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Diary of John Betts, 1829 – 33

Memorandums made on board the Ship Eamont on passage to Sydney – N.S.W.
April 1829

Apl. 12 Left Crown Bow Lane on a very wet morning and reached the East London Docks before 7 o'clock. Not able to get the vessel out for want of sufficient hands on board. Mother and self slept on board.

13. Moved into the River, but wind and tide being unfavorable reached no further than Limehouse. Went to town and purchased Straw Hat &c. Joined the vessel in the Evening. A Mr. Wilson joined us this day.

14. Not able to reach Woolwich. Was agreeably surprised by finding after some conversation that Mr. W. and myself had been schoolfellows at Mr. Meere's at Potton and had visited our house – this at the commencement of so long a voyage was an agreeable "rencontre", and will I hope tend to making the time pass more lightly. There is a pleasing something in meeting on such an occasion with one connected with

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your early associations, and I do not doubt will tend much to relieve the tedium of five months residence on board ship. There being no hope of getting lower down River this day, my Mother took leave of me for Potton. To know the sensation of losing sight of the last chain which connects you with your family and friends a person must be placed in that situation and undergo the pain of separation. Captain Walmsley joined us to day & soon after we unfortunately ran foul of a vessel and lost by the meeting our Gibboom and were detained till another could be got from town.

15. It blew so strong a gale the Pilot considered it unsafe to move down the River. After dinner Mr. Wilson and myself went on Shore and walked to Woolwich. Purchased looking glass & carpet for Cabin and returned to vessel about 9 o'clock. About 10 the vessel began to drop down the river and came to anchor about 2 in the morning at Erith. Wrote to Captain Musgrave and (George Vallance) put the letter in Post at Woolwich.

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April 16. Sailed from Erith with an unfavorable wind and anchor'd in the north fleet. Mr. Blackland and Mr. Robinson joined us at Gravesend. Wrote to G. Vallance & A. Faux & sent the letters to Gravesend by Custom house Officer who generally leaves here. Saw the first porpoises to day.

17. Sailed from North Fleet & came opposite Deal w[h]ere we anchor'd at 7 o'clock. Passed within sight of Margate, Broad Stairs, Kingsgate & Ramsgate. Wrote to Matthew, William Hobbs & Lane & sent the letters to town by the Pilot who here left us: it appears pilots cannot pilot Ships up and down the River too, by a regulation of Trinity House. Felt this afternoon the first symptom of sickness & giddiness in the head. Much disappointed by not receiving letters from Sir Thomas T-.

18. Detained in the Downs by a westerly wind. Counted six and forty vessels anchor'd near us from the same cause. Several homeward bound ships passed us at a short distance. Killed our 1st sheep. Passed the Goodwin Sands.

19. Still detained in the Downs by contrary winds. Wrote to G, Vallance, Hy. Smith & Josiah

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20. Winds still unfavorable. Wrote to Sir T. Tyrwhitt. Climbed top mast head in Evening: became free men of the Eamont by paying sailors a fine of a bottle of rum, Mr. Wilson the same.

21. Wind more favorable, weighed anchor at 9 o'clock from Deal. Wrote to J. Faux. About 12 came in sight of Coast of France near Bologne: Settled a/c with Willson & Kirkbride. Took last peep of the Chalky cliffs of Dover & neighbouring coast from mast head: great number of vessels around us in every direction, which like ourselves had congregat'd in the downs: read some passages from Shakespeare, a fine evening & good situation for the purpose, commanding a much finer view of the coast than could be had on Deck.

22. Experienced first fit of sea sickness. Past during the night Hastings, Brighton & Beachy Hd. Having this morning Isle of Wt. N.W. of us & beating about greater part of the day within sight the chalky promontory or point called Drusnose [?] and the eastern side of the Island, rising very boldly, & rudely from the Beach, the coast appearing rocky and difficult of ascent. Reached at night

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opposite the Needles Lighthouse, which is built on the top of some bold rocks projecting unconnected with each other above water, a considerable distance into the sea & which take the name from an aperture in one of them resembling the eye of a needle & under which boats may pass: they have a striking effect from a short distance at sea. Captain Walmesley's Cabin today received the first sprinkling, a wave finding its way into a window left open at the Stern. Waves running high.

23. Passed early this morning the Eddystone Lighthouse. Taking our wine after dinner today were rather startled at a crash and going on Deck found the wind had broken our main & mizen top masts in two, which were hanging by the rigging: they will necessarily impede our progress for a day or two, & gives our vessel rather a distressed appearance.

24. Spoke a Pilot boat, in search for any homeward bound Indiaman, to pilot through the Channel, informed us they had been on

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the search ten days. The Pilot Boats are a very neatly constructed vessel, calculated for fast sailing, though small the owner said it cost 700 Guineas; thought it surprising with what ease they hoisted out their little boat as well as haul it on board again, though a rough sea it appeared but the work of a minute, though it might be a little startling to weak nerves. Sent letter by him to Mother which he promised to put into the post with others, for a couple of bottles of Rum, which he appeared very glad to receive. Saw the last point of England, the Lizzard, this morning, & this evening have just entered the Bay of Biscay, ever notorious for the storms it is subject to.

25. Though our new masts are not up, sailed along at a good rate through the Bay ready before the wind. In the Afternoon the Cornwall, a fine East Indiaman of 800 Tons neared us and bore down in a most imposing manner upon us to speak us, it really was a noble & interesting sight to see two vessels
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in the rough Bay slackening Sail as it were to shake hands with each other, with the sight of the Ladies and every one on board all anxious to hear something of England. The Chief Officer as noble a looking fellow as I ever saw, came on board: he informed us they were from Calcutta and had left the 13 Jany: touched at St. Helena the 26 March & had been 13 days coming from the Azores. We all drank success to each other & I wrote to J.B. Faux: gave Newspapers which were no doubt an acceptable present & would eagerly be devoured as they could have had no intelligence from England for 8 or 9 months. Waved our caps a farewell mutually from the sides of the vessel & sailed to different quarters with our separate hopes & views. Got up our new main topmast this Evening & felt amused with the cheering song of the sailors, which the Captain told us was customary on their having any hard work to perform of importance.

26. Nothing worthy of remark. Mr. Parker Second Mate dined & took tea at our Mess. Sailing this day varying from 4 to 6 Knots on hour. Still unwell from effects of sea sickness.

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27. Favorable wind: Spoke the Astrea a Brig bound for England from Smyrna. She had been out 70 days through contrary winds: begged them to report us at Lloyds: amused ourselves after dinner by firing at Bottles with Bullets. We tied them to the rigging & ^ (shot at) them in the water. The Capt. Shot a rope asunder: still unwell. Our cook unwell & unable to attend to his duties.

28. N.L. 44.13 – W.L. 10 of 2 Nothing worthy of remark. Put up main top galt. Mast. Began my course of reading with "The Americas as they are" .

29. N.L. 42.49 .11 2 Brigs & ship in sight: hoisted our colours to one, which she had not the courtesy to return. A shoal of porpoises passed the bows of the vessel: average fr. 6 to 7 knots this day. Surprised at finding Mr. R. a brother of two young gentlemen I knew at Mr. G's school. Left my scuttle open & a wave intruded into my bed &c. obliged to dry my clothes on deck.

30. N.L. 40.55.8. Sailing before the wind at from 6 to 7 knots the hour. Saw several porpoises at our side: open'd chests of books & took out some for present use.

May 1. N.L. 39.34 W.L. 15.11 Saw several fish named the Nautilus from their possessing fins on the back resembling sails & by which they are said to guide themselves through the water, allowing the fins to be above

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the surface to catch the breeze: they appear about 8 or 10 inches in length the body a brownish color & the fins a dull white. Watched for some considerable time a shoal of porpoises playing around the Prow of the Vessel: their back is a dark brown, the skin has an oily appearance, the belly nearly white: they have a fin on each side & a fin on the back by which they appear to guide themselves with the assistance of the tail, which is wide, moving with astonishing velocity. Their head or rather snout resembles exactly that of a pig except that it is longer and more taper: they possess a hole immediately on the top of the head through which they respire. They have been seen as much as ten feet in length & are made as to the internal part of the body

like a pig. Our sow presented us this afternoon with a litter of nine pigs, which appeared very healthy & were very acceptable, as one of the other store pigs died this morning in addition to several ducks & fowls we had previously lost: killed our second sheep today. In some freaks between Mr. H. Mr. W. & Mr. R, the latter unfortunately lost his hot over the side of the vessel, which sailed away very gallantly towards Lisbon. Find 69 minutes diff: between our time & time at Greenwich.

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May 2. N.L. 37.37 W.L. 16.8 Steward drunk all day, broke several things & amongst them one of the ground glass globes of the lamps. Weather squally: One of the litter of pigs died. Amused ourselves by shooting at porpoises.

May 3. N.L. 35.27 W.L. 16.54 Most of us appeared at breakfast in our light summer apparel, which we found very agreeable during the day, though the heat was by no means oppressive, indeed not so much so considering the latitude we are in as I expected: the Captain read divine service on deck with the sailors arranged on the side in their Sunday cloathes: they looked very neat & clean: it was quite an interesting sight, with the Union Jack spread over the sky lights which served for a reading desk for the Captain & ourselves seated along the side of it: it was interesting to see England's glorious flag appropriated for so sacred as well as its more specific use, I could not help thinking the combination very gratifying & presenting a great contrast to the

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heartless customs of the ships of most other Nations on the Sunday, when at Sea: the Service was read with great feeling & propriety by the Captain, the behaviour of the crew was attentive orderly & becoming: My thoughts instinctively wandered to the spots w[h]ere so many valued friends were engaged in the same sacred duties, though there was a great contrast in our separate accompaniments of them: I was surprised, though struck & pleased with the effect it had, - at the custom of tolling our great bell a few minutes before divine service, which really was not unlike that of some country villages & reminded me of the distant sound at many a favorite spot in England, of the summons of its inhabitants to their weekly devotions. The scene altogether would strike a beholder as very impressive, even from its novelty, you possess the finest aid to devotion, having the blue Sky alone for you Canopy & no object to break the blue expanse of ocean, inevitably directing your thoughts to the grandeur of their great Creator.
Cut our 1st Dish of mustard cress.

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May 4. N.L. 39.49. W.L. (17.4) 17.11 Felt the heat first this morning begin to be oppressive. Our Steward became so stupid from two or three days of intoxication that Captain W. was obliged to dismiss him from the office & take a sailor of the name of Fisher in his place, much to our satisfaction & I do not doubt to the Captain's gain, as the ex-steward generally managed (every day) to break something every day through his clumsiness and appeared a sworn enemy to order & cleanliness. Had a further diminution of our Stock by the death of two or three more pigs, a very unfortunate occurrence where you have no Shambles or market to run to for more.

5. N.L. 33.59. W.L. 16.37. Rose in the morning at 6 & had a shower bath, by placing ourselves under a long trough which was pumped into from the bows of the vessel & which answered the purpose admirably. Porto Santo & Madeira were within sight though about 20 leagues off; in consequence of light baffling winds we made but little progress towards them during the day: as the sun got high they were scarcely distinct from the clouds which hung about them & which I understand to be generally the case from their lying so high: in the evening came in sight of the Desertas, some rocks many

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leagues from any land and of a great height, standing boldly up in the middle of the ocean like some huge giant. Two sail were in sight greater part of to day & began a letter to Sarah, hoping to have an opportunity of sending it, in which I was disappointed.

6. N.L. 32.53 in. W.L. 16.47. Had another bath: Madeira & Porto Santo still in sight, though bearing differently, the vessel having made but little progress during the night ^(&in different direction). The breeze freshening about noon we reach the S.E. & S. points of Madeira which are composed of barren rocks with the boldest outline you can imagine of various forms, some very fantastic, one in particular which stood about 50 yds out in the sea had a small arch of perfect shape resembling an entrance to a cavern, but for the water which shone on the other side through it. Behind these rose the mountains in striking boldness & stupendous height, their tops enveloped in dark clouds & stretching for many miles with broken & majestic outline to which to rocks below formed a pleasing bassrelieve. [?] The Desertas were then immediately opposite the Island at the distance apparently of 7 or 8 leagues, so that we must have mistaken the rocky point of Porto Santo for those rocks: the Desertas appeared still grander & stupendous, forming two or three considerable Islands, having a tremendous precipice alone towards the Sea, frowning as it were

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upon the mariner who dare approach their base: the Sun set in splendour opposite them, giving them a grand and interesting effect, & passing between them & Madeira, equally striking, the painter has a fine subject for his pencil. Continued my letter to Sarah. Saw today several fish at the side of the vessel.

