pleased to hear of my going at once, provided Stephen goes with us—wch. we had not seriously thought of, as we did not conceive the guardians would countenance it at all. We think it can be done if Mamma will help us a little at first. Saw Adames.
Seventh day
- 7 mo 31 Was thinking much last night when I was feverish and restless how very necessary it is to endeavour to commit my plans and prospects to the direction of our Heavenly Father who knows what is best for us and can calm the anxious mind. We must do the best for the present and leave the future to Him. In the afternoon I went over to see Stephen who is laid up with the erisipilas in his foot. He seems anxious to go with us if it can be done.
First day
- 8 mo 1 Was obliged to send for Dr. Forbes, who prescribed a composing medicine for me. My nerves have been sadly shaken by the excitement of so arduous an undertaking as that before me. I must quite lay bye until it is necessary to begin writing or my mind will wear out my poor body first. Bbe very busy with dear M. cutting out clothes &c.
Second day
- 8 mo 2 Much better this morning. Stephen drove his mare over and was arranging about his outfit. Margt. went to town with Henry in the chaise to bring Charlotte, and saw Uncle John, who said he was coming up to see me tomorrow. I wrote him a note begging him to defer his visit till next week when Gates would be here, as we have just now received a letter from him saying so. Wrote to Tom with Atkinson's list of articles in his line which we shall want in our projected farming establishment. As Stephen's mare would not draw him home we lent him Taff.
Third day
- 8 mo 3 Bbe & Margt. very busy again cutting out linen, &c. Went out to work a bit in the garden & J. Barton called and fixed to see me in the afternoon. Went in accordingly and was with him nearly two hours—was much kinder than I expected and appears to wish to forward business arrangements as much as possible. He wrote to Cousin H.J. respecting the £6000 bond being paid off in 6 years by Thomas Smith. I wrote also to Mamma & Gates and to Sarah Sill in the evening from whom we had a letter this morning. Gates will come seventh day morning.
Fourth day
- 8 mo 4 Stephen came this morning. J. Barton was coming to see him, we were busy with our list of articles necessary to take with us. Went into town in the afternoon & drank tea with the Knotts. Told them of our intended plans. E. Bliss called in the afternoon at the Wells and seemed sorry to part with us. Bought a bridle and saddle at Binstead's and got home about 8 in the evening. Dear Margt. went over to Selsea with Henry & Charlotte.
Fifth day
- 8 mo 5 At work posting the leather books most of the day. In the morning heard from Mamma & Tom, the former seems quite averse to Stephen's going with us now. Wrote in reply & to Tom whom I requested to send lists of all he could undertake to furnish.
Sixth day
- 8 mo 6 Dear Gates came at nine o'clock, and we spent the morning talking over our plans as the weather was wet. Stephen came and in the afternoon all went to town & drank tea at H.W.'s. Ordered our stock of saddlery articles. Promises for finer weather as the wind has changed north.
Seventh day

- 8 mo 7
First
day A fine morning. Went to meeting in the morning Henry & Charl. came up to dinner & Jno. Knott called in the afternoon. Offered Cates to take him with us if he was willing, also with Casey [Carey?] if no difficulties occurred as to his passage. Intend going to London with Gates & Stephen in the morning.
- 8 mo 8
Second
day Had a pleasant day's journey to London. I was inside and arrived in very good time, in the evening. S. & I went to Bates' and bought a telescope, Gunter's chain, &c, then to S. Dartons.
- 8 mo 9
Third
day All the morning looking after vessels to Australia—went on board the *Isabella* for Launceston & the *Coromandel*; the accommodations of the latter were most excellent. Then to the South Australian office, when we were recommended to Capt. Hart; so we returned to the *Isabella* and found him. We nearly came to terms, and he is to see us again and agree if possible. Mannings for cottages in the afternoon & ordered iron bedsteads, and windows for a regular house, also a few doors—we found him a clever & intelligent man, and were much pleased with him.
- 8 mo 10
Fourth
day Called on Cousin Halsey who was as usual kind & conciliating and was glad to find he did not object to Stephen's going with us or the arrangement with Thomas Smith. We met Capt. Hart at two and found him so stiff in his price which much exceeded our expectations, that we felt obliged to give up his vessel—which we were sorry to do as he appears to be a very gentlemanly and pleasant man. Then went to the Commissioners rooms and offered to go out by the next vessel they sent, if we approved of her—to Oxford St. and Piccadilly where we met Bramble's Chichester coach, but Bbe did not come. We found a very good merchant in Oxford Street, Davis, and bought a grinding mill, mangle, &c.
- 8 mo 11
Fifth
day Borrowed £310 of Gates which we paid [?] into Drewitt & Fowler's to draw on—to Edginton's for tarpaulins—to Davidson's for rope, &c, & dined with Ann Darton—Hargreaves for table covers—then with Stephen to see Cousin Halsey, who had two powers of attorney for me to take to Chichester, and on our return found dear Bbe at Gates'.
- 8 mo 12
Sixth
day Ann Darton & Bbe were purchasing linens & S. & I went to the Adelphi to see Jno. Hutt, the superintendant of Emigration to S.A. Thence to Oxford St. & bot. stove, &c. At dinner time Mr. Jones, who has a son going out in the *Isabella*, called with Capt. Hart, and as he seemed disposed to meet us as far as he could we ['we' is repeated] have nearly made up our minds to go by him, as we have so high an opinion of his character. Gates & I went in the evening to Mannings to give final orders respecting the cottages.
- 8 mo 13
Seventh
day Stephen & I went to the docks to Capt. Hart and arranged about the berths for the family. The Capt. is to come to South place to sign agreements, which he did and we finally agreed with him. Uncle & Aunt Bigg called while he was with us to take leave. S. & I then went to see J. Hutt at the Adelphi, and had a long conversation with E.G. Wakefield, and have been very well satisfied that we agreed with Capt. Hart—then to Oxford Street to order in our goods and saw Mannings about our houses—to tea at S. Darton's, much fatigued by our exertions. Finished in London by buying our dinner service in Coleman St.
- 8 mo 14
First
day Dear Peter Bedford came from Croydon to see us this morning in quite a severe thunderstorm. He was very sorry to part with us but had much encouragement to give us, and commended us in a touching manner to the Divine protection and entreated us to keep near to the principle of light and life within us, and gave us his blessing. May we indeed realize all he desires for us. I did not go to meeting as I was far from well and it was so wet—was obliged to remain within all day & take some medicine.
- 8 mo 15
Second
day Ventured to leave for home tho' very unwell, but the motion of the coach revived me after and [an] hour or two. We arrived at the Wells about six and found all well. Stephen had gone round by Brighton and was at the Wells before us.
- 8 mo 16
Third
day Set to work with the books for the morning with Stephen, who had removed all his goods from Singleton. Dined with Henry & Charlotte and had an interview with Uncle J.B., who renewed his prognostics of misfortune and loss and announced his determination to keep all of my capital, which was in the leather business, in it until the £6000 bond was paid off, which completely prevents me from

employing my own capital as I had intended, and in consequence shall have to borrow until Stephen is of age, which I can do thanks to the kindness of H.W. and Gates. Engaged with the Phenders to sail with us, and saw Adames who comes to settle on fifth day morning.

- 8 mo 17 Fourth day Leather books all the morning. J. Barton and I at Sowton's office in the afternoon—was obliged finally to agree with Adames to take £300 for the lease of the Wells and pay the law expenses. Directed Sowton to prepare new leases from J.A. Smith to B. Adames & fm. B. Adames to E. Florence, instead of those now standing in my name.
- 8 mo 18 Fifth day Adames came this morning and went over the inventory of my stock and furniture. We agreed that the whole be valued and that a disc't. of 30 pCt. should be taken from the amount of the household furniture, which will we consider be as well as leaving it all for a sale. Tom came this afternoon and Sarah Rickman, who is to attend the Monthly Meeting tomorrow and spend a few days with us.
- 8 mo 19 Sixth day With Tom at the books all morning—then went to the Monthly Meeting. Obtained certificates of membership for self, family & Stephen. Dined with Henry and arranged with Adames that King of Emsworth should value all my goods tomorrow, also the shop fixtures, &c. Coz. Daniel and James Carter took tea with us—dear cousin D. sat with us a short time, and was engaged in supplication on our behalf.
- 8 mo 20 Seventh day Nearly all day with King valuing—a very wet day. Tom and T. Smith began taking the leather stock.
- 8 mo 21 First day Felt quite well, and was able to attend meeting both morn'g. and evening. T. & M. Smith called to take leave of us in the afternoon & Stephen went to Portsmo: to take the night coach to London to assist Gates in getting our goods shipped in London. Tom to Brighton to see Thos. Carter, who has lately been married.
- 8 mo 22 Second day Posting the leather books. Sarah Rickman left us today. We have enjoyed her company very much. Dear Margaret quite weak and poorly. Hawkham & his wife came to see me in the evening and says he will go out as shepherd & his wife as cook—to give a final answer on fourth day.
- 8 mo 23 Third day Taking the leather stock all day—went thro' the book debts with T. Smith, and agreed on £1000 to be thrown off as bad and hope now to have done with most of the difficulties in getting rid of the leather business. Signed a dissolution of partnership with T. Smith. Heard from Gates saying the Commissioners require the ages of Phender & his wife and fear some difficulty about their having a free passage—wrote to J. Hutt.
- 8 mo 24 Dear Gates came this evening—still at the leather stock.
- 8 mo 25 Fifth day Met J. Barton, Gates & Tom at Sowton's office in the morning and, in the discussions which ensued, our proceedings as respects the leather business underwent an entire change. It was then determined that I should give T. Smith a notice of dissolution of partnership to conclude on 1 mo. 1 1839, that in the meantime he should endeavour to procure a partner with sufficient capital to pay off the part borrowed from our family or to carry it on himself by raising other capital. Uncle J.B. went to Thos. Smith to inform him of the conclusion come to—he seemed much discouraged and said it would be his ruin, but I attribute this to disappointment as the former plan would have been so much better for him. We met in the afternoon, when T. Smith said he must at once go to London to consult his friends. We struck a balance of the stock by which we made it appear that we had made £800 in the 14 months, at which T.S. expressed great surprise.
- 8 mo 26 Sixth day Gates & I were hard at work fair copying and balancing the stock as dear Tom left us to return to Gloucester this morning, and it was well we had it all to ourselves, as we found we had made a great error in drawing out the balance sheet and that in fact instead of realizing £800 we had made less than nothing during the past year, and had been drawing on our capital for our support. Had a most harassing day, and Gates determined that he would go over to see Uncle J.B. in the morning and inform him of the result, as we feel very uneasy about it—and are satisfied there must be a mistake in

taking the stock, which ought to be accounted for. Stephen returned from a short visit to Gloucester today, and we returned home wearied both in mind and in body. We were much pleased that Tom left us before we found the error as he left us under favourable impressions of what had been done by the business in the last year, and his knowledge of the truth would have made our parting more painful.

- 8 mo 27
Seventh
day Stephen & I busy packing harness, &c until Gates returned with Uncle J.B. about 12 o'clock. Heard that T. Smith had returned so appointed to meet at Little London at three, which we did, and Sowton came & received his orders to prepare the necessary deeds. Thomas Smith did not consider the stock to be correct, & feel very much pleased that this had not to be considered a final stocktaking as it would have quite upset all our plans—and there is no time to take a fresh one.
- 8 mo 28
First
day The last sabbath we shall probably spend in England. It is often a matter of surprise to me that we are able to be so little nervous and apprehensive as we are. I feel very thankful that I am now spared the distressing nervousness I was labouring under, and trust I shall find myself numbering my blessings rather than indulging in too anxious cares for the future, but the temptation to which I find myself to be so prone is that of allowing earthly cares to take my attention from serious reflection. Our dear & kind friends Josiah & Rachel Forster were at Meeting today, and came to take leave of us and had much serious counsel to give us. Took our leave this evening of our old meeting house and its associations. Wrote to A. Sill, Mamma & H.J.
- 8 mo 29
Second
day All hands engaged packing all day. In the evening heard from Captn. Hart saying that he was on the point of sailing from Deal. G. & E. Bliss & Betsey Hack, &c, came to take leave of us.
- 8 mo 30
Third
day Still packing. In the evening I went in to town to Sowton's to sign the deeds and receive the powers of attorney for Stephen to sign when he became of age, appointing Gates his attorney to receive and pay all monies in England for him. I executed a similar deed myself making the same appointment. Also signed with T. Smith an agreement that the partnership should cease on 1 mo. 1 1839. On returning home found a letter from Capn. Hart saying he had arrived at Spithead, and was ready to receive us on board—we at once determined if possible to get on board tomorrow, and Gates & Henry who were with me undertook to order the barouches at twelve. Dear Bbe was quite overdone and poorly, but very anxious to go as soon as possible.
- 8 mo 31
Fourth
day Had two waggons at the Wells at nine which we despatched at eleven and went on ourselves in two barouches at twelve. Our poor damsels seemed very sorry to part with us, and I had the vexation of finding Hawkham at the last unwilling to go, as his wife could not make up her mind. We last night engaged a young man named George Heather who we trust will keep to his agreement better. We arrived at Portsmo: about three, and had a comfortable dinner—and found Captn. Hart and, altho' we could not get our luggage on board, we determined to sleep on the ship nevertheless, and went off in a boat with the Captn. about seven. It was a most delightful evening. We went on board by lamplight. Bbe was hoisted out of the boat in a chair.
- 9 mo 1
Fifth
day We contrived to have a comfortable night, with shawls & cloaks to cover us—anyway better than being on shore. The morning was very fine and dear Gates, who staid with us all night, went on shore at five oclock to try to get to Chichester by nine, as Margt. and Charlotte were going to London by coach today. Father & Henry came on board with us last evening and only staid a few minutes, as they were to return home that night. At eight oclock Captn. Hart came on board and we returned to shore with him—S., I & Phender—to see our luggage shipped. We were obliged to send off nearly all the heavy luggage to London to be shipped on board the next vessel which will sail for S.A. the 8th of next month. Peskitt agreed to take the lot for 1/9 p cwt., the price of the canal. Then sent the dogs, luggage, stocks, &c, with Stephen & Phender, by Garratt & Gibbon's vessel on board the Isabella. Went and got tea at the Quebec, and wrote to Gates with the bills of lading, which I got signed by Captn. Hart and sent it off by post. Came on board about seven and found poor Bbe in despair, for our luggage had been thrown into the cabins and I had an hour or two's hard work before we could turn ourselves round in them, but at length managed to get the children to bed and had a pretty good night.

