

Journal of the passage of The Canton. (1835).

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[Dawson family included father and mother, John, Thomas (Tom), Henry, Mary, Jane, Charlotte and Fanny. Journey went via the Canary Islands, Trinidad, Cape Horn, St Paul's Island (Ile Saint-Paul), King Island]

<p>April- Wednesday 19th</p>	<p>Number of boxes</p> <p>16 Boxes</p> <p>8 Baskets</p> <p>2 Beds</p> <p>1 Barrel</p> <p>4 Bags</p> <p>2 Armchairs</p> <p>(Gone down below by the Steamer to Geardens)</p> <p>10 Packages and two beds</p> <p>Other box container John Thos & Henrybest sent packed up this morning</p> <p>a Leather trunk containing 3 <i>[illegible]</i> 3 <i>[illegible]</i> & New</p> <p>3 pairs of stockings- 1 shawl & Ruff 2 pair <i>[illegible]</i> 1 Coat.</p>
	<p>My Fathers Chest</p> <p>Flour Bin Box</p> <p>Salting Tub Box</p> <p>Jane's Box</p> <p>Washing Tub Box</p> <p>Cradle Box</p> <p>Mothers Box</p> <p>Marys Box</p> <p>Small trunk</p> <p>Churn</p>

	<p>Bag</p> <p>Small Wood Box</p> <p>Leather Trunk</p>
1835	Journal of the Ship "Cantons" Passage from London to Sydney
April 30 th	Went on board this morning at 5 o'clock [illegible].
May 1 st	<p>Weighed anchor about 3 o'clock this morning . [illegible] about as far as [illegible] anchoring again about 8 o'clock off * at 5 o'clock this afternoon [illegible] to the Emigration [illegible] who had accompanied us so far took leave of us all- a very affecting scene, the females all sobbing & crying. about ½ past 5 we weighed anchor. the wind suddenly chancing and [illegible] about 6 o'clock. a very bad dinner. could have eat [illegible].</p>
May 2 nd Saturday	<p>This morning about 7 o'clock weighed anchor and proceeded on our voyage but the wind not being very favourable were obliged no tack. My father still very unwell. had [illegible] service performance on board- a very good allowance to-day. at 8 o'clock this afternoon the ship struck off [illegible] Light ours but the tide coming in so we got off after being aground about two hours and a half. it was almost calm weather. she had the whole of her sails set that she generally has. The main sail main top-sail. main top. gallant sail. Fore & mixer Sails like wise. staysail & jib.</p>
May 4 th Monday	<p>The wind still unfair. Obligated to tack. The day very fine- my mother very unwell- but my father better- between 5 and 7 o'clock this afternoon our vessel ran aboard a little fishing smack lying at Anchor and carried away her After Mast . but in other things did her very little damage.</p>
May 5 th Tuesday	<p>The wind fair but very little of it so that we made very little way- my mother a little better- a very warm morning- but misty afternoon-</p>
May 6 th	<p>The wind very unfair blowing right in our teeth so that this day we</p>

Wednesday	hardly got any farther that we were yesterday- had salt-fish to dinner to-day but as we were all sea sick my father and mother particularly could not touch it- and we had not either pepper nor anything else with it
May 7th Thursday	Wind still very unfair beating about Portham- my father & mother very ill- all the Females very sick. could not eat anything to-day- very cold and misty.
May 8th Friday	Still very unfair- and not a bit farther on our voyage than we were on Tuesday- my father and mother a great deal better- very misty to-day. obliged to keep a sharp lookout ahead- this day a man of the name of Parson borrowed 57 or my fathers [illegible]
May 9th Monday	This day still knocking about at sea- everyone feeling very sick and it has very rough [illegible]. served salt fish out to-day not fit to eat. our mess would not submit to it. applied to the Captain for redress [about the poor quality meals] but he made game of it and threatened to confine any one that made anything more to do about it. my father & mother very ill again obliged to keep their beds. my father and mother very sick again obliged to keep their beds- had biscuit served out to us to-day for the first time since we came on board.
May 10th Tuesday	A very beautiful fine morning- about 9o'clock put in Tor Bay Devonshire till a favourable wind springs up. Had this day served out to us ½ lb of flour and two ounces of currants to each man being the first time it they were served out to us since we came on Board [illegible].
May 11th Monday	A fine morning [illegible]- still in Tor Bay. The wind is the same quarter as it had been these last two weeks almost. my Father and Mother very well- this morning my Father cut all out hair I mean John's, Thomas' & Henry's, besides 3 or 4 boy's hair in the ships. Gratis. a boat came along side with sweet meals. Bread sold them at an exorbitant rate- none of us allowed to go onshore.
May 12th Tuesday	A beautiful day- still in Tor bay. had Flour again to-day. my Father and Mother very well in good health- some visitors from Brixham

	came on board this afternoon- the sailors employer on board in rigging the vessel. ½ tb bread served to each man- Got some fresh water on board & Potatoes.
May 13th Wednesday	A very cold morning. & rainy afternoon- more visitors from Brixham to-day- a few of the male Emigrant allowed to go on shore- had ½ tb Cheese each man served out to-day and tea of meat to-morrow
May 14th Thursday	Blow this morning very rather fresh from the same Quarter as it had done these last 2 weeks. Captain & Surgeon went on shore & more visitors from Brixham- had ½ ph oatmeal served out to-day for the first time- instead * of some Fisherman came along side with oysters selling them at 4 per score. a Vessel called the “Royal William” bound to Madriad obliged to put in here on account of the unfavourable winds- no meat to-day nothing but bread & Cheese- plenty of potatoes today but very shocking bad ones. Several Females ill in the Hospital. Thos Newberry an Emigrant & The Surgeon had a fine ‘Blow Up’ to-day on account of Newberry’s wife being down in The Cabin with her husband him.
May 15th Friday	A dead calm. Had the full allowance of biscuit served out this day being 1 tb each man- Mr. Light from Brixham a Clergyman came on board this Afternoon & distributed some tracks among the Emigrants- Captain again went on shore- some of the Female Emigrants very desirous of going home again- this day the sailors employed in loosing out Sails to dry to & overhauling Luggage.
May 16th Saturday	A very beautiful [illegible] lovely morning- my father & mother very well. had salt fish served out again to-day which we could not eat. one of the Scotch Female Emigrants was this day locked up in the Coal hole because she persisted in smoking after being told ordered not to do it- had Vinegar served to-day for the second time.
Sunday May 17th	A very rainy day- still in Tor Bay- A Clergyman of the name of light preached a sermon on board between decks which made a seeming great impression on some of the females. Some of them