7. N.L. 30.29. W.L. 17.37 Found one of the sheep dead this morning, a serious reduction of our fresh provisions. Killed one of the pigs. Sailing today with a strong trade wind from 7 to 8 knots an hour: first time a wave broke over the quarter deck. Bathed in morning.

8. N.L. 28.8. W.L.19.4. Parallel with Teneriffe, though too distant to see the Peak. At 10 o'clock a sail in view to the N.E. bearing in the same direction as ourselves.

9. N.L. 26.4. W.L. 20.10. Sailing from 5 to 6 knots the hour. Nothing occurred worthy of remark.

10. N.L. 24.16. W.L. 20.55. Within 40 miles of the Tropics. Had the awning up to day for first time, which we find very grateful. Captain W. read divine service in the morning.

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May.11. N.L. 22.40. W.L. 22.3. More within the torrid zone our shadows are now becoming very small & in a few days will be from the North, instead of the South.

12. N.L.21.20. W.L. 22 - Nothing worthy of remark

13. N.L.19.47. W.L. 24.48. Sailing from 4 to 5 knots. A sail in sight apparently steering like ourselves.

14. N.L.18.22. W.L. 24.48. Within 80 miles of St. Antonio, one of the Cape de Verd's, which we hope to see "with the lark" tomorrow: it is upwards of 7000 feet elevation above the sea and may be seen in clear weather thirty leagues distant, from a ships deck. Saw a flying fish for the first time this morning. The Sun today was vertical and made us so far resemble the midnight ghosts, in as much, that we possess no shadows a thing that would be rather startling to a European at home, who would naturally suppose he had become purely a spiritual being without his knowing when & how he migrated from his corporeal being: tomorrow the small shadow we shall make will be on the other side of that we have been accustomed to see it.

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May 15. N.L. 16.22 W.L. 25.20. Rose this morning at 6 o'clock to get a view of St. Antonio, which lay about 20 miles distant, bearing East its top quite enveloped in clouds. A great many birds, the stormy petteril, gull & a larger bird flying near us and immense quantities of flying fish in whole shoals in every direction. Sailing about 7 knots.

16. N.L.24.29. W.L. 24,48. A swell from S.E. occasioned a great and disagreeable swell, giving a proportionally unpleasant motion to the vessel; felt rather poorly. Saw today many flying fish and some "Called Blk Fish" apparently [?]: long considered something of the same species as a whale.

S. 17. N.L. 13.16. W.L. 23.55. In consequence of the violent motion and heeling over of the vessel, Divine Service could not be read on deck as usual. I received a thorough ducking from the top of a wave which broke over the Deck sending me hocus pocus against the Sky light and breaking one glass as well as filling Mr. Blackland's cases of plants

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&c with sea water which he fears will kill them, this will be a serious loss to the colony, as there are some young vines of a sort intended to improve the wine grown there, as well as several other plants not known there. This Evening a flying fish, flew on deck and was taken.

18. N.L. 11.23. W.L. 22.34. Finished 1st. Vol: Corrinne with which I have been delighted; it is written in my opinion in the first style of elegance the French language is capable of: the sentiments strike me as chaste, correct and liberal displaying manners taste & literature, in beautiful ideas, full of interest & sentiment displayed by the rich vein of fancy, not too highly colored and glowing with the expansive intellect and wide range of observation of Mdme. De Stael Holstein, one of the most pleasing writers in the french language.

Saw today one of the Blk Fish, which was supposed to be as long as our long Boat about 30 feet, an immense unweildy, lump of flesh, rolling sluggishly through the waves.

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May 19. N,L, 9.53. W.L. 21.7. Nothing worthy of remark. Several fish of various species, a shark amongst the rest, seen at the sides of the vessel.

20. N.L. 9.7. W.L. 20.25. Almost a calm. Aired linen &c in the Sun.

21. N.L. 8.5. W.L. 19.30. 2nd Mate caught a Bonita with the grains (5 barbed prongs at the end of a stick) which weighed about 10 lbs.

About 1/2 past 12 a squall & heavy storm of rain came on which lasted about 3 hours, almost deluging us with water. A sail in view bearing the same as ourselves.

22. N.L. 7.20. Two or three sharks about the vessel: a heavy squall passed our stern but did not reach us. Thermometer 82 at 6 o'clock AM. in the Captain's Cabin: almost a calm. Began a letter to Wm. Hobbs.

23. N.L. 7.24. W.L. 19.50. Tried to take a large shark at the stern of the vessel, but it succeeded in taking the bait from the hook three times: it was attended by a great many Pilot fish and Dolphins: Thermom: 87.

S 24. N.L. 6.30 W.L. 19.58. Divine worship not read in consequence of a heavy thunder storm accompanied by torrents of rain and a hurricane

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three sail within sight, one of which we afterwards perceived, had lost her mast in the squall: all on the same track as ourselves.

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26] Variable and light breezes without calms: the 27th began to cool wine for my week.

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28. N.L. 3.54. W.L. 17.29. Finished letter to Wm. Hobbs & cont'd. Sarah's.

4. N.L. – A sail in sight; today caught the S.E. Trade which is considered earlier than usual.

29. Began a letter to Lane.
N.L. 2.33. W.L. 18.51.

30. 0.59 N.L. 20.32. W.L. 2nd Mate struck 3 Bonita, one of which he succeeded in taking, a part curried for dinner: an enormous shark supposed as long as long boat seen today about the vessel by 2nd Mate. A large bird called the Booby seen flying around the vessel, they are so called from them allowing themselves to be caught, whilst they look at themselves in a glass which someone holds up to them, when they are seated on the yards or rigging. 3 flying fish flew on board this evening and a can of fire was sent

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adrift by the Sailors, in honor of our near approach to the immediate dominion of Neptune, which had a pleasing effect as it rose upon or sank behind a wave.

S. 31. S.L. 0.23. W.L. 21.47. Crossed the line about six o'clock this morning: on account of it being Sunday Neptune postpones his visit to us till tomorrow when we may expect his majesty on board: two Boobies flying around the vessel: It being rather squally divine worship was not read this morning. Captain W - gave us some Claret today to drink to Neptune, our friends and the Eamont, it being the first voyage she has ever made.

June 1. S.L. 1.49. W L. 23.3. Neptune with Amphitryte and all his court came on board this morning, being splendidly adorned (flour'd) with flour'd sheep skins, tar and other articles of his toilette, to welcome the Ship and receive the devoirs and tribute of those who were not at present members and free of his dominions. After an appropriate speech from the Secretary of his court, and a promise of the usual fines, a gallon of rum each from the novices, they proceeded to conduct them separately across the line to a raised platform, where they underwent the form of shaving, concluding with a bucket of Sea water thrown over them from behind, unexpectedly. I profited from their experience and escaped, having no inclination for a ducking after being dressing for the day. The Sailors who had to be admitted, did not

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get off so easily, being obliged to take a pill and draught, which from the faces they made, appeared to be compounded of no very pleasant ingredients, besides being tarred, shaved and thoroughly ducked; this being over, was the signal for a general set-to by the whole court upon each other, who appeared not by any means scrupulous what jokes they played upon each other. The evening was spent in singing and drinking their tribute, in which most of the ship joined and all passed off orderly and in good humour.

This day, finished Corinne, than which I have never read a work which gave me greater pleasure, for independently of the beauty of the style, it abounds in noble, generous and refined sentiments, giving an exaltation, to literature and the fine arts, which render them so worthy the pursuit and love of an intellectual mind, opening a wide field for thought and meditation in the recollections of the grandeur and "chef d'amore" of the ancients and of ages long gone by; with the exception, of a degree of incongruity in the character of Oswald, that is not quite natural, it has afforded me an intellectual treat, though it leaves this melancholy feeling on the mind, that, often that which we look forward to as the future source of happiness and delight, becomes the very spring of disappointment and misery, the more poignant, from the brightness of our anticipation and the brilliant colours imagination has robed them in.

My week for cooling wine ended today.

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June 2. S.L. W.L. Marked the course of the Eamont on Captain W's Chart.

3. S.L. 4.38.

4.] Sailing about 5 knots. One or two of the sailors, unwell

5.] otherwise nothing worthy of remark. Self troubled with

6.] sore throat and faintness.

S. 7. S.L.11.12. W.L. 13.5. Divine service read on Deck.

8. Thermometer 78 at 8 A.M.

9. Continued letter to MaryAnn and Ann.

10. S.L. 16.37. W.L. 33. A sail about 8 miles from us, homeward bound. After dinner a sail in sight, which we shortly after spoke and Chief Mate went on board. Sent letters by her to S. MA & A. B - Mr. Lane and Wm. Hobbs. She was the Lipton Hall of London bound for Portsmouth and had been to Rio J. with a cargo of wine, not able to sell it, and returning on ballast: Comdr. Thos. Strugnell.

11. S.L. 18.5 W.L. 33.15.

12. S.L. 19.18. W.L. 33.12. Saw the first Cape Pigeons that have visited us.

13. S.L.21.4. W.L. 33.

S. 14. S.L. 22.44. W.L. 32.32. Divine service read on deck. Saw several whales though at a considerable distance, perhaps 4 miles. 2 Sail in sight, to one of which we hoisted our colors: (the vessel did the same) which returned the compliment.

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15. S.L. 24.24. W.L. 32. In the evening I climbed the top mast with the Captain and sang several duets with him from the Royal Yard. The Moon shone brightly, and elevated above every thing, we enjoyed an unbroken view around, of her beams glittering on the surface of the waves; the undulating agitation of which spread the bosom of the ocean o'er with thousand sparkling diamonds and pearly drops: a scene that must fill the mind with melancholy-pleasing ideas; at such a moment one hardly feels that he is a part of the world below him, but revels rather, in intercourse with the Queen of night and her myriads of shining companions, which shed the skies with (twinkling) sparkling splendour.

16. S.L. 25.53. W.L. 30.15. The top masts were taken down and shorter ones put up in their place to meet the strong gales usual in these latitudes: The awning discontinued. The thermometer gradually sinking.

17. Nothing worthy of remark.

18. Sutton and Cork refused to do their work and were put on allowance of bread and water only: no going to their work by the evening, the Captain summoned all hands on quarter deck and read over the articles, agreement &c.

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June 19. S.L. 28. W.L. 25.4. Saw an Albatross for the 1st time, this morning. The mutineers still refuse to do their duty. Felt in evening an overpowering and unaccountable depression of spirits. The breeze sunk nearly into a calm.

20. S.L. 28.14. W.L. 23.18. Caught 2 Cape Pigeons with line & hook. Mr. W. & Mr. R. had them skinned for stuffing. Calm, light airs.

S. 21. S.L. 28.9. W.L. 22.54. A little before divine service, a Shark came along side, we baited for it and succeeded in taking it: it was a female and measured 9f. 2in. They retain life with the greatest tenacity, plunging about, after their tail and inside are taken from them: the heart retained its action for an hour or more after it was cut out. Jaw lost. Quite calm, and every thing still and serene which contributed very much to ^the) solemnity of public worship: indeed nothing could be more soothing than such a scene upon the wide field of unruffled waters, with scarce a swell to show there was any motion in them.

22. S.L. 28.21. W.L. 22.48. Last evening 2nd Officer fell over, or rather walked over board being asleep on the Forecastle & swam to the gangway, but recollects

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nothing of it till he found himself in the sea.

Caught this morning a Dolphin and had it stewed in portwine for dinner. I should rather think the idea of their changing into various colors, when dying is fabulous, an innocent poetical license: as we could observe no change in the colors of this, though we watched it attentively. A light breeze spring up this evening. Cork returned to his duty.

23. S.L. 29.24. W.L. 21.36. Mr. Morris 1st Officer unwell and under the medical care of Mr. Blaxland. Light breezes.

24. S.L. 29.55. W.L. 19.34.

25. S.L. 30.48. W.L. 17.4.

26. S.L. 31.21. W.L. 15.41. Finished Monteoquian's [?] Persian Letters. They are interesting and paint in strong colors the folly of natural prejudice as well as personal and individual, they afford a strong reason for allowing other nations to possess noble and fine qualities, though shown under the cloak of different forms and customs which to strangers may appear ridiculous and devoid of sense: the satire is well pointed and "piquante" at the same time its lash does not offend which is the most effective species of satire: few have Philosophy enough to kiss the hand that is inflicting pain, when an equal good may be obtained without it.

