

James Wilshire – journal kept on board the 'Royal Admiral' from  
England to New South Wales, 5 May to 16 July 1800  
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Journal of Jas. Wilshire  
Kept on board the Royal Admiral Captn. Wm Wilson Comm.  
from England to New South Wales

1800

May 5<sup>th</sup>. Embarked on board the above Ship then lying at Spithead in the afternoon went on  
Shore to the Isle of White with Mr. Lawson Brother and Friend spent a very agreeable Afternoon  
&c &c

6<sup>th</sup>. Light winds and variable with fine weather great party of the Convicts admitted  
upon the upper Deck, came on board Dr. Hawes preach'd a sermon to the Convicts  
Ships Company &c

7<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather. Convicts on the Deck as Yesterday,  
At 1/2 past 9 O'clock heard a disturbance among the Convicts, opened the Hatches, found  
Russell and Robinson had been attempting to Cut other Convicts throats  
in order to plunder them of belongings which they received from their Friends for which they  
were punished with two dozen lashes each

8<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather. Russell and Robinson flog'd again  
and two others with them [Higgins?] and....[last line indecipherable]

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Goal was search'd 6 Knives and a pair of Sizars found

9<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the Eastward with Cloudy weather 50 Convicts  
upon the upper deck Dr. Hawes came on board preach'd a Sermon to the Convicts Ships  
Company &c

10<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the Eastward with Cloudy weather  
Convicts as Yesterday

11<sup>th</sup> Fresh breezes from the E.N.E. with Cloudy weather 170 Convicts admitted upon  
the upper deck Dr. Bogue came on board preach'd a Sermon to the Ships Company Convicts &c

12<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather party of the Convicts  
upon the upper deck

13<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the Eastward with Cloudy weather Convicts as yesterday the Custom House Officers came board and found £500 in dollars belonging to the Ship owners

14<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from the Eastward with Cloudy weather  
Pilot came on board

15<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the N.E. at daylight unmoor'd at 7 O'clock weigh'd  
at 9 Signal from Bellequeux of

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64 Guns our Commodore under easy sail as far as East Cowes where we anchor'd; a distance of 12 Miles.

16<sup>th</sup> Got under weigh for St. Hellens wind S.W. constant rain during the time 1/2 past 9 O'clock came two in St. Hellens road and moor'd Ship blew very hard from the S.W. with constant rain.

17<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breezes from the S.W. the Middle and latter part a hard Gale from S.W. to N.W. the following convicts were flog'd for stealing Biscuit out of the Main Hatchway by means of a gravelling hook which they had contrived to make with Nails taken out of the Battens of their Bedsteads, Jacobs, Issacs, Heny.Hart, Russell, Higgins. Cook, Wood and Wm. Newport.

18<sup>th</sup> A Fresh breeze from the N.W. with constant rain Single Iron Men was made to keep watch on the Orlop deck to prevent the other Convicts stealing from each other

19<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the S.W. with Cloudy weather and rain during the day 100 Convicts admitted on the upper deck.

20<sup>th</sup>. Moderate breezes from the Westward with squalls attend with rain. Convicts as Yesterday.

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May 21<sup>st</sup>. Moderate breezes from the S.W. with Cloudy weather 200 Convicts admitted upon the upper deck. 13 Convicts Sick with a Feavour

22<sup>nd</sup>. Fresh breezes with Cloudy weather as Yesterday. Convicts as Yesterday

23<sup>rd</sup>. Light breezes from the Southward with Cloudy weather at Daylight Commodore made signal to unmore Ship at 9 O'clock got under weigh and made sail to the Eastward some of the Convicts upon the upper deck the following are the Number of Souls on board 305 Convicts 6 of their Wives 8 Children - one Botanist Passenger

67 Sailors Mr. Minchin & Wife Mr. Lawson & myself Passengers 5 Mates & Capt. Wm Wilson  
Commander

24<sup>th</sup>. Fresh breeze at 5 O'Clock the Pilot left us, saw St. Catherines Point N.N.W:  
departed this Life Nathl. Cluterbuck a Convict with a Fever: at Noone saw the Bill of Portland 4  
or 5 Leagues the deceased was sewn up in his Blanket and committed to the deep with the  
usual Ceremony Latt. 50.21 North dist. 51 1/2 Miles these 24 Hours.