	<p>fainting, others of them sobbing & crying. Had ½ pint of oatmeal (each man) served out again to-day- my mother's mess have not had enough biscuit for these last two or three days- obliged to come to us for some <i>beg from us to fill their supply Pouches.</i></p>
<p>Monday May 18th</p>	<p>A beautiful calm morning. An Emigrant of the name of Newberry this day wanted to go on shore (I mean [illegible] to go home again) as but Mr. Marshall (who came on board this morning about 11 o'clock) would not allow him to have any of his Luggage up out of the Hold. Therefore what few little things he had with him in his Cabin he tied up and threw overboard & was about to swim in ashore (being about a mile & a half off) but he was prevailed on at last to stay ashore- about 3 o'clock this afternoon. Mr Marshall took his leave amidst tremendous cheering- about ½ past 3 o'clock a favourable breeze springing up the Sailors engaged in weighing the anchor & they are just now kicking up such a Row with their 'heave hoys' that I am almost deafened with the noise at the same time that Mr Marshall took his leave a young woman of the name of 'Jane Wills' went ashore with him as she repented of having come- about 9 o'clock this Evening the wind suddenly changed & we were obliged to put back into Tor bay & Drop anchor.</p>
<p>Tuesday May 19th</p>	<p>About 4 o'clock this morning the wind changed in our favour weighed anchor & preceded on our voyage- a very rainy mornng but fine afternoon. [illegible] it being rather rough my Father and Mother very poorly & most of the Females sick- had a Quarter of fresh beef served out am'gst us to-day it being a present sent on board by Mr Marshall yesterday at the time we set sail this morning the Captain fi <i>saluted</i> to the inhabitants of Brixham of <i>with</i> one Gun.</p>
<p>Wednesday May 20th</p>	<p>[from 20 May appears to be a different hand writing, although still referring to 'my mother' etc; the ship finally made it into the English Channel this day]</p> <p>Nearly a fair wind to-day. appears to be several ships in company with us. this is a fish dinner day, my mother better, my father very</p>

	poorly- a very fine day. Several people very ill on Board. The Scotch (?) woman put into the coal hole illegible for smoking.
Thursday May 21st	A beautiful morning. illegible are becalmed today at the mouth of the Channel. my father & Mother very well- had fish served out to-day for tomorrow. had all the beds aired on Deck to-day. My Mother found some fold on ones of the women's beds <i>today</i> .
Friday May 22nd	A strong breeze right in our teeth. About Midnight had nearly run down a French Fishing Smack (they being asleep on board. The smack she (the Smack & being dark at the time about 11 o'clock illegible).
Saturday May 23rd	A stormy day- illegible strike out <i>certain wind</i> - so that we made but little way illegible to-day- are just passing the shores of the Bay of Biscay- had flour served out again today for the <i>illegible</i> time. Currants for the second & cheese- my Father hurt himself very much this afternoon about 6 o'clock with getting into his Berth. he stepping out & falling cut his Legs on a Box & tore all the skin off from his knees down to the ankles.
Sunday May 24th	Very <i>Rather</i> Stormy day wind in the same quarter as it was yesterday. the ship pitching dreadfully. my mother very sick- Thomas very ill- caught a swallow this afternoon in my hat at the stern of the ship the young woman that who was put into the Coal Hole twice for smoking was caught again to day in that Act & was put into the Hospital- about 10 o'clock this night the wind suddenly changed in our favour.
Monday May 25th	A very beautiful morning. but rough afternoon. saw immense numbers of Black Fisk of the Porpoise species in the mornng in the Bay, My mother still very poorly- Thomas a little better- myself rather poorly illegible struck out :at 10 o'clock at Night the wind suddenly changed again right in our teeth.
Tuesday May 26th	A very rough day- about 10 o'clock this mornng the wind changed again in our favour- my Father Mother Mary- Jane - & Thomas, all very ill and not any of them being able to stir out of Bed. The ship is pitching so at present that I Can hardly <i>scarcely</i> write.

Wednesday May 27 th	A very beautiful lovely mornng wind still in our favour. going all this day at the rate of 9 Knots for houses. My Father Mother & all a great deal better. Saw great Number of the same kind of fish as we saw the other day. great number a lot of Females ill in the Hospital
**Thursday May 28 th	A very Beautiful day it rained a little in the mornng. My Mother very poorly. it is blog at present a delightful breeze as we are going at the rate of 10 knots per hour.
Friday May 29 th	Another fine mornng still a beautiful breeze as we are going on average 8 knots per hour. Charlotte very ill to day. Mother better. Found out to day that a vast of the beds swanned with fely as they were dried out on Deck to-day again. had [illegible] served out to-day.
Saturday May 30 th	A beautiful warm mornng. had flour & currants served out to-day. had 1oz. of sugar per day served out to each man instead of puttg it into the tea as before. they serving it out a weeks allowance each time. the wind still favourable. a pretty Row to-day kicked up between the Doctor & a Girl of the name Kitty Mannings he ordering her to go on Deck when she refused & he struck her with a switch when a lot of the other Girls joined her & abused him shamefully. thinkg to murder him at the first opportunity.
Sunday May 31 st	A very hot mornng abt 12 o'clock Aftnoon [illegible] in big ht of Madena. we sailed abt 12 or 13 miles off it so that we could not see it very plain. found out that Charlie had taken the small pox. Females had wind [illegible].
Monday June 1 st	A very hot mornng. wind still favourable going on an average to-day of about 4 miles per hour. Charlotte still very ill the pimples came out yesterday. had the [illegible] on Deck to be cleaned to-day had the potatoes on Deck [illegible] out the Rotten ones.
Tuesday June 2 nd	Another very hot mornng about noon passed one of the Canary Island. had the [illegible] on deck today. My Father taken very ill. Charlotte not any better. wind still favourable but very little of it. wind blowg N. E.