27. S.L. 31.45. W.L. 14.38.

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June 28. S. S.L. 32.14. W.L. 12.53. Divine service performed as usual. Sutton the Seaman returned this morning to his duty. Frolic in Evening. W. K. & Self.

29. S.L. 32.40. W.L. 10.33. Longitude the same as Island Tristan de Achuena. A heavy gale came on preceeded by rain and foul weather. Began Mdm. de Stael's *Allemagne*, but read little being troubled with one of my sick head aches.

30. S.L. 32.14. W.L. 8.34. The Gale still very heavy with a high sea which frequently broke over the quarter deck; and extinguished the Cooks fire in the Galley, so that we thought ourselves well of in getting sea pie brought to table in the boiler, and sheeps fry: as for soup or any thing of the kind they could not stand on the table: every thing that is not fastened firmly, goes down with a run to leaward: the sea occasioned many downfalls both of persons and things. Mr.R. & Mr.W. had their beds completely saturated by leaks principally from the scuttles; I fortunately escaped with less wet: all of us to windward are obliged to manoeuvre

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to keep ourselves in bed, and as to lying comfortably there it is quite out of the question with all one's management: we frequently present a very ludicrous appearance; even the occasional sickness of some of us adds to it, to all but the unhappy sufferer: it may be truly said in a gale at sea "there is many a slip between the cup and the lip". The disasters are of that unavoidable kind they excite laughter rather than pity: even to be drowned or par boiled by a tureen of soup precipitated in your lap must be looked on as a mere bagatelle, 'twould be fine fun for an obscene "hors de combat".

July 1. S.L. 30.49. W.L. 7.40. The gale still unabated; the course not being a good one they took in sail: a great number of birds kept close to the vessel: the Cape pigeon, sea hen, sea lark, albatross, booby &c.: three of the pigeons were taken with line and hook, baited with pork.

July 2. S.L. 31.9. W.L. 6.15. The gale abated in evening, though the vessel was very uneasy by having a head sea to get through.

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July 3. The breeze dropt and was succeeded by a calm: amused ourselves by shooting at birds and fishing for Cape Pigeons of which we caught five. A dance in Evening.

4. Still a calm, the thermometer between 60 & 70. In the evening we bathed from the side of the vessel. I preferred diving from the Gang Way Rail, but a sail was suspended from the main yard into the sea for those who could not swim & which forms an admirable and agreeable Bath. Most of the Sailors went from the Fore Castle.

S. 5. S.L. 31.29. W.L. 4.48. Breeze freshening & variable weather, in consequence of which Divine Worship was not performed. The plan of a ship Paper formed & agreed upon.

6. S.L. 32.46. W.L. 3.42. This morning the breeze veered round to the N.E. by N. & increased to from 4 to 5 knots: Saw an immense shoal of Porpoises, extending apparently upwards of a mile ahead of us rising in innumerable quantities. These portend an increase of wind, having seen none for many weeks. Captain W. & Officers took a Lunar this day. Bet Mr.K. £1 we arrive at Sydney by 14 Sept.

7. S.L. 33.46. W.L. 2.29. Engaged to day in arranging for our Literary Gazette &c.

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8. S.L. 34.37. W.L. 0°.24. Strong breeze from N.N.W. going about 7 knots. Hooked a large Blk Bird, the Haglitt measuring upwards of 7 feet from wing to wing, also 3 Cape pigeon.

9. S.L. 35.20. E.L. 2.50. Breeze still fresher & fine clear weather.

10. S.L. 35.26. E.L. 5.44.

11. S.L. 35.56. E.L. 9°. The breeze gradually dying away. After dinner the first No. of the "Atlantic" was laid before the Captain in due form, who requested Mr. W. to read it. It seemed to be much liked and afforded an hour's amusement to the mess, of itself, a great desideratum, and over which we took an extra bottle of Port.

S. 12. S.L. 36.0. E.L. 11.59. Very light breeze, but a very heavy swell, which gave an unpleasant and violent motion to the vessel & prevented our having public worship.

13. S.L. 36.27. E.L. 11.59. Still light breeze. Many albatross and other birds about the Ship especially the whale bird & sea larks;

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July 14th . S.L. 36.35. E.L. 14.14. Quite a calm: At nine o'clock a Sail in sight, apparently on the same course as ourselves ; began a letter to Mal: hoping to have an opportunity of sending it via the Cape. Mentioned our paper to him but did not describe beyond 10th June.

15. S.L. 36.20 E.L. 15.55. In the afternoon we spoke the stranger: she was the Brothers a South Sea Whaler, bound for Isle of France, a very smart vessel about our own size. The Captain said he had supposed we were short of water & therefore slackened sail to allow us to get up with him. An object like a ship was very agreeable, as we had seen nothing but sea & sky for so long. Though we were all disappointed at not being able to sent letters.
Off Cape Good Hope & Cape Town.

16. S.L. 37.29. E.L. 17.32.

17. S.L. 37.44. E.L. 21.22. Off Cape Lagullas. [Agulhas]

18. S.L. 37.38. E.L. 23.24. Near the supposed Telamarque Shoal. Was not a little surprised by my door being burst open by a sea which broke over deck and part came down the sky light opposite which is my door. I was soon out of bed as may be supposed and found my cabin in nice condition having about 2 inches of water to stand in: some of my books and clothes got wet: the cuddy was in a most uncomfortable state and we

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had to wait a considerable time for breakfast. The Sea also broke through the Captain's cabin windows, wetting some more of my books with his: it broke in a part of the Bulwarks and carried away the only Hay there was left for the Sheep: it was a grand sea and I thought it would pay a person to come from England thus far, merely to enjoy the sight. It broke over the deck several times during the day so that we were not dry long together. Towards the Evening the breeze abated a little. The 2nd Number of the Atlantic introduced after dinner and read aloud. There was a strong current setting against the wind and our course, the whole of the day, which carried us back more that 90 miles though against a very strong breeze and a heavy sea, a serious deduction from a day's sailing. A Smoking party at the "Hole in the Wall".

S. 19. S.L. 37.21. E.L. 29.17. Breeze and Sea moderate & drawing round to the South. The current carried us about 30 miles back to day.

20. . S.L. 37.25. E.L. 29.17. Wind still drawing to the South.

21. S.L. Almost a calm. A Lunar observation taken.

22, The same. Marked our course on the Captain's Map. A 2nd Lunar Observation.

23] Sometimes strong breeze & then calm. The empty casks stowed on the Fore

24] Castle and filled with Sea water to deep the bows lower & thereby assist the
25] steering.

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July 26 S S.L. 37°.41. E.L. 43°.27. Strong breezes. Shipped many heavy seas on lower & quarter decks.

27. S.L. 38.16. E.L. 47.10. Nothing occurs worth recording, or is there any interest excited: the dull monotonous alone relieved by one's own resources: reading, writing &c. I felt a considerable interest in an essay on the Later Ages of Heathen Philosophy. It is pleasing to trace all its features to its termination and watch their cause and progress. The mind of man in the early ages of the world naturally felt a reverence for the mystical, which arose from their superstition; rude and uninformed they considered every unusual event the agent of which they could not see, as the office of a superior power, and spread a dread or terror over their minds which rendered them liable to the imposition of designing and the more bold men of their age: this weakness placed the greater part of mankind under the hand of crafty conjurers, who used their slight of hand and a slight degree of science to tyrannize over the cringing and credulous minds of the multitude: this gradually assumed a system and formed a religion the secrets of which were possessed by a few Magi and by them transmitted down as the fetters which were to bind down mankind to their delusions.

The superstitions of different countries gradually became blended, and it was from them that the more enlightened of mankind, culled the ingredients

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by which a code or system of Heathen Philosophy was formed, combining the researches of science with the darkest superstition, and the inculcation of virtue with reverence for all that is mysterious and unnatural; which one could scarcely believe could be respected by those who instigated it. Nobler Spirits like Pythagoras, Plato, Socrates, and others made use of these to promote human happiness and excellence, and purified them from their grosser parts, whilst they retained the supernatural to possess influence over the minds of men; whether they inculcated Polytheism, or as in Persia the worship of the sun, or in parts of Greece the worship of fire, or whether they inculcated the Braminical devotions, they had for their object the increase of knowledge and the encouraging mankind to esteem virtue as their greatest good, (for their aim) and they used the credulous superstition of mankind to raise the dread of future punishment for any of their misdeeds: for which they dived deep into mystical sources and brought to the aid of their dogmas supernatural events and supernatural agency & through which they were believed. Various were the codes of morals

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promulgated by the different sects of Philosophers, some pure and some absurd, according to the founder, and many were their respective disciples, who studied & attained an intimacy with the fundamental principles of their favorite system until at length the wide stream of this mixed Philosophy, this combined strength and weakness of the human mind became divided into a thousand rivulets all meandering further from Truth and filtering away the seeds of virtue and purity which the founders had implanted. Christianity at length beamed upon mankind and by its purity and refulgence eclipsed every other intellectual light, threatening entirely to overrun and annihilate every other system of morals and religion. It was then that alarmed as by a common enemy, almost all the followers and at least the leaders of other sects of heathen philosophers united to oppose the progress of the divine influence of Christianity which was daily gaining ground over their less authentic systems. A [?] Taceas a native of Alexandria and an apostate [?] from Christianity, attempts a reconciliation and coalition of the schools; from which sprang a code as pure as Paganism would

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admit, and included the belief of numerous sects more or less pure but forming an heterogeneous mass of superstition, demon and god worship, and over which presided at different periods, men of learning and science and who strove to oppose it against the inroad of Christianity. Julian was the great encourager of the four sects of philosophers, the Platonic, the Peripatetic, the Stoic & the Epicurean: & teachers of each of these sects were instituted at Athens and appear to have received a regular salary under the Pagan Emperors. About 400 A.D. was born Proclus, the last great light of Heathen Philosophy, who attached to the "Theurgic Science" applied himself to the theory of the Egyptian and Chaldean learning, but was more especially attached to the doctrines of Plato: he was one of the most pure of these professors and his life was one of virtue & sincere religious zeal, offering oblations at the shrines of all the deities he adored, and offering a sincere devotion to all that is noble and religious in the heart of man. Proclus died in the year 485 A.D. and with him departed the glory of heathen philosophy as he was the

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last meteor that shone in the dark sky of heathen perfection and morality. Justinian in the year 529 A.D. passed an edict by which he closed forever the Schools of Heathen Philosophy; and the precepts of Plato with the inferior ones of the combined sects were heard no more. The irradiant light of Christianity had ere this spread its refulgent beams and illumined each dark corner in the intellectual world: its divine precepts, its law of purity and justice & its enlightened & inspired doctrines gained for themselves the sovereignty over the dark, obscure & superstitious precepts of Paganism and very shortly were the model, though badly imitated, of all the religions of the civilized world.

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29] Baffled with light airs. From one to three knots an hour.

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Aug. 1st. S.L. 38.28. E.L. 56.42. breeze freshening.

Mr. Parker struck at one of the shoals of porpoises and pierced it with the harpoon, but with the ship going through the water pretty fast it became extricated. It bled profusely and the whole shoal immediately made after it to suck its blood which I understood is usually the case with them when one is wounded.

S. 2. S.L. 38.26. E.L. 59.50. Strong breeze from S.E. & E.

3. S.L. 38.27. E.L. 63.50. Very strong breeze.

4. S.L. 38.27. E.L. 67.26. Blowing quite a gale and about one o'clock a sea struck the cutter on the larboard side of the ship and broke her side out & shortly after another struck her and tore out her fastenings, when one end fell into the water and obliged them to cut away her ropes and let her go, carrying away with her two legs of mutton and a goosse, which no doubt would form many a nice meal to the hungry Albatrosses: fortunately, a leg of pork in the pickle tub had a minute before been removed. Seas constantly breaking over the Deck.

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Aug. 5 S.L. 38.17. E.L. 73. 3

6. S.L. 38.20 E.L. 73.18. In the evening Cork was tied up to the rigging for mutinous conduct in which he was encouraged by Sutton. His language was horrid and disgraceful to human nature, threatening to be the death of some of the officers of the Ship. About 12 at night he was released upon promising better conduct in future.