25<sup>th</sup>. Light winds from the S.W. and Cloudy weather saw the Land about Berry head about 5  
Leagues Dist. 68 Miles these 24 Hours.

26<sup>th</sup> Moderate breezes from the S.W. with Cloudy weather at 3 O'Clock

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Anchor'd in Torbay here we have a fine Sight of the Channal Fleet there being at  
Anchor here (about 30 Sail of the Line) departed this Life Thos Woodford a Convict with a Fever  
committed his body to the deep as before 200 Convicts admitted upon  
the upper deck.

27<sup>th</sup> Light winds and variable with Cloudy weather Prayers by Mr. Elder a Missioner on the  
Quarter deck 234 Convicts upon the upper deck at 1/2 past 12 O'Clock the Commodore made  
Signal for weighing.

NB. On the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst. at Night in a Gale of wind the Abundance run foul of the Bengall (Indiaman)  
and Nok'd in his Quarter Gallery

28<sup>th</sup>. Pleasant breezes from the N.W. with Clear weather at 1 PM the Channel Fleet Sail'd from  
this Bay 1/2 past 3PM made sail in company with the Bellequeux and Fleet (the whole Fleet  
under weigh) 29 Sail of the Line under Lord St. Vincent - our Fleet 19 Sail Latt. 49.52 N. distance  
56 Miles these 24 Hours (this a very grand Sight)

29<sup>th</sup> Light breezes from N.E. by N. with Clear weather Latt. 48.57 N.

30<sup>th</sup>. Light breezes from the Westward with Cloudy weather the whole of the Convicts upon  
the upper deck except the sick in the Hospital

31<sup>st</sup>. Squally with rain the first part the Middle and latter part

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a Strong breeze with rain at times Latt 49.17 N. Distance 65 Miles

June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fresh gales and clear weather, a Strange Sail in sight which the Commodore bore down  
upon and boarded. Proved to be a Hambro Merchant Ship. 80 Convicts

admitted upon the upper deck  
Latt. 49.34 N. Dist. 86 Miles

2<sup>nd</sup>. Pleasant breezes from the N.E. with fair weather, departed this Life Thos. Peachey a Convict committed his body to the deep (as before)  
Latt. 48.33 North distance 111 Miles these 24 Hours

3<sup>rd</sup>. Light breezes from the N.E. with pleasant weather, at 1/2 past 3 PM departed this Life Samuel Turner Surgeon after about 3 Weeks Illness with a fever a Character much to be lamented particular as we have no other Surgeon on board the Fever raging very much at this time there being 30 Convicts bad and some of the Ships Company sorrow and despair now casts her gloomy aspect on every brow everyone being at loss considering his own safety: particular as the Fever began its rapid progress so early in our voyage. Mr. Elder a Missioner having studied Fisick some little time

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taken an Active part towards stoping this raging Plague, Pitch and Gunpowder being prepared to fumigate with is apploy'd very strongly which I hope will have the happy effect.  
Latt. 47.37 N. distance 96 Miles

4<sup>th</sup>) Pleasant breezes and fair weather. Latt. 46.30 N. distance 91 K

5<sup>th</sup>) Light breezes and Cloudy weather, departed this Life Ben'n. Cook a Convict with a Fever committ'd his Body to the deep as before. The Fumigating being continued (and strongly apploy'd) as a very great Effect in abating the Fever to the Joy and pleasure of every one on board. L. 45.13 N. Dist, 80 K

6<sup>th</sup>) Light breezes and cloudy weather. Charles Bacon a Convict floged for Stealing a Pair of Shoes from one of the other Convicts.

7<sup>th</sup>) Calm with very warm weather, 2 Strange Sail in sight, the Whole of the Convicts admitted upon deck.  
This day after dinner a discourse taken place between

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the Captain and Passengers they Passengers considering the[y] where not safe in consequence of the Convicts having so much Liberty, as there is now Palmer out of Irons, a very dangerous Charecter is more to be fear'd than any Man on board he as gave the Captain 200 Guineas for the use of a Cabin which is nearly Joining the great Cabin – frequently when we have been at Prayers upon Decks the Convicts have been arranged quite close to the Hatchway leading into the Cuddy, where the Fire Arms are Kept and there being only two Men with Cutlashes all this time to prevent there progress should the[y] be minded at such a time I conceive they may very

easy take the Ship and I have heard the Officers say the same we shall think it a miricle if we arrive safe at Port Jackson. Should the Convicts rise I am determin'd to loose my Life as dear as Possible