Wednesday June 3 rd	Still very hot about 9 o'clock this mornng. passed another of the Canary Islands. My Father [illegible] this mornng. wind still blowg from N. E. the Awning for the poop put up today for the first time.
Thursday June 4 th	A very beautiful morning. The "Royal William" which left Tor Bay the day before we did came in sight yesterday mornng & this mornng we overtook & left her about 10 miles by 3 o'clock in the afternoon. My Father rather better. Wind still in same Quarter. Going an average to-day about 9 miles per hour.
Friday June 5 th	A very warm mornng abt 6 o'clock this mornng came the into a Tropical Climate. the "Royal William" out of sight. my Father not much better. Three or four persons in the ship have taken the Small Pox. Saw great Numbers of Swallows flying abt very near to the water. 7lbs of biscuit served out to each person with 5ts of Rice to-day.
Saturday June 6 th	A warm mornng wing blowg very fresh from N.E. [illegible] obliged to come and beg of us. had Flour, Currants & Suet served out to-day besides cheese for Dinner & the weekly allowance being [illegible] 7 tb men each mess & 5tb women & Biscuit Men 5 tb e. mess. women 2 ½ tb. wind blowg fresh fr. N. E. at the rate of 8 Knots an hour.
Sunday June 8 th	Tremendous hot weather- abt 10 o'clock in the [illegible] hooked a Fish which the Sailors called an 'Albicore' of about 30lbs weight. had Divine Soiree performed on board. My Father a little better. Quite a favourable breeze by we Don't go very fast as it is only a weakish one. had lime juice served out to-day for first time.
Monday June 8 th	Exceeding hot mornng. Fanny taken the Small Pox. saw great Nos. of Flying Fish darting out of the water & fly about 20 yds. My Father a great deal better- the sailors employed in varnish the Deck- had 3 ½ lbs of biscuit served out to day to women & to men of 8 in each mess.
Tuesday June 9 th	A very beautiful mornng. My Father very poorly again. It is almost a Calm at present so that the Ship is going very slowly. The women had 2 ½ lbs of Pork & 3 ½ of biscuit each mess served out to

	them- & men of pork 3 tbs each befs & biscuits 3lbs. This Day saw a Shark floating on the surface of the water.
Wednesday June 10th	Another still hotter mornng. This mornng saw a great number of [illegible] also a gt many Porpoises. about 3 o'clock this Afternn came in sight of the 'Melville Fengate'. [illegible] homeward Bound which from Bombay were she had been Stationed for abt 3 ½ years. she gave a signal for un to heave to & she then sent a Boat on Board, manned by 10 Seamen with the 1st Lieutenant & a Midshipman- we made her a present of 2 Sacks of potatoes- just now some of the Sailors have been try'g to harpoon the Porpoises but could not hit them. Last Night a Little Boy of the name of Marsh died age 11 mos. & was thrown overboard this mornng about 7 o'clock. 11 females had 3 ½ tbs of Biscuit & men 4/5 ([illegible]) tbs served out to-day.
Thursday June 11th	A fine mornng but rainy in Afternn- abt 3 o'clock a heavy squall came on from the S.E. when we were obliged to take in the Top Gallant Sails & Royals- hauled down jib & Stay Sail. Brailed up the Spanker when the wind settled a little, took a Reef in the Topsails & Got ye MainTack on board towds Eveng it fell a Calm Loaded Top Galls Sails & Royals hoisted Sails & Hauled out Spanker- the Captn & 1st mate had words passed betwn them about what Sails were to be taken in. The Captn (when ye Squall came on orderg more sail to be made while the Mater was orgerg the Sails to be taken in. 1st mate wantg to give to Commd of ye ships into his hands (sayg 2st "ye Captn didn't know how to Commd one") which he declined- the Saiors & Passengers very much dissatisfied wh the Captain. The females had 4tbs of Biscuit served out to-day & Men 5tbs each mess.
Friday June 12th	A rainy mornng- abt 12 o'clock this mornng another heavy swall came on which lasted abt an hour & half when we were obliged to shorten sail. My Father better- Mary only very poorly- the Women had 3 ½ tbs of Biscuits & Men 5 tbs served out to-day. this day was a fish day again with us as we had fish served out & not abt 4 were

