

## Surgeon's Report

(ADM 101/73 (AOT Reel 3212))

### *Journal of the Waverley Convict Ship*

*Mr. Samuel Mackey Surgeon.*

*Between the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1842 and 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1842*

#### GENERAL REMARKS

*On the 25<sup>th</sup> of August and the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1842, one hundred and forty nine convicts with forty of their children were embarked in a clean and healthy state on board the Waverley Convict Ship, from the Depot at Grangegorman Lane Dublin, and with the exception of the eleven cases detailed in this journal they continued in a healthy state during the voyage.*

*The only reasons which I can assign for the healthiness of the Prisoners are the following, viz:*

*The Prison Water Closets and Berths were always kept clean, dry, and thoroughly ventilated. We were also extremely fortunate in having fine weather during the voyage, which enabled us to admit the whole of the Prisoners, and their children, on Deck every day, from 9 o'clock in the morning, till six o'clock in the evening at which period I invariably mustered the Prisoners, and sent them to Prison.*

*The strictest attention was at all times paid to cleanliness, not only in their persons, but in their clothes, and I am happy to add that the whole of the convicts with their children were landed in a clean and healthy state with two in addition to the number which were embarked. The only case of death which took place in the ship, was John Reilly aged three years and six months and he was so obstinate I could not get him to take medicine. He died of Dysentery on the 17<sup>th</sup> September two days after our arrival in the River Derwent.*

*Sam<sup>l</sup> Mackey  
Surgeon Superintendent*