A Number of Convicts are in Single Irons besides the Following out of Irons – Palmer, Wheeler, Mealmaker, & Griffith and I understand moore are to be let out of Irons. These are some of the most abandon'd Characters on bord this Ship

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that Possible can be living. L.42.17 N. K 72

June 8<sup>th</sup>) A hard Gale with rain these 24 Hours. I was very Sea Sick being the first time of being sick since I have been on board, remain'd so untill the evening when I cot quite well. 2 Strange Sail in Sight which the Commodore Chased.

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9<sup>th</sup>) Strong gales with rain the whole day. K 47

10<sup>th</sup>) Light breezes with hazey weather L.40.34 N. K 54

11<sup>th</sup>) Light airs and Clear weather, departed this Life Wm. Postlewright a Convict with a fever committed his body to the deep

12<sup>th</sup>) Light breezes and clear weather, devine Service by Mr. Scott on the Quarter deck

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June 13<sup>th</sup>) Pleasant breezes and clear weather – caught 4 Small Turtles. 24 Convicts Sick with a Fever. Convicts on deck as before.

14<sup>th</sup>) Light breezes with fair and Pleasant weather. Sold the Effects of Doctor Turner which fetched to the Sailors tribble there Value as the breviated in bidding against each other. 24 Convicts Sick L. 36.26 N. K61

15<sup>th</sup>) Light airs and pleasant weather. devine Service by Mr. Elder 200 Convicts admitted upon deck. 25 Sick L.34.40 N. K 106

16<sup>th</sup>) Fine breezes and Cloudy. Exeter taken the Wellesley in Tow L. 32.41 N. K 106

17<sup>th</sup>) Pleasant breezes and Cloudy, departed this Life Wm. Phillips a Convict, having been Sick 2 days with a Fever. (19 Sick) K 137

18<sup>th</sup>) Pleasant breezes and Cloudy, about 100 Convicts admitt'd upon the upper deck. 21 Sick and 3 Seamen with Fever

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The following Convicts request of the Captain to let them have free communication to there Wives. Holness, Moor and George Happy which was immediatly granted, and put into Single Irons, likewise a Mrs. Hutchinson a Jewes requested she mite be with Jacklin a Convict which She was in Love with and intended to Marry him when the got to new South Wales, this was likewise granted She told the Captain they was all but Married – (the Captain thought better of this and countermanded) L 28.12 K 127

19<sup>th</sup>) Pleasant breezes and clear weather. Punished with 12 Lashes Jno. Terry a Convict for Cutting up a Convicts Shirt supposed to be stolen. 23 Convicts Sick and 3 Seaman with fever L25.56 N. K 139

20<sup>th</sup> Fine breeze with clear and Pleasant weather, this day the Captain gave orders to the Carpenter to make a Bulkhead athwart the Quarter deck before the Capstone and abaft the after Hatchway as a safe Guard against the Convicts L 23.48N. K[?]

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Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Pleasant Trade winds and clear weather (departed this Life James Tillet a Convict of a Fever 22 Sick Convicts)

22<sup>nd</sup>) Fine breezes with cloudy weather. 140 Convicts admitt'd upon the upper deck at 11 AM Prayers and Sermon by Mr. Elder and in the afternoone by Mr. Youl, we have every reason to believe the Convicts will make an attempt to take the Ship as the[y] appear very bold and dareing and do endavour to converse as much as possible with the Ships Company respecting the Situation of the Ship, the[y] was heard to say the[y] would have to serve us out with provisions before we cross the Line but this the[y] must look pretty sharp to do except the Ships Company assist them which I believe are not the best of Charectors, a light was very clearly seen in the Orlop deck by the Centinel and some of the Officers of the Ship and the Captain and some of the Convicts was hard to say, go it by this

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expression it appear'd the[y] was making ready or prepairing somthing for there proposed attack upon us – before we left Spithead the[y] said if the[y] should take the Ship from us the[y] would make every one walk the Plank, the Captain is a very religious and I believe a very good Man but I am afraid he shows too much linity to such vile deprav'd Charectors, as I am afraid that all the Comforts and attention for there good which possible can be shown will the first opportunity be inhumanly repaid by putting us under the greatest torters of death which possible be described, tho' we don't fear them as long as the Ships Company are true to us which is much to be feared particularly as they are verry discontented with their provisions.