7. S.L. 38.36. E.L. 76.51. Perceived this morning banks of clouds resting upon what we supposed to be St.Pauls Island but the weather being hazy could not tell with certainty. About noon we observed a sail on our larboard quarter steering the same course as ourselves, which we conjecture is the York Convict Ship. At 8 o'clock we came in sight of the Island of St Pauls in the direction of the starboard beam, distance about six miles, Unfortunately it was too dark to obtain more than an imperfect outline of the Island. It is uninhabited and quite barren, abounding in hot and cold springs and containing much volcanic matter which at night shows itself by smoke and flame from the cracks in the earth. It abounds in fish and

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to that degree that you may catch sufficient in five minutes for a Ships company: hot springs being near you have only to suspend your fish by the hook with which they were caught, and boil them at once in upwards of 190 degrees Farenheat. We were unable to get to the windward of the Island in consequence of which we were baffled with light air during the night; this allowed the sail we saw to get a head of us, She being much farther to leaward (of the Island) than ourselves.

8. S.L. 38.44. E.L. 79. St.Pauls in sight at last as seven this morning, but a fresh breeze soon carried us out of sight.

S 9 S.L. 38.50 E.L. 83. 16.6. Strong breezes. Ship rolling very heavily & shipping much water over decks.

10. S.L. 39.2 E.L. 86.25. In setting the larboard maintop mast the yard arm gave way and broke into [two]. Through which the larboard studding sail will not be able to be used the remainder of the voyage.

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Aug. 11 S.L. 39.11. E.L. 90.25. Strong breezes which carried away the larboard lower boom crane & lashing of the jib boom. Several seas broke over the deck one of which found its way into the cuddy. Weather foul, keeping us below nearly the whole day.

12. S.L. 39.7. E.L. 92.51. Light breeze carrying us about five knots the hour. Most of the birds which have been about us for the last four or five weeks have left. The Cape pigeons left us, nearly all of them, a day before we reached St.Pauls.

13. S.L. 39.5. E.L. 95.26.

14. S.L. 39.18. E.L. 99.0. A heavy storm of thunder and lightening came on during last night accompanied with hail & rain: two large bodies of fire passed very near the stern of the vessel, the officer on deck & the watch considered them about 3 ft. square: Many heavy

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seas broke over the deck & the vessel tossed & rolled to such a degree that one could scarcely keep in bed, indeed the Captain's cot broke down & the head fell upon a chest leaving him with his heels uppermost.

15. S.L. 38.50. E.L. 102.20. Still a gale & very squally, & ship taking in much water from seas constantly breaking over all.

S 16 S.L. 39.3. E.L. 106.5. Still very squally. One or two seas found their way below; but as we are making swift progress towards N.S.W. we do not mind it.

17. S.L. 39.7. E.L. 109.17. More moderate.

18. S.L. 39.34. E.L. 113.4. Severe gale. Some of the rigging & fore top sail gave way. A sea found its way into the Captain's cabin window & wetted his books with some of mine. Packed most of my loose books in consequence.

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Aug. 19 S.L. 39.40. E.L. 116.5. Steady 7 to 8 knot breeze.

20. S.L. 39.31. E.L. 119.11. Wrote poetry for the Hobbes'.

21, S.L. 39.31. E.L. 122.50. Squally & shipping a great deal of water. Being my birthday, the Captain gave us an extra bottle of port after dinner. At night much hail and rain. The weather has been for several days very cold and having no fire we have felt it severely.

22. S.L. 39.15. E.L. 125.26. Hard squalls and rain.

23. S.L. 38.50. E.L. 128.42. Still squally with much rain. At noon I saw either a large Blk Fish or small Whale close astern.

24. S.L. 39.8. E.L. 132.4. Blowing a gale with lightening and rain, the sea constantly breaking over all. The mizen gaff and top masts were lowered. In evening a large shoal of Blk Fish & porpoises came along side: the former supposed to be about 14 ft. long.

25. S.L. 39.37. E.L. 135.25. About noon a tremendous sea broke on deck & the spray drenched some men on the main

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top mast, a considerable quantity coming below into the cuddy & upsetting every thing. They were obliged to take in 2nd reef top sail.

26. S.L. 39.29. E.L. 138.45. Breeze moderate with heavy rain at times.

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Sep. 1. Landed at Sidney. Went with Kirkbride & Willson to Cumming's Hotel. Heard Mrs. Abel was staying at Judge Forbes where I went; drank tea there and had some music again after 5 months abstinence from that delightful amusement: found Mr. & Mrs. Forbes very agreeable & rec'd. a general invitation to visit them. Delivered Woods & Dr. Fau's [?Faux] letters for Mr. Balcombe to Mrs. A. -

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Sep 2 Searched for lodgings. Saw Mr. Marsden and Coln'l. Dumeriq: Mr M. asked me if I knew the classics and proposed something to me which will probably alter my views; Coln'l. Dumeriq the same.

3. Call'd on Mr. Blaxland who also had the same views for me as the above Gentlemen: resolved upon acceding to them. Rec'd a note from one J. Betts in the Corporation Office, wishing to know how my letters would be directed, a similar circumstance to that which occurred at Braintree. Removed to Lodgings at Bigge's.

4. Call'd at General Darling who rec'd me very politely & said he had rec'd a strong letter in my favor from Earl Bathurst, but gave little hope as to an appointment in the treasury.

5. Came to Paramatta, call'd on Mr. Mardsen; looked at house & engaged to take it.

S 6. Dined with Mr. Blaxland, Willson & self slept there: lost our way and went as far as Major Lockyer's.

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7. Retd. to Paramatta to breakfast: Willson ret'd. To Sidney. Call's on McArthur's & Lethbridge, dined &c. with the latter who invited me to go up to his farm with him on the following day.

8. Breakfasted with L. & after preparing ourselves with a brace of loaded pistols started in his carriage. A small quantity of rain fell at intervals during the day, which gave us a little hope that the long draught was at an end, but towards the evening it brightened up again.

9. Rode about the farms, in afternoon fell in with a party of the natives hunting opossums: saw them kill one, altogether to a stranger, an interesting sight. Was pleased with the manner they fell the trees.

10. Retd. to Paramatta

11. Retd. to Sidney
12. Spent Evening at Forbes', met Judge Dowling.

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Mr Stephen the Barrister & his Wife.

13. Went to Church in Morning, walk'd round the domain before dinner, Evening at home.
14. Nothing particular: made one or two calls.
15. Saw Genl. Darling who approved my resolution to adopt Mr. Marsen & Colnl. Dumerique's views & promised to inform the Officers of the different regiments. Call'd on Forbes who was still unwell.
16. Saw Mr. Marsden who proposed my leaving Sidney on Monday next. Archdeacon Broughton landed & received a salute of eleven guns, the different public Officers of State & Chaplins & some Military went down to receive him in force [?]. Rec'd £8.18 from Pasbury for Brace Pistols.
17. Breakfasted with Mr. Blaxland.
18. Made some exchanges with Willson, dined off oysters on the rocks, north shore.

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Shelly sent Tools &c.

19. Sold Kirkbride 1 doz Hfs. 6/6 & 7/-
20. Church in Morning. Call'd on Shelly, left 3 Pr. Gloves.
21. Came to Paramatta: sent Bigges on with luggage first & followed him about an hour after on horseback: drank tea at Marsden's. Pillow short.
22. Employed unpacking: call'd at Marden's in evening.
23. Took my Gun. Shot a Thrush & large water fowl of very good flavour. Call'd on Lethbridge. Mrs. M. sent tea &c.
24. Call'd in the morning on Marsdens. At home remd. of the day: Copied verse for Hobbs in evening.
25. Call'd on McArthurs – not at home. Afternoon went to collect gun & shot 9 Snipe. (sent to Mrs. Marsden) Evening filled up journal.
26. Spent Evening at Marsdens: Shot a snipe (sent 2 to Marsden).
27. Dined with Blaxland. Thunder, stormy & rain. Slept at Mr. Blaxland's. Captain [?]

28. Retd. to Paramatta. Went to Sidney by afternoon Coach.

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Sep. 29 . Attended Arch Deacons Sale: - Bought but little there, dined with (Willson at Bigge's) Chief Justice Forbes & met several gentlemen.

30. At Sidney looking after furniture.

Oct. 1. Call'd at Mrs. Evans – bought kitchen utensils, Carpet, Sofa, &c. (Dined with Chief Justice Forbes to meet several gentlemen.)

Bought a few other things of Mrs. Evans, drank tea there & bought things of Mr. McCloud, Table, Chairs, Glass, Curtains, Cruet Stand, &c. &c.

2. Borrow'd Lloyd's boat – Got goods on board at eleven – at 2 1/2 hour got on the flats 5 miles from Paramatter: had to wade on shore: got a boat from P. and went to the boat on the Flats: remained there till 9 o'clock: found two of the men (with the crew of a vessel in the same plight) by a fire on shore. Got to P. about 10 o'clock.

3. Hired Cart & got luggage from Wharf. At 2 call'd upon Marsden (not at home) walk'd down to the gardens with Mrs. M. & Miss Mary.

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drank tea in the garden & walk'd home with them. Advanc'd Gibson £2.

S 4 Mr. G.B. called Church in mornng. Dined at home wrote to H. Leyborn Called at H. McA afternoon: he was particularly engaged.

5. Employed at getting things to right.

6. Mrs. Palmer & Mr. & Mrs Manning called – dined at Mr. Marsdens with the latter: walk'd thro' the domain in evening to see steps &c. Mr. & Mrs. Lisk left – paid Mr. Lisk £13 . 3 . 6 for goods &c. &c. Alarmed by some one enter'g kitchen in the night. Had 2 loads wood in. Gibson came.

7. Went to Mr. Marsden to join the Ladies in an excursion down the river to eat oysters: had a very pleasant pic-nic dinner on the banks: walk'd to Mr. Shepherd's Orchard & returned to P. in a boat about six o'clock to Mr. M's where I took tea.

Had in 7 lbs Flour – Mr. Smith (qu:wt.)

8. Mr. G. Blaxland call'd.

9. Mr. G. Blaxland dined with me, Marsdens took tea with us.

10. Call'd & dined at Mr. Palmer's : Sent them Lalla Rookh & Moore's Melodies. Saw Mr. & Mrs. Bowerman. Home about ten.

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S Oct. 11. Church in morn'g. Rode to Major Lockyer's & dined at Mr. Blaxland's.

12. Dined at Marsden's & went by aftern. Coach to Sidney. Mrs. Gibson & Elizabeth came, to have 30/- per month.

13. Purchased different things, & call'd & dined at Manning's.

14. Retd. to Paramatta. Mr. Blaxand Sen. Dined with me: I drank tea at Marsden's.

15. Gregory Blackslan Jnr. came. Sow'd maize & convololi. Fine aftern. Henry & Rodber Palmer came.

16. At home – Wet day. Prepared letters for Mother, Matthew, Lane, Hobbs, C. Vallance & sent the Gazette up to Thursday 15th. Mentioned to them about Balcombe's death &c. but not of voyage, coast &c.

17. Sent letter to Mr. Lisk by Coach. Drank tea at Mr. Marsden's. Henry Bowerman came.

S 18. Church in morning. Mr. Kennedy dined with me and Mr. Raine called with Mr. Piding in the evening to see Mr. Kennedy.

19. T. Marsden called. Drank tea at Mr. M's. Hail storm broke windows &c. &c.

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Oct. 20. Charles Lockyer came. Paid Grose £2/2/11 & Rafter £2/7/2.

21. Mr. Wilton called.

22. Spent evening at Mr. W.'s Mr. Shelly had called.

23. Mr. Shelly spent day with me; met the Palmer's & Bowerman at Mr. Wilton's.

24. Finished bank of Summer House. Mr.S. returned to Sidney.

25. Church in Morn'g. Call'd on Forbes & Mrs. Bowerman.

26. Went to Sidney: Saw McDonald: Retd. in afternoon, took Shelly's shirts; gave Willson letter to H. Leyborn.

27. Dined at Blaxland's with Messrs. Wilton, & Walker.

28. At home. Bought Cow & Calf of Capt. Wilton £2.6.6.

29. Went to Forbes to play cricket match. Call'd on Marsden's.

30. At home. Wrote to Bullock and Hammond per City of Edinburgh (Dr. Evans) [?], sent to Shelly. Order'd Candles & cheese of Pearson.
31. Recd. note from Willson. Played cricket match.

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drank tea at Marsden's. Looked out 10 Vols for Miss Jane. H.B. H.P. & R.P. went home.

