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*Copy of the Sick List of the
Female Convict Ship “Tasmania”
Between 27th of Sep^r to 27th of Dec^r*

Date	Name	Age	Quality	Disease	Taken Off	Disposed of
Sep 27	Elizabeth Marshall	18	Convict	Disease of toenail	Left under treatment	
Sep 27	M. A. Ryan	20	Convict	Sequels of Syphilis	Nov 13	Died
Sep 30	Mary Coates	22	Convict	Abortion J ^o J ^o	Oct 3	Died
Oct 3	M A Joblyns	35	Convict	Abdominal Rupture	Applied to get Bandages	
Oct 5	Martha Hill	20	Convict	Prolonged Constipation	Oct 8	To Duty
Oct 8	Margaret Corrigan	19	Convict	Wound of head	Oct 18	To Duty
Oct 11	Emma Driver	14	Convict	Gleety Discharge	Oct 28	To Duty
“	Mary Wilson	18	Convict	Gleety Discharge	Nov 3	To Duty
Oct 15	Frances Francis	30	Convict	Glect Fistula J ^o J ^o	Refused surgical assistance	
Oct 20	Rebecca Crooks	19	Convict	Attempted Suicide	Oct 27	To duty
Oct 26	Lydia Johnson	23	Convict	Gleety Discharge	Nov 20	To duty
Oct 27	Bridget Blenkinsop	28	Convict	Threatened Miscarriage	Nov 7	To duty
Oct 31	Rachael Ramsden	35	Convict	Fit of indigestion	Nov 3	To duty
Nov 1	Marion King	19	Convict	Severely Bruised	Nov 4	To duty
Nov 5	Emma Wells	28	Convict	Inflamed Tonsils	Nov 13	To duty
Nov 6	Mary Eldridge	46	Convict	Bilious Diarrhæa	Nov 20	To duty
Nov 14	Bridget Mack	33	Convict	Cold & Fever	Nov 20	To duty
Nov 17	Jean McKurdy	29	Convict	Scalded Face	Nov 27	To duty
Nov 19	Bridget Blenkinsop	28	Convict	Confinement	Dec 20	To duty
Nov 24	Bridget Walsh	33	Convict	Scalded Thigh	Dec 4	To duty
Nov 25	Eliza Smith	34	Convict	Scabies	Dec 5	To duty

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Nov 25	Esther Boraston	24	Convict	Scabies	Dec 5	To duty
Nov 25	H. A. Hipsley	32	Convict	Scabies	Dec 5	To duty
Nov 25	Sarah Miers	22	Convict	Scabies	Dec 5	To duty
Nov 25	M. A. Woods	25	Convict	Scabies	Dec 5	To duty
Dec 5	Sarah Smith	44	Convict	Severely Bruised	Dec 11	To duty
Dec 8	Emma Fear	19	Convict	Constipation	Dec 12	To duty
Dec 10	Charlotte Davis	30	Convict	Cold & Fever	Dec 19	To duty
Dec 10	M. A. Smith	19	Convict	Cold & Fever	Dec 19	To duty
Dec 10	Nancy Farrier	23	Convict	Ophthalmia	Dec 23	To Hospital
Children						
Oct 1	Charles Johnson	6 mths		Marasment	Oct 26	Died
Sep 28	James Blenkinsop	5 yrs		Contused Finger	Oct 6	
Oct 20	Mary Walsh	10		Wound of Head	Oct 31	
Dec 11	---- Martin	10		Falls down hatch & slightly bruised		
Crew						
Nov 2	Dugald Leitch	40	AB	Falls from Main Yard	Nov 25	To light duty
Nov 14	----- Moody	17	Apprentice	Erysipelas	Nov 21	To duty
Dec 15	----- Cole	18	Seaman	Wound of foot	Jan 10	Paid off
Dec 29	John Welch	27	Seaman	Wound of foot	Jan 8	Ship left

(Signed) Thos Seaton
Surgeon Super

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APPENDIX No 11, and Art. No 82 of the Surgeon's Instructions