- 9 mo 2
Sixth
day At work all day in arranging the cabins. As it blew very hard from the south west we were not able to get under weigh. We seem as if we shall be able to manage better as we become used to our situation, but it is sad work for the children.
- 9 mo 3
Seventh
day We were cheered up a little by a letter from dear Gates in reply to the one I wrote from the Quebec. We replied to it by the pilot, as we weighed anchor at twelve and were all the afternoon tacking between the Isle of Wight and the main. About 5 o'clock we were off the eastern end of the Island and then had a favorable breeze which took us as far as Portland Bill during the night. We staid on deck until it was time to put the children to bed, when we came down and at once became seasick, and had hard work to go thro' with it. Just as we weighed anchor the Captn. bot. for me a very nice boat for £10 which is very cheap for it. He takes it to Launceston for me for £5.5.0 as it is just what I so much wanted. I am very much pleased with my bargain.
- 9 mo 4
First
day We were very sick as soon as we moved in the morning, Minna the worst of all and quite unable to do anything. She has taken herself into the steerage to be out of the way. Bbe & I were fain to lie down on the cot, & the children were most of them sick. A fresh wind which is contrary & a heavy sea makes the vessel roll very much. Captn. Hart told me this morning that it was always his practice to read prayers on first day mornings. We mean to attend and to sit quietly. We are quite unable today to do anything beyond what the children positively require.
- 9 mo 5
Second
day Had a most stormy night. Our cot swung so much against the lockers at our head and the bulkheads at our feet that we could get no rest whatever and poor Bbe was thrown out. I called up Stephen, and after unhooking the cot we laid it on the packages and boxes underneath but when the ship tacked we slid with such a shock to the lee side that I was obliged to lash it to the side of the cabin and hold on as well as we could. The anchor got loose in the night and it cost the Captn. and men two hours hard work before they could recover it & the cable. Minna quite useless, we are all as sick as can be. Poor Bbe can scarcely hold up her head & I am not much better. We cannot make way at all & were driven back during the night to Portland Bill and are now off Alderney with a S.W. gale blowing.
- 9 mo 6
Third
day } Still after two days more are we between Portland and Alderney and have had most stormy weather.
9 mo 7
Fourth
day } It will be a most excellent breaking in for us. Have had most uncomfortable doings in our cabins and also have a most perverse steward who does as little for us as he can at all help. The weather is quite winterly and cold & the wind right in our teeth. Minna still of no use, & poor Bbe very poorly and weak, can scarcely nurse baby. Have had to dose two of the children. The mercury & chalk answers well—they are not nearly so sick as I expected. Stephen is better today. It is hard work beating out of the Channel against contrary winds, and the Isabella does not beat to windward well at all. We seem likely to have a very pleasant party on board. There seems noone who does not try to make things as pleasant as may be, but at present we are too sick and ill to enjoy anything.
- 9 mo 8
Fifth
day A thoroughly wet morning. The children being confined to the cabin, we hardly know how to keep them quiet. Have got out some books, but it is hard work. The wind begins to be a little more favorable, and we are getting farther west rapidly, and have, I trust, seen our last of Guernsey and Alderney. Sad work with the steward, who is very ill tempered and disobliging about the children's meals. We are much better today, and have some appetite.
- 9 mo 10
Seventh
day It is now a week since we sailed from Spithead and have now quite got out of the Channel. I had a very busy day yesterday with the carpenter putting up a berth instead of the cot which we have quite discarded as there is not nearly room for it, and now our things are stowed away beneath it we look and feel comparatively comfortable. I was quite unwell the whole of yesterday, but we seem now to have quite surmounted our sea sickness and mustered our whole party at dinner today for the first time. As yet we have had no lack of employment, but have scarcely got ourselves as yet to rights. The last night was very rough and stormy but there is no sea which at all realizes my idea of the Bay of Biscay which we are this day skirting with a light wind at South. The Captain seems to have made up his mind that no time shall be lost. I have begun the last day or two marking out our course on Mercator's chart. The daily progress seems very small.

- 9 mo 11 We are all in good spirits today but are nearly becalmed. We are now nearly about the centre of the Bay. The Captn. read prayers in the cabin this morning at eleven, and one of the passengers two chapters in the bible. I wrote to H.W. and enclosed a cheque of Florence's which I had brought away in mistake. The air is very delightful today, with but little sun. The children had a plumb pudding with their dinner today which is quite a treat on board ship. We lost poor Skipper, the greyhound bitch, last night. She had been getting thinner and weaker for some days. The cold wet weather we had in the channel was quite too much for her.
- 9 mo 12 Had a sleepless night with toothacke and shall certainly today apply for Mr. McDowell's assistance to get a couple of them extracted. Our fair wind continues and we expect to be in the Lat. of Cape Finisterre tomorrow and at Madeira by first day next. I do not find I have half the time I expected on board ship, as the children want so much attention and the time we have to settle in the cabin is so short. Children breakfast soon after seven, passengers at 8. Children dine at one & the passengers lunch. We dine at 3 or 4, children tea at 6, passengers ditto at 7 to 8 o'clock so that the day is broken into very small fractions. I must settle myself to writing more regularly ['more regularly' is repeated] or it will never do. Minna brightened up with this fine weather and now does very well so that we are now getting more comfortable. Bedford & Allie have very bad colds with the bad weather we had the first week. I put my resolution to the test, and McDowell extracted two of my teeth very cleverly and had a good night in consequence. At chess after tea with Mr. Lewis. N.B., he & Williamson are sad Tories.
- 9 mo 13 Had a noble breeze all night and made a deal of way This morning the air is as soft and pleasant as possible and the wind right on our quarter. The ship sails well with such a breeze as this. A quarrel with our steward this morning again, and had to complain to the Captn. who blew him up in style. Saw two or three whales blowing in the offing this evening.
- 9 mo 14 A dead calm this morning & have made but very little way but in the evening we did better, and carried a good breeze with us all night. Bbe & I are both of us weakly today which makes it hard work. The sea sickness leaves such a feeling of weakness in the stomach for a few days, that it makes one quite unwilling almost to stir, but my appetite at dinner begins to be wonderful.
- 9 mo 15 Dear Bbe has had an attack of her mucous complaint again in the night and is very poorly in consequence. Some of the children are unwell too. It is a great comfort to have so pleasant a medical man on board. Had but little rest during the night as Bedford was very restless. Hope in another week to do much better as this is all owing to the complete change of life which a sea voyage brings with it. Just now it is very difficult to keep up our spirits. Minna is now very useful and helps us much tho' she is still occasionally sick.
- 9 mo 16 We have had a good night and dear Bbe seems nicely this morning which is most beautiful. Rather light winds during the night, the thermometer now keeps about 70°, which is just pleasant. It has not been higher yet in our cabin. We had the comfort yesterday to get the dead lights out of our cabin windows which enables us to enjoy more light and fresh air. Had hard work to get the children's breakfast again this morning owing to the steward's perverseness, only some boil'd rice and cold water on the table, but I made him do the needful for us. As yet none of us have improved in appearance by the voyage & I am very thin but hope to mend as we get on. We find the want of exercise sadly—a good appetite but are much oppressed at times. Am busily engaged in copying my work fairly out in my Journal, and when that is a little under I shall begin arranging my bills &c in the business books. Stephen is keeping the log book which dear Gates furnished us with. The Journal and Mercator's chart will be very pleasant for our dear brothers and sisters to see, when we send them home from S.A. No observation of the sun today.
- 9 mo 17 Made good way in the night, tho' the wind was not so favorable as before. We are now off the Straits of Gibraltar and are carried by the current much more to the eastward than we ought to be and fear we shall not see Madeira. The winds also hanging so much to the west throws us off our course. The Captn. offered today to call at the Cape if the passengers would defray the expense. There is as yet nothing we have found very formidable in coming to sea. The tedium of the everyday process of sailing is the most disagreeable but we often forget we are on board a vessel and hold on our plates &

glasses without thinking why we do so.

- 9 mo 18
First
day A very fine day almost too much so, as the ship makes very little way. This is the third first day we have been on board & certainly by far the most comfortable and we get on with the children much better—the steward appearing desirous of making us more comfortable. The delightful feeling in the air would make any one enjoy their existence. We have got down to the 35° Lat. Lon. 13°.41', but scarcely expect to see Madeira as we are so much to the eastward.
- 9 mo 19
Second
day Have made good way during the night, and have a fair wind today tho' rather light. Are now nearly in the Latitude of Madeira. Stephen & I have been very busy at our accounts this morning arranging and sorting the different bills, and drawing out an account of the property we have at present and what cap. is invested in our new undertaking, and made great progress therein. Ther. 73° which feels much warmer than before.
- 9 mo 20
Third
day We remained on deck rather late last night, and enjoyed the beautiful moonlight. The moon appears in these latitudes to hang like a lamp in the sky, as if we could imagine the sky to fall back an immense distance beyond it—which is seldom the case in England. Captn. H. came down at six this morning and told me to come on deck as we were just abreast of the Deserta's, about 10 miles off, and we have been sailing in sight of them with Madeira in the distance for the whole day. The N.E. trades which we have now reached are very agreeable as we go along rapidly with but very little motion and the freshness of the air is delightful. The Desertas are fine bold rocky islands, I believe uninhabited. They have the fine pink haze over them which I had read of. This day quite realizes our ideas of what the climate of Madeira ought to be. Busy with our acts. again—are at a loss for a distinct account of what dear Gates has expended on our account to check the bills, tho' I believe we are tolerably correct. Our partnership stock as far as we have invoices amounts to £420, the cash on hand to £450, together £870. I find that I just mustered enough to pay for my outfit and about £200 bills at Chichester & expenses previous to starting, so that I am indebted to the borrowed cap. in the amount of passage money £250. The amount of the personal property I shall take to the new colony will be about £720 at the invoice prices.
- 9 mo 21
Fourth
day The finest day we have had and the most temperate. Ther. 71°. Busy with accounts & at work carpentering to make a shelf for books, which I accomplished and put up. Are quite out of sight of land again, but expect to see Teneriffe tomorrow. Captn. H. has quite given up the idea of putting in at the Cape as some of the passengers will not contribute, but hope to see St. Jago, the expense there being but trifling, and we should so much enjoy some fruit, and above all have an opportunity of communicating with the dear ones we are so rapidly leaving behind us. Sir J.W. Jeffcott talks of leaving the ship at St. Jago and crossing to the Gambia, where or at Sierra Leone, he was Chief Justice 3 years, & thence by one of the King's ships to the Cape, and on by the next vessel to S.A. He is very civil to us. I understand he is to receive £800 a year for the next 3 or 4 years and is then to have the amount doubled. He will give me a letter to Captn. Hindmarsh saying when he may be expected. He will not allow that the Gambia or Sierra Leone are in the least unhealthy during the fine weather. He prefers the climate to that of Florence. The rainy season is dangerous of course to any European who exposes himself to its effects.
- 9 mo 22
Fifth
day Progressed wonderfully during the night, with a fair breeze which left us all at once about ten o'clock, and we lay pitching about at the mercy of the waves, rather going back than forwards and shipped the water into our cabin windows sadly; however it did not last long. When on deck this morning we found ourselves about 20 miles west of Palma one of the Canaries, which has a fruitful and beautiful appearance from the sea—suppose it was the mountains in it which took the wind from us this morning. In the evening a fine fresh breeze again, and we remained on deck till about ten o'clock enjoying it. Ther. 75°. No dampness is at all perceivable in the evenings. Are rejoiced to find it is quite determined at put into St. Jago. All busy writing in consequence.
- 9 mo 23
Sixth
day Fine breeze all night & continues today. Have been at work all day writing to dear Gates & Margaret and journalizing &c. Ther. 75° but with this breeze it is not at all unpleasantly warm. Are sorry to have discovered we have bugs in our cabin which begin to be troublesome, but as we had expected this, ought not to complain Lat. 26°.30'.

- 9 mo 24 Still a fine breeze, but wish the ship sailed a little faster as we cannot get on more than 7 to 8 knots an hour instead of 10, with almost all the studding sails set. Ther. 76°. The sea water we have in the morning to wash with is quite warm. Crossed the Tropic of Cancer about 8 o'clock this evening, and made upwards of 160 miles this day. We now find a good deal of dew falling at sunset and have a constant haze & thickness in the air, which tends to cool the weather. Wrote to Uncle Bernard in reply to his recd. before I left England.
- 9 mo 25 Still going on better. Caught a few flying fish, and saw shoals of them while on the bay at the stern of the vessel before breakfast. Ther. 76°, but very cool on deck, the sky last night had a singularly leaden appearance with the haze. The moon is now at full, our days are now from six to six which will continue for most of the voyage. We think we shall be at Launceston the first or second week in the ensuing year. Writing to A. & C. Sills.
- 9 mo 26 Strong breeze all night. It is quite unusual in these latitudes to have so long a continuance of so strong a wind and trust it may be ominous of our future proceedings. We are running direct before the wind and altho' there is considerable swell the motion of the ship is not unpleasant. The passengers begin to complain much of the closeness of the air in the side cabins some slept on deck this night. Poor Caroline Carter has been made quite ill from this cause, and Sir J.W. Jeffcott sleeps on our sofa in the large cabin. We were practising at empty bottles with a rifle and two pistols this evening, some of us made pretty good shots. On deck as usual till bed time. We nearly had a bad accident today by the mizen boom breaking adrift, as one of the men was on the round house and would have been swept overboard if he had not been very active.
- 9 mo 27 We are expecting to see the first of the Cape de Verds at noon today & shall arrive at St. Jago tomorrow, nothing happens much worth recording in a journal from day to day, yet a simple account of the manner in which we spend our days will be valuable to those for whom this is penned. The weather has continued so hazy we could not see the land altho' we could not have been above ten or twelve miles from the Island of Salti.
- 9 mo 28 We found ourselves on going on deck this morning coasting along the Eastern side of the Island of St. Jago, and rounded the S.W. Cape while at breakfast. It has a most barren appearance from the water, scarcely a tree to be seen. We came to an anchor in Port Praya Bay about eleven, when a number of shore boats came off with the consul's messenger and a quantity of fruit &c which was soon transferred to us. Old clothes are in great demand, but beads and bright coloured handkerchiefs were very much in demand particularly among the negroes in the interior, who scarcely seem to know the look of shillings and sixpences. All the negroes who can, have necklaces of beads. About two o'clock we went on shore twelve in all, and landed on the rocks without much difficulty, by watching the rise and fall of the swell. We walked about half a mile to the town, attended by a curious assembly of negro children mostly naked. We reached the town by climbing a steep cliff upon wch. Port Praya is situated, a most miserable place, the principal part is the square surrounded by dilapidated buildings, saw scarcely any one but negroes, who were not generally so bad a looking race as I expected to have seen. We first went to the Americal Consul who acts also for the British and whose house is a very good one, quite in the tropical style, with large folding doors and verandahs. The Consul's lady was a very pleasing woman, she came here two years ago and had her sister with her, who died of the country fever a short time after. The Consul has been 13 years here, and is thinking of retiring; he is only now recovering from an attack of the fever. We ordered dinner at the hostel opposite the Consul's house and at four sat [?] down to a most plentiful dinner, but spoiled in the cooking, a turkey, roast pig, several fowls &c, lemons, oranges, and bananas in plenty, the latter fruit we begin to like very much, especially the children. Willie was with us today, were waited on by 3 negresses who could not speak a word of English, and had a most laughable time of it, in attempting to make them understand. Took a walk afterwards in the valley below the town, thro' some gardens, now nearly destroyed by the violence of the rains which fell a fortnight since—the garden was planted with Date trees, plantains, Bananas, Cocoa nut trees, Indian corn &c, and had a truly tropical appearance, the wells for watering the ships were situated in these gardens, the water of which is very brackish. It was almost dark when we reached the beach, and we had to be carried thro' the surf by the negroes, and put on board a small boat which was kept just without the breakers. I & Captn. Hart went first and found the boat nearly half full of water, which I began baling out with a small pannikin. When the

men brought Bbe a wave curled quite over the boat and wetted us thro', besides nearly driving us on shore. I could scarcely keep the water under for some time, as there were ten of us altogether in the boat, and we were very glad to get on board the ship again, where Bbe was obliged to go to bed at once, as she had not a change of clothes ready. Ther. 86° a very close night.