Nov.1 G.B. dined at Marsden's. H.B. at home. In evening I walk'd up Wilton's, was agreeably surprised at finding Mr.W. knew many of my connections: it is singular Mr. Sperling so near a connection of our guardian, should be his. Began letter to Hy.Smith.

2. Walked up to Wilton's afternoon at 1/2 past 5 o'clock, met a Mr. Unwin there who I found was a connection of the Essex family of that name & knew many of my Essex friends. Was much pleased with the Harp &c. &c.

3. At home.

4. Mr. Gy. Blaxland dined with me. Mr. M's family & the Hills down in Evening at Garden.

5. Dined at Blaxland's, met Major Lockyer, Walker & Blaxland. Shot Nankeen Bird.

6. Dined at Blaxland's met Jno. B's family.

7. At home. Willson came in evening.

8. At Church mornng. John Blaxland Junr. Dine and spent day with us. Kirkbride at church. George B. came.

9. (Lethbridge called) J.B. left, had a game at cricket. At Marsden's in evening. Wetherall, Colnl. Shadforth, Mrs. T. &

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Mr. Botanist Cunningham. Called for Willson at Forbes'.

10. Willson left. We took leave of each other on his leaving for Calcutta. Paid for mendg. Shoes of currency.

10. [cont.] Colnl. Shadforth, Tinley & Forbes called. Also Mr. Wilton, to whose hose I went in afternoon (Tuesday) to meet the Marsdens & Palmers: rode home in the carriage of the former. Sold Forbes bronze blunderbuss for £3.10 & sent Gibson with that & Castles in the Air.

11. Recd. Beds &c. for the Mannings: wrote note to Willson about ring. In evening wrote to Tolson (for Willson).

12. Thanksgiving for the rain: Church morning and afternoon to hear Mr. Wilton. Miserably wet day.

13. In afternoon walked up to Marsden's with the ladies (Miss Plastow, Palmer & Campbell there).

14. The Mannings came: Sent letter by Mr. M. to Willson: Kennedy came in evening. Paid for Horse & Chaise to Blaxland's. Mr. Blaxd. called & left papers.

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S. 15. At Church morning. Mr. Darling, Lieut. Aubin, Mr. Darling Brother & Mr. De-Lanty [? Delhunty] called. Took walk with the young gentlemen in Evening.

16. Kennedy returned to Sidney. Went up about Glass to Marsden's. Walk'd with Miss E & Martha, called & drank tea with Lethbridge, who in morning sent me a handsome pair of Bantam Fowls as a present.

17. Called at Colnl. Shadforth & Forbes: Wrote to Mr. Leay.

18. Mr. Manning called: wrote to Forbes – call'd at Marsdens.

19. Went to Sidney by Coach: dined at Mannings who had made a mistake as to the day the dinner was to be: the mistake was shared by Mr. & Mrs. Hawk Mr. Unwin & self.

20. Paid Mrs. Bigge 15/6 in lieu of 25/- bill before Forbes & Dr. of the Doncaster. Dined with Unwin to meet E... [?] Carter, Capt. Witton, Major Ethrington, Mr. Plastow & Randolph Want all of whom with self went to Mannings to the dance &c. (Major E. Carter & Plastow declined going) Bot. 4 bags Wheat, 1 case Brandy.

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Nov. 21st. Retd. to Parramatta: paid King 2/6 – 6 o'clock bathed with pupils: drank tea at Marsdens, took Butler Waller & Cowley for Miss M. – 4 Vols: joined Forbes, Stephens & Shelly at Nash's.

Recd. Lamb's goods – Cheeses, Butter, Candles, & Lat. Grammar : bought 1 case, 1 doz. Burgundy out of 3 cases bought by T.E. Manning Esqr. – Hindon [?] Bligh.

S. 22. Young Gent'n. too late for Church. Mr. Robinson & Parbury dined with me: Rode in evening on T. Marsden's horse to Wiltons & kept it all night.

23. T. Marsden & Mr. Eilton dined with me: afterwards tried to shoot two Eagles. Had wood in.

24. Mr. Marsden washed sheep &c. Mrs. Hassells aloe, upwards of (18) 21. 10 feet high all grown in about four months.

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Nov. 25. H.J. Gordon came. Took tea at Marsdens.

26. Called upon J. Blaxland with Wilton: dined &c, with the latter. Mr. Marsden's study robbed in the night.

27. At home. Recd. 2 cases wine books & 9 bags wheat from J. Blaxland.

28. Mr. M. began shearing sheep. Young gentlemen dined at Mr. M's. I went to cricket & dined at Nash's.

30. Put in grass seeds at Arbour. Mr. Cop. Seth called.

Dec .1. Mr. & Mrs Biggs called, wishing me to take charge of Service &c. of Forbes.

Dec.2. Called abt. 1 1/2 P.M. on Forbes – met him at Police Office with Major Innis. Agreed to take charge of things: Spent Evening at Marsdens.

3. Bought fowls, sent wheat to Mill. Recd. pepper & green cambric Ac'h. Dc'ns. Broughton's visitation of Clergy.

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Dec. 4. Call'd on Pidding, Marsdens & Major Innes. Wrote to Matthew.

5. Paid Dillon £1.1 – for Butter &c. Woman for five days washing 8/9.

6. Church Morning. Mr. Wilkinson preached. Wilton's in evening.

7. T. Marsden dined with me: drank tea with the ladies.

8. Called on Forbes about things. Tinling lunched with me, gave him card case & cocoa paste. Dined at Colnl. Shadforth's , the farewell dinner to Tinling, McLean, Miller &c. preparatory to their going on to India.

9. Wrote to H.G. Smith per port & to Shelly abt. Forbes: drank tea at Marsden's.

10. Miller of 40th & Aubin of 57th dined with me.

11. Breakfasted with the above Officers: about 11 started for Sidney by water in Wilton's boat, arrived at 1/2 past three: saw Forbes, he was

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in a great rage about dinner service &c.: gave Shelly an order upon him for £3.10 – for blunderbuss &c. Spent Evening on board the Norfolk with Tinling. Soldiers &c. were allowed a dance.

12. 8 o'clock Bathed from gang way of the Norfolk & in a second plunge was carried by currant out of reach of rope &c.: with great difficulty I kept upon the surface but at length being exhausted sang out lustily for help: those on board advised me to "drop astern" when they would through a rope, which after violent exertion I reached & passing my arms through the noose was hauled in, more dead than alive. I ought to consider it a most providential escape. I was dreadfully ill till four o'clock, when the boat not being able to wait any longer, I left for Parramatta & slept at Barracks: paid 9/- for boat expenses &c.

13. Church in Morning. Mr. Manning, Miss Elizabeth & Miss Adelaide dined with me: we all drank tea at Marsden's. Alarmed by three men trying to enter one of the windows of lower room, lost them after an hours search around.

14. At home all day. Shelly came in Evening.

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15. Shelly staid on a/c of rain.

16. Do. Left by early coach. Misses M. at Garden in Evening.

17. Received £3.16 – from Shelly for Blun'bs. &c. Gibson had £1.-.- he went up town & drank & bought things at sale which Auctnr. took back.

18. Kennerly came. Brought £20.-.- paid him for Grammars, pepper &c. Shooting in Evening.

19. K, left by morning coach. Sent home Mr. Plastow's Flute.

20. Walk'd to Church with Mr. M. borrow'd Mr. Lethbridge's horse & went to Blaxlands, dined there & drank tea at Lockyer's.

21. Mr. M., Mr. T. M. & Mr. Flower called. Recd. a (note) letter from Willson – Hobart Town. Sent for Needles. Drank tea at Marsden's. Call'd at Lethbridges & shocked to hear of Shell's desperate and wild act: hope it is incorrect.

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gave Gibson letters & 3/- to fetch horse from Mamre Plains – C.M.'s

22. Recd. Horse from Mr. M. Called in Evening at the Parsonage.

23. Young gentlemen left. Wrote to Cummings & Mrs. Bigge. Recd. Saddle & Bridle also Bedstead £2 – carriage 4/4.

24. Rode Mr. M's. Horse to Denbigh: Mr. & Mrs. H. & M.M. overtook me.

25. Xmas Day. Service Mr. H's Chapel in morning: examination Evening.

26. Walk over hills morning: explanation with Miss M.M. evening.

27. Do. Sunday – (but unsatisfactory) Chapel Morning: Cambden McArthurs afternoon: coming home caught in & wet through by a thunder storm.

28.] Spent in various amusements & calls at Denbigh, amongst which

29.] Cap. Brooks: evenings spent in reading to the Ladies.

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2. Went to C.M's. at Mamré: met there Archdeacon, Mr. M. Senr.

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Jany. 3. Heard Arch D. preach & retd. to Mamré with C.M.

4. Returned to Parramatta Afternoon: drank tea at Parsonage.

5. Sermon to the Female Orphan School, prizes & treat at Domain: ride to Liverpool to meet M.M. Spent evening at Parsonage.

6. Signed congratulation to Governor. Called on Colnl. Shadforth. T. Hassall dined with me. Drank tea at Parsonage. Recd. roasting pig from Mrs. M.

7. Went to Sidney. Bought Eolian Harp, paint &c. dined at Mannings.

8. Went to Blaxlands with Marsden's – dined at the parsonage.

9. Call'd at Parsonage, Judge Dowling & Manning there. Dined at Wiltons. Recd. Check of Bowerman.

10. Church morning – Dined at Balcombe's.

11. Call'd at Parsonage – Mr.M. not inclined to come to (terms) an agreement abt. Horse – dined there &c. Recd. packet of letters from home & Buchanan's list of prices. Sent M's Eolian Harp.

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Jan 12. Wilton called. Recd. payment of Mrs. Gordon. Mrs. Marsden called. Went up to Parsonage in Evening about Garden.

13. Cutting turf &c, Evening call'd at Palmers who were out: drank tea at Wilton's.

14. Mannings came: Recd. check of £7.12 by them: Sent paint &c. to Mr. Hassall. Wrote to Shelly & intended to have copied letter: told him I entirely condemned his last act & though I thought him previously a man of strict honor & propriety, must decline seeing him again; selected a Dozen Shirts according to his wish & mentioned the price (6/6 each). Wished him not to keep critical Dictionary &c. Recd. tea & wine from Lamb. Recd. stirrups & 2 Eton Gray.

15. Mrs. Perry brought Thomas & Major Lockyer his son, and balance. Went over Factory with Miss Thomas. Bought loaf sugar.

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16. Answered Pennie & Brodie's note; paid 10/- for George's shoes 3/- my boots, washerwoman 6/4 1/2.

The Marsdens, Miss Delhunty &c. &c, came to Garden. Duplex left. Wrote to Mrs. Abell. Planted Cedars.

17. Church Morning. Charity Sermon for School of Industry. Greg B. dined with Palmers.

18. Sent Duhhunty [?] seeds (vegetable Marrow). Recd. Lethbridge Stirrup irons. Charles Howe came. Drank tea with Miss & Mary Marsden in the Garden: read to them Essay on Vegetation &c. Paid boat hire &c. for chairs &c.

19. Explanation & notice to Gibson: formal separation & mutual between himself & wife which Mr. Marsden & Major (Lockyer) Innes said was allowable if wished. Met the Major at the Parsonage & Mrs. I.

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Jan. 20. Wrote to Miss Mary M. – went with them to brush farm: Received horse (Shamrock) from South Creek, observed a swelling in his swallow. Paid Watkins Bill 16/6.

21. Received note with explanation & declaration, in answer to my questions, from M.M. Answered the exceptions in Evening. Rode home with Mrs. Palmer.

22. Went to Botanical Gardens with Wilton: dined with Palmers, recd. check on Campbell's. Call'd at Parsonage in Evening to enquire after Ladies health. Saw there Mr. Yate from New Zealand. Recd. beer fr. Grosse.

23. Recd. Lalla Rookh & Melodies fr. Mrs. Palmer. Sent grapes & vegetable marrow to Mrs. Wilton. Made fresh agreement with Gibson & Wife, amount of wages the same, & his moiety to be forfeited on getting intoxicated in Six months. Paid 2/- cleaning coat. Recd. bushel Corn from Wilton.

24. Church Morn'g. All the young gentlemen out but Charles Lockyer. Dined at G. Blaxland, Grosse &c. Went to meeting at Parsonage in Evening: heard Mr. Yates address New Zealanders.

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Jan. 25. Recd. letter fr. M.M. Had explanation at Parsonage. Spent Evening at Palmers.