K 137 ESE Wd. NE by E. to ENE L 17.47

Monday 23 June 1800.

Pleasant breezes and clear Weather, 21 Convicts 4 Ships Company. 48 Convicts on the upper deck for two hours these went down 48 more came up thinking that we should very soon leave the Convoy, and exposed more to the bad intentions of these men

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Men we think it highly Necessary some Set should be taken for the defence of our Selves and the Captain now began to be more alarm'd. Mr. Lawson 7 of the Missioners and my Self made a proposition to the Captain to keep watch which he very highly approved; and dividing ourselves into three watches as follows, 3 to watch from 8 O'clock at Night till 12 O'clock, 3 do. from 12 to 4 O'clock & 3 from 4 to 8 O'clock 2 on the Quarter deck and One in the Stearage leading into the Great Cabin particular watching the Hatchway of the Gun room as it had been communicated to the Officers by One of the Convicts that their intentions was to break through the Bulkhead into the Gun Room. As we wish to make it as easy for one as the other One will Watch in the Stearage as above 1 hour & 20 Minutes then relieved by One of those on the deck, he going on deck for the remainder of the time and the other in like manner which makes up (the 4 Hours watch each person) we begin this Night, Mr Elder, Mr Scott Missioner, and mySelf take the first Watch, Mr Lawson, Mr Youl and Mr Davis

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the 2<sup>nd</sup> Watch, Mr Wilson, Mr Morris, Mr Hayward the 3<sup>rd</sup> Watch, ^ (those) who have the last watch in the Morning take the first watch the enewing Night and in like turn by every One. This being settled I made a belt for my Pistols to buckle round my waist out of a pair of braces and the Skirts of an Old Coat which answers the purpose well.

K. 126 ESW to South Wd. NE to East L. 12.16 N.

Tuesday June 24<sup>th</sup>.

A Fresh breeze with fine weather. Comr. made signal to Steer W. by S. Land being in Sight, at 7 PM. Saw the Island St. Anthony, bearing S. to S. 20 West, the Fame parted Company being bound to the Coast of Africa. Last Night according to our proposed plan we taken our watch. I equiped myself with a brace of Pistols and a Cutlash, the others in the like manner which we intend to Continue Day & Night after leaving the Convoy.

There is 4 of the Missioners not yet agreeable to take up arms 2 of which quite declare of being begot so much by religion as not to think it justifiable in the sight of God to take up arms even against our most invittered Enemy every One accept the above

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above are determined to dye or Conquer. (23 Sick Convicts)

K. 132 C. South Wd. ENE to E by N.

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fresh breezes and fine weather, 100 Convicts admitted on Deck. 16 Sick. Only 16 Sail in Sight.

K.70 C. South Wd. E by S to NNE

Thursday June 26.

Light Airs and pleasant Clear Weather. between 50 and 60 Convicts are let upon the upper Deck at One time 13 Sick

Thank Gods providence here [h]as a watchfull Eye over us. We all ready find by our diligent watch we remove several very great evils 2 in particular, the Convicts wives having One of the Hospitals for to Sleep in &c. which was built for the Comfort of the Sick Convicts; the Door of which leads into the Gangway of the Great Cabin, the other Doar being stop'd up to prevent any communication with the Convicts. The Convicts Wives therefore goes down the same Hatchway that we do. The Key of which Hospital are put at Night just within the doar of the first Officers Cabin exposed to anyone who may be minded to take them out. The Quarter Master therefore

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therefore paid a frequent visit to the Convicts Wives, what tho' known by the Officers never tries to prevent peraps they paid a visit now and then themselves, this great evil we now prevented. A Second by which we were allways exposed to the greatest danger the Officers frequently going to Sleep in their watch on the Quarter Deck it has been Observed by us all in our different Watches that often times not more than two men are awake on the Quarter deck, the Man at the W[heel?] and the Man at the Compass had this continued we must have fallen in to the Hands of those Murderers which when putting us to the greatest Tortors of Death could not have Satisfyed, but this pleased God I hope our watchfull Eye will prevent.