	given out.
Saturday June 13th	A very rainy morng with heavy wing. anor Squall came on abt 2 o'clock which was not so heave as the two preceding). The Ship pitched a little to-day which makes some of the females Sick again. We had Flour, Currant & Suct , with Cheese served out to-day. The Females 4tbs & men 5 tbs of Biscuit served out to-day.
Sunday June 14th	A very fine Morng. abt 3 o'clock a squall came on with rain but it soon went off. a mutiny among The Females to-day. 3 or 4 struch the Doctor & were put into the Hole & Locked down The biscuits delivered out to-day was to the Females 4lbs & Males 5 lbs.
Monday June 15th	A very rainy Morng but quick Calm. abt 3 o'clock this Afternoon hooked a shark abt 6ft long. A smart breeze came on abt 5 o'clock & we are not going 7 knots per hour. The Females had tbs 4 of biscuit & Men 5 tbs served out to-day. abt ½ past hooked an Albicore but which unfortunately broke off the hook as they were hauld it up.
Tuesday June 16th	A very rainy morng whilst 11 o'clock when it cleaned up. two Sharks caught this morng each about 3ft long- a dolphin was caught at the same time weight abt 20 pounds. The Females had 4 ½ tbs of Biscuit & Men 5 tbs of Biscuit served out to-day- abt 5 o'clock it fell quite a Calm. Saw a great many porpoises playg abt The Vessel in ye Eveng.
Wednesday June 17th	A fine Morng. abt 3 o'clock a heavy squall came on from the W. which lasted abt 2 ½ hours & carried inward ye Mixen Goff. which was accompd wh very heavy rain. The Females had 4 tbs of Biscuit served out to-day & Males 5 tbs. This day was a bread & Cheese were served out for to-morrrows dinner- had Pea Soup served out to-day but which was sour & burnt so that we had to fast.
Thursday June 18th	A Beautiful Morng abt 11 o'clock came on to rain but which soon went off again. still quite a Calm. The Biscuits served out to-day was to the Males 5tbs & Females 4 ½ tbs. It is still tremendous hot I can't bear anything on but my shirt & Breeches.
Friday	A heavy fall of rain this morng got in to the S. E. trade this morng-

June 19th	threw all the Potatoes overbd to-day they being unfit to eat. The Females had 4 tbs of Biscuit served out to-day & Males 5 tbs. had ½ pt of Pea Soup each person for Dinner to-day. the Ship is pitchg dreadfully so that I can hardly write.
Saturday June 20th	A fine mornng going at the rate of abt 8 knots per hour to-day had Pea Soup for dinner to-day. had 8 tbs of Flour served out to-day 4 tbs for to day & 4 tbs for to morrow besides Cheese & Currants & Suet. had 7tbs of Biscuit served out to-day for such each man for the first time & females 5tbs each . As the ship was gettg very light [illegible]
Sunday June 21st	A very Beautiful day. had Plum Pudding for dinner. all of us very well except Mary wh had a severe fall this mornng with a tub which she was carryg oblighd to keep her bed and she was very sick in consequence. the Females had the same Quay of Biscuit as they had yesterday & males 8lbs. served out to each mess of 8 persons. [illegible] about 9 o'clock this Eveng. Neptune came on board leavg his flang gar alongside stoppg abt ½ an hour when he went off [illegible] us he shod call again in the mornng. a vessel was discovered on the [illegible] Quarter but too far off the see what she was.
Monday June 22nd	A very fine mornng. Neptune forgot his promise as he never *- some of the Sailors got a Large Tub filled with water. a [illegible] Bucket and a Poine (?) of Iron hoop for a razor and were abt to commence the showg when the mate put a stop to it. but they [illegible] with tar 3 or 4 of the boys faces of which among which I was one. they then begun to throw buckets of water over the Females but they were soon ordered to drop it. had ½ pt of Pea Soup a pson for dinner. the Females had 5 tbs of Bread served out each mess & males 8 tbs of flour served out to-day 3 tbs. to ea. mess.
Tuesday June 23 rd	A very hot mornng a good stiff breeze going at ye rate of 8 knots per hour. had plain pudding for Dinner. Flour served out to-day for tomorrow. Females had 5 tbs of Biscuit & Males 8tbs served out to-day. [illegible] on Deck- Jane very ill.

Wednesday June 24 th	A very Cool mornng. had Pea Soup for dinner. Wind blowg very fresh going at ye rate of 8 knots on an average. Jane a little better. Father & Mother very well. Sailors employ us in tightening the rigging.
Thursday June 25 th	Anor cool mornng a fine breeze. had Plum pudding for dinner. Fanny was hurt very much to-day, she was sittg at ye Foot of ye Ladder leadg down between Decks when a young woman not seeing her threw two Beds down on ye top of her. when they took her up she could not speak. Jane a little Better. There are at present 11 sick in ye Hospital- one of the small pox- the [illegible] of Biscuit delivd out to day was to ye Females 5 tbs & Males 8tbs ea. mess.
Friday June 26 th	A Fine strong Breeze. The ship pitchg dreadfully. great many of the Females sick in Consequence. Found out that Hane had took ye Small Pox. Mary very ill- myself very poorly. had rice served out to-day instead of Biscuit if we thought proper. had plain pudding for Dinner. had Cheese served out this mornng.
Saturday June 27 th	The weather gettg very cold. going at a sharp rate to-day. had 4 tb of Flour served out to ye males & 3 ½ to Females besides Currants & Suet. ye Males had 8tbs of flour Biscuit served out & Females 5 tbs. ea. mess. My Father very poorly. Jane a little better.
Sunday June 28 th	A warm mornng & very stormy Breeze going at ye rate of 8 ½ knots. My Father very ill. Mary very Poorly. had Plum Pudding for dinner & Pea Soup which was burnt so that we could not sup it. had Divine Service performance on ye Poop as usual for the Sailors but ye woman had Prayers down below.
Monday June 29 th	Had some rain the mornng. a very strong Breeze going 9 knots some part of ye Day. had Sad Pudding & Beef for dinner. Vinegar served out to-day. Began to rain again in ye Afternoon abt 3 o'clock. a Ship [illegible] in site on ye Lee Bow outward bound but not near eno' to speak to her. My Father still very Poorly.
Tuesday June 30 th	A Fine Mornng. Passed the Island of Trinidad abt 10 o'clock ye Mornng it being 30 Miles distant. are at present steerying A. S by E.