26. Mr. C. Marsden called, gave Bill at 3 months for £20. Dined at Parsonage. Gave Mr. C.M. £30 to be placed to my credit with Marsden & Flower.

27. Paid Constable for Almanack 10/-
Engagement made with M.M. Blaxland & Dr. Forster called: my man on giving water to the horse which was in the chaise, took off the Halter & the Horse started, overturned the chaise, & broke it with the harness, all to pieces: a most vexatious thing: called at Parsonage in evening.

28. Sent books to Mrs. Hassall, Cecils R[?], Bowdler's Essays & Scenes & Impressions. Called at Parsonage went to meet Mr. & Mrs. Marsden. Recd. agreeable confession from M.M. & spent a delightful hour.

29. Mr. G. Palmer & J Hassall dined with me. In the morning M.M. was at the Garden, had a delightful tête à tête. Sent Portmantau.

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Jany. 30th. Dined early, young gent's. – went to Brush Farm for Seville Oranges, not ripe. Drank tea &c. at Marsdens. Found Tom Balcombe when I came home.

Jany. 31. Wrote note to Miss Marsden. Church twice. T.B. went to Lawson's.

Feb. 1. Met T. Hassall in Parramatta: Call'd at Parsonage.

2. Sent fruit with notes to Parsonage & Confession to Miss M. Recd. a very pleasing answer in afternoon.

3. Acknowledged recpt. of answer. Rileys came. Spent Eveng. at Wilton's.

4, Balcombe dined at Colnl. Shadforth's &c. Recd. 2 Cheeses fr. M & F.

5. Do. left. Committee called in morning. Recd. woman from Factory. Spent evening at G. Palmers to meet Marsdens. Hullocks came.

6. Mr. Palmer Misses E. & Martha Marsden called. Drank tea at Parsonage, found Mrs. Hassall there. Wrote to M.M. in Evening.

7. Parbury & Robinson called & dined. I went to Church in Morng. Wrote to M.M. in Evening

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Feb. 8. Paid Nash's Waiter £1 – for dinners &c. &c. Marsdens drank tea at Summer House. Rode up & had a walk with E. & M.M.

9. Rode in Domain in Evening. Mr. Wilton called in Morning.

10. Mr. Marsden & Mr. Charles called. Mr. M. gave me power of Attorney to copy: called & wrote for him. Paid Fitzpatrick 10/- for Mr.M. Drank tea & had a delightful walk with the Ladies.

11. Breakfasted at Marsdens: Rode part of the way with them & took leave. Wilton called, dined & spent Evening with him: met Misses Blaxland.

12. Foreman called: Mr. J. Hassall also with note from Miss M. Wrote to M.M. by coach, to Marsden & Flower. At home in Evening.

13. Received £5 from Mr. Lethbridge: wine came. Balcombe dined with me. Called on Mr. Yates in Evening. Paid up 15/- to Fitzpatrick.

14. Church Morning. Mr. Y. dined with me &c. Sent for Flora. Rode to J. Hassalls.

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- Feb. 15. Rode to Sydney, dined with T. Marsden: called & saw the Ladies at Vincents. Spent evening at T.M's with James Hassall.
16. Went to Campbells with Marsdens. Took leave of them there. Paid Cummings. Ordered different things & returned home in Evening.
17. Called at Parsonage with Flora: Recd. note fr. M.M. read it on bench in Vineyard. Sent Seville Oranges to Parsonage.
18. Sent Seville Oranges to Mrs. Lethbridge. Recd. Bedstead from Sydney: gave order for button boards. Wrote to Tom Marsden, call'd in evening at Parsonage. Wrote note to Jane Brown.
19. Sent note to J.B. & books to be bound to Tom Marsden by Mr. Palmer. Drank tea at Lethbridges.
20. Paid for cheese 4/-, Fitzpatrick 15/- - Evening at Home &c.
21. Church Morning & Evening. Mr. Yts. preached, walked up with Mrs. M.
22. Mr. Yates called, borrowed the Betrothed: Rode together to Wiltons & Mr. Blaxlands, he dined with me: rode up to Parsonage with him.
23. Met Capt. & Mrs. Lethbridge & Mr. Cunningham

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at dinner at Parsonage: Tom Marsden slept at my house. Explanation abt. J. & M.M.
Toast to M[?] at dinner for Elizth.

24. Tom M. left, rode to Port with him: He called and took wine with me: rode together to Parsonage, drank tea & spent evening there: long chat about M. &c, with Eliz.
25. G. Blaxland called & paid balance of £2.17.- Mrs. M. Miss E. & Martha lunched with me. Eleven of young gentlemen spent afternoon at Parsonage to see Infant School feast. Paid Hornes Bill to his Clerk £1.7.11 1/2 currency - before Gibson. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Recd. Porter from Grose - 7 doz. Short 4 bottles at 14/- per doz invoiced 15/- (11 of young gentlemen went to)
26. Wilton called. Went home and dined with him & spent evening.
27. Recd. 19 lbs. Mutton fr. Parsonage & apples: Sent Mr. Yates Dn. Quixote: Bottled off wine, paid FzPatrick 13/-.
28. Church Morning & afternoon. Drank tea at Parsonage. Recd. hat from Kirkbride.

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Mar. 1. Spent evening at Wilton's with Unwin.

2. Dined at Parsonage: Mrs. Hassall's birth day: Recd. 20 lbs. Mutton fr. them. Has some words with & dismissed Gibson.

3. Rode before breakfast to Kingston about sheep yards &c. At 2 o'clock called & had some wine with Mrs. Wilton. Dined at home & rode up to Parsonage. Gibson left by Coach this morning. Received box of Candles fr. Lamb.
4. Visited this afternoon with Miss Marsden the School of Industry: Drank tea at Parsonage.
5. Rode before breakfast to Kingston: Mr Yates called in Afternoon, rode with him round domain.
6. Wilton, Mr. Palmer & John & George called. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Paid FitzP/rk. 13/-.
7. Church Morn'g & afternoon: Supped with Marsdens.
8. At home with sick headach - Spent Evening with Marsdens.

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Mar. 9. Paid Mrs. Gibson 10/- recd. notice of leaving at the expiration of her engagement unless her husband returned. Rode in the domain with Miss Marsden, remained for the eclipse.

10. Bought some maize. Fencers came. Removed Wtr. Clos't.: Bought grey Mare of C. Marsden for £30, gave a Bill at two mounts payable at Bank of Australia.

11. Dined at Wilton's with Yate at 5 O'clock.

12. Rode before breakfast to Port & Parsonage. Do. after dinner with Miss Eth. To meet Mr. & Mrs. Charles fr. Sydney.

13. Arthur Manning & Perry dined at Marsden's. Rode after dinner to Mr. G. Blaxlands. George left.

14. Church Morn'g. Mr. Yate preached from "the redemption of the soul is precious" with which I was much pleased. Did not allow the young gentlemen to accept Mr. Blaxland's invitation, but rode up myself to explain.

15. Captn., Mrs. Perry, Children & Miss Thomas called & took Luncheon with me: Spent Evening at Parsonage. Went to see writing at School of Industry.

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Mar. 16. Breakfasted at Wiltons off Kangaroo. Rode to Kissing Point & Brush Farm. Mare slipped foal. Went to see writing at School of Industry: Recd. £5 from T.M. by Mr. Yate. Retd. home on Cato, left Mare at Parsonage.

17. Fetched Mare home: Young Gentln. went to Mr. Wilton's, Mrs., Miss E. & Martha Marsden & Mrs. Yate dined with me: walk'd home with them. Paid FitzPk. 3 dollars.

18. Dined at Wiltons to meet the Marsden's: misunderstood about Miss M's. coming. Spent a delightful Musical evening.

19. Rode up to Parsonage to enquire after Mrs.M. Found Miss E. quite offd. Mr. & Mrs. Lethbridge, Mrs. & Miss Lockyer called to fetch Charles. Called at Parsonage in evening and after a little explanation left every thing upon former pleasant footing: Recd. books bound, from Mrs. Charles.

20. Dr. Foster called: Spent Evening at Parsonage. Paid Fitz. 10/- currency.

21. Church morning. Dined at Major Lockyer's. Retd. home with Cunningham. Mare at Ermingham [?] Tippoo.

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Mar. 22. Engaged John Usher at £12 per year & washing: Wilton & Cunningham dined with me.

23. Dined at Parsonage to meet Miss Plaistowe: drank tea in the Domain: Rode home with her in Evening. Recd. letter from Kennerly.

24. Wrote to Kennerly, & Walker abt. Rileys. Planted Rose trees: drank tea at Parsonage.

25. Sent to Dr. Foster & Marsden by Howe. Lethbridge called. Rode out with Miss M. home to tea.

26. Recd. note, & stoneblue &c, from T. Marsden. Books 11/-. Mr.M. & M. well. Dined with Miss M. at Wiltons: retd. at 11 1/2 in chaise to Parsonage.

27. Rode up to Parsonage & call'd on Lethbridge in morning. Paid Fitz P. £1 – wages & [?]. Mrs. M. & Ladies took tea with me, rode home with them. Finished note for Miss Mary.

28. Church Morn'g. & Evening. After dinner rode up to Parsonage: Sent note to T.M.

29. Sent Mare to Tippoo (unnecessary).

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29th. Mr. W. called with invitation from Mr. Unwin. Rode with Yate to dine with Mr. Palmer.

30. Mr. Palmer & John, breakfasted with me, & arranged about his coming to me after Easter. Mr. Yate called: Recd. needles fr. Mrs.L. Refused to pay Dillon 6d. pr quart. Rode to Brush Farm with Miss M. drank tea there.

31. Retd. papers to Mr. Lethbridge: order'd Potatoes & Axe. G. Blaxland called & dined with me. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Order'd Pail.

Apl, 1st. Paid Harvey by Check on M & F. £5.5.9. to balance mine & Mrs. Gb'sns A/C.

Paid for Axe & Potatoes 7/- Rode at noon for Miss M. Mr.G. Mrs. P. call'd. Mrs. M, Miss Plaistowe, Miss M. & Miss Martha, Mr. G. Blaxland, & Mr. J. Hassell, took picnic dinner in Garden. All went to tea at Parsonage: conversation with Miss M.

2. Mr. Plaistowe called & lunched with me. Dined with him at Mrs. Marsdens: Rode in evening to ToonGabbee with Miss E. & Martha & Mr. G. Blaxland. They had explanation with Mr. Yate.

3. Fence finished. Sent A/c to Parsonage £4.4.6. Paid Fitz P. 10/- Stg. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Gave John Pr. drab gaiters.

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Apl. 4. Church Morning & Afternoon. Called at Parsonage Afternoon.

5. Explanation between Mrs. G. & Sarah. Made out A/Cts. Kept within all day by heavy rain: a flood arose from it.

6. Rode up in Evening to Parsonage.

7. Paid Dillon £1.12. -. Rode out in evening with Ladies. Spent evening at Parsonage & walk with Eliz: Recd. Check of Blanchard £10. - Kennerly came.

8. Paid Blacksmith 9/6 1/2. Greg Blax. 2/6. Young gentlemen left. Mr. Yate dined with me. Bought fowls & pig of Mr. Gordon. Miss J.M. retd.

9. Good Friday. Church Morning. K & Self dined at Parsonage.

10. Planted Cedar trees. Recd. mats for Miss M. Rode to Brush Farm &c.

11. Church twice. Spent Eveng. at Parsonage.

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Apl. 12. Rode up to Parsonage: Dined & spent Evening at home.

13. Went to examination of Sunday School. Dined at Wilton's with Yate. Rode home in rain.

14. Recd. £3.11.1. balance of Needles & butter of Mr. Lethbridge. Garden'd till 1/2 past two. Dined at Parsonage. Met Cunningham.

15. Garden'd & rode up to McDougall's with Ladies & Kennerly. Spent evening at Parsonage.

16. Rode to Sydney – Dined with Flower & Marsden. Recd. payment of Perry £11.16.2.

17. Retd. with Marsden to Parramatta. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Paid Fitz & Wash woman.

18. Church Morn'g. & After. Subscription for Benev.[olent] Socty. Was Chaplin at Pars. In Evening.

19. Called at Parsonage: paid £6 for C. Marsden to Tom. A. Unwin dined with me: John Palmer came & Essington & Robert King.

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Apl. 20. Dined early, at four went to collect plants with the Marsdens: Spent Evening there. Alex: Riley & Brothers came.