MEDICAL and SURGICAL JOURNAL of His Majesty's *Convict Ship "Tasmania"*

Between the *27th of September* and *27th of December* during which

Time the said *Ship* has been employed in *that service*

Nature of Disease	No. of Case	Men's Names, Ages, Qualities, Time when and where taken ill, and how disposed of.	The History, Symptoms, Treatment, and Daily Progress of the Disease or Hurt.
Sequelie of Syphilis		Mary Anne Ryan Age 20 Factory Girl	<p>Left her home two years since: About a year ago she had a Venereal complaint for which she had no medical advice, with the exception of something, which the woman at whose house she was lodging, gave her, & which apparently relieved her: about seven months ago she experienced a great deal of scalding in making water attended with a profuse discharge and at this time she was committed to Wakefield house of Correction. In a week's time after her committal her throat became sore, for which a Blister was applied and some pills given, which gave partial relief but her mouth did not become in any way sore: She was then removed to York Castle and placed under the care of Mr Champion; At this time she first felt pains in her limbs, while her sore throat returned with a difficulty in swallowing; she again took some pills (she thinks Aperient), & powders at night to procure sleep, combined with hot baths but without effect. After two months she came up to London & was placed in Millbank Prison under the care of Dr Baly. She now began to experience pains in the forehead with great tenderness on pressure, she remained in this place three months taking different medication but refusing mercurials and was much worse on leaving than when she entered this Penitentiary; she has now been on board the Tasmania about a month and until this last few days has obstinately denied having any venereal taint about her but owns to have been of intemperate habits</p> <p>Sept 27th Admitted into the Hospital. She is now very debilitated and emaciated, great pains in the limbs and forehead much increased at night, with sore throat, both tonsils ulcerated and covered with thick ropy mucus which she is constantly hawking up trying to get rid of, difficulty of swallowing, loss of appetite, no discharge, no swelling in the groin and nor sore; but a cicatrix on right groin.</p> <p><Script> Rx: Pil: Hyd qij ter die: Gargle throat with Nitric Acid Gargle</p> <p>Sept 28th & 29th Throat better; same as before Anodyne at night</p> <p>Sep 30th Oct 1st Very heavy all day from Anodyne <Script> Rx: Posapae Hydroid ℥ij Aqua ℥j. Capt ℥j ter die</p>