	<p>this was a Pea Soup day each person having $\frac{1}{2}$ pt ye rest being 5 or 6 Gall. being given to ye Pigs. The Males have still 1 tb. of Biscuit served out to each person & Females 5 tbs. each mess of 8 psons.</p>
<p>Wednesday July 1st</p>	<p>Becalmed to day. had Plum Pudding for dinner. Jane came out of ye Hospital. Saw 3 or 4 Dolphins swimming round the vessel. The Sailors employed in lightening the Rigging. My Father still very poorly.</p>
<p>Thursday July 2nd</p>	<p>A Steady Breeze going betwn 5 & 6 knots. had $\frac{1}{2}$ pt of Burnt Pea Soup for Dinner. My Father a little better. myself not very well. ye Doctor made every Female on Deck to eat their victuals.</p>
<p>Friday July 3rd</p>	<p>Sailing abt ye same rate we were yesterday. My Father better this mornng. had Plum Pudding for dinner. a cool mornng. The Females dance every night on ye Poop.</p>
<p>Saturday July 4th</p>	<p>A Beautiful Mornng. Saw 3 or 4 Cape Pigeons flying abt ye. Vessel. at 12 o'clock AM passed ye "Bristol" of London homeward bound from Sydney. but did not speak to her. the days cut off very much here as it is dark by 5 o'clock. had all ye Sails on Deck out of the hole to air. Pea Soup for dinner a little better than usual.</p>
<p>Sunday July 5th</p>	<p>A Beautiful Mornng but rather cold. Saw Innumerable Quantities of ye Cape Pigeons one of which was caught by a Line. A very Stuff Breeze going at ye rate of $10 \frac{1}{2}$ knots in ye Afternoon. had Plum Pudding for dinner.</p>
<p>Monday July 6th</p>	<p>A rough Mornng with a very heavy sea. Ye waves washing over ye Deck. the ship rolling & pitching dreadfully. My Macarthur one of ye Emigrants was amusing himself with tryg to shoot some of ye Pigeons but could not succeed in doing so. My Father stil very sick obliged to keep to his bed. we are ve sailg very slow at present. not more than 3 knots.</p>
<p>Tuesday July 7th</p>	<p>Not so rough as yesterday- a steady breeze steering due East. the ship still rolling very much obliged to have ye Port holes down so that we are all in Darkness. saw 3 or 4 Albatrosses with some stormy Petrels. My Father a great deal better- have still se same allowce of Biscuit served out to us. abt 12 o'clock at night winds</p>

	suddenly changed & were obliged to put abt Ship.
Wednesday July 8th	The weather very cold. obliged to sleep with an extra Blanket over us at Night. Caught two Cape Pigeons- Jane saw a whale in ye afternoon on ye surface of ye water. had Pea soup for dinner- ye wind changed in ye Afternoon for us so that we were now steering our own course.
Thursday July 9th	Rather warmer to-day- are not as many pigeons flying abt as usual- a beautiful breeze and sail abt 10 knots an hour. The ship still rolling very much. My Father Mother & all of us very well thank God. One sick in the Hospital of ye Small Pox (a Miss Hargraves). have ye same quantity of Biscuit served out to us as usual- had Currants & Suet served out to-day instead of meat.
Friday July 10th	A strong breeze, saild at ye rate of 10 knots- steering S.W. are supposed to be in the latitude of ye Cape. My Decks are so slippery that it is dangerous for any of us to walk. One young woman fell & scalded herself severely with some tea she was carryg. My Father dined with ye Captain this afternoon.
Saturday July 11th	The wind unfavourable. obliged to steer S. W. & a very wet comfortable day & so misty that we cannot see 100 yds from the Vessel. a fish day but we would not take any so they cave us ½ tb. of Currants & ½ tb. Suet instead. took ye Fore Royal Mast down.
Sunday July 12th	A fine clear day but piercing cold. ye wing still unfavourable- had Pea Soup for dinner. Caught a Cape Pig. ye wind Vessel pitching very much. Cant sleep at Night in Consequence.
Monday July 13th	The wind came round last night about 5 points in our favour. took down ye Main Royal Mast this Afternoon awash of Cape Hens flyg around the Vessel. had Currants & Suet served out to-day instead of meat.
Tuesday July 14th	A miserable day. very rainy with a very thick mist. & almost blew a Gale as we are scudding away under close reefed top sails illegible strikeout . At Night ye wind came round in our favour so that we are now steerg due E. My Mother hurt herself with fallg on ye Deck with ye rollg of ye Vessel. & one young woman named Mary

	Craig nearly killed herself by fallg on the back of her head on ye Edge of a water Cask. she lay insensible for sevl hours bleedg at ye nose & mouth but came to herself again abt 11 o'clock this Eveng.
Wednesday July 15th	The weather cleared up this mornng. My mother a great deal better. had Plum Pudding for dinner which is mostly as raw when it comes out of ye Copper as when it served goes in. Mary Craig a great deal Better.
Thursday July 16th	A Beautiful breeze. sailing at a rate of about 10 knots an hour. had Pea Soup for dinner but which was so very salt that we could not sup (sic) it. My birthday- had Plum Cake for tea. My Father Mother & all of us very well. A poor boy names Fisher (one of ye sailors) was beat unmercifully by ye First & Second mates with a ropes end for a very frivolous cause which was a most disgraceful scene.
Friday July 17th	Still going at a beautiful rate- a rainy morning- had ye Fore topmast stansail set. a man of ye name of Scampton hurt himself very much by falling down ye name main hatchway ye afternoon. had plum pudding for Dinner boiled rather better than usual. had Currant & Suet served out to-day instead of meat.
Saturday July 18th	A Cold day & misty in Afternoon with frequent rains- going at ye rate of 10 knowts on an average hour ye Lower Standsail & the Fore Upmast stanstail set. had Pea Soup for Dinner. have still four served out every day. My Mother very poorly.
Sunday July 19th	A Very Cool to-day- the wind still favourable. had Plum Pudding for Dinner with Pork. have still ye same Quantity of Provisions delivered out to us. had Cake for tea of which we eat very heartily. are supposed to be round the Cape. the Nights very dark.
Monday July 20th	The wind very -slack. a very heavy sea. saw a great many birds called whale Fishers appear abt ye size of a Thrush in England. Pea Soup & Beef for Dinner. Now just bought down that a vessel appears in Sight bearg down upon us.
Tuesday July 21st	Spoke to with the vessel this mornng which proved to be ye 'Fortitude' of London bound to Calcutta. had rice boiled in ye Coppers for dinner but which was so much burnt that we could