K. 70 C. South Wd. NE to N. L. 11.24 N.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Fine light Breezes and Cloudy Weather, at 1/2 past 10 the City of London made the Signal for a Strange Sail bearing N. by E. the Commodore hove too to Speak her. She bore away.

21 Convicts sick.

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K. 60 C. South Wd. N E L. 10.23 N.

Saturday 28 June

Light airs with Cloudy Weather. Commodore made Signal for an Enemy being in Sight. She boar away. Departed this Life George Cook Convict with a fever. (22 Sick)

K. 82 C. South Wd. N E

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Light airs and Cloudy Weather with rain. Departed this Life James Nicholes a Convict with a fever. 24 Sick with fever Divine Service by Mr. Elder about 100 Convicts on deck.

K. 67 C. S.1/2 E. to SW by W. Wd. E. to NW

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Squally with heavy rain the Whole Day (24 Sick) Latt. 8.6 N.

K. 29 C. SW to S by E Wd. SSW L. 7.22 N.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>. July

Calm with heavy rain the Whole day. 29 Convicts besides 6 or 7 of the Ships Company Sick this day finding myself very poorly, I taken an Emetick which thank Good had the

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desired Effect tho' I am a little frighten'd fearfull it should prove to be the fever which now rages so much on board, 2 of the Missioners are bad with a fever One of which I doubt will not get over it, the weather being very hot and Close there is hardly one on board but what is Effected to different Complaints, which is not to be wondered at there being Such a Stench throughout the Whole Ship enough to breede the greatest Infection, well may I wish for the Sweet Air of Old England, nay I would give anything for one half hours Smell of Such refreshing air, its true I have been but little on board of Ships, but If I may venter to give my Opinion this is One of the dirtiest and most disagreeable Ships throughout that may now be Swimming on the Seas, here is the worst regularity among the Officers that possible can be described, every One being exceedingly careless and Negligent of their duty, for Jack reigns with as great an Athority as his Master Mr. W. 2 Officers Set two of the Convicts Wives to fighting on the Quarter deck, the Sailors and Sick Convicts as where on

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on deck came jumping round much enjoying Such diversion, about 1/2 past 9 AM. One of the Quarter Masters behaved very impertaint to Mr. Lloyd for which Mr. L. knocked him down I fully expected from this a Battle would ensue which might have been attended with very Serious Consequence, which to prevent I ran between them with my drawn Soard it being my watch deck, nothing more occured.

K. 24 C. SE by S to SSE Wd. SW L. 7.9° N.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. July

Light airs and Cloudy with Calm and rain alternatily. Departed this Life Mary How with a fever, we believe this in general to be Somthing of Goal fever it attacts the brain makes them Light Headed and aftertimes raven Mad. I trust in God to keep me from ketching it tho' Mr. Lawson Mr. Prett and myself run verry great hazards, we 3 Sleeping in One Small Cabin which has free Communication with the Cabin the Missioners are in which are bad with a fever, our Cabin in the Night in particular is enough to Sufficate us but may the Allmighty Good preserve us from all Illness as

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as I thank God I am quite well this day.

K. 5 C. SSE Wd. S by W

Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Calm and Cloudy with rain. Departed this Life Wm Poland likewise Ambrose King, Convicts with a fever. 38 Sick Convicts with fever. 200 Convicts admitted upon the upper deck.

K.29 C. SSE to SE by E Wd. S by E to SSW L. 7.1

Friday 4 July

Calm and rain, 38 Convicts Sick besides Some of the Ships Company indeed everyone on boards Complains at times I hope with the Blessing of God we Shall soon get out of this Climeate or I am afraid it will be attended with Serious Consequences on the part of death of many

K. 40 Wd. SE by E. WSW

Saturday 5 July

Light breezes and heavy rain 42 Sick.

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Saturday [Sunday] 6 July

Squally with heavy rain, 200 Convicts upon the Quarter deck divine Service by Mr. Elder.

K. 81 L. 5.47 N.

Monday 7 July

Fresh breezes and passing Showers 100 Convicts admitted upon the upper Deck at a time, 32 Sick, Ships company 3

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K. 81 C. ESE to SW by W Wd. SE by E

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Light breezes and Cloudy Weather, departed this life Wne. Holtroak a Convict with a fever 30 Sick Opened by mistake a Cask Mark'd N.S.W # 4# belonging to Commissary Palmer Containing 10 Dozn. Porter 1 Doz of which were Broke

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July Wind S 1/2 W. Course W by W to WSW distance 92 Miles

Fresh breezes and pleasant Weather. Sick as Yesterday. Latt. 4.33 N.