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Sequellie of Syphilis		Mary Anne Ryan Continued	<p>Complains of mouth getting sore. Throat much better.</p> <p>Oct 8th Has been daily progressing, sleeps much better: Throat nearly well, only takes one Pill a day - proceed with the medicine: ʒj of wine at bedtime; tried a little portable soup but did not like it.</p> <p>Oct 15th Has been going on favourably till the 13th when the viability to sleep returned from the tone of voice the chords vocales seemed implicated reduce Pills: continue mixture. Allowed some fresh mutton:</p> <p>Oct 17th Intense pain in forehead, the bone visibly enlarging, eye sight much affected: very weak allowed another ounce of wine. Blister to temple, dress it with blue ointment.</p> <p>Oct 18 & 19 Much the same: delirious at night very worn with pain; allow broth</p> <p>Oct 20 to 23rd Debility increasing unable to sit up in bed without support. Curiously wild & amaurotic appearance of the eyes, turning in bed producing temporary blindness; mouth sore again; take one pill a day: Broth: Anodyne at night if requested</p> <p>Oct 23 to 31st Going on much in the same way, discontinued pills entirely; allow Broth, Ricise & on the 31st. she thought she was sinking and sent a message to say she wished to see me, to thank me J^o J^o</p> <p>Nov 1 to 7th Has rallied a little again the last few days.</p> <p>Nov 7 to 10th Complains of burning heat inside her bones and inability to move right arm and leg</p> <p>Nov 11th Evidently sinking: Diarrhæa has come on: at her request read to her some & the prayers out of her Missal.</p> <p>Nov 13th Passed a very delirious night: but sensible to within an hour of her dipolution which took place at 6 PM.</p> <p>Nov 14th Commit her body to the deep at 9 AM her mess attending,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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Premature Labor		<p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Coates Aged 22 No Trade Has been previously transported, and this was the third conviction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sept 27th</p>	<p>Was brought to Millbank last April & on admissions was in good health denied being in the family way in about ten days she wished to see the Medical Officer as her bowels were much confined and she was constantly sick, tho' she still denied being pregnant, some Castor Oil was given and effervescing draught for two months when she declared herself better and expressed a wish to go into the laundry and there she should be allowed Porter and would soon get strong. She however could now conceal her state no longer & gave as a reason for her previous denials that she was afraid she would not be allowed to leave Millbank till after her confinement. When she came on board she was in good health but in the course of a couple of days complained much of sickness, & in a weeks time applied to the Medical officer for some Aperient medicine as her bowels had not been open since she had been on board: She had some pills without effect and on the following morning some salts which afforded considerable relief & her sickness left her. Shortly after her sickness returned and on Friday morning Sept^t 27th. I saw her for the first time, she applied for some Aperient medicine, a powder was given and she was told if it did not operate again to apply the nurse, this she did and nothing now was heard of her till Monday Sept 30th when I was called out to her on deck: she was directly moved into the hospital where she complained of great bearing down pains, as if premature Labor were coming on and she then acknowledged that her bowels had not been open for eighteen days. She was instantly ordered an Enema which brought away a mass of filth to her great relief and in the course of the afternoon they were opened four times more: towards evening she had slight pains and said she felt as she always did and that her labours were generally lingering affairs of two days. The sea sickness had however greatly weakened her and now nothing would remain on her stomach. Tuesday 8am. She complained of great bearing down pains and in about two hours the Os Uteri began to dilate, she was sensible when spoken to, but was in a partly delirious state; her Labor proceeded naturally, the head presenting & at ½ post 12 she was delivered of a still born male foetus, the placenta was very small, and the uterial discharge natural; She expressed her thankfulness that she was better and went into a quit sleep; on awakening she seemed very exhausted and had some gruel with a little wine in it, during the night she was quite still; but on Wednesday 5 ½ am a great change took place, she vomited a quantity of coffee colored matter, with hiccup, some ammonia draughts were ordered and a Turpentine Enema was thrown up & the pit of the stomach was rubbed with R Apia but she gradually sank and died at 2 pm. Service performed at 6PM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">Martha Hill Aged 19 Servant Girl</p>	<p>Is of a very costive habit, and has been particularly so during the last two months. Sixteen days ago she applied for some Aperient medicine where a powder was given which freely moved her: since then nothing had passed her bowels up to Thursday Oct 3rd on the day she came and asked for some salts merely and on the following morning she came as desired for a repetition of the dose, if the former had not operated: Nothing more was seen of her and imagined she had got relief, but on Saturday Oct 5 she was admitted at noon complaining of great bearing down pain when at stool, great desire to go to stool, but inability to evacuate from something blocking up the passage: upon examination a large hard mass was found enveloped in the folds of the bowels; as much was recovered by scoop as could be safely brought away the rest was then perforated and a warm soap enema thrown up, she complained of its giving her great pain, in a short time a mass about the size of a goose's egg was removed, on throwing up some more soap and water the rest came away when she felt almost free from pain: She then had some warm gruel and went to bed, during the night she had a motion without any pain: Sunday Oct 6th Examined bowel, no injury sustained, no pain on pressing the abdomen, no fever: <Script> Rx Al Ricise 3p Keep quit in bed - have gruel - Oct 7th reports herself well Oct 8th Dismissed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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Attempted Suicide		<p style="text-align: center;">Rebecca Crookes Age 22</p> <p>Brought a very bad character with her from Millbank</p>	<p>Was brought to the penitentiary on the 7th of Feb at which time she was not in good health and had been under medical treatment: her legs and body were much swollen which she attributed to Dropsy for she assured them she was not pregnant: On being admitted she was seen by Dr Baly for morning sickness and shortness of breath (still denying being pregnant) who prescribed for her, but symptoms continuing and the shortness increasing. She was more closely questioned when she owned it was very likely to be the case: She was then placed in the infirmary and it was soon very evident she was far gone in pregnancy and in the early part of issue she was taken in Labor and after forty eight hours, during which time she was quite unconscious, she was delivered of a false conception and she was then told all her suffering was owing to her violent temper: she was left very weak:</p> <p>Shortly after it was necessary for her to have some leeches applied, which she resisted & also to take her medicine, for this she was put into one of the cells, and had the leeches applied having on becoming more refractory she was put under restraint and in four days more she had the hand cuffs on & was put in a strait waistcoat and for 28 days she was not allowed to have her hands at liberty all which times she was seen by the medical officer twice a day; sometimes she would take her food & medicine sometimes not; on being liberated she was placed, as she wished, with some steady women, with instructions to watch her; She was soon found to have difficulty of breathing, pain in right