21. Marsdens came to Garden in Morning to gravel walks &c. Mr. Yate dined with me, he with the ladies fr: Parsonage drank tea with me. I drove them home: Mrs.G'In. went out. Mr. Y. promised me a New Zealand Mat.
22. Recd. letters & papers from home dated 18th Oct.: Spent Evening at Parsonage.
23. Paid New: balance of £21.4.9. Drove Mrs.M. to Farm: Rode on to P:unt with Miss E.
24. Drove Mrs. M. to Orphan School – paid Fitz. & Blacksmith 6/6.
25. Church twice: At home in Evening. Kerr lunched here.
26. Dined with Wilton: gave Sarah value of gown, 8/-.
27. Ordered 5 Gal. Bran: Leth. Drank tea at Parsonage. Paid for Hat, & shirts.

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Apl. 28. Went to Mamré with Miss Elizth. & Martha Marsden. In Evening saw Black's Corrobory &c. &c. Revd. Mr. Yate took my duty.

29. Went to Basin &c,

30. Retd. in morning to Parramatta. Recd. letter – check £21.10. fr: Mr. Manning. Sent to T.M. £21.10. & £7.11.6. Drank tea at Parsonage.

May 1. Dined early & went to North Rocks to get plants. Spent evening at Parsonage.

2. Church morning: dined at G. Blaxlands. Parsonage Evening. T. Marsden slept at Vineyard.

3. Mrs. M. and daughters dined with me, not well enough to join them at table. Put in shrubs. Recd. fresh Cow.

4. Breakfasted at Parsonage. Dined in evening at home.

5. Yate, Kennerly & J. Palmer dined with me. Perry retd.

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May 6. John went to Sydney: dined at Parsonage.

Do. brought decanters &c, & plates to 17/6 – 4 Cheeses &c.

7. Put in Grape Vines. Kennerly fell from Roof.

8. Recd. drawers. James fetch Boar. Mrs. King & Mr. Lethbridge called. West bro't coat &c.

9. Church Morning & Afternoon. Evening at Parsonage.

10. Paid for Milk Pans 3/6. Went to School of Industry: drank tea at Parsonage. Planted Citron trees.
11. Drove Mrs. Marsden to Kingston: dined at Wiltons.
12. Paid West's Bill £2.4.6. Rode to Orphan School Farm: Drank tea at Parsonage.
13. Recd. note mentioning death of Mrs. Riley.
14. Attended Mrs. Riley's funeral. Spent Evening at Parsonage.
15. Paid Kennerly £21 on M & F. Even'g. put in Plants.

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- May 16. Church Morning & Evening: Missionary Sermons by Yate. Evening at Parsonage.
17. Kennerly & self dined at Parsonage: he left & we took a walk.
 18. Evening at Parsonage: Mr. C.M. slept at my house.
 19. Went to Sydney about 2 o'clock dined with M & F. Church Evening.
 20. Went on board K.S. Forbes & Elizabeth. At noon ret'd. to Sydney: dined at home with Yate & rode up to Parsonage.
 21. Evening at Parsonage.
 22. Bought Table £2.10. Charles Marsden called. Drove Ladies to Garden. Drank tea at Parsonage. Paid Fitz.
 23. Church twice. Evening at Parsonage. Recd. letter fr: Walker & check £17.8.
 24. Paid for Table 50/- to Mrs. Ewer. Evening at Home.

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- May 25. Paid West's Wife 30/-. Sent 1/2 doz Port & 2 Bottles Brandy to Parsonage – Also 1/4 cwt. Flour. Rode to Orphan Farm. Spent Evening at Parsonage.
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 27. At Parsonage in Evening.
 28. Mr. Yate dined with me – rode to Parsonage.
 29. Ladies came to Garden: drove them to Parsonage.
 30. Church Morning & Evening. Evening at Parsonage.

31. Sowed Barley & put in Shrubs. Mrs. M. & Ladies & T.M. caught in rain: dined with me & I spent evening at Parsonage.

June 1. Gardening. Put in Mullberry hedge: Read Anna De Lessan at P. Paid West.

2. Gardening Read Anna De Lessan. Evening at Parsonage. Met Mrs. Hassall.

3. Gardening. Evening as last. Mr. Hassall fr: Sydney.

4. Mrs. M. & Miss E. drank tea with me. Drove them home. Mrs. Gibson had £3 & went to Sydney.

5. Mr. Yate dined with me. Evening at Parsonage.

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Flower came: Slept at my house.

6. Church twice. Evening as before.

7. Went the Nth. Rocks with Ladies: Spent Evening at Home. Paid Goff 7/- James 5/6.

8. Settled with Powell & Goff £1.-.-. Evening at Parsonage.

9. Paid Whittaker 17/5. Wrote to Captn. Perry & Manning. Gaggin called. Dined at Parsonage &c. &c. Mr Hall: Slept there.

10. Mr Yate dined with me. Drank tea at Parsonage.

11. Evening as usual.

12. Went to N. Rocks for plants &c. Evening at Parsonage. Paid Fitz.

13. Church Morning & Evening. Mr. Wilton Evening Service. Evening at Parsonage.

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14. Sent Goose & £2 - - to Mrs. Marsden. Evening as usual.

15. Mr. Yate begged holiday for Boys & with Wilton dined with me. Evening at Parsonage.

16. Wrote Note for Money to G.P. Evening at Parsonage.

17. Received £5 fr: G. Palmer. Paid Goff 4 dollars & Fitz for Nails 2/6. Fetched Gravel. At home in Evening & all day.

18. Dined at Wilton's – Mr & Mary Marsden returned at 7 1/2 hour evening.

19. Breakfasted at Parsonage: Several young gentlemen left: Drank tea at Parsonage. Delightful interview with Mary. Engaged with New for Wood 4/- per ton. Paid Fitz.

20. Church Morn'g. & Evening – drank tea at Parsonage.

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June 21. Spent day at Parsonage. Explanation with Mr. M. (undecided)

22. T. Marsden & Charles breakfasted with me. Mr. Hassall called.

23. Went to Denby with T.H. Eliz. & Mary M.

24. Spent at Denby.

25. Went into Argyle ; dined at Major Anthill's. Went on to Luftons to sleep.

26. Arrived at Bong-Bong. Slept at Bowmans.

27. Went to Church Morn'g. & evening. Dined at Laytons & slept there.

28. Retd. to Denbigh. Arrived at one o'clock A.M. on 29th after travelling over Razorback by light of Moon &c.

29. Drove Ladies to Mamre & slept there at Mr. Charles.

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30. Drove to Emu Plains & lunched. Retd. to dinner to Mamre & to Parsonage in evening.

July 1. Spent day at Parsonage. Mary's birthday. Anniversary of School of Industry.

2. Paid Cox £27.14.11 by order on Marsden dated 21st. July. Paid West. Marsden & family came down to Garden, - walked home with Mrs. M.

3. Chose things from Mrs. Howe: dined with Flower at Gr. Blaxland's - Recd. final answer from Revd. S.M. & Bible from Elizabeth.

4. Church Morn'g. & Evening. Drank tea at Parsonage.

5. Made out A/Cts. , had hair cut. Settled with Mrs. Gibson. Called with Mary & Eliz'th. at both Palmers & Wiltons: Evening at Parsonage. Remained till 12 o'clock.

6. Went to Sydney with Flower: Dined at T.M.'s.

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July 7. Spent day with Marsden. Evening at Weller's.

8. Spent day on Water in Weller's boat &c.

9. Breakfasted & spent day at Capt. Parry's. Retd. to Flower's in Evening.

10. Order'd Bed Tick, Candles, Vinegar &c. at Wilsons. Retd. to Parramatta to Parsonage in Evening.
11. Church Morn'g & Evening. Angry with Mary.
12. Call'd on G. Palmer & Wiltons; dined at home. Even'g Parsonage & slept there.
13. Went after dinner to Shepherds, I slept at Blaxlands.
14. Went with young Shepherd & Ladies to Caverns. Retd. to dnr. at S. & slept at Parsonage in Evening.
15. Made fresh agreement between Mrs. G. & John for twelve months each at £15 per year. Slept Evening at Parsonage.
16. Went to Sydney dined with Foster. Slept at T. Marsdens.

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- 17th. Breakfasted with W. Walker. Retd. to Parsonage for the Evening.
18. Church twice. Evening at Parsonage.
19. Went to Mamré with Jane M. Slept there.
20. Went Kangaroo Hunting. Killed native Dog. Dined at Mrs. King's with Lethbridge.
21. Retd. to Mamré to Breakfast & rode with Martha M. to Parsonage. Dined there. Palmers retd. to School.
22. Bought Chairs &c. of Mrs. Howe. (Chairs a) prices as on Robt. A/C to be paid at the end of half year. Mrs. M. Eliz. & Mary drank tea with me. Slept at Parsonage.

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- July 23. Recd. Glasses &c, from T.M. Recd. Papers and letters from Home. Evening at Parsonage.
24. Morning at home, evening at Parsonage.
25. Church Morn'g & Evening. Home at seven.
26. Breakfasted at Palmers. Rode to Toon Gabby Hill with Miss E. & Mary Marsden – drank tea at Parsonage. John had £3 & went to Sydney.
27. Rode with the above to Mr. Palmer's & Wiltons before breakfast. Breakfasted at Parsonage. The ladies drank tea with me & I rode up with them afterwards. Mrs. C. Marsden confined with a Son. Edward Weller came.
28. Gaggin sent Trees.

29th. George Blaxland dined with me: recd. Ale: Sent Port wine 1 1/2 doz. to C. Marsden. Evening at Parsonage: Paid for James' Hat.

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July 30. Sent grape cuttings to Gaggin. Dined at Parsonage to meet Vincent.

31. Paid John, Yate's money. Went with him to examine Mary Huff's place: Rode to Brush Farm with Mary M. Recd. £9.16 from Lethbridge, balance of butter &c. &c.

Aug. 1. Church morning & Evening, Archdeacon preached. Read prayers at home and at Parsonage.

2. Vincent came & dined with me. Recd. Faced rocks fr. Parsonage. James staid out all night, intoxicated.

3. Vincent left after breakfast. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Gave order for Gate.

4. Sat down to dinner & a note came to say Mrs. Marsden was waiting dinner for me, went & dined there & spent Evening.

5. Breakfasted at Parsonage. Wrote to Mother. Spent Evening at Parsonage. [Home]

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Aug. 6. Mr. Marsden, Wilton, Vincent, G. Palmer & Campbell called & Mrs. Bowerman.

[Home] Wrote to Sarah & Charles Vallance informed them of 16th Sepr. Spent Evening at Parsonage.

7. Assigned Woman came. Walk'd in Domain with Mary, Jane & Mrs. M. T. Marsden came home & slept at my house &c.

8. Church Morning: Capt. Lamb, dined with me & George Blaxland: Spent Evening at Parsonage: Wrote to Hammonds & Matthew per Australia. To Mat: about McKeyonlds[?], Ale & Wine &c. & to Hammond about "Sea" &c. &c. & stammering.

9. Had hair cut. Rode to fetch Eliz & Mary from Mrs. Palmer's.

10. Took medicine: Rode with Mary, T.M. & T. Hassall as far as Wentworth's Sydney Road. Received 10 Sheep of Mr. Palmer.

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Aug. 11. Ladies came & dined in Arbour &c., walked home with Mary.

12. Put in New Zealand seeds. Mr. Cox & Marsden called. Evening at Parsonage.

13. Rodber Palmer hurt his arm, thought it broken. Mr.P. & Sherwin came. Recd. Porter. Paid Grose A/C £11.16.8 to Barrett. Sent 2 doz Ale to Charles Marsden.
14. Went to Sydney. Recd. £46.11.- of Walker. Gave order to Wilson on M & F for £4.2.5. Left with Flower £46.11. - Retd. in Evening, dined at Parsonage.
15. Church twice. Tea at Parsonage.
16. Call'd at Mrs. Palmer's with Mary Marsden. Drank tea at Parsonage.
17. Recd. corks, cloth &c. Mr. Palmer called – paid A/c by order on R.C. Sep 15th. £30.7.7. Evening at Parsonage.