- 9 mo 29
Fifth
day S. & I rose at six and went on shore with the Capt. We found our fellow passengers who had been left on shore all night, had obtained matrasses and laid them on the floor of the room we had dined in. Sir J.W. Jeffcott had been quite ill in the night, I expect from the bad wine we had at dinner, two or three had gone for a long walk into the country, so we ordered breakfast, and went to see if we could bathe, but could only do so by laying down among the rocks on shore, and allowing the surf to roll over us, so I did not venture, tho' Sir Jno. & the Doctor did, and were well bruised by the surf. Had a good breakfast, but two of the gents did not make their appearance till the afternoon, having gone a good way up the country, I was much afraid lest they should have been left behind, as the Captn. had intended to sail in the morning, and was very much displeased with their being out of the way. I & S. went back with the Captn. on board to dinner, having had quite enough of the shore to last for some time. The Captn. returned to St. Jago to bring off our stock of fruit &c which had been ordered the evening before of the man who procures the Consul's fruit &c. The expenses including everything were about £22, of which £4.11.0 was for Port charges and watering—5/- a HgHd. is charged for the water. Saw at the Consul's two chameleons, about six inches long, which were quite tame, and amused us much by their dexterity in catching flies. Many lizards on the beach cliffs. We weighed anchor about eight in the evening and were soon out of sight of land.
- 9 mo 30
Sixth
day We despatched letters thro' the Consul to Gates, Sills, B. Barton & H. Watson. Stephen also sent four letters. We trust there will not be much delay in delivering them. Are glad to find ourselves this morning again on our way and have our nice trade wind again. Thermometer sunk to 78° at once. We have a fine goat on board, in Young, which we have agreed to take from the Captn. on our arrival at Launceston. Last night some of the men were intoxicated and this evening the Captn. was informed that they had got spirits from St. Jago in a calibache which proved to be new rum. One of the men was very insolent to the captain, who dragged him to the quarter deck and had him hand-cuffed. The other men appeared inclined to take part with the one in confinement, but they seemed quite overawed by the Captn.'s firmness. The confusion was quite appalling for a while. There is great fear it may cause sickness, as one of the men now has the fever, and another was bled this morning, who was drunk half an hour after. Last night Mr. Lewis was tipsy for the third or fourth time since we sailed and the captain was very angry about it.
- 10 mo 1
Seventh
day All quiet this morning among the men, and I was glad to see the man on duty, who had been so violent the night before. The weather now begins to be most oppressive. We have lost our fine breeze. The children are bathed in perspiration while at their meals in the cabin—poor little Bedford is the worst and catches sad colds—we must now expect light airs, and hot weather as we are only 12 degrees from the line. Was busy this afternoon sorting oranges. Therm. 82°.
- 10 mo 2
First
day A very close hot night, and Bedford very restless. No wind today, which is not anyway pleasant, as the air draws from the south of west, we are obliged to make a course to the east of south which is out of our way. I see Flinders and Captn. Cook in these latitudes were driven almost to the coast of Africa by the S.W. winds they encountered. Hope to do better. I find I was very wrong in not bringing some dark colored light Jackets, for I am obliged to leave off both coat and waistcoat & should be very glad of a light jacket to keep my linen clean. We are in much trouble about the children too, as the plaid frocks are just done for, and there is nothing but pinafores besides for them, we ought to have had some dark common waggonees [?] or frocks of very light stuff for this warm weather. A very severe shower this afternoon collected much water—the wind came with such force before the rain that we were quite laid over by it, and all slipped to leeward without any power to help ourselves, but it soon fell calm again.
- 10 mo 3
Second
day Calm all night and today are laying like a log on the water. I have begun to bathe on deck before six in the morning now, by having a few buckets of water poured over my head, and then have up the six lits [kits?] one after another, and do the same for them; it seems to do us so much good, that we mean to continue it. I feel the heat much less in consequence. A sail from the mast head this evening.

Are much tried with the heat, there being no wind tho' the Ther. is but 82°.

- 10 mo 4
Third
day The sea threatened very loudly last night to come in at our cabin windows, but did not quite do so—tho' I could not sleep, thinking I heard it running down the lockers. We have a fairer wind this day which has borne us on our course a little.
- 10 mo 5
Fourth
day While giving the children their breakfast this morning it was suddenly announced that there was an homeward bound vessel in sight which would be up with us in about an hour. This news set all our party writing on speculation. I wrote a hasty letter to Gates, and informed him of the letters we had sent from St. Jago, and that we were doing well. We were very sorry we had left our letters, as we had; they might have been with our friends a great deal sooner. About 9 o'clock the ship was abreast of us and put out a boat & the Captain came on board of us. She proved to be the Aurora from China, and the Captn. was very obliging & took all the letters we had ready. We gave him a stock of oranges, lemons & coconuts. It seemed quite an event in our monotonous existence. Our breeze became quite strong towards night.
- 10 mo 6
Fifth
day Such a night; squalls of wind & rain, and then calms. We had a wave thro' our cabin windows, which set Bbe & I to work to remedy the mischief as well as we could; when we were able we got the carpenter down into the cabin to see if he could stop some leaks we had in the ceiling. Poor Edward had his bed filled and had to creep in with Caroline. We collect much rain water which is quite a prize after our filthy St. Jago water, which already scents our cabin whenever we have a jug of it brought in. No filtering can help it. We now have an S.W. wind. Ther. 81°.
- 10 mo 7
Sixth
day Had a better night, tho' our cabin was most oppressively close as we did not venture to open our windows. A brig in sight on the eastern quarter, going on the same course we are. Every sail we have seen as yet has beat us in sailing, which is mortifying. Minna was sick again last night, also E. Dickson. The man who was so tipsy after leaving St. Jago, spoke to me this morning about it, and wished me to ask the Captn. to forgive him, wh. I did. Our cross grained steward has been sick for some time with a low fever; the two boys Jack & Peter have done pretty well without him and much more peaceably.
- 10 mo 8
Seventh
day We continue our bathing in the morning with great pleasure. Bedford has been much less fretful since we began it, and laughs all the time. Wind still S.W. & quite light. A large ship about 5 miles off to the east, going our course—speculating on the probability of her being the Coromandel. The goat we have on board has two fine kids. Made very poor way—at 12 o'clock wind shifted to the S.E. which we hope to be the beginning of the regular trades.
- 10 mo 9
First
day Much rain this morning, but we managed to bathe. We have rather gained on the ship in company during the night. Calms with rain all day. We have begun with the preserved meats and like them very much; they are cooked in the shape of soups principally. The mutton is almost too rich to be pleasant. The flies have become a perfect pest since we left St. Jago—they are in legions. Ther. 83°.
- 10 mo 10
Second
day Still showery with calms. We have left the ship astern a long way. We are disappointed in not having met with a steady trade wind yet. Saw a shark for the first time. Wind shifted to the S.W. again and were obliged to go on the S.E. course again, which is not what we ought now to do—only made 7 miles southing today.
- 10 mo 11
Third
day Edward & Annie's birthday. Have quite lost sight of the ship this morning being on the S.E. course. Lat. 4°28'. Ther. 79°—much cooler.
- 10 mo 12
Fourth
day Still a continuance of winds from the S.W. & we are running too much to the east, and make very little way to the south. Weather cool and pleasant. Lat. 4°8'. Continue to have heavy showers—we catch quite water enough to supply the ship, which makes our detention of less consequence. These are what people call the horse latitudes, and very unpleasant we find them. Wind varied a little this evening; we therefore tacked and stood on the western course, which we now hope to continue till we reach the Lat. of Trinidad. Ther. 80°.

- 10 mo 13 Morning much more promising—wind a point more in our favour. Sun more powerful. This evening the children's tea was very late—so I asked the Captn. to order the steward to give out the rice earlier, which he went down into the cabin to do. The steward was very insolent, and as Captn. Hart could not make him be quiet, he went into the pantry and laid hold of him and ordered him on deck. This led quite to a regular skirmish, and we sent down the mate to assist. When Mr. Steward was bundled on deck with very little ceremony. After another struggle there, he was confined to his berth to cool down—we are very doubtful whether he can be made to return to his work, as he seems of such a savage untameable temper. I have expected something of this sort to happen for some time, as the fellow became more and more insolent. In the evening I have to complain very much of the captain, for he attacked me or rather the children as the cause of the steward's misconduct, because I had not kept the children to their sleeping cabins during their meals—which we tried at first, and found it so uncomfortable we had given it up and used the main cabin table—and this the steward appears to have taken in dudgeon; but as we have paid cabin fare for the children, and the Captn. has not put us up any conveniences in our cabins for setting any thing on, I told him I could not submit to it, and think that it is very unhandsome conduct in Captn. H. to put off on us the inconvenience which all must suffer in consequence of the loss of the services of the steward for the present.
- 10 mo 14 The steward is either ill this morning or shamming. The doctor bled him this morning, but does not think there is much the matter with him. We have a fine breeze, but cannot get nearer to the south than W.S.W., which is not much good to us. The Captain is quite out of sorts, and could not touch his dinner—I suppose with his exertions last night.
- 10 mo 15 Woke up at four this morning and seeing a most brilliant planet thro' the cabin window, I was tempted to go on deck and I never saw a more beautiful sight than the stars presented. Venus was more like a moon than a star, and threw quite a light on the sea. We had our cabin window open last night for the first time for a long while. I find the water quite cool now in bathing, tho' the children enjoy it very much. We are only now $1^{\circ}.52'$ from the line now; when we have passed it, we shall be in the Southern Hemisphere and so far near our future home. Have been six weeks at sea today.
- 10 mo 16 A very quiet pleasant day—weather beautiful. Ther. 78° . Steward not yet at his work—hear he is to come tomorrow. Found the water quite cold this morning in bathing, which I did not expect under the line, from which we are only 1° distant. Cannot make more than 40 or 50 miles a day now.
- 10 mo 17 Were disappointed at noon today to find we were still 18 miles from the line which we ought now to have reached. We however did cross about 6 o'clock when a much better wind sprung up and much more to the east than before; no visit from Neptune expected which is quite as well.
- 10 mo 18 A tolerably strong breeze but do not manage more than 5 knots an hour. The ship lays over on her side quite as much as we know what to do with, as moving about is such a labour. We are sure to fall if we are not very careful. We find Bedford quite young enough for so long a voyage, and do not know what could be done with an infant—it would be such a trouble to get its food often enough. Let no one bring earthenware jugs bottles &c. We are dismally off now having nearly everything broken. The steward has come to work today again—I believe the Captn. is not easy in his mind about having struck him.
- 10 mo 19 Our course is only a point off south, which is doing right well and a fine breeze—120 miles this day. Ther. 76° . Oranges all gone.
- 10 mo 20 Sloe Fair at Chichester today. I woke congratulating myself that I have no longer anything to do with it. I was at this time last year confined with the attack on my lungs. I feel now in strong health and quite fat, and dear Bbe has much improved in appearance. A very fine morning. Lat. $4^{\circ}.54'$ which is getting on bravely. The cabin allowance of water scarcely lasts out the day and the Captn. took me to task, saying we used too much in our cabins, which I would not allow as I am sure it is not the case.
- 10 mo 21 How rapidly the week is gliding off. Weather is delightful not at all too warm; we can just bear the sheet over us at night. It is not pleasant to be without a coat in the daytime without there is

something to do requiring exertion. We cannot now expect to have any communication with any homeward bound ship, as we are now running quite out of their usual track. Ther. 77°.