side & blue lips all which yielded to treatment: A swelling on left side of neck now appeared, increasing fast and causing great pain for this she had lotion & at first now she was pretty quiet she felt herself better. A change however was now made in the women she was with, and she became worse than ever and attempted suicide by strangulation, she was discovered however & on her recovery was permitted to walk with the other women, but in 4 days more she repeated the attempt and again was brought round tho' with some difficulty. She was now put into irons and closely watched till she came on board the ship. From the very first moment of coming on board her turbulence and bad temper manifested themselves and while off Madeira she struck the Captain for which she was put into the strong box and on</p> <p>Oct 16th she was again confined, while being put in she said "she would not humble herself quite so soon this time"</p> <p>Oct 20th on taking her allowance in the evening as the door was opened she fell out on deck: blood running from the nose ,tongue protruding livid swollen face J^o the cause was promptly found, but so tightly had she tied the tape round her neck, a knife was with difficulty introduced to cut it. She was bled in the arm and Temporal Artery and after some time got quite sound again: since then she ha had been kept very low and a little dazed with Blisters, Mustard Pouches J^o.</p> <p>Oct 27 Allowed to rejoin her mess, promising an entire reformation: Dismissed Hospital</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">Bridget Blenkinsop Age 27</p>	<p>Mother of six children three of whom are on board with her: she was first of all admitted on Oct 27th in the morning of that day she fell down the ladder and hurt her back, and in the evening she had bearing down pains, attended with a slight discharge, and feeling of sickness, all these symptoms however left her entirely in a very few days by keeping her strictly quiet and giving her opiates and light diet and attending to her state of the bowels and she was dismissed the hospital to be again admitted on</p> <p>Nov 19th with unequivocal symptoms of approaching Labor; on going to her at 5 AM I found on examination the parts well dilated and the head presenting naturally, the Labor proceeded rapidly and in half an hour she was safely delivered of a Male child, and the placenta came away about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour afterwards after lying quiet a couple of hours she was changed and made comfortable and had a refreshing sleep.</p> <p>Nov 20th passed a quiet night; bowels freely relieved passed her water without pain or difficulty; milk copious; breasts free from pain; baby strong & well:</p> <p>Nov 23rd Ditto Ditto</p> <p>No bad symptoms from the first either in mother & child which is a very good little fellow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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Disease of tow nail of great toe combined with a venereal taint		Elizabeth Umstall Age 18 Convict Left the ship under treatment	<p>Left home two years ago since then has led a very irregular life and drank hard, in about six months she got diseased but was ignorant of its nature till some other women told her, when she applied to a medical man who gave pills and lotion which much relieved her: upon which she resumed her bad causes and also her bad symptoms returned. She now had six months in Stafford jail, and was under the care of the Surgeon: on her release she went on from bad to worse, was a second time apprehended and was laid up with an attack of Rheumatism (Syphilitic?) and took a deal of Calomel and got much better: on arriving in London she was reported to be in good health, but she soon began to complain and on discovering the truth – Pills & Lotions were ordered and was for the first time while in the infirmary at Millbank she complained of pains in the great toe and a great part of the nail was removed in consequence. Sept 27th On presenting herself to me she complained only of the toe, 'twas larger than the other, the margins round the nail purplish red, indurated, swollen, part of the nail lying black in the centre and minute portion of it detached under the hard margins and the whole smelling most offensively: I carefully and gradually removed all the nail for it was exquisitely painful to the touch: and then poulticed with a solution of Chlorine of Lime: I then tried Nitric Acid Lotion: Then Unguent Hyd. C Opio: then Bald Folutan and give her Blue Pill: in fact I tried every remedy short of the knife that I thought held out a fair prospect of affording relief but always with a like result, before any change of treatment the toe for a little while, seemed to improve, and then soon went back to its original state again in which plight she went to the Anson Some little while after I went to see Dr Bowder and on enquiry found the case in about much the same state.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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Pretended case of Haemoptysis'		Mary Martin Age 26 Convict Recovered	<p>Was committed in April last when she was in the enjoyment of good health but in about six months was attacked with hysteria of which however she soon got the better. On presenting herself she complained of fullness of the chest, but no cough, and of spitting of blood at night, and she was told to save and bring to the Hospital the next morning whatever she might bring up in the night. During that day it happened she was or thought she was likely to be punished and therefore found it convenient to spit blood in the afternoon in consequence of which she was made an impatient with strict charge to the nurse to watch her, during the first part of the evening she managed to spit a little, but without any cough or sensation of sickness, and when employed in conversation it ceased towards morning it left off altogether for <u>four days</u> there was no return of it: she then complained very much of being sick and supposed it must be that the blood not coming, on which I gave her a powerful emetic which made her very sick but not the least sign of blood. She now had a swelling on the left side of her face attended with considerable pain, which she attributed to a severe blow received in a quarrel some months before: it was fo//ted but without any permanent relief and some small portions of bone could pierce the nostril, this somewhat frightened her, and she consented to my recovering a tooth which was followed by an offensive discharge, but afforded great, immediate & lasting relief and in a day or two she was dismissed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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<p>Old neglected venereal sores combined with Piles, filth and Gonorrhæa</p>		<p>Frances Francis Age 30 Convict Went to the Anson uncured</p>	<p>An inveterate drinker; a beastly disgusting dirty woman: her whole history is a narrative of continued disease and her disregard of it: For five years she has never been from Venereal taint and Piles in addition: for many weeks she was in the "Lock" at Liverpool where some of the Piles were removed by ligatures and the warts by Caustics: On her apprehension she complained of pain and swelling of the legs and shortness of breath and constant pain in the head: She then became low spirited, her memory began to be impaired so that she was not able to state in the morning what had taken place the night previously - At Millbank she was under medical care but on coming on board ship she again began to neglect herself and it was some time after I took charge before she applied to me and was then denied any discharge or any improper complaints till I insisted on an examination but with old cicatrices, accumulated filth & it was quite impossible to say what disease was by strict cleanliness, & Lotions & a great change was soon effected, and no doubt with the assistance of medicine she would get well. She thought however I did not understand her constitution to refusal to take any more: her coughing herself however I thought I could enforce and did.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(signed) Thos Seaton</p>