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- Aug. 18. Dined at Parsonage. Rode to Mamré with Mary & returned by nine o'clock. Paid Elizabeth for John's shirts 9/- Recd. G. Roll.
19. Rode up to Parsonage in Evening. (Recd. Roll)
 20. Walk'd up to Parsonage, drank tea & rode Shamrock home – very wet, paid for cleaning Clothes – short 9d.
 21. A pouring day:L Received presents from Parsonage – my birth day. Dined there.
 22. Church Morning, very wet day, called and saw Mary in afternoon, drank tea there.
 23. Spent Evening at Parsonage.
 24. Killed 4th Sheep. Dined at Wilton's. Mrs. W. very ill.
 25. Recd. things by Boat. Music &c. &c. Sent C.M. 4 doz. Porter & 1 doz to Parsonage. Spent Evening there.

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- Aug. 26th. Went to N. Rocks with Boys. Evening at Parsonage. Sent Port wine brandy & gin to Charles M. Evening at Parsonage.
27. At home Mr. Marsden & Mr. Palmer dined with me.
 28. Dined at Greg. Blaxland. Spent Evening at Parsonage. T. Marsden ret'd. & slept at my house. Sow pigged.
 29. Church in Morning. J. Weller breakfasted & dined with T.M. & self. T.M. & self spent Evening at Parsonage, he slept at my house.
 30. T.M. left. Spent Evening at Parsonage.
 31. Boys went shooting. Dined at Parsonage, drove out Ladies.

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Sep. 1. Wrote to Major Lockyer & recd. order £15 one month. Rode to M.O.S. [Male Orphan School] to speak to Mr.[S?] about Boy. Wrote to Mr. B. Cowper & Mr. Hely. Drank tea at Parsonage. Paid Elizth. 6/- for James' shirts.

2. Bottled Porter: Coln. Shadforth called: Walk'd & drank tea with Ladies. Sent Lalla Rookh to Miss Thomas by Revd. N . Hill
3. Mrs. Howe called: evening at Parsonage. Borrow'd 12 Doz Bottles & sent 1 doz Porter to Mrs. Marsden.
4. Recd. barley fr: Mrs. King. Dined & Rode out with ladies at Parsonage. Gave John £1 –
5. Church twice & went to hear Mr. Mansfield in Evening: John went to Sydney.
6. Put in Isle of France seeds & others: rode to Kenyon's in afternoon to meet Jane & Mary. Drank tea at Parsonage. Flower & J. Blaxland breakfasted with me.

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Sep.7th. Dined at home, walked in domain with Mary, taken unwell after supper. Mr. T. Hassall at P.

8. Wet day. T.Hassall drank tea with me, spent an hour at Parsonage. Wrote to Royes.
9. Wet. Examined Sarah before Mrs. G.& James, she denied any aspersion on myself. Bottled 119 Bottles Ale. Evening at Parsonage &c.
10. Sent Sarah to Office. Major not there. Sent an order to Pennie & B. for £6 on Mr. Blaxland 14th. Rode to Prospect in Evening with E & M.
11. Sent Sarah again & she was admitted in Factory. Looked at Beds at Government House.
12. Church Mornng. & Aftern. At home all the Evening. Mare's hoof cut.
13. Went to Sydney 5 o'clock A.M. retd. at 11. Ordered Beds/d. &c. &c. Spent Evening at Parsonage.
14. Young gentlemen had hair cut. Revd. Marsden & Wilton lunched with me. Even'g. at Parsonage. Wrote to Yate.

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Sep. 15. Breakfasted with Wilton, brought home Peach grafts. Evening at Parsonage. Recd. hat fr: E.M. Wrote & sent hat to T.M.

16. Riley dined at Parsonage. I spent Evening there.

17. Breakfasted at Parsonage. Spent Evening there.
18. Recd. Check Bowerman £7.10. - Evening at Parsonage.
19. Church morning & Evening. Spent Evening at Parsonage. Explana. with Mr.M.
20. Sent for Licence &c. &c. Enclosed £4 to T.M. Evening at P.
21. Rode before breakfast to Male Orphn. Schl. Dined at Wilton's.
22. Spent great part of the day at Parsonage. Dined there & drank tea. Recd. ring &c, fr: T.M.
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Sep. 23. This day bid farewell to all the Solitary charms of Bachelor-ship, by leading to the celebrate Altar of Hymen, the lovely & amiable Mary Marsden, who I hope from this day will be the only resting place & chief source of all my joys & pleasures.

We afterwards drove to Denbigh & spent a day or two with T. Hassalls.

25. Left Denbigh & visited Charles M. & spent our time at Mamré until Tuesday 28th. when we returned home & met Mr. & Mrs. M. & family. On the day previous we drove to Windsor to breakfast at Captn. Brayban's [?] & back to Mamré by the Dairy Farm &c. &c. &c.

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Oct. 28. Recd. letter from England – fr: Hobbs dated 3rd. May.

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30. Mrs. Hill & Mrs. Throsby called – Mr. T left 2/6 for Charles.

Nov. 1. Heard of death of King G[eorge] 4th. Went to Sydney in Evening. Weller went to Mamré.

2. Retd. to Parramatta unwell.

3. At home (except at dinner)

4. (Mary went to Sydney.) Dinner at Parsonage.

5. Mary went to Sydney.

6. Drove E.M. to Sydney to Proclamation of Wm. 4th. Recd. letters from home through Mr. Smith. Sat first time for likeness. Retd. to P.

7. Dined at Parsonage.

8. Rode to McDougall's.

9. Mrs. M. visited us. Hopkins had shoes.

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10th. Rode to Pye's - ordered Corn 10 Bush. 2/6

11. At home. Wrote to Hely.

12. At home. Put in Lavender &c.

13. Church Morn'g.

14. Paid Mrs. G. 29/6

15th. Ford, Groom came. Rode to Pye's about Corn.

16. Rode to Blaxlands.

17. Rode to Lethbridges to tea.

18. Paid James 14/6. Stopt 10/- for Clothes last. Rode before breakfast to McDougall's with Lades, Charles & Tom. Mr. Blaxland & Wm. dined with me.

19. Mrs. M. & Ladies came to Garden to work. Mr. Street dined with us.

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Nov. 20. Went in Evening to Sydney & retd. about J's business. T.M. came home with me.

21. Church morn'g.

22. The "Eliza" arrived from London. Recd. papers & letters from home.

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25.] Almost continued rain: 27th. a large flood.

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28. Church twice.

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30. Took a moonlight ride.

Dec. 1. Recd. Summary fr: J. Usher. Went to Mamré in afternoon, had opposom hunt in Evening, took native cat.

2. Retd. home to breakfast. Elizth. kept house.

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Dec. 3. Drove halfway to Mamré for Mary, did not meet her at the rendezvous.

4. Met Mary & Mr. M. - at Parsonage gate. Applied for Summons for John.
5. Church twice: Spent evening at Parsonage.
6. Rec d. £7.15.4 fr: Bowerman. Gave Mrs. Gibson notice to leave.
7. Mrs. G. came in to know what time I would give her. Dined at Parsonage.
8. Attended courts. Had to pay Usher &c.
9. Mr. Hassall & Jane drank tea.
10. Boar. C –
11. Went down the River with Boys, Miss Marson [?], Miss Collins, oystering & dined on rocks.
12. Mr. Wilton preached. I went to Church in Morning.
13. Received letter from Willson from Calcutta. Bled Shamrock.

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Dec. 14th. J.M. went to Liverpool & Weller.

15. Went to Sydney. Sat twice for Portrait. Called at Government House. Decanter broken.
16. Dined at Parsonage.
17. Mary wrote to Mother with me. I wrote also to Matthew.

Mar. 1 or 2. Rowgers [?] & wife came for £30 year.

Mar: 12. Wrote to Hy. Smith. Mary wrote to Sarah & Mrs. Franklin: sent to Sydney with Rowney & Ann.

14. Wrote to Matthew, Mary wrote Miss Knight, Mr. Bennett, Miss Knights &c. I wrote about farm &c. & ordered goods.
16. Recd. order for £30 from Mr. Marsden for 7 April. Set Hens out of doors.
19. Paid Byrnes £3.14.1. – also J. Byrne for bread for Schl.[of] Industry £7.18.6. Set 2 Hens in loft.

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Mar: 22. Wrote to Hely about Cook. Sent note to T. Hassall.

30. Went to Farm to meet Charles & settle upon sspot for dairy &c.

26. Engaged to give Mac Guire £16 - - a year for 1/2 year, to commence from 28th. & a full ration.

31. Wrote S. Garrett & Mother per "Andromeda", repeated list of things. Took Rooty Hills.

Apl. 22. Went to Government Ball.

Apr. 23. Recd. Books from Kennerly. Paid M & F. £21. - Lamb £32 - -.

24. Wrote to Sarah & Kennerly.

25. Set Hen.

May 9. Sent Iredale Check for £13.5.6. of Lethbridge.

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July 11. Order on M & F. 3 months after date to J. Byrnes, for £53.

15. Wrote to Mr. McLeay about female servant.

27. Wrote to Matthew, Mr. Faux & Wm. Hobbs.

Aug. 1. Set Hens.

3. Received 50 Bushls. Corn.

Aug. 4. Sent Bowen £13.18 – Check & order 8th Inst. on M & F. £20.10.6.

8. Wrote to Bowen about Cash at M & F.

Sep. 23. Little girl christened Sarah Eliz'th. [? b. /8/1831]

24. Recd. letters from England dated Feb. & Jany.

Sep. 25. Wrote Mother & Hammond per "Renown".

Oct. 3. Sent Lamb & Co. £21 – by Port.

4. Paid New £20 on A/C and Herbert £5.

14. Paid McGuire £4.

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Oct. 13. Kennerly arrived bringing my letters &c. &c.

17. Paid Grose £8.2.6. & 3m. Interest. Also Tincombe [?] £10.2.9. & Byrne £1.18. -

18. Paid West 9/6 up to 1st. Oct. He owes me 30/-. Wash woman to have 2/6 weekly for 8 weeks & I pay £4 - rent.

Kennerly sent seeds from Sydney – from Mother .

19. Paid McGuire for fowls &c. £1 - - . Put in some of English seeds. Sent for Kennerly luggage.

Nov. 12. Wrote to Matthew, Mother & C. Vallance. Mary wrote to Mary Ann. Mr. M. to Mr. Whittingham: Sent letter to M. Lowen. I wrote to Charlotte Smith. Sent for Bulb s & gave an A/C of pecuniary affairs &c. [to Matthew]

Dec. 6. Went to Mr. M's dairy. He gave little Sarah a durham Cows calf. Found the bush on fire.

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Feb. Wrote to J.W. £1000 -

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March 23. Wrote to Josiah, Mary wrote to Mother & Ann, & sent papers to J.W.

Aprl. 19. Sent letter to Matthew mentioning my letter to J.W. acknowledging the case [?] &c. & proposing to remit in June.

May 15. Sarah cut her first tooth.

May 25. Recd. letter dated 10 Janry. 1832 from Mat: & papers.

July 26. Wrote to Willson, mentioned Pupils &c.

Sep. 18. Recd. letters by "Eamont" dated April, heard of poor Walmesley's on July 19th at Sea.

22. Sent letters & papers home. Letters Mary to Sarah, myself to Mother & Mat: mentioning Josiah & Lucerne seeds &c. &c.

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Oct. 17. Recd. letter from Mary dated May 18th to Mary, Mother & Sarah & Ann at Hastings.

Nov. 5. Sent letter to Bishop Calcutta, letter & papers to Willson.

13. Wrote to Matthew, with ideas of family coming out.

15. Recd. curry powders from Willson per Byron.

27. Wrote to Sarah - mentioned Bulbs.

Dec. 3. Agreed to let Kennerly Rooty Hill, remain'd. term of years for £40 per year, for £50 in consideration of giving up lease &c. [June 3rd. Recd the above £50]

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Feb. 19. Recd. letter from Matthew dated Sep. 3rd. & Mr. Faux.

March 10. Wrote to Mat: in reply About land on the River &c. &c.

19. Recd. J's letter.

28. Recd. books & letters from J.W. Mary recd. letter from Mat: wrote again to Matthew.

Apl. 15. Vessel supposed to sail by which Mary wrote

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Copy &c. of my first letter to Matthew.

May 25. Sent letter to Sarah mentioning Mary's confinement, also respecting Servants.

June 20. Sent letter to Howick, Copley & E. Musgrave . {Vessel did not sail (the Stoveld) till Aug. 18th.

24. Charles christened. C.M.B.

July 1 to 19th. Over the mountains. Ordered 3 Sows.

26. Wrote to Mary – mentioned journey, ranunculus & anemone.

Aug. 16. Fence at Farm finished £25.10