Thursday 10 July Wind South to SSW. Course WSW. To W1/2N. Miles 67.

Light breezes and pleasant Weather. Latt. 4.8 N. Sick as Yesterday.

Last Night at AM Bruce a Quarter Master behaved very insulting to Mr. Kollar 4 Mate,

he uttered very mutinous expressions and try'd to put the Ship about to get her from the fleet. The Captain was called and he was ordered in Irons. At 11 AM another of the Quarter Masters by the Name of Waters came forward was going to jump over board but prevented by Mr. Kollar 4 Mate, he afterwards made use Simular expressions, the Captain was Called, told him he would fight a Duel with him, he was Order'd in Irons, this caused very great alarm. A Nother Quarter Master by the Name of Patterson behaved himself

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in a very Mutinous manner, we therefore kept a very strict watch the whole Night. This Morning the Captain all the Ships Company to Muster and asked them the result of this behaviour, that if they had any Complaints in not being So well done by as in other Ships to mention them, and if reasonable they Sould granted, or if any of them wish'd to be sent on board the Commodores Ship to say it, they stood looking at each other sometime before any of them Spoke, when One came forward and said he would rather go on board a Man of War than continue here, the others continued quiet mute, untill the Officers who had seen the Ill behaviour of some desired them to speak. Patterson a Quartermaster was One who had been herd to say he'd be damned if he cared for anyOne in the Ship. He at first denyed it but at last told the Captain he'd be damned if he cared for anyOne in the ship, Specifying because no one cared for him, two others being accused by the Officers where Ordered out, the others had no particular complaints alledged against them, neither had the complaints to make, but one of them Speaking for all Said Bruce was a very discontented Man and had endeavoured to make the whole of the Ships Company the Same.

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Patterson was Ordered to have One dozen Lashes. When it was preceived that Some of the Ships Company hinted to the Others to rescue him Quarter Master refused to tye him up, the Captain Shewn his Pistols and ordered another Man to tye him up which was instantly done. Patterson uttering to this Man – what will you tye me up - another Man was punished with a dozen for saying he would rather go on board a Man of War than continue. Where Patterson was floged he laugh'd and tosed his head and said – all's well that ends well but there will be a time for this. The other two was forgave, and the Ships Company Ordered to dispurse which they Orderly did, Bruce and Waters continued in Irons, two Soldiers Standing centinals over them, as we had not a bad opinion of Waters the Captain Ordered him to be unchained and Sent into the Cabin to him, he begged the Captain's pardon promising to discover any conspiracy that hereafter mite be in agetation which (the Captain) the Captain granted. Patterson all this time walked about the deck tossing his head, went and fetched Bruce his dose

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and brought him Some rum, which Mr. Lloyd refused his having. Patterson was then heard to Say in a low voice, if Bruce was sent on board the Commodore he's be damn'd if he did not go

and God bless this set all together, the Captain was immediately informed of this who instantly Ordered him in Irons. Mr. Kollar 4 Mate was then sent with a letter to the Commodore informing him of their transactions, the Commodore returned his Compliments to the Captain desiring these two mite immediately be sent in Irons on board his Ship and he would keep them in prison the whole Voyage, and to send at the same time the whole of their proceedings in Writing and desiring the Captain to keep as Close to his Ship as with Safety he could and if any Mutiny Should arrise, if we found we could not subdue them to take recourse to our boats and he would Come a long side and Sink them alltogether. Accordingly these two men where Sent with the whole transactions as aboard. Soon afterwards the 2<sup>nd</sup> Boatswains came and Complained that who had just been forgave struck him for Obeying the Captains orders in flogging these Men, he was put in Irons, another Complaint by

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the Same Man that the first Boatswains Mate has Struck him for the Same, he was likewise put in Irons and I think there will be some more found out ere long, it appears that these Men have been endeavouring for some time to cause the others to Mutine, and that Making them drunk would brighten their Spirits to begin as every Man was drunk last Night, but their leaders being over ripe for the Business, began before they had well ripened their Minds of the others which thank God had lead to this discovery and I trust will be a check upon future evils, as we shall now be more strictly upon our guard than before and the Captain has ordered for we Gentlemen who Stands watch to call the Officers up when its their turn to watch so that no Quarter Master is admitted to call them or to come into the Stearage, as some of the Missioners did not pay that Strict Attention in their watch as was Necessary, sometimes falling a Sleep, Sometimes leaving their post befor releaved by the Night Watch and other inattentions we therefore thought it necessary Regulations should be made and which has been talk'd of for this fortnight past but finding no one