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A NOSOLOGICAL RETURN of the Sick and Wounded of Her Majesty's Convict Ship "Tasmania" Mr. Thomas Seaton Surgeon, Between the 26th of September 1844 and the 30th of December 1844

Diseases Nosologically arranged	Remains by last return	Since added to list	Discharged to Duty	Sent to Hospital	Died	Invalided	No now on list
Pyrexiae							
Ord. I. Febres.							
Internulleates Quotutiana							
Tertiana							
Remittent		3	3				
Continua Synochus							
Typhus							
Ord. II. Phlegmasiae.							
Phlogosia		7	7				
Pneumonia							
Rheumatismus							
Cynanche		1	1				
Ophthalmia		1		1			
Ord. III. Exanthemata.							
Variola							
Rubeola							
Erysipelas		1	1				
Vaccina							
Ord. IV. Haemorrhagiae							
Haemoptysis	1	1					
Phthisis incipiens							
Phthisis cosfirmata							
Abortio		2	1		1		
Parturitia		1	1				
Ord. V. Profluvia.							
Catarrhus							
Dysenteria							
Neuroses.							
Ord. I. Comata.							
Apoplexia							
Ord. II. Adynamiae.							
Dyspepsia		1	1				
Ord. III. Spasmi.							
Asthma							
Diarrhoea		1	1				
Colica							
Ord. Iv. Vesaniae.							