- 10 mo 22 Wind light and not so favourable, but it is very pleasant to have so little motion in the vessel. Made
Seventh 103 miles South today. We are grumbling about the children's dinner, as there has been nothing for
day them for the last three days but salt beef sliced into rice and boil'd up which we can scarcely prevail
on the children to swallow. The Captn. tries to make it appear that he loses by the passage of the
children, and by this tries to prevent any complaint being made. However, I must remonstrate, tho' it
makes everything very unpleasant to do so. The carpenter belonging to the Isabella wishes to engage
with us to go to South Australia, which will be very much to our advantage to do, as we shall then
get the necessary buildings erected without delay and we have a very good opinion of him. Ther. 78°.
- 10 mo 23 Have made good way in the night—hope to be out of the Tropics by the latter end of the week. Bbe
First at last seems to think we are getting on our voyage. Sir Jno. Jeffcott now reads the service and the
day Captain the responses. I conclude to prevent Mr. Lewis from having any share of it, as he is certainly
not of a sufficiently correct deportment to officiate.
- 10 mo 24 Almost everything which is not kept in the close chests becomes covered with white mould, which
Second soon turns to mildew. I took up on deck this morning to air our spare shoes, cloaks &c. We have
day an excellent place for our dirty clothes, which I roll up every week in bundles and number them—we
put them in the bottom of the boat we bought in Portsmo: which is turned upside down on the
ship's gallows. Have already put up 18 bundles, each as much as I can roll in a towel. Very pleasant
weather Ther. 77°. Lat. 12°.12' South. Spoke to the captain about altering the children's dinner,
which he did without any debate—which was more than I expected. I have been very much troubled
with swelled ankles which were very stiff and painful. Have been trying the Rochelle salts with lemon
juice before breakfast and discontinued bathing, as I thought the cold decks might have occasioned
it. I recommend Rochelle salts & lemon juice to anyone one going so long a voyage as ours, also the
acidulated kali, which we have forgotten.
- 10 mo 25 I must retract my complaints of the St. Jago water, as the last two casks have been very passable. I
Third expect those we had at first must have let in some of the salt water in coming off, as they are rolled
day off the beach into the surf and towed to the ship. A beautiful morning—are making a course a little
east of south which is all in our favour. Ther. 77°. Lat. 14°.5'.
- 10 mo 26 At work mending shoes for children, and made pretty good work of it. Pfender has made Edward a
Fourth pair of excellent trousers out of an old pair of mine. Lat. 16°. Dear Bbe very feverish and poorly on
day going to bed.
- 10 mo 27 Bbe continues very unwell with severe pain in her head. Called in the Doctor, who made her up some
Fifth medicine. She was very sick all the morning, which he says is the best thing she could do. Stephen
day & I have been making plans for our intended buildings at South Australia in the last few days, and I
am very much pleased with the result of our labours. Have to report a decided improvement in the
quantity & quality of the children's dinners. Showery today. Evenings are beginning to be quite cool.
Ther. 76°. Lat. 17°.49'. Lon. 27°.35'. Bbe all day in bed.
- 10 mo 28 Dear Bbe had quite a poor night, but on the whole is better this morning. She has had much benefit
Sixth from the Seidlitz draughts. A beautiful morning. Ther. 75°. I shot at a large bird hovering over the
day main mast this morning, but did not bring him down tho' I did a feather or two. We were in sight of
Trinidad most of the day, and at night when the moon rose we saw the rocks of Martin Vas to the east
of us. The Captain's chronometer does not go well, and we find ourselves a degree more to the west
than it showed. Ther. 75°. Another of the sheep, which are going out to Launceston as improving
stock, died last night. It will make those left left come to a pretty high figure. Bbe still not up.
- 10 mo 29 Bbe had a better night but is very low and weak this morning, and not at all able to get up. Weather
Seventh much cooler and the wind has become fair enough to allow us to make our right course which is S.E.
day by E. which will take us a few degrees south of the Cape of Good Hope. Ther. 74°.

- 10 mo 30
First
day
Bbe had a better night, but feels very weak and poorly with the fever. Her pulse continues very high and her head confused. Are getting along nobly, the wind E.S.E. Lat. 23°.8'. Ther. 73°. Have had the dead lights in our cabin again. We shall be out of the tropics today. Were able this afternoon to set studding sails as the wind came round more to the north. On deck pretty late, enjoying the beauty of the stars, which were most brilliant.
- 10 mo 31
Second
day
A good night for dear Bbe, and a beautiful morning. She got up after breakfast, but found herself very weak. Ther. 75°. Have made a good way today. Have nearly all the studding sails set, and if the wind was but a little stronger should get on rapidly. Talk of being in the neighbourhood of Bass' Straits on Xmas Day.
- 11 mo 1
Third
day
A very warm morning. Dear Bbe better, tho' not up till after breakfast. I went on deck at four this morning to see the Southern Cross but could not make it out.
- 11 mo 2
Fourth
day
Nearly calm all day, and the ship rolls from side to side in a strange way, tho' there is apparently very little sea. Dear Bbe went up on deck again this afternoon. Ther. 72°. Lat. 26°. Lon. 20°.9'.
- 11 mo 3
Fifth
day
A beautiful morning. How favoured we have been with weather, as far as we have gone. Very little wind, so are doing but little good. Killed a pig today on board, which is an event worth recording on board a ship. Ther. 72°.
- 11 mo 4
Sixth
day
Are going again with a fine breeze. At noon were making upwards of 8 knots an hour. Quite cool, dear Bbe quite herself again today. The evenings are now quite cold and damp.
- 11 mo 5
Seventh
day
A fine morning with a moderate breeze, both dead lights in, but as I have learned to put them in myself I generally take ours out in the day time. We find we do not use our linen so fast as we expected particularly towels. S. & I have got from the Captain a pea jacket and pair of blue rough trousers, which are very comfortable to wear on deck these cold evenings. A cloud in the west about one this afternoon, which rapidly came up against the wind, gave the sailors some hard work before it reached us, as we had to reef topsails and get everything snug before we had too much wind. We were obliged to go on a N.E. course until the middle of the night, when it fell calm. Very cold on deck all the afternoon, quite like a Guy Faux's day in England.
- 11 mo 6
First
day
A dead calm this morning, which has generally been the case with us on first days. The squall last afternoon has driven us 42 miles to the north of our course, but the wind promises now to spring up from the old quarter, mild air again. Ther. 75°.
- 11 mo 7
Second
day
A pleasant morning, fair wind but light. Quite an adventure yesterday afternoon. One of the sailors had been too attentive to E. Dickson's servant, so E.D. complained to the Captn., who had the man up and lectured him. All the passengers were highly diverted. The man said that the woman was ready enough to tell of him, but said nothing about Mr. Reid, the mate. I would advise any of my friends who come after us to take great care not to bring any young unmarried servants with them, as they would be causes of dispute continually, from one cause or another. The gentlemen passengers are so idle and in want of excitement that they would give her no peace, and at any rate let any servant if possible sleep in her mistress's cabin. The man who was disorderly after leaving St. Jago and who is a clever fellow wrote a poem on the above occasion and sent it for the amusement of the passengers. I hear the Captn. sent a bottle of rum forward to make all straight. E.D. is sadly annoyed, and will scarcely speak to the Captn. having heard him laughing with the others.
- 11 mo 8
Third
day
Have done well last night and have a fine breeze this morning which has helped us on our way nicely. We were practising with ball at bottles thrown overboard, but altho' some of our shots were very near, we none of us struck any. Ther. 75°.

- 11 mo 9
Fourth
day Very fine this morning. At noon we had another change in the wind, with a S.W. squall and were thrown much out of our course to the N.E. Thermometer sunk to 62° on deck.
- 11 mo 10
Fifth
day The wind came round today to the right quarter but very nearly calm. Ship pitches much against a head sea. Seven of us were shooting today at a target for a musical snuffbox, which Mr. Maister carried off—out of 21 shots only 6 went thro' the target at all owing to the motion of the ship. Ther. 68°.
- 11 mo 11
Sixth
day A lovely morning—studding sails set again, but a very light wind. My backgammon board is a very popular article on board; it seems seldom out of use among the passengers. Ther. 68°.
- 11 mo 12
Seventh
day Fine weather and fair wind. Made good progress today, but have yet, altho' 10 weeks today from Portsmo., 7500 miles from the end of our voyage—more than two months work before us.
- 11 mo 13
First
day We have today, as we usually have on first days, a calm and are lying on the water quite idle and as listless as may be. The wind changed against us about 5 this morning, we find it very trying to our patience, but cannot have summer weather and always strong breezes. We have many brown & white albatrosses flying round the ship they are like an overgrown gull. A damp drizzling afternoon.
- 11 mo 14
Second
day Doing very little good, as we are going rather N. of E. The birds increase in number as we draw nearer to the Cape. Too cold on deck to be at all pleasant, so dear Bbe is busy with her needle in the cabin, and I am copying journal &c for dear G. & M. We seem to have very little to report in it, as our days are so much alike. Ther. 66°.
- 11 mo 15
Third
day Wind contrary all day, course S.S.W. which gives us all an excuse for low spirits and grumbling. Ther. 62°.
- 11 mo 16
Fourth
day Very fine morning, course south as the Captn. expects to find better winds in a higher latitude—are now east of Greenwich.
- 11 mo 17
Fifth
day A fine day but wind contrary. Feel dull and listless. It is now so cold that we put the children in shawls & flannel waistcoats tho' the thermometer does not indicate it much being about 62°. Bbe takes colds and is far from well. Warmer towards evening.
- 11 mo 18
Sixth
day Very dull & showery & wind contrary. We are 34° South Lat. and shall now have to bear off nearly east, on I hope our last tack before we reach Australia. Stephen is busy making Isometrical drawings of our intended buildings in S.A. which will give our dear brothers and sisters a good idea of our localities, as soon as we are able to accomplish our intentions. Ther. 62°.
- 11 mo 19
Seventh
day We have our long wished for wind at length, as it is blowing very strongly from the N.E. with small rain, and are progressing at the rate of 9 knots an hour. I had to put in our dead light in a hurry this morning as the sea rose very rapidly, and the ship was lying over so much. We could scarcely manage dressing—and we hear much of casualties among crockery &c in consequence. The sea breaks over the vessel a good deal—yet it is not so rough as we have seen it in the Channel We are all again in good spirits, tho' it is not pleasant to be so tumbled about. 150 miles today.
- 11 mo 20
First
day The wind has come round to the west, and have been going 8 knots all night, and shall make a good day's work. Many albatrosses in sight, and a sort of sea swallow which nearly answers to the description in the Ornithological Dictionary to the tern. Several roosted on the yard arms last night, and the twittering they make is quite pleasant to hear. 170 miles today, our best day's work or nearly so.
- 11 mo 21
Second
day Found on going on deck it was nearly calm, so took our dead light out, to Bbe's great satisfaction. Wind right aft, and the ship rolls from side to side very much. Cloudy but fair—and all studding sails set. Passed a ship standing north, which showed American colours. Supposed her to be a whaler. At first we were in hopes of its being an homeward bound English, and were disappointed in finding her not to our liking.

- 11 mo 22
Third
day When I came on deck this morning there was another sail coming to meet us, which proved to be another American whaler. We have a delightful breeze and also a warm sun which is very pleasant. Last night the sailors caught two terns, which the Captn. skinned and will send them to England. Was on deck till quite late as it was nearly full moon, and a very clear night.
- 11 mo 23
Fourth
day Was obliged to get up at two o'clock this morning to put in our dead light as the breeze freshened so much. Stephen skinned a tern today, the beginning of our intended specimens. A fine wind, 9 knots an hour.
- 11 mo 24
Fifth
day We are now to the east of the Cape and have started on the last stage of 6000 miles, as we have now a direct run before us to Van Dieman's Land, which we are quite in hopes of reaching in 6 weeks & shall without doubt if this fine breeze lasts. I am sorry to say the gentlemen passengers have begun to take brandy & water now after dinner which makes a lamentable difference in their behaviour, being very riotous and unpleasant the rest of the evening. We wish the Captn. would not allow spirits. We were obliged this afternoon to reef topsails, and run before a smart gale all night. The rolling of the ship was very violent, and the seas flooded the decks. We could not sleep.
- 11 mo 25
Sixth
day Our fair wind continues and we are going 9 knots with very little canvas spread. Sad mischances at breakfast—coffee & tea capsised as she rolls gunwales under at times. Sad wettings for the poor children as the sea comes over every part of the quarterdeck. Got studding sails up in the afternoon, as the wind and sea moderated. We did not make the distance at noon which we expected we should as we are opposing a strong current which sets round the south of Africa from the Indian Ocean. We hope to be out of it tomorrow. Several booby's came round the ship today. Thermometer 66°.
- 11 mo 26
Seventh
day Found it was a perfect calm on going on deck this morning—the sea heaving tho' with scarcely a ripple on its surface. Fishing with bits of pork for birds over the stern, but caught nothing. A breeze from the N.E. sprung up at noon, and soon freshened. A delightful spring day. Ther. 70°.
- 11 mo 27
First
day Wind from the west again this morning & have been going eight knots again all night. We made the last week 1038 miles, which will do very well if we can continue it. Today 188, the most we have done any day. At night when on deck the phosphoric light was exceedingly brilliant in the wake of the ship. We have seen nothing like it before. Ther. 70°.
- 11 mo 28
Second
day A very fine warm morning. Have been trying to make a filterer with sponge, charcoal & a wine bottle with the bottom out, and it does pretty well. We still find we are stemming the current as we only made 140 miles when the log would have given us 180.
- 11 mo 29
Third
day Had a noble breeze last night—9½ knots at 10 oclock. We find a great comfort from raising our own skylight a few inches when we have a warm day, as we are now obliged to have our dead lights constantly in. It fell suddenly calm at 8 this evening, & we had a sad night of it—heavy rain and contrary winds. The barometer has been falling rapidly. Ther. 70°.
- 11 mo 30
Fourth
day A calm & a tumbling sea, which makes the vessel very uneasy—everything damp and wet, and everybody cross. After dinner we found we were going again before a fair breeze. The barometer was right, as during the night it blew very hard tho' in our favor.
- 12 mo 2
Sixth
day A change of wind against us, and a bitterly cold wind it is, direct from the South Pole. Ther. on deck 53° with rain. None of the children could go on deck till just before dinner. We fear we shall have a S.E. wind for some time as the barometer rises. We have run 2048 miles in the last two weeks.
- 12 mo 3
Seventh
day A finer morning, but last night was so excessively cold we could not keep ourselves warm. The wind is very trying to me, & I have been looking up flannels and great coats—but today the sun is certainly warmer. We have but a light breeze now from the south. I am today copying dear Bbe's journal for the dear little circle in Chichester, as she has so little time to do it in.