	not eat it. Myself very ill to-day obliged to keep in bed.
Wednesday July 22nd	A very heavy sea- ye ship pitch very much dreadfully. ye ship that we spoke to yesterday is now out of sight. Myself a great deal better. had Currants & Suet served out to-day instead of Beef.
Thursday July 23rd	A very fine day going at a fine good rate. ye sun rise in S. E. & set in ye N. W. & by N. this day. Mr Macarthur took it into his head to come down into the hole to see the provisions delivd out which he had not done since ye first or second week that we came on board. rained a little in ye afternoon.
Friday July 24th	A rough day with very heavy sea. but ye vessel sails at 9 knots. but very steady. had some good pea Soup for Dinner. My mother very ill. Thomas very ill sick also. two more cases of small pox on board.
Saturday July 25th	A calm this mornng ye ship rolling dreadful. a brisk breeze came on in ye Afternn in S. W. Newberry & Hargraves to complain abt provisions as usual without any occasion. Mother & Tom still very poorly. Capital Plum Pudding with plenty of Beef for dinner- 2 Casks of stink fish thrown overboard this mornng.
Sunday July 26th	A Beautiful breeze. a very heavy sea. had Pea Soup for dinner but which was so salt that we Could not sup it. Mother & Thos better. I have just now come off ye deck & it lightens very much.
Monday July 27th	A very cold rough mornng [<i>illegible</i>]. it hailed very much this day. had Plum Pudding for dinner. the Ship is pitchg so dreadful that a great many of ye Emigrants are sick. Thos a great deal better.
Tuesday July 28th	A finer day than it was yesterday. and nots such a heavy sea. I fell down ye Ladder ye mornng & spilled Four Glasses of Grog which I was carryg down [<i>illegible</i>] to Mother to [<i>illegible</i>]. There are still Cape Pigeons followd us. ye Decks are very slippery with ye sea washg over so that ye Females are not allowed to come on Deck.
Wednesday July 29th	A very rough day with a very heavy sea <i>tremendous swell</i> . had rice boiled again to-day which was a little better to-day [<i>illegible</i>]. Thos a great deal better- Harry lost his Cap overboard this Afternoon. The portholes are all caulked up so that we are obliged to burn a

	Lap Night & Day in ye Forecastle.
Thursday July 30th	A fine day but quite a calm. I am sorry to state that another child named Davies aged abt 4 years died of the Small Pox this Afternoon at 2 o'clock. the Beds were ordered on Deck this Afternoon & the bunks sprinkled with Chloride of Lime. had pudding- pea Soup & Beef for dinner to-day.
Friday July 31st	A breeze sprung up last Night at 7 o'clock & we are now sailg beautifully at ye rate of 9 ½ knots an hour. The little child who died of ye small pox was put overboard in ye Night when all ye Emigts were below. had pudding for dinner but which was not half done. all The Females ordered on Deck to-day & were not allowed to go down till 4 o'clock.
Saturday August 1st	A very rough day the sea washing over the Deck. still a beautiful breeze 10 knots being ye rate at which she is going per hour. had Currants & Suet served out to-day instead of meat. have the same Quantity of Biscuit seved out as usual- none of ye Boys allowed to go between decks for fear of getting <i>[illegible]</i> ye small pox. had pea soup served out for dinner but which was not half boiled so that we could not sup it.
Sunday August 2nd	This day was like a summers day in England. The Fore topmast standsail boom snapped in two this mornng as they were setting ye stansail. Another child of Davis's lays dangerously ill of ye smallpox. The vessel is going very steadily to-day at ye rate of 8 knots.
Monday August 3rd	Are becaline this day in ye midst of ye Indian Ocean. but we hourly expect a Westerly Wing. The Females had their wine stopped in consequence of some of them ending <i>washing</i> biscuit & all had to suffer for it- ye Pea Soup was burnt so much again that we could not sup in- had Good pudding for dinner.
Tuesday August 4th	The wind' sprung up out last night at 6 o'clock & increased gradually till it almost blew a gale <i>[illegible]</i> & contd till abt 2 o'clock this afternoon when it subsited into a pleasant breeze. it rained very much ye mornng.

Wednesday August 5th	I was awoken this morning at ½ past 5 o'clock by ye 1st mate coming into the Forecastle & calling out 'will hands & shorten sail'. 'Bear a hand any hearties' as it was blowing a [illegible] gale & continued an hour & a half when it abated a little. but have had a very heavy breeze the whole Day. At the time I was wriging this (abt 7 o'clock in ye Eveng) a very heavy sea [illegible] which came over the Forecastle washed ye Hatch off & came down ye Lower Forecastle & almost drowned us all. at ye same time a pot of tea was washed on my book by ye rolling of the ship <i>which it appears will [illegible]</i> .
Thursday August 6th	Passed a very bad night as it was very stormy night ye vessel rolling so much that we could not sleep. towards morning ye wing abated & it is now a Dead Calm. had hard dumplings for dinner & Beef.
Friday August 7th	A very fine breeze sprung up in the Night. had Currants & Suet served out to-day for Sunday. My Father Mother & all of us very well just (abt 6 o'clock in ye Eveng) they have been to beg a reef in ye Topsail as they are expectg a squall.
Saturday August 8th	A stormy day but ye vessel is sailing very fast 9 knots. My Father very poorly this day. Many not very well- had rice boiled in ye Copper which was very well <i>curable</i> to-day but ye puddings were not well <i>only</i> boiled.
Sunday August 9th	A very heavy breeze with a rough sea so much so that it is almost impossible to walk ye Deck. My Father rather better. We supposed to have passed ye Island of St. Pauls this Afternoon abt 5 o'clock. Some of the Sailors think that we are a Fortnights sail from Sydney.
Monday August 10th	A finer day than yesterday but still very rough. a stiff breeze from S. & W. had Currants & Suet served out instd of Beef this day. My father a gt deal beter. Are scudding away under Close reefed topsails this evng.
Tuesday August 11th	A Cold but fine morng ye wind right aft ye vessel rollg very much in Consequence. had the beds on Deck & the Forecastle wall