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Amentia						
Mania		1	1			
Cachexiae.						
Ord. I. Marcores.						
Tabes		1		1		
Ord. II. Intumescensiae.						
Anasarca						
Ascites						
Hydrothorax						
Ord. III. Impetiginis.						
Syphilis		1		1		
Scrophula						
Icterus						
Scabies		5	5			
Locales.						
Ord. I. Dysaesthesiae.						
Amaurosis						
Ord. II. Dysorexiae.						
Ord. III. Dyscinesiae.						
Ord. IV. Apocenosos.						
Gonorrhoea		4	4			
Ord. V. Epischeses						
Ischuria						
Obstipatio		2	2			
Ord. VI. Tumores.						
Aneurisma						
Ord. VII. Ectopiae.						
Hernia		1	1			
Prolapsus						
Ord. VIII. Dialyses.						
Vulnus		1	1			
Uleus						
GENERAL TOTAL		38	34	1	3	
No. 10 Appendix and Article 31] of the Surgeon's Instructions]		N.B. – The Margins are to be left clear for binding, and particular attention is to be paid to filling up the Blanks in the Heading with the Names, Dates and Station.				

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Assistant Surgeons		
Names	Qualifications	Date when and by whom appointed
<p><u>REMARKS</u></p> <p>I joined on the morning of the 26th Sept about five o'clock and directly proceeded to muster the women down: I found on board "one hundred & ninety one" Female Convicts being the number originally embarked and "twenty four" children, one of them having died a day or two beforehand viz "George Douglas"</p> <p>Of the women who died: Mary Ann Ryan applied to me on the morning of the 27th was directly admitted into hospital: she complained of sore throat J^o: she had contracted her disease a considerable time before but had never had it professionally attended to until she became a prisoner & for some time after that denied having a Venereal taint. She suffered much and gradually got worse to her dipolution: The frontal bone was much swollen and a few days before her death she became completely Amaurotic:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Coates applied for Aperient medicine only but from her whole appearance & her cast of countenance I gauged her worse than she admitted herself to be and forthwith sent her into hospital: she had suffered much the whole voyage from sea sickness and was greatly reduced in consequence: she had concealed her pregnancy as long as she possibly could and much dreaded her Labor: it presented however no unusual features whatever except in being premature and in the death of the foetus, but after its expulsion nature made no effort to rally and she gradually sunk in twenty four hours without apparently suffering any pain:</p> <p>The case of attempted suicide is arranged under the head of "Mania" but owes its position to the nature of the act itself, more than to any maniacal tendency in the woman: I am satisfied in my own mind that it was coolly, deliberately planned & executed without any consideration as to the consequences but merely because she thought it would be a constant source of anxiety & uneasiness to use: And here I would venture to suggest the propriety of substituting for round holes which are cut along the top of the sides of the punishment box an iron grating in the door thro' which the Dr Master, & officer on duty could more easily see than at present. And it would also prevent the possibility of any thing being passed within. A straight waistcoat or two would also be an acquisition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No other case occurred of a severe nature, except that of "Martha Hill" in whom through prolonged constipation the obstruction was obliged to be removed mechanically.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">While in the Tropics the younger children suffered a little from prickly heat, but it soon left them and on the whole both they and the women were generally healthy.</p> <p>The women were very troublesome & the cause of many a disturbance on board viz: Matilda Phillips - evidently deficient in intellect Sarah Smith - at times very noisy turbulent and abusive: she was too subject to a species of fit nearly allied to Epilepsy which had impaired her memory, but she presumed upon her malady & affected a degree of eccentricity greater than was warrantable and lastly - Ellen Adams - who was the most troublesome & dangerous of the three, she was shrewd, malicious with strong natural abilities but her imagination was affected owing to which she used to fabricate the most unaccountable tales yet narrate them with such an air of plausibility & seeming truth & correctness as would impose upon any one not aware of her state.</p>		

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All on board had been vaccinated except four adults viz: C Watson, I Pollard & M Medicott & S Clarke, I tried them with some matter I had procured at Madeira but without effect: that which Dr Black gave me I delivered into the Hospital at Hobart Town and as he had strictly charged me to do.

But one birth occurred on board, in which case both mother & child did extremely well: Bridget Blenkinsop.

(Signed) Thos Seaton
Surgeon Supert
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