- 12 mo 4
First
day A beautiful summer morning—quite mild again. Wind right aft but rather light. Yesterday afternoon Bbe was in C. Carter's cabin sitting with her, as she continues very poorly, and heard some of the gentlemen passengers canvassing our party. It was quite an amusing opportunity for her, tho' their verdict was not the most complimentary to us. We congratulate ourselves much in having come out in a ship which has not a number of South Australians on board as a long voyage does so thoroughly show off people in their true colours. Sir J. Jeffcott suffers most wofully in the trial.
- 12 mo 5
Second
day Heavy rain last night and much wind, but this morning the sea is almost calm and what wind there is, shifting and variable. This evening it has come quite aft again and we are rolling along before it. C. Carter very poorly today, I spoke to the Doctor about her, as he has made himself rather disagreeable to the ladies by nonsense and jokes so that they scarcely can bear the thought of consulting him, which I think perfectly inexcusable in the surgeon of a ship. The Captain is very much vexed with him about it. I had a talk with the Captn. tonight about the conduct of the gents.
- 12 mo 6
Third
day A fine breeze and sailing along very pleasantly with the sea perfectly smooth. Quite as fine a day as we have yet had.
- 12 mo 7
Fourth
day Cloudy & therefore chilly, but we have our fair wind still. We all like this sailing without motion very much, particularly as we make good way. When on deck about seven this morning saw a pitched battle between the second mate—a quite good natured fellow—and a seaman, in which the former beat the latter to his heart's content. The sailor had been saucy to the Captn. & Mr. Reid the night before, and had been put on short allowance from whence I suppose arose the quarrel.
- 12 mo 8
Fifth
day A beautiful morning and have been going before a fine breeze all night. Sea continues as smooth as possible.
- 12 mo 9
Sixth
day We have been sailing in first rate style today— $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots. In the last three weeks 3020 miles, which is quite as well as we could have expected. I have been busily engaged cobbling some boots for Willie this morning.
- 12 mo 10
Seventh
day We have had the best day's run we have yet had, being 196 miles. The wind is today cold from the north, which we did not expect, and we are much troubled with the sea over the quarterdeck.
- 12 mo 11
First
day We have had a very bad night. The wind freshened into a gale and Bbe & I were so tossed and thrown about that sleep was quite out of the question. I had the pleasure of going on deck this morning to find the wind again in our favor and have nothing to complain of but rolling. In the afternoon while I was writing in the cabin, we had a sudden and violent squall. I could scarcely see the length of the ship for the spray. We had continued squalls all the afternoon & night. The sea was very grand—all foam as far as we could see.
- 12 mo 12
Second
day This morning the weather moderated & we have studding sails up. We made a good day's work with this gale of wind and are now nearly abreast of St. Pauls, about a degree to the south.
- 12 mo 13
Third
day A stormy night, but we have a pleasant morning. A heavy sea running. We are indeed having a noble run over this Southern Ocean—200 miles the last 24 hours.
- 12 mo 14
Fourth
day A rainy unpleasant morning; the night was very stormy It is very cold on deck and indeed everywhere else. 196 miles today.
- 12 mo 15
Fifth
day A bitterly cold day. We can scarcely remain on deck more than a few minutes at a time. Ther. 54° . Fine overhead, wind south.
- 12 mo 16
Sixth
day Altho' we must regret any loss of time, yet we must enjoy this quiet day—being nearly calm, and much warmer. I find we have gone up to today 4270 miles in 4 weeks.
- 12 mo 17
Seventh
day At five this morning we had a fine breeze spring up on the larboard quarter, which is carrying us along very well. Just before dinner there was a prodigious quarrel between our sweet tempered steward and

Sir J. Jeffcott. The Captain was called in and sent the steward to his berth, which won't do much good.

- 12 mo 18 Still our fine breeze if it continues, we shall be off Australia by Christmas Day. I guess we shall scarcely think of fires on that day except by comparison with our friends in England. Steward at work this morning, and more civil than I have known him before to me.
First day
- 12 mo 19 A fine breeze, but a damp gloomy day also the following day. This damp drizzling weather is very unpleasant, but as we are making such steady progress we must not complain. We understand it is generally thick damp weather in these seas with a westerly or southerly wind. Ther. 60°.
Second day
- 12 mo 21 Still dull misty weather, tho' the sun broke thro' several times. Fine breeze from the N.W. tho' light.
Fourth day
- 12 mo 22 Rather a warmer and more pleasant day. Wind quite light all day. This evening it freshened very much and as the barometer is falling, we promise ourselves better sailing.
Fifth day
- 12 mo 23 A very fine & strong breeze during the night, shall be off Cape Leeuwin tomorrow morning. A delightful day after our week of dull hazy weather. I have been getting our feather beds, which we have substituted for matrasses with much benefit, on the round house to air in the sun. We are all in good spirits at the progress we are making, another week, and we think we shall not leave much to finish of our voyage. Stephen & I have been making calculations respecting the amount of stock &c, which we shall require at Launceston, but we cannot yet be sure our estimate of prices will be correct.
Sixth day
- 12 mo 24 We are at length off the coasts of Australia, and as we passed the Cape of Good Hope on the same day in last month we have made an unusually quick passage. We wish dear Tom many happy returns of his birthday. We wish we knew how dear little Mary is.
Seventh day
- 12 mo 25 We have had a good run all night. Dear Allie poorly. We are using a lot of biscuit which has been made from coarse flour and which agrees with none of us—most of the children are more or less poorly with it. Last evening I had to call some of the *gentlemen* passengers to account—they painted Edward's face, and then rubbed him with grease to get it off, or under pretence of doing so. One would have scarcely known the child. It was the first time I had remonstrated but it was too much for a joke. Rose has some fine puppies today, which being of the sheep dog sort are to be educated as such.
First day
- 12 mo 26 The children could not go on deck, the whole of this day being wet and drizzling. Wind unfortunately nearly due east; we were all fearing detention. Evening changed to N.W. again.
Second day
- 12 mo 27 A fine 8 knot breeze from the S.W. which will soon give us the sight of land if it continues. Ther. 56°.
Third day
- 12 mo 28 Calm all night. When I came on deck this morning, I found the wind at north, doing little good all day. Have begun to arrange the linen in our boxes, of which we have not used much more than half.
Fourth day
- 12 mo 29 Foul wind and heavy rain until dinner time, when it came round to the south. We therefore tacked and soon began to make some progress again. If we keep this we shall soon be out of danger. Ther. 54°.
Fifth day
- 12 mo 30 A noble breeze; we are all expecting speedily to see land—8 knots all day. The chronometer the Captain has is not a good one. It loses and we therefore may be nearer land than the calculations by it give. We have not had an observation of the moon for some time now, as the weather has been so cloudy. A sad misfortune, Annie has thrown down the thermometer and broken the tube—rather hard in the last week of our voyage. Shall send it home to Gates to have another tube, and be returned. Stephen has bought a capital watch of the Captain for £10.10.0. His has not gone at all, so he intends to send it back to London to be returned. Very cold. Ther. 54°. Oh for Gloucester boots.
Sixth day

12 mo 31 The morning is fine and mild, a light breeze right aft. We have many indications of approaching land.
Seventh We have been getting the chain cable up, shipping the capstan and other preparations. There was an
day alarm of the preserved milk being all out this morning. A goat or two would have been much more preferable, as the milk is half converted into butter, and goats are the hardiest of sea stock. Mr. Lewis sadly tipsy tonight—is excessively anxious to set us all dancing on the quarter deck. The children's chilblains sadly broken. We ought to have had worsted socks and good calf leather shoes for this cold weather, and have brought our own blacking & brushes. I generally procure the Captain's and polish up my own and dear Bbe's every First day morning as soon as I go on deck. Shoes last very little time on board without this is done.

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1 mo 1 Pleasant & warm. A fine lunar observation which gives us two degrees east of the longitude indicated
First by the chronometer. We expect to see Kings Island by daybreak. A flock of mutton birds passed us.
day

1 mo 2 We were awoke from a sound sleep by the Captain coming down the companion crying "Land. Land.
Second Turn Out", & all but one or two were soon on deck. We found ourselves about seven miles from Kings
day Island which we were coasting to the southward. It resembles Kangaroo Island much, the Captn. says, and is a low shore much covered with wood—everywhere the trees show signs of fire The morning is very delightful. Ther. 65° and at length realizes our ideas of Australian climates. We expect to make the heads of Port Dalrymple by daylight tomorrow morning, if this fine breeze continues. Went to bed early to rise betimes.

1 mo 3 A showery morning early, but the breeze right aft is taking us rapidly in towards the land. We made
Third the signal for a pilot about seven and towards eight one came on board, and a very fine handsome
day fellow he was. The lighthouse is really a very handsome one—we passed close under it. The entrance into the harbour is extremely intricate. We seemed surrounded by shoals & reefs. The views all the way down the river were delightful, and it was very pleasing to see the different stages of improvement which were visible in the settlers dwellings, as we sailed on. The hills on the left bank somewhat resembled those about Godalmin only much more lofty, & Sir J. Jeffcott was comparing the scenery to some in the County Wicklow. The reaches in the river too were very beautiful as they most of them assumed the appearance of lakes surrounded by hills wooded to the water's edge. We were so much favor'd by the wind that we were able to sail down the river until within 6 [changed from 12] miles of Launceston when we grounded. As soon as we had dined the Captain and the rest of the gentleman passengers went down the river direct to Launceston which was in sight. We moved again about 5 o'clock, and sailed on to within two miles of the town when we again stuck in the mud, and after an ineffectual attempt to proceed when the tide was up we remained there quietly all night. E. Dixon, Caroline & ourselves spent a most comfortable evening together.

1 mo 4 We arrived at the anchorage without the bar about 10 this morning and very soon after Bbe, I, S. &
Fourth the two boys went on shore to hunt for lodgings. We found a great many civil people, acquaintances
day of the Captain's, who was kindly helping us, who did all they could to help us in our search, which for a long time seemed quite hopeless. About three o'clock I called on Lewis Gilles who sent one of his clerks with us, who at length found some rooms over an unfinished shop, which we agreed to take at a guinea a week. There are five of them, and if we can borrow or hire some furniture we shall be very comfortable. Caroline Carter went up to call on Mr. Weedon to whom she is engaged accompanied by Bbe & E. Dixon. She is to remain with us in the lodgings we have engaged. The young man was indisposed which prevented his coming down to the ship. The Captain is very kind and says we must not think of leaving the ship until we are quite ready—indeed we cannot go until sixth day, as the lodgings will not be ready before. We are exceedingly pleased with the town. It is beautifully situated but the navigation of the river is intricate, and the large swamp close to the town must be in some degree prejudicial. We have met with a most agreeable person in Captain Dixon, he seems very anxious to give us all the information he can and from his experience he is well able. We ought to have brought dollars with us instead of sovereigns, as they always pass for 4/4 and may be had for

much less in England.

- 1 mo 5
Fifth
day I find that several vessels have been from South Australia but there is no account yet of the Buffalo Wrote to Morphett by a sloop belonging to L. Gillies, which sails today. I rowed the Captn. and Caroline on shore in my gig, and then returned to the ship till after dinner. S. & I then went on shore, and having made the gig fast to Griffith's wharf, I went to see after some furniture—and fortunately hit upon Captn. Dixon's lodgings, which were at an upholsterer's who offered to lend me anything I wanted We find that there is an immense exportation of sheep going on from this port to Port Philip on the opposite side of Bass' Straits, where there has been found some fine land for sheep grazing—45000 have already gone and 60,000 are now engaged to go. There are two or three schooners a week going which each carry from 500 to 600 sheep. Owing to this circumstance and the expected demand from S.A. there has been a great advance in the price of young ewes. 25/- was the price and 35/- to 48/- is now asked. The increase this year at Port Philip has been upwards of 100 pCt. on births in the flocks.
- 1 mo 7
Seventh
day I was too much engaged yesterday to note down anything that occurred, being all day employed in getting our linen and personal effects on shore. I brought dear Bbe and the rest of the family on shore about two o'clock to the lodgings I had engaged, and as I found no furniture had come I borrowed a few chairs for them to use, and went to see after it. Today we feel somewhat more settled and managed with some difficulty to cook a dinner. I have been all day since breakfast getting the remainder of the packages on shore—such are the delays of landing. The Isabella is now advertized to sail for South Australia in this month, so it is now settled that Captn. Hart takes us on our way—so that we shall have to land none of our freight, which is put aside as it is come to in the ship, and saves us much expense. I saw a paragraph in yesterday's paper stating the John Pirie had arrived at Hobart Town, and that she had met the Buffalo beating up St. Vincent's Gulf. The main body of settlers had located themselves for the present on the eastern side of that Gulf near Mount Lofty. Who would have thought that we should have arrived in Australia before the Buffalo.
- 1 mo 8
First
day Ther. 70°. A very fine morning, feel none the worse for my day's work yesterday, and I & Stephen had to bring up all our heavy boxes upstairs. Much annoyed by bugs & fleas, tho' this is a new house they inhabit the floors &c in numbers. Caroline went with E. Dixon to the Methodist Chapel. Stephen went at one o'clock with Captain & E. Dixon to the estate of Mrs. Lette, who manages one of the principal farms in these parts. He will not return till tomorrow. This quiet day is such a relief to us. It was intensely hot in the middle of the day. After tea I took the children a walk round the Telegraph Hill, and they were as wild as hares. We and Caroline are very much dissatisfied with C. Weedon, and I almost doubt the marriage will be given up, in that case, she will remain with us, which will be a comfort to dear Bbe beyond expression.
- 1 mo 9
Second
day Ther. 66°. Showery, which we are glad to see as it will lay the dust. Went to the Australasian Bank and lodged our gold there. Chas. Henty is a manager there, he received me very cordially. His brother has just arrived at Hobart Town in the ship with the new Governor. He lost his child on the voyage. Stephen met old Thos. Henty in the town, who seemed very glad to see him. We have not had time to go to his house yet, which he is very desirous we should do. We can get our bills on London discounted at 2 pCt. but hope not to have much occasion for recourse to that, as we shall be able to pay for stock with our bills. Went to Griffiths' and obtained the terms on which he would take our stock to S.A. Home to dinner and then went to see Mr. Conolly who employs C. Weedon, to make some enquiry about him. He gives him a very favorable character, and seems to wish to befriend him in every possible way. He called this evening when Caroline told him she wished the affair to be broken off. He was keeping an actress by whom he had a child, just previous to the time he sent out for Caroline, which seems to have decided her to have nothing to do with him, joined to the indifference with which he received her at first.
- 1 mo 10
Third
day Mr. Jones called and we agreed with him for 10 barrels of pork which we ought to have brought from England, at £6.10.0 a cask. He is doing very well indeed with his mercantile venture. We then went to look at some mares for sale, and agreed with Griffiths respecting the freight & keep of stock to S.A. After dinner S. & I rode over to see Thos. Henty and his wife thro' the bush and were most kindly received. Did not return till quite late—agreed for two mares we rode there—both in foal—value 92£.