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Step forward to make these regulations tho' every One seems it was so very Necessary for our Safety I took it in Hand and last Tuesday made out the following regulations called a Committy Consisting of the Gentlemen which did duty carried by Majority and got them all to Sign.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 1800.

The undersigned Gentlemen having unanimously agreed to form them Selves into three different Watches during the Night to commence at 8 OClock every Night taking four hours each Watch, One Gentlemen to Stand Centinal in the Stearage leading into the Great Cabin and two upon the Quarter deck, the Centinal in the Stearage to be relieved every hour and 20 Minutes by One of the Centinals upon the Quarter deck, he taking such Centinals place & continuing untill the experation of four hours above Specify'd

that any Centinal wishing to leave his post Shall give Notice to the other Centinals then on duty giving cause for so doing and give up his Arms to such Centinal or Centinals untill his return on duty, that no Centinal

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Shall leave his post untill relieved by the Other Watch, that none Shall leave his post Contrary to the Orders of the Centinals than on Duty, that no Centinals Shall be allowed to Sleep when on duty, any Centinals disobeying these rules will be find as follows.

1 Watch 8 oClock till 12	Centinals leaving their post not asking permission	£0. 3. 0
Mr. Wilshire		
Mr. James Elder	Centinals leaving their post contrary to the Orders of the Centinals then on Duty	0.10.6
Mr. Wm. Scott		
2 Watch 12 to 4 Morning		
Mr. Jas. Youl	Centinals leaving their Watch before relieved by the Next Watch	0. 5.0
Mr. Jno. Davis		
Mr. Chas Wilson	Centinals found a Sleep when on Duty	0. 7.6
3 Watch 4 to 8		
Mr. Jas. Hayward	The last Watch on the morning to take the first Watch at Night so on by them all, this agreement continue in full force untill we arrive at Port Jackson, any Gentlemen breaking through this agreement without the approbation of the Whole shall forfeit the sum of One pound and One Shilling British Sterling.	
Mr. Jas. Mitchell		
Mr. Wm. Lawson		

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Wind W by N to S by W. Course W by SW to W by S. Dist. 90 Miles. Light breezes and Cloudy Weather. 32 Sick & 3 Ships Company. At Noon Fresh breezes & Squally. L. 3.49 N.

Saturday 12 July. Wind S by W to South. Course W by S to SW by W. Miles 87. Moderate breezes and Cloudy, at 5PM departed this Life Thos. Heny. Wiltshire a Convict of a fever committed his Body to the deep with the usual Ceremony, at 1/2 past [?] likewise James Tompkins a Convict as before, a Number of the Convicts upon the deck 32 Sick 3 Seaman and the Boatswain with Fevers. L. 3.23 N.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Wind S by E to South. Course SW by W. Miles 93. Fresh breeze & Cloudy, departed this Life John Spears a Convict. Latt. 2.61 N.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Wind S by E to SSE. Course SW by W to SW.

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Miles 69. Light airs and Cloudy latter part fresh breezes and Clear Weather.

Wd. SSE to SE by E. C. SW by S. L. [?].43 N.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>. July.

Light breezes with fine Weather the Whole of these 24 Hours Trade Winds. Miles 76.

C. S by W. Wd. SE by E. [?]73. L.[?]

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

At [?] PM we Crossed the Equinoctial Line and at 10 AM the usual Ceremony began by Neptune and his train. Neptune came forward in his Triumphant Car drawn by Six Men their faces black'd and Coloured in a curious Manner, with Nets over them to keep the Men from teasing them as they were at high mettal. Neptune demanded of the Captain Which Ship, from whence he came, to where bound and the Captain answering accordingly, then a list of the persons Names were given to Neptune who had not crossed the Line before. 7 of the Missioners Mr. Lawson and myself gave a gallon of Lager out by which we bought ourselves off from being Duck'd and shaved, about 40 of the Ships Company.

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