	cleaned out. About 6 o'clock in ye Evening came on to rain very heavily accomp with hail. Mr. Horster dined in ye Cuddy. the Ships Cook got a severe blow on his head this morning & cut his eye very much by f a block belong to ye jib sheet haliands. ye Ship at present swarms with filth. almost every one being covered more or less.
Wednesday August 12th	A very fine day but still cold- with a fresh breeze- hoisted a new foretop illegible sail ys. Afternoon the old sail being sent. ye Captain gave My Mother a piece of pork to be divided among herself & 3 other Matrons this Afternnon. had rice boiled in the Coppers which was very good- besides a piece of beautiful nice beef for dinner.
Thursday August 13th	Another very fine day but so very cold that we are almost starved to death. My Father Mother and all of us quite well for which we ought to be very thankful. Pea soup for Dinner but as I did not taste it I cant say what sort it was. Have been sailing these past 5 or 6 days at ye rate of 10 knots an hour.
Friday August 14th	A heavy gale came on this morning at 4 o'clock which lasted about 2 hours when it abated a little but we had a very stiff breeze all the day so that we could only carry ye Foresail Foretopsail close reefed & main topsail. another Case of small pox on board this morning.
Saturday August 15th	A sudden squall came on this mornng at 1 o'clock when they were obliged to shorten sail. My Father and Mother were in a "fine taking" they thinking that I had fallen overboard when I was at the time in ye Bows of ye Longboard. Had currants & Suet given out to-day.
Sunday August 16th	A very fine day with a very fine noble breeze. A little child named Hargraves abt 2 years of age is very bad of the small pox as it is expected to die every minute almost. had a beautiful pudding for Dinner to-day. Many very poorly.
Monday August 17th	The winds still very favourable but not quite so much of it. Caught a Cape Pigeon this Afternoon with a hook. Mary still very poorly. A shoal of porpoises 2 or 3 miles in Length passed the stem of ye

	ship abt 2 o'clock this Afternoon.
Tuesday August 18 th	A Cold day. a beautiful breeze and we are now running 10 knots. abt 5 c'clock ye wind freshened. took in yr Top gallant Sails & two reefs in ye Fore & main Topsals & Close reefed ye mixer Topsails. fast now ye vessel is pitchg dreadfully. A Rumour is spread this ye vessel that ye Captain & Chief mate have disagreed respect their opinions in <i>[illegible]</i> going this Bafs Strait ye Captain wanting to go this the Strait while ye Mate does not.
Wednesday August 19 th	A warmer day with a strong breeze in the mornng but fell a calm in ye Afternoon. went into ye Cuddy this mornng to write out the Captain an AC of ye Cargo. My Father very poorly with ye rockg <i>rolling</i> & pitchg last night.
Thursday August 20 th	A fine day but cold. A Beautiful N wind spring up in ye light & we are now sailg 8 or 9 knots an hour. The Doctor grossly insulted by Howards (an Emigrant) on account of ye Dr. speaking to him abt his wife being below with him. Mary still very poorly. Rice again for dinner which was very good consider what it was boiled in.
Friday August 21 st	A very warm day th abt 11 o'clock when it came on to rain very heavily but cleared up in ye Afternoon. All of us quite well. had Pea soup for Dinner. Suet & Currants now given out twice a week. The wind is more oft than yesterday at present & are sailg at ye rate of 9 knots.
Saturday August 22 nd	A pleasant breeze. had ye Lower and Fore topmast Stansails set & are scudding away towards Sydney at 10 knots an hour. Saw another whale to windward. also a special of "Albisore: pursued by a porpise. ole Ms Hargraves grumblng abt provisions as usual. abt 8 o'clock took in ye stansails & Closed up the Fore topgallas Sails.
Sunday August 23 rd	A wet nasty day- impossible for any one to walk ye Deck. plum pudding for Dinner which was not well boiled. ye Coppers inspected by ye Doctor & Captain which were in a shameful Condition. illegible <i>not being cleaned</i> out too often.
Monday August 24 th	A fine day but very cold. the wind from N. W. sailg at ye rate of 8 knots. Fanny scolded himself very severely with some boild sugar

	<p>as he was coming over ye Fore hatchway & <i>caught</i> his foot in ye Grating. The counter ye ship is at present steers is due E. Plum pudding for dinner which was not half boild. ½ past 8 PM. just about to make ye bed.</p>
<p>Tuesday August 25th</p>	<p>A very wet miserable day with a strong breeze out of same Quarter as yesterday. ye sea washd over ye Deck. are scudding away under double Reefed Topsails. Pork for dinner & pea soup. Fanny a'gt deal better. Mary still very poorly. This said that ye ship is very Leaky as she is pumped out every 4 hours & sometimes 15 or 16 in. in Depth in that time.</p>
<p>Wednesday August 26th</p>	<p>Awoke this mornng by ye Boatswain piping "all hands shorten sail" as it was blowing very hard & increased till abt 10 o'clock when it abated a little but still very heavy sea & ye ship rollg tremendously in consequence. We had also anor gt Calamity on board last night. One of ye young Ladies name Miss Storey (A Cabin Passenger) being caught with ye Steward in his Pantry by ye Captain himself on which a/c she was taken into ye hospital immy by bodily force by 4 of ye sailors. The Steward was this mornng ordered to deliver up his keys & remove his box & other things into ye Forecastle where he himself is to remain during ye voyage. ye man has a wife & family in London.</p>
<p>Thursday August 27th</p>	<p>Saw Land this Mornng at 6 o'clock which was said to be ye Australian Coast but could not see it ye light of ye day as it was very thick. All of the Emigrants greatly delighted in Conseqe. Came on to to rain very heavily at 5 PM but soon went off. Her ship is Laying at resent & as it is sailg till mornng ye Captn not wanting <i>wishing</i> to enter ye Strait in ye Night.</p>
<p>Friday August 28th</p>	<p>Came in sight of Land this Mornng wht proved to be Kings it was so very thick that it was not discovered till 6 o'clock & ye vessel had drifted within 2 or 3 miles of the shore. Caught an Albatross yesterday which was set at Liberty this Morn. with a billed round its neck mention The ships Name, time of Sails, AC. we are now in Bass Strait sailg at ye rate of 8 knots an hour with ye Foretopmast,</p>