- 1 mo 11
Fourth
day S. & I rode over to Mrs. Lette's estate 10 miles thro' a wild but beautiful country. We saw there in one paddock, as they call it, which contains more than 700 acres above 6000 sheep, which appeared in the most perfect health. She obtained last year for her wool the highest price any has yet reached in Van Dieman's Land, viz. 2/- plb.—her wool alone brought in above £3000 last year. The water in most of the wells here is strongly impregnated with alum so that creek water, as they call it, is generally used. We find the Cataract water in Launceston very good, tho' it seems to have a drastic quality in it which does not agree with all. Captn. Dixon took his sister to his farm this afternoon. Stephen and Caroline are to go on Second day for a few days. It is about 30 miles off. Caroline has finally determined to go with us. She cannot make up her mind to marry C. Weedon. It will be a great comfort to Bbe to have such a companion. Agreed with two men who are acquainted with all the routine of bush work at about £30 per year with board as we are sure Englishmen will be like children at first in the wild woods, and could never manage the bullocks.
- 1 mo 12
Fifth
day Busy in arranging accounts all the morning. Went to a bookseller named Dowling, and offered him the books &c, from Darton's; he had just received a package from Darton & Son. He is a man of large property and one of the best businesses in the island, and withal a most worthy serious man. I recommended him to try Darton & Hervey—I trust I shall deal with him. Stephen rode over again to Mrs. Lette's this afternoon to see the stock she has for sale. I shall join him in the morning. Took dear Bbe, Caroline & 5 children in my boat up the river after tea, Pfender pulling the other oar. We all enjoyed it much. The weather is most beautiful, but the mornings and evenings are chilly & cold. The air is exceedingly dry & clear.
- 1 mo 13
Sixth
day Rode out at 8 this morning to Mrs. Lette's and found Stephen in the midst of the fold. There were 2200 lambs all together, about 8 mos. old, and they were a most beautiful lot. We agreed for 350 at 30/- a piece. They are to turn out 400 and we reject 50 of the worst, which will leave us with a fine lot. 4 ps. of bullocks at £35 a pair 6 heifers @ £10. She will take a bill on England which will suit us. Ordered a bullock dray & cart & a colonial plough. Saw Dowling in the evening respecting the books which he seems inclined to purchase. He was kind enough to wish me to go with him in his carriage about 50 miles into the country. He is going to fetch home his wife & children. I find that J. Backhouse & J. Walker are looked on with great affection & respect.
- 1 mo 14
Seventh
day Stephen's birthday, on second day we shall get his papers signed and put into the post office. I find on going on board the Isabella this morning that she will be quite full with sheep & passengers. Stephen has gone over to Mrs. Lette's to mark 350 lambs and 45 wethers. I hear today that a good river with $2\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms on the bar at low water has been found on the east side of St. Vincent's Gulf. It was all the colony wanted to ensure its success—and that the natives were not at all hostile. The man from whom we had the account was among them for a considerable time. Busy writing most of the day. Stephen came home completely fagged—his mare had thrown him in turning some cattle. Ther. 64° .
- 1 mo 15
First
day Stephen took Caroline to the Wesleyan Chapel and Bbe, I and the children sat down quietly at home. We found it expedient to light a fire today, it is quite chilly. Wrote a good deal to Gates and Margaret. In the evening S. & I took the boys for a walk.
- 1 mo 16
Second
day Went to see about signing Stephen's power of attorney to the Bank as he is of age today, and then wrote to Gates, and made out a statement to send him of what we are doing here which I trust will make us appear safe. We should have been in great difficulty if we had not had Chas. Henty's advice, for we found that no power of attorney executed in Van Dieman's Land is available in England unless witnessed by a Public Notary as well as a Police Magistrate after which the Notary has to attest the magistrate's signature. Rode out to see some bullocks a little way out of town—did not like them half as well as Mrs. Lette's. Took Bbe, Caroline & the children after tea a scramble to the Cataract Hill. Bbe bore it very well. We find a good sheep dog will fetch readily £10 here, so have done well in bringing what we have.
- 1 mo 17
Third
day Sent Gates the Journal up to this date, and also letters to the Sills, Father & Mother, & H. Watson by the Arabian—the post closes tomorrow.

- 1 mo 18
Fourth
day Did little but writing all day. Stephen rode over with H. Jones to look at some sheep, which he wishes to purchase to take to South Australia as a speculation. Wind against the Arabian.
- 1 mo 19
Fifth
day Called on Gilles about taking a few more sheep as he is agent for the S.A. Company, & Griffiths will send the William if 800 sheep can be made up for her. In the afternoon rode out to Manly's, a settler of 5 years standing, who has done a great deal in that time. Found in the evening that the Arabian had gone up the river so were very busy closing all letters for England.
- 1 mo 20
Sixth
day Occupied this morning in getting the letters to the post and had a case made for the chart & watch which we sent by the Arabian. S. & I after dinner went over the hills by the Cataract. The scenery was most romantic but we did not see a kangaroo, as we had wished to do. Our stay here is so short and our time so occupied that we shall see very little of the country. We had to scramble back along the bed of the Cataract, full of huge rocks, which completely knocked Stephen up.
- 1 mo 21
Seventh
day This morning Dowling declined taking the books, which I must send to Sydney—it will take somewhat from our ready stock of cash. S & I rode out to make our final purchase at Mrs. Lette's of stock & have bought 370 lambs, 30 wethers, 8 oxen, 6 heifers amounting to £750 which we gave bills on England for. Found dear Bbe & Willie quite poorly.
- 1 mo 24
Third
day Our invalids all better. Have been today getting our goods on board the Isabella. We may go on board to sleep tomorrow night. I wish we were well out of this river, which is a very difficult one to get up. Stephen went to Mrs. Lette's with Keeper to bring home the sheep, and brought home another pair of oxen and a Timor poney—we have also bought a fine North Devon Bull of a Mr. Manly.
- 1 mo 25
Fourth
day Buying poultry, pigs & goats, and packing up was all we could do today. We were made uneasy by the Pfenders applying for a farther advance of money, which we did not think it proper to give. I told Pfender he was at liberty to quit if he pleased but he did not seem inclined to go that length. Wrote to Gates advising him of our having drawn bills on him by the Ann.
- 1 mo 27
Sixth
day Am sorry to say I am lying in bed with a sore throat. I was on the water too late last night. Have had leeches and hope to be better tomorrow. This climate is too chilly for me in the mornings and evenings. The Pfenders do not go with us, so I rode out yesterday with Stephen to see a man & his wife, whom we think we shall engage—& shall go on board bag and baggage tomorrow. We shall be truly glad to be free from this place. Stephen is gone about eight miles up the river with the sheep and cattle, which are to be shipped there. He will be sadly wet for it is pouring with rain with thunder & lightning.
- 1 mo 29
First
day Did not leave Launceston till nearly 7 in the evening yesterday. Altho' very weak and poorly, I was able to get thro' a very hard day's work without much injury, except that I could not get my voice. Stephen went off early to the ship to see the stock taken on board and I had to close and settle all accounts in Launceston, and see all our goods and chattels packed up. As my chest is still very sore and uncomfortable I have put on a blister and am lying in bed in our old cabin, and quite think a day or two will recruit my strength. I am sorry to say several of the crew struck work yesterday, and we have a fair wind tonight and ought to be now sailing up the river and nearly out of it.
- 1 mo 30
Second
day Much better today and can nearly speak again. They have just got the last head of stock on board and we shall soon be moving down the river. Our noble bull was nearly drowned in hauling off the shore. We shall not have many passengers—Jones & Gilles & our own party—which will be pleasant. Willie fell overboard yesterday but was caught by a rope across which he fell, so was only frightened.
- 1 mo 31
Third
day We were lying nearly all day in a beautiful reach of the river within a stone's throw of the shore, only about 15 miles from Launceston. The wind strong against us. It fell calm in the evening so we were towed by boats as far as Whirlpool Reach. Was poorly and my chest very irritable all day. Stephen went on shore and bought a black goat from a settler.

- 2 mo 2 Under weigh at eight oclock yesterday morning, and have now cast anchor two miles from Georges Town, and hope to be at sea in the morning. S. & I & some of the children were rowing about the river in our boat while the ship was slowly towing down the tide. The cattle all well on board. We fear we shall have some trouble with Hill's wife, as she is fond of drink when she can get at it, and was rather tipsy this evening, but we hope in the new colony drink will be a scarce article.
Fifth day
- 2 mo 3 At ten this morning went out of the river with a fine easterly breeze. We shall make a quick passage if it continues. Fell calm soon after and so we lay till evening. Ther. 74°.
Sixth day
- 2 mo 4 A westerly breeze sprung up at four this morning, which has disturbed our equanimity very much. The cattle in the hold are sadly off, three or four bullocks loose and six or seven sheep dead—only one of ours. Some of the children, Bbe, Caroline, S. & I all sick and very miserable tho' not so bad as in the English Channel.
Seventh day
- 2 mo 6 A regularly foul wind ever since we left the River. We are this morning beating about Wilson's Promontory and are drifting east each tack. We lost one of our finest bullocks this morning—12 of our sheep are already dead; tho' they are insured it is very trying to see them go overboard one after another. Gilles and Jones of course suffer more than we do, tho' the bullock weighs against us. We cannot help feeling downhearted as we could not win Kangaroo Island in three months if this wind lasts.
Second day
- 2 mo 7 We are all in better spirits this morning for altho' there is not much wind what there is, is fair, and the air is very pleasant. We have now lost 16 lambs & Jones 19. We hope now to have better fortune. We feel ourselves in the hands of Providence, and must not repine at misfortunes which we cannot avert. We caught a baracouta, which is excellent eating.
Third day
- 2 mo 8 We are this morning nearly becalmed but hope after breakfast to be moving again. We are outside [outside] of Cape Otway and therefore are fairly at sea, and have plenty of sea room. A schooner in sight to the north. A fair breeze after noon. Many sheep dead.
Fourth day
- 2 mo 9 Becalmed as usual this morning. There were strong indications last evening of a westerly wind, but we hope that better things await us. We may be inside Kangaroo Island tomorrow if favored by the wind. We are much pleased with Lewis Gilles—he appears to be a thorough man of business and a gentleman. About one o'clock the wind came round to the south, and before dark we were off Cape Northumberland and within the limits of the colony.
Fifth day
- 2 mo 10 We had a fine breeze all night right aft, and are going along nobly. We may see Kangaroo Island tonight tho' we scarcely expect it. 24 sheep died last night—sad work—7 were ours—making 32 together that we have lost; well we had them insured. The Captain just caught a glimpse of land at seven this evening but as it was too late to venture to run in, we lay to all night, to our great discomfort, as there was a heavy sea running.
Sixth day
- 2 mo 11 This morning at eight we were sailing along Backstairs passage with a fine breeze. Cape Jervis is a bold promontory studded with trees and would probably make a fine sheep run as the hills appear gently rounded and covered with turf. The morning is very pleasant and mild. Yesterday it was a cold damp wind from the S.E. and I suffered for it, being very feverish in the night. We were a good deal becalmed after rounding Cape Jervis and about two in the afternoon we came in sight of some rush houses in Rapid Bay, which created quite a sensation and telescopes &c were put in requisition. A boat was soon lowered, and a party of us went on shore. We found the houses all deserted apparently only a few days. It was curious to see the manner in which the houses were constructed—long reeds & thatched with grass; the little gardens were flourishing, and we carried off some greens with us. It did not appear a bad omen that the settlers had found a better place, and at once returned on board, and with a better breeze ran along the coast for Holdfast Bay, which we had heard was 30 miles farther up the Gulf. We ran on till dark, and having performed the requisite distance anchored and fired a gun. Not very long after the master of a vessel came on board, and told us there were laying in the Bay the Coromandel, Buffalo, Rapid, John Renwick, & the Cygnet—in the river 15 miles farther the Tam-o-Shanter, which was stranded, the Africaine, Wm. Hutt. The river makes a very good harbour
Seventh day

but is not yet buoyed off. The township is not yet surveyed, but will be soon, and is called Adelaide. We could realize on our stock a very handsome profit, as there is no stock at present landed or scarcely any. We can let out our bullocks at a guinea a pair a day and be thanked for it. We shall squat for a short time at Glenelg at Holdfast Bay, by a lagoon, until the city is allotted. The Sutors we hear are on board the John Renwick—sent out for us.

- 2 mo 12
First day
The sheep are landed—600 out of 800 put on board. We have lost 62 out of 400, but could sell at a price nearly double that which they cost at Van Dieman's Land. Stephen has seen Morphett who will show us tomorrow where we ought to remain until we remove to Adelaide. The country is extremely beautiful—a plain of great extent, bounded by wooded hills. Very hot indeed.
- 2 mo 13
Second day
We have got our 9 bullocks on shore without an accident. The sheep became scattered in the course of the night, and we find there will be many missing, but it is of no use fretting. The Captn. in consequence of the sickly state of the sheep landed them where he first cast anchor, which was three or four miles from the lagoons, and as the sheep could not walk so far that night, they could not, being so thirsty, be kept together. The Ther. is about 104° in the shade and it is such a warm welcome, we are rather overdone by it, tho' I am much better than before we arrived. Stephen stands it well too; he stays on shore to see after the stock tonight. We think we cannot do wrong in sending for more, as there is so little in the colony and they must be had. Called on Morphett who is extremely kind and obliging—he is almost keeping Stephen and our men.
- 2 mo 14
Third day
The bull and heifers came on shore today. I went with them and drove them with S's help to the lagoons, are now very busy on board getting out our cargo.
- 2 mo 17
Fourth day
My journal is behind hand, but I have done nothing but remain on the beach and receive goods from the ship and stow them away in a tarpaulin hut, which we have established on the sand, which J. Hill has the care of. I go on board to sleep. Stephen has been in Morphett's hut. We are removing our goods with the bullocks as fast as we can to the place at Glenelg, we have fixed on as our temporary abode. We shall let out our bullocks at about 60/- a day for the dray, as soon as we have a little done our own work. We have already agreed to take goods a mile off the beach for 10/- a load. Ten of the crew of the Coromandel have betaken themselves to the bush, and we hear have formed a village in the hills. Our sheep will, we fear, serve to feed them if something be not done to secure them. We hear the Governor is determined to have something done.
- 2 mo 18
Seventh day
Some of my friends would shake their heads if they could see me writing in this tarpaulin hut on the beach, in such a temperature, surrounded with bags of flour, rice, oats, barley, &c and the man and woman in the hut busily getting me a cup of tea, for the thirst is very great on the least exertion. Our bullocks are invaluable, but the vexations in landing a cargo on an open beach such as Bognor, are very great—many articles thrown into the water and left to find their way to land as they can. I feel more than half inclined to do something in the storekeeping line. There are many articles which the settlers are much in want of which I can get by the Isabella from Launceston, next time. Anything which we can do to realize an income before farming can bring a return is of great consequence to us. Came on board earlier than usual my feet much blistered with the sun, as I was working in the water getting goods from the boats. The weather is now very pleasant, cool and agreeable. The first two or three days the heat was excessive, more so than any which has been felt here before this summer, but heat here does not seem to affect the health at all.
- 2 mo 19
First day
We were happy to find this was to be a quiet day on board which we all needed much. I should have been obliged to rest my feet as they are very painful and much swelled. Stephen came on board in the afternoon to talk over matters. Wrote to Gates & Mamma to report progress.
- 2 mo 26
First day
I have been so harrassed and busy with putting up a cottage, landing the family and goods and above all taking care of them, that my journal is a blank. On third day morning I came on shore early and began to put up the cottage, and in the evening all the family came on shore, and I had a bullock cart on the beach to convey them and their beds, &c to the cottage, which really looked and is very comfortable. It had been a most oppressively hot day 105° in the shade, and I had the misfortune to knock off the top of my finger with the pollaxe but a Mr. Cotter who is to be our medical man, put

all to rights. I was well tired when we all arrived at home. The rest of the week we have been getting our goods in order and bringing up all we can from the beach & have only some boards and shingles left there. One of our heifers has calved and her milk as the calf is dead will be a great acquisition to us. The goats too, I must mention for they are a great comfort, especially on board. We and all those who have come here anticipated confidently that the site of Adelaide would be on the shore of the Gulf or on some harbour which would make the city itself a sea port. The Surveyor General has fixed Adelaide 5 miles from Holdfast Bay and 5 also from Port Adelaide, so that the emigrants have to convey everything for that distance and all having come out under this idea and also thinking that Sydney & Launceston would send cattle &c find themselves in rather an awkward dilemma. There is an immense amount of property spoiling both at the Bay & at the Port for want of proper means of conveyance, and the labour of conveying even moderate packages over the sand hills on the beach by hand is tremendous and the men's health has suffered very much in consequence. Our team of oxen & drays is the first attempt which has been made here to land cargoes regularly and convey them to their destination. We have very high offers made us by the Company and others to carry goods for them, and shall be glad to avail ourselves of the opportunity.

3 mo 2 I have been all day at Adelaide with two hands putting up the other of our portable cottages in a very pleasant situation on the bank above the river, and as the town acres are not yet allotted I have Fifth with Mr. Fisher's leave pitched this cottage on the public road outside the town acres. It will be in day a great state of forwardness tomorrow. We find that Autumn is stealing upon us. Today it has been quite cool, so that a coat is quite comfortable even while working. We are putting down our cottage by a large ant's nest, but the poultry will soon make sure work of them. They seem mischievous to sugar more than any thing. Our surgeon Cotter is a most pleasant man; he came out surgeon of the Coromandel. He has been attending Stephen, who has been laid up with terrible boils & confined to his bed. We hope after tomorrow S. will be about again. It is rather odd that S. should be the first to require nursing, and his being laid up just now has been a great trial.

3 mo 5 I continue writing my journal tho' almost in despair at finding time to copy it, for our occupations in consequence of being only half housed, and our stores so much exposed are so engrossing, that reading or writing is almost out of the question. I go now to Adelaide every day as house carpenter. Last night First I walked home after dark, my man who helps me was lame so he rode instead of me. I must now have day someone to sleep at Adelaide, as we shall have loads sent up there every day. We hope to be able to buy a few acres of town land to erect our cattle buildings on, as we shall not have the country sections surveyed these six months. This will be to some of the small settlers a great drawback, as they cannot begin to improve any land till that is done, and in the meantime they are living on their means, and colonial prices are allways rather high. We took up a load to Adelaide for a person yesterday for the first time for £3.0.0 after having taken one for ourselves in the morning. We should have had we think some difficulty if we had not some means of obtaining a supply of ready money. We have also made something of a quantity of porter which we took of Captn. Hart. We received a second parcel from dear Gates from Captn. Berkeley [?] containing Tom's invoices & his statements. We fear that we shall never be able to get these immense packages of window frames &c from the beach. No package ought to exceed 2 or 3 cwt. as very heavy ones must be wetted. We had to back the dray into the water and by that means saved much from being spoiled. We have to give our stockkeepers £50 a year and £40 to any other hands. The washerwoman now does pretty well, and is rough washing our clothes. Bbe & I were saying this morning that it was an excellent thing for us none of our friends came with us. We could not advise anyone we know to have this work of independent settling to go thro'. It will be nothing when they have those to welcome them to their home who have surmounted the first difficulties, and above all have explored the country and know its capabilities. This is a sort of out of door life which requires some patience to go thro' it, as all cooking has to be done in the open air and one's meals to depend on a shower is not agreeable. When we have a kitchen built we shall begin to feel we have a home.

3 mo 8 Busy building at Adelaide for the last few days and have made great progress. No timber is allowed Fourth to be cut except from the bed of the river which very much increases the settlers' trouble. I sent one day of our men a sawyer, with another with cross cut saws, axes, &c to explore the bed of the river, but they could find nothing to answer their purpose. We must transgress or go without timber. We shall tomorrow cut down a tree close by us at Glenelg, and saw it into uprights and rafters as we cannot

afford to stand still. I begin to enjoy myself very much. Adelaide appears more beautiful every time I go there, and it will be much more healthy than this place which lies so low and the lagoons are becoming more and more stagnant. We find Sutor and his wife handy and willing. We are to give them £55 a year and their board.

- 3 mo 9 At work all day yesterday at Adelaide hanging windows and doors and putting up shelves in the house.
Fifth We began digging a sawpit today, and have cut down a fine red gum tree for the frame of a
day kitchen at Adelaide which is to be covered with the split paling we brought from Launceston. Have put together all our iron bedsteads and have the pieces all right. We wish we had another of Mannings' houses as we are very much in want of more room and building here is dearer than Mannings' cottage would be. If we had not had a sawyer with us we should have been sadly at a loss for materials. Our chief trouble is in finding the cattle if we had not brought horses we should scarcely ever find them they wander so far. Today the bull and heifers are missing so no milk this evening. We have a man at 18/- a week and board merely to follow them at night and bring them in to be yoked up and milked, and if he always brought them in we should save money by the expense, but as we know the country better our difficulties in this respect will decrease. The children all seem quite happy running about wild. We hope to be in better order with them when we go to Adelaide.
- 3 mo 13 We have had three oxen missing since sixth day, and this evening heard of them, and Stephen rode
Third across the plains eight miles to find them. Two came home safely but the third sad to tell named
day Sharper, dropped down dead a mile or two from our house. We set to work late as it was to butcher and flay him as it was only from his having drank too much water that his death happened. We shall send part of him to the Buffalo tomorrow, and shall realize more than his cost to us—but nothing can replace his services to us just now. A bullock that has been lame we have worked today and hope he will be able to supply Sharper's place. We had Samuel Stephens and J. Morphett to dine with us on first day. The former is Colonial Manager ['of the S.A. Co.' inserted above] and we liked him pretty well, tho' he has too much in him of what he calls chess-playing & which I should call over-reaching and manoeuvring to please me. We had for dinner some fine fish—preserved meat pie & a rice pudding, which I account sumptuous fare for a young colony. The milk we get from our goats and heifer is everything to our young ones. They thrive on their daily rice puddings nobly. We shall make money of our dairy when the other heifers calve.
- 3 mo 16 We have been putting down posts for a kitchen and two men's rooms yesterday and today. There
Fifth was a meeting yesterday of the holders of sections to determine on the mode of selection, which was
day agreed on by lot very fairly. I could not go as my housebuilding would have stopped if I had left the men and J. Morphett was there to represent our interests. I was pleased afterwards that I was not there as S. Stephens and the Governor came to high words, and the latter threatened very foolishly to take S.S. into custody. It is a bad thing for us that the Governor is not a different character. He seems well intentioned but is hasty and headstrong to an excess and appears to have no command over himself. His power of doing mischief is, fortunately, very limited. He is, I find, entirely led by his private Secretary Stephenson who has monopolized pro tempore, I hope, five or six offices, and thinks himself the only responsible man in the colony. He appears to wish anything but well to the Colony.
- 3 mo 21 Have been hard at work at the kitchens &c at Adelaide since fifth day from morning till night. I
Third have found after a hot day's work there, that a dip in the river has been very refreshing. It now lies
day in pools, which are very deep and as clear as chrystal. Our numbers are drawn for the preliminary town acres ['town acres' replace the deleted 'sections']—very much to our satisfaction. The order of choice being 72, 92, & 341, which gives Gates the middle number. I shall try to get an acre close to my house which is in an excellent situation for business. Our bullocks are going on well again & have been found regularly.
- 3 mo 24 There has been a report against the natives that they killed two sheep which they eat, and which
Sixth made us very uneasy as we feared it was the beginning of troubles. It now appears that it was invented
day by the shepherd. I have been laid up with a bowell attack for the last three days—a penalty for hard work. I cannot endure the thought of our buildings at Adelaide standing still, but as all the rafters are not sawn it is less matter. We have had our town lots chosen by Morphett yesterday. Stephen and another young man went out one morning this week and killed a kangaroo & a native dog—the

latter are very numerous and bold here. He killed another of them yesterday. We think the kangaroo the best dish at table we have had. We had a party of the natives here today and set them to work cutting wood &c.

- 3 mo 25
Seventh
day We are having now showery weather with strong winds S.W. It is cold enough in the evening to have a fire if we could. We hope to go on building on Second day as the sawing is pretty forward, and trust soon to go up to Adelaide bag and baggage. We shall not have the Isabella while this weather continues. I am much better today tho' quite weak yet. Our bullocks earned us £15. this week and have also done a good deal for us. No bad thing, that we have an incoming of this sort to keep up our spirits. We intend to buy land for selves and brothers on second day at the sale of the Town land to the amount of £200 or £300, and shall then have land we can cultivate if we wish, besides having a profitable investment of capital. They are expected to fetch about £5 p. acre. Our dear Caroline is everything to dear Bbe; she seems to think she cannot do too much for us. We should scarcely have had a comfortable meal since we landed but for her care. Our puzzle is to know what we could have done without her. Stephen went out with Mr. Stuart of the Company's station and brought home an emu, a leg of which we have for tomorrow—it is the size of a good large leg of lamb. I skinned a spur-winged curlew, which is not uncommon here tho' it would be thought curious in England.
- 3 mo 28
Third
day The fine weather returned with an easterly wind yesterday and I have had some hot work with the roof of the offices yesterday and today. We talk of removing on sixth day. The sale of the Town acres has gone off with great spirit, and has realized besides the 437 preliminary acres about £4000. We have bought about 60 acres but we have not yet received the account—chiefly for Gates Henry; it will be an excellent investment for them. All the site of the Town is now sold. People are now busy putting up their temporary abodes on their acres. The Rev. Mr. Howard is putting up his Manning's cottage within a short distance of us. They are very nice people. It will look very pretty when completed. He has followed our example in placing it on low piles. Bathed this evening after work in the river—rather cool but very refreshing.
- 3 mo 31
Sixth
day Have completed the roof of the kitchen today. We positively go up on second day, as I shall get matters a little comfortable by that time. Stephen and one of our men went out an excursion to beat up the valleys among the hills and see if any traces of our sheep which strayed on landing could be found. They will be out two or three days. Called on R. Gouger this morning and found the Governor & Stephenson, the pluralist with him; had long talk with them on various matters. Various wells are now in progress in Adelaide and the most excellent boring apparatus of the Commissioners was put in work today.
- 4 mo 7
Sixth
day A whole week since my last memorandums, but I have been too much engaged to think of writing, which would not surprise anyone who saw me at work on the 1st. Stephen returned from the bush—saw no traces of any sheep, but brought home the hind quarters of a huge kangaroo. They had the Timor poney with them to carry the load. We all came up to our new home on Second day as proposed, and we like the change much. Stephen stays at Glenelg [replacing the deleted 'Adelaide'] to take care of the stock and goods we are compelled to leave there for a time till we can get all transferred to Adelaide. The William fm. Launceston came in yesterday, 700 sheep & 12 bullocks for the Company. The Isabella sailed a day before her so that we may daily look for her. We were to have 400 sheep, 12 oxen & 4 cows by her, and a whole heap of stores for sale so we shall be busy enough for a while. We continue without trouble to earn £15 a week with one team of oxen besides doing our own work. We have put our noble bull into the yokes this week and he works well. Sutor is highly delighted at my setting him to enclose a piece of ground for a garden which is to be for seeds. We had some pour down rain last night which will just suit him. We have two hens sitting down at Glenelg & hope soon to see the chicks. The nights are now often cold I looked at the thermometer at four this morning and it was only 44°. I am glad to hear that Stephenson has been in a manner indited before the Council for sundry offences—some against the public, others against individuals. He has been obliged to resign all his appointments but his original one—that of private secretary to the Governor. I am sorry to add that I am laid by the heels again with a bowell attack.

- 4 mo 11
Third
day The William sailed on seventh day for Launceston and as she left before the Isabella has arrived we do not know what to think of it. I got our other cottage up from Glenelg and have this afternoon made great progress in putting it together. We shall be so much more comfortable when that is accomplished. I sold a lot of butter ex Isabella by which we clear £25 which is pretty well for a beginning. We lost two sheep a night or two ago by native dogs, with whom Stephen is at deadly warfare. They rushed at the fold and the sheep broke out—fortunately the two injured were the worst we had. A short time ago the Company's fold was in the same situation and 800 sheep were scattered and many lost. I finished a letter for G. & M. Holmes. Bbe has been very busy too writing to Margaret and Father & Mother. The John Renwick is going to sail in a few days. The Captain of this vessel as well as Captain Chesser of the Coromandel intend returning to the colony and have purchased land in the town. They talk of bringing out vessels suited to the colonial trade of a light draft of water, and as this is a most lucrative trade they will no doubt do well. We cannot help sometimes regretting we did not bring out more from England, as the profit on English prices is in all cases so great on articles of consumption. There will be a beautiful plan of Adelaide sent home by the Company which will be seen by those who take an interest in us, with great interest.
- 4 mo 14
Sixth
day Sealed letters to England to Margaret, the Holmes' with a long order to Tom. We dined in our parlour today, and I finished the roof of the entire building. It has been a squally rainy day, and our tarpaulins were nearly blown off several times. Engaged with the Government to supply the Buffalo with water previously to her leaving for Sydney—at the same rate we are now carrying for others, and as it will be back carriage, it will be clear profit. Our seeds are getting on nicely this showery weather, we do long for vegetables. We begin to be uneasy respecting the Isabella as she ought to have arrived long before this. We suppose Captain Hart has put into some other port and is waiting for a change of wind. It is quite curious to see the natives walking about among the tents, quite at home. They are all clothed or partly so—one called Jack has just passed with his children; he is a fine specimen, and is becoming quite civilized. Mrs. Brown here has made one of them as chief a sort of round frock, which he is very proud of. The noise they make most evenings in their corrobberies is most tremendous, and sounds most strangely when most others are quiet.
- 4 mo 20
Fifth
day I have been today riding with Stephen to see a fine country which he has discovered among the hills about 10 miles from this, and have been very much delighted with the beauty of the valleys which are filled with the richest black mould I have seen as yet, and natural springs of water in all directions. We intend to send two men there tomorrow to begin a sheep yard, as we intend to take possession of it for a sheep run, as we must take them from Glenelg for the winter. I have been hanging doors &c and making a small sideboard with cedar as well as some book shelves. Willie is taking some lessons in French & Latin from a person named Jickling who is a barrister by profession, and it is rather convenient as he is not yet housed, for him to take his breakfast and tea with us. There are several ladies who have called on Bbe and Caroline whom they like very much. The Howards especially are very nice people. Mr. Howard is most indefatigable in his buildings and garden.
- 4 mo 21
Sixth
day I have despatched two men and the bullock cart to begin the sheep fold at the run which is to be six or seven feet high for fear of the dogs, which are numerous there. Hard at work carpentering. Having sent off the Washerwoman's husband to the run she has taken advantage of his absence to get herself terribly tipsy. We do not know what to do with her, we cannot keep her that is certain. Her husband is as much puzzled as she will keep him poor wherever he may be. There is nothing so bad as a drunken woman.
- 4 mo 24
Second
day Sent letters by the Victor to Sydney for M. Hack, B. Sill, W. & M. Watson & Porter & Co. respecting the books of which they had not received the invoice. Dined with Sir J.W. Jeffcott at R. Gougiers, the Secretary. Caroline went to a grand party at the Governors in the evening.
- 4 mo 25
Third
day Rode over with Sir J.W. Jeffcott to our run to show him a little of the country with which he is very much delighted. He thinks he saw nothing in Van Dieman's Land to equal it.
- 4 mo 29
Seventh
day We are beginning to suffer a good deal from the ophthalmia which is peculiar to these latitudes. We found nothing of it until we had a stomach attack, but now Bedford, Allie & dear Bbe are suffering from it. It soon gives way to Mr. Cotter's remedy, a weak solution of nitrate of silver. The men are