	standsail set.
Saturday August 29 th	Are supposed to be this the Straits passed innumerable Rocks some appear to be as high as the ships mast. Saw Van diemens Land to Leward. Mary still very ill.
Sunday August 30 th	Came in sight of Australia at 10 o'clock & sailed along ye coast with a fine breeze till 3 o'clock when it fell a calm. a beautiful day- a banyan day had nothing but pudding for dinner and it was almost raw.
Monday August 31 st	The wind sprung up in the Night but proved quite favourable so that we are obliged to tack & have made but little progress in consequence. a beautiful warm day almost as warm as a summer day in England. The boxes up to-day. Mary not any better.
Tuesday September 1 st	The wind still ahead it being N. W. & our proper course about the same. are not much farther than we were yesterday. they are just now (8PM) putting ye ship about & standing out to sea. had Rice for Dinner to-day. had the great gun on Deck to be cleaned out by firing it, which was done to night abt 5 o'clock.
Wednesday September 2 nd	The wind still unfavourable altho (sic) it has come round two or three points. a sudden squall called a "white squall" came on this Afternoon at 4 o'clock which carried off ye jib boom. News just bought down (7PM) that ye Vessel is steering within ½ point of her course.
Thursday September 3 rd	Came in sight of ye Heads this morn at 7 o'clock at 2 o'clock a sailor came off but not come on board. therefore he went before in his boat & piloted the vessel thro' ye Heads & ordered us to hoist ye Quarantine Flag till further orders. We then Cast anchor abt 4 o'clock.
Friday September 4 th	A very fine day. The Quarantine Doctor came alongside. A Revenue Cutter cast her anchor a little distance from us for the purpose of watching us & sent her boar with fresh provisions for the Ships Compy. Another boat came alongside & took ye Govt Despatches on shore, sent a note by her to my brother.
Saturday	A very hot day. had ye vessel moored in a more eligible situation it

September 5 th	not being very safe if a storm came on in consequence of her being too near ye Rocks. Orders from H. Excellency ye Governor came on board giving ye Captain directions that we were to be landed in Spring Cove on Monday. My mother very poorly.
Sunday September 6 th	Still very hot. Prayed on the Poop this mornng. All of us quite well. Two or three letters sent from the shore but they were put left on the rocks for us to fetch not any one being allowed to come along side.
Monday September 7 th	A very fine day. a few drops of rain fell this mornng but soon went off again. At Night saw a great many fires in ye Woods.
Tuesday September 8 th	A Beautiful day & very warm. Some vegetables sent aboard for the Cuddy & fresh beef for the Ships Compy by ye Agent of the vessel. A present of fish sent by the Cutter to ye Captain. A Child of ye name of Hargraves died sometime last night of ye small pox & buried ashore to day. A woman of ye name of Davies delivered of a Daughter abt ye time ye other died.
	<p>An Account of Rations delivered out to the Emigrants on board the "Canton" on ea. day for a week beginning on Monday ye 3rd day of August 1835.</p> <p>Biscuit</p> <p>22 messes of Females consistg of 8 persons in ea. mess being 5tbs to each mess. -- 110tbs</p> <p>3 messes males consisting of 8 persons in ea. mess 8tbs to ea. mess 24tbs.</p> <p>No. 1 Cabin 9 ½</p> <p>No. 2. Cabin 9 ½</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total daily 151</p> <p>Flour for 22 messes of Females being 3 ½ tbs. to each mess 77</p> <p>Do. 3 messes of men at 4 tb. each mess 12</p> <p>No. 1 Cabin 10</p> <p>No. 2 Cabin 12</p>

Total daily 111 tbs

Beef for 22 Messes of Females- 4tbs to ea. mess. 88

Do. 3 messes of men 5tbs ea. mess 15

No. 1 Cabin 5 ½

No 2. Cabin 6 ½

Total daily 114 ¾

Had burnt pea Soup for dinner which we cod not sup in
Consequence

Tuesday August 4th

Pork for 22 messes of Females 2 tbs 10 oz. each mess 57" 12

3 messes of males of 5tbs each mess 15" 0

No. 1 Cabin 4" 4

No. 2 Cabins- 5" 8

82" 8

Biscuit for 22 messes of females 5tbs each 110

3 messes men 8 tbs e. mess 24

2 Cabins 17

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Flour for 22 messes of Females 3 ½ tbs each 77tbs

3 messes men 8tbs e. mess 12

2 Cabins 22

111tbs

Wednesday

Biscuit for 22 messes of Females 5 tbs. e. mess 110 tbs

3 messes of males- 8tbs e. mess 24

2 Cabins 15

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	<p>Beef for 22 messes Females 4 tbs each 88tbs 3 messes of males 5tbs e. M. 15 2 Cabins 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ 114 $\frac{3}{4}$ Flour for 22 messes females 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs. each mess 77tbs 3 messes males 4 tbs. e. mess 12 2 Cabins 22 111tbs.</p>
<p>1832 December 6th December 10th</p>	<p><u>Endnote</u> William Dawson sailed to Australia with the ship Diana of Whitby Election day commenced to-day . Lord Loughborough for the Red Party & Captain Marsfield for the Blue</p>