returned from the run tonight and I find the walls of the sheep yard are finished, but as the Isabella does not turn up, we must not go on for the present. It is now in a state that can be made available at any time. The Rapid has orders to start for England on the 11th of next month. I am writing to Gates &c and am in some hopes of having my journal written up. It is such an excellent chance for direct communication, and such an one may not occur again for some time. We are doing well with our bullocks now as they have earned as much as £12 in one day. I dined with a large party at Mr. Fishers yesterday and enjoyed it very much. I was obliged to appear in a pair of slop fustian trousers. So much for Colonial etiquette. The dinner was very well appointed equal to any in England. There was an allusion to the Governor's appointment as being a most random, one at dinner. It seemed on the part of those who gave the place, that character was of no consequence.

5 mo 1 Am suffering again with my stomach, with nearly all the children. I have been in the practice of milking our heifer which is tethered by the river. This morning I could scarcely get back again.
Second day

5 mo 6 Stephen & Mr. Stuart killed two kangaroo on 5th day so we have a good stock of fresh meat on hand. We are all pretty well again but dear Bbe has had this eye complaint very badly. I have so much of it that it renders writing almost out of the question, which as I am busy for the Rapid is very mortifying. We have had fine showers the last day or two, which bring up our seeds daily. The nights again are quite cold. We are hard at work building a chimney to the sitting room with clay for mortar and large stones, and are making a stockyard opposite the house, as the bullocks are to be here now. We are expecting more of the heifers to calve, and I am impatient to see a little of a dairy going on. We have one heifer we have not seen since she was landed as she took off into the bush, but we hear of her now and then and shall hunt her up as soon as we have time.
Seventh day

5 mo 13 I have been unable to write for the last week owing to this eye complaint, but am nearly well today. Good news, the Schah has come in and brought all our goods from England and a parcel of most welcome letters, which bring up our English news to a very recent date. The Regia from G. Porter & Co., Sydney, is here. We have bought out of her some articles of which I understood the colony stood in need for sale and shall have plenty of work carrying goods from her and the Schah at the Harbour. I rode down to Glenelg yesterday and was astonished to find Captain Hart walking with Stephen at our tents, and was still more so to hear from him that he had lost the Isabella with the whole of her cargo, and wholly thro' the negligence of Reid the mate who came out with us from England & fell asleep on his watch and let the vessel run stem on to Cape Nelson—she was to pieces in twenty minutes. Captn. Hart has lost nearly all his property as the cargo was uninsured and was shipped on his and Mr. Jones' account and which cargo we were to take off their hands when here, and give them 10 pcent. on their invoices. The invoices which the Captn. brought would have nearly all paid us 50 pcent. if they had arrived safe. We are very sorry for the Captain. He will be our guest while he stays. He came in the William from Launceston. The first Grand Jury ever to be called together in Australia met today and received the charge from the Judge. I was of the number, and was most agreeably surprised to see that so large a body of respectable men could have been assembled at so early a period of the Colony, as that out of which the Grand & Petit Jurys were to be chosen.
Seventh day

5 mo 16 The Judge has this morning discharged the Grand Jury, and very glad we were to be set at liberty. There was a presentment from it to his Honor signed by nearly the whole against the conduct of most of the Marine Corps, who have behaved in the most disgraceful way since they have been on shore to guard the property landed from the ships. They have been the foremost in drunkenness and thieving. The colony will be will [well] rid of them when the Buffalo sails. I was at Port Adelaide last week and was much pleased with the place. There appears only to want a trifling outlay to enable the boats to discharge their cargoes close to the warehouses, as a small cut over a morass of a hundred yards, would do all that is at present wanted, but a canal or a railroad can be taken from thence to Adelaide with the utmost ease as the plain is perfectly level and only between four & five miles across. Our gum trees would make noble sleepers for a railroad. Others think with me on this point and we prepared a memorial to Mr. Fisher to request him to cause something to be done at once to facilitate the discharging cargoes. I am given to understand that it will produce the effect designed.
Third day

- 5 mo 20
Seventh
day Captain Hart left us to go to Sydney yesterday. After many anxious consultations we have determined to invest part of our capital in the purchase of a schooner, and to give him the command, to set him on his legs again. We have therefore drawn on Gates for £1500 and given the bills to him enclosed to Porter & Co. Sydney and have had an agreement drawn up and signed by him relative to his conduct in the affair. We hope this trial may be a fortunate one. Captain Hart laid the foundation of his former employer's fortune in the Colonial trade, and his experience in these colonies is worth anything. As a beginning he has a cargo ready for him for Gilles and the Company at two pounds the ton. Mann the Attorney General and J. Morphett have behaved to me in the most friendly way. I had to consult them on Captn. Hart's business. Bought some timber, sugar, potatoes, &c out of the William—nearly £300. I wish there had been ten tons of potatoes instead of two, tho' I had to give £12 a ton.
- 5 mo 23
Third
day I have been today attending a meeting of the council with Morphett and one or two more to give names to the streets and squares of this our new metropolis, which we accomplished and I have filled in a plan for Gates with the names attached and our sections colored in Indian ink. I demanded yesterday a survey on some barrels of pork I had bought from the Regia in consequence of not being satisfied with the appearance of the casks & of one which I saw opened on board the William. It was pronounced inferior, and I therefore declined the whole. I am sorry to say that this vessel the Regia the conduct and wilful falsehoods and attempts to cheat on the part of the Captain have very much lowered my opinion of the respectability of the house of G. Porter & Co, more particularly as a junior partner named Arnold is on board and countenanced Captn. Tompkins in his conduct. They produced a book of invoices which they affirmed to be bona fide English invoices or copies from them and which I know to be false.
- 5 mo 24
Fourth
day I have been today to the harbour to get some of our goods from the Schah and find them in excellent order. We have got our chifionier, drawers, canisters &c and hope to have another load tomorrow. I like the Schah so much I quite covet her. Would anyone believe that the Harbour is not yet formally proclaimed a port by the Governor on account of some misunderstanding between him and Mr. Fisher. Captains have to enter it under protest and it must exercise a most injurious influence on the port.

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- 5 mo 5 The last week has been rendered one of much alarm and anxiety in the colony owing to an outbreak on the part of the natives. On the 29th, an account was brought into Adelaide that Osman Gilles' shepherd named Duffy, an old man, had been attacked and was dangerously wounded by them. This proved to be true. Duffy was tending his sheep when he saw a party of natives passing a short distance off. Three of them left the body and came towards him. He rounded up his sheep and drove them towards home. The three blacks came up to him and while one came & said "Plenty sheep", "over yonder" pointing over the hill another knocked his down with his waddy, and kept him down by putting his foot on the neck. They then introduced an instrument something like a wooden bayonet into the abdomen, and supposing they had killed him, left him. On coming to himself a little he crawled to the bank of the river and made himself heard by someone on the opposite side, when he was brought into Adelaide, and has subsequently died of his wound. An inquest was held on the body by a jury of which I was foreman and we brought in a verdict of "wilful murder against some blacks unknown to the jurors". The Governor was unfortunately absent. G.M. Stephen the Secretary, sent for me in order to read over a proclamation which he had drawn up stating that a party of police had gone out to search for the offenders and that the usual rations would not be issued for a few days and that the colonists had better not give anything to the natives until further notice. As this murder had been committed so close to Adelaide, and two other cases of shepherds having been also killed coming to my knowledge, I was quite in favour of stopping the rations for a few days, thinking that this would prove a stronger incentive to the others to endeavour to secure the offenders, and also make the whole feel the inconvenience of breaking the peace at present existing among the inhabitants of the province whether white or black. The police have returned with six black prisoners, some of them notoriously ill disposed blacks, and who have confessed to some of the crimes, and took the party

to show where one of the men killed was concealed. They were brought to the Magistrate's court for examination but the Colonial Secretary put off the examination saying it had better be a private one. This took place at the Jail, and Morphett, McLaren & I were summoned to the Council for the purpose of giving our opinion as to the expediency of bringing these men to a speedy trial¹. It was decided that the Judge should be required to call a special session as soon as possible, as if the men were found any or all of them guilty, and an example was thought by the executive to be necessary, the sooner this was done the better. I am informed that the natives of the tribe to which these men belong threaten to poison the water of the river if we punish these men. A man was coming from the Port to Adelaide when some natives knocked him off his horse by throwing a waddy at him and threw a spear at the horse which struck him in the leg. This seems to me to be a more serious, because a more daring, attack than any of the others, being almost in the town itself. It was dark at the time. An old woman, our nurse, had her bonnet knocked over her face by one of them because she refused white money which he asked her for. She ran off as fast as she could, which is all she knows about it. This was with a waddy, and in the middle of the town near the river. All these occurrences are the more to be regretted because the good understanding between the colonists and the natives has not been interrupted for a considerable time, and there certainly has been no provocation on the part of the whites. It is only to be expected that men with minds totally uncultivated as the natives are, should covet the possession of property so desirable to them as that of the colonists must be, and that they will miss no opportunity of committing aggression for the purpose of procuring this. In the bush, it will be absolutely necessary that no blacks should be allowed to approach the stations. It is all very well when two or three men are there, but if they should happen to come when the property is unguarded or the females only in the way, they will certainly commit acts of aggression. I and another gentleman were at a station 14 miles from Adelaide—only two women were at home each with a baby in arms on 4th day last. We were mounting our horses to leave when a tribe of blacks came onto the adjoining hill. On seeing us they left their spears & waddys on the hill and four or five men loaded themselves with firewood and came down to the hut. We refused to give them anything and told them to go away, which after some little talk they did. I have no doubt but that if they had seen these women alone, and frightened that they would have forced them to give whatever they liked, and as soon as aggression begins, of course the means of concealment are likely to be resorted to by the murder of the parties who have it in their power to become witnesses. Men at out stations must have arms put in their hands for self defence, and it is much to be feared that men such as are willing to take these situations will not be very scrupulous in their use and that thus a spirit of enmity will be engendered which would be much to be lamented. A public meeting on this engrossing subject is called at two o'clock on Tuesday next. I presume that the evening which is likely to be the only time when time can conveniently be found by the colonists for such a purpose might gather too large a meeting, and this would not be quite at present convenient. There are two important subjects for consideration at this meeting. The first, as to the natives carrying their weapons with them in the town. Some hundreds live by the river side between North & South Adelaide & are regularly rationed. Surely it would be no hardship to expect all these who are so circumstanced to leave their weapons in the country when they come in, and when in the country no prudent man will ever allow of their approach when armed. The other subject is that of secondary punishments as applied to the offences of which these unfortunates may be convicted. Imprisonment in goal, would, I conceive, from past experience, prove in most cases fatal, if prolonged for any length of time. Corporal punishments by flogging brutalizes both the criminal and those who witness it. Might not a very simple and efficacious remedy be found for this difficulty by adopting the plan of transporting such criminals as these to such a place as Kangaroo Island? There are wallaby there in prodigious numbers. They might have their wives & families; rations of biscuits might still be issued; a missionary would there have them in such close quarters, that his exertions would have double the effect he can ever hope for here, and the colonists would have the means of securing men, who must be punished and who if punished and let loose again would take every means of revenge which chance might throw in their way. Kangaroo Island is unfit for the residence of the white population. The expense of clearing would be too heavy to render it valuable, and it would be quite sufficiently extensive to take from the plan any appearance of imprisonment. It is not exactly a course I approve of to hold a public meeting to discuss such points as these in the absence of the Governor, but the state of feeling of the colonists is such that some

¹A marginal note of '5 mo 4' entered at the beginning of a new page here was probably meant to denote the continuation of '5 mo 5'.

public step is necessary as a vent to their excited imaginations, and the enquiry which may take place cannot in my opinion do any injury; at the same time it may cause a jealousy of any interference on the part of the colonists.

- 5 mo 11 The meeting respecting relations between the colonists and the natives was held, and very numerously and respectably attended. The most remarkable part was the universal expression of the sentiment that the protectorship of the natives was an office which for the last two years had been virtually vacant; that the instructions to the Protector had not even been attempted to be carried out, and I trust the expression of the feeling of the colonists on this subject may lead to a better performance of the duties of this office. The natives a few days since before the late occurrences, I find, speared a bullock belonging to my old friend Abbott, and when found were busily employed in cutting him up and carrying the flesh away. The natives being only occasionally here and not known by name or appearance except to a very few renders it almost impossible to identify them as having been engaged in any act of depredation or violence and this creating a sort of impunity when the necessary proofs are required to satisfy the law of the identity of the offender. This will lead, we fear, to much mischief, and unless the protector knows more of them and can say when any new men come down where they come from, and for what purpose, this state of things will grow from bad to worse, as they will be more and more driven away from locations of the colonists. It is now generally understood, that in the bush they must be kept at a distance.