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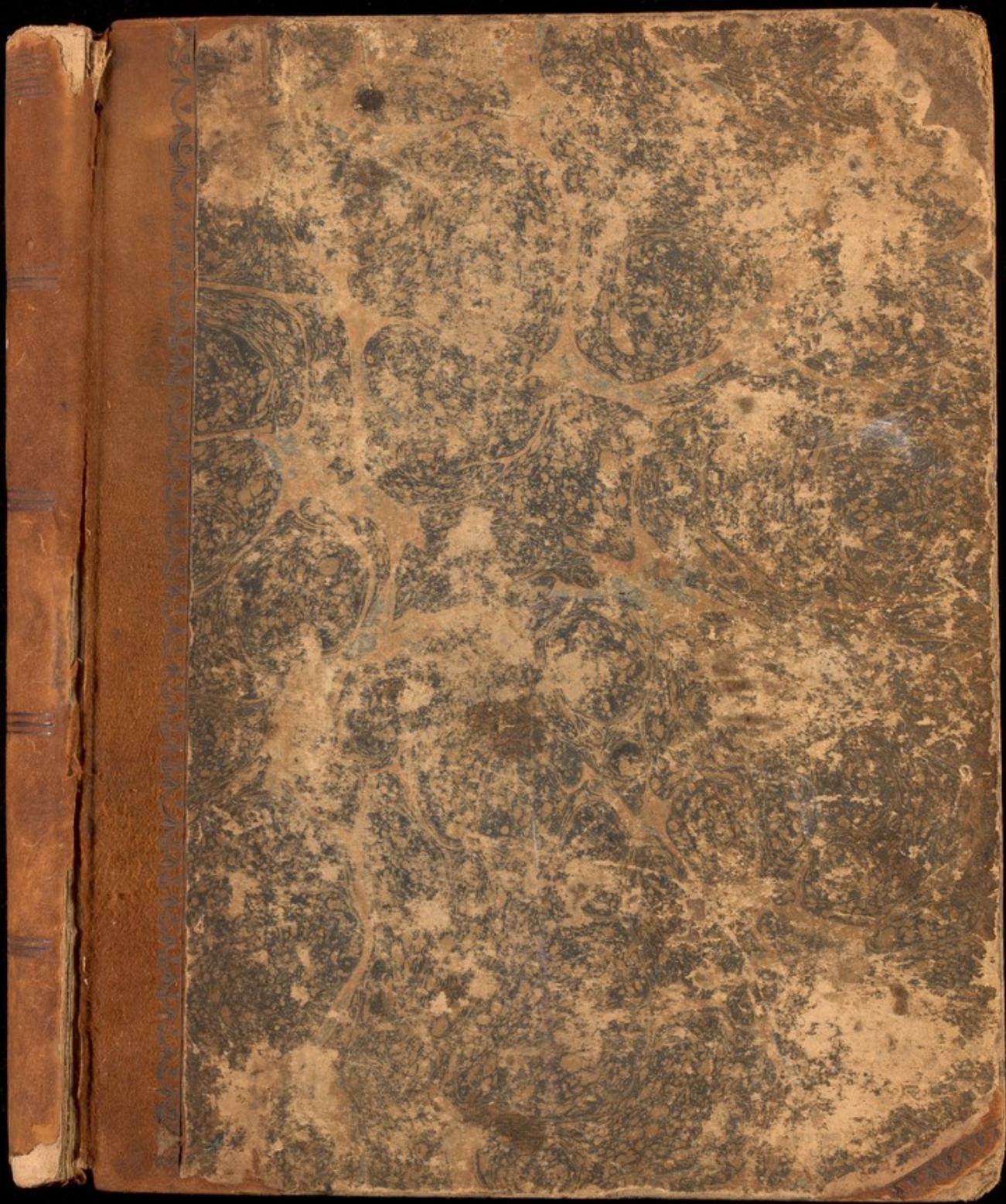
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Of Arthurhouse, Kincairdineshire. [Burke's  
Landed Gentry, s.v. Badenach-Nicolson of Glenbervie.]  
In L.G.s of 1805, and in A.L.s 1806-1821 he is  
erroneously called "Bredenach".

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*Population is only valuable as it is  
industrious*

*H. B. Misra*

Common-Place Book  
Naas Dec-27<sup>th</sup> 1822

Much to my shame be it said that this book was purchased two years ago while in Edinburgh for the purpose of inserting of any thing that I might see, or read, or hear worthy of being recollected. — Few valuable years have thus been allowed to pass away without recording one word. Not that I have been in the way of attaining a great stock of useful knowledge during this period, yet much that I have seen & heard has been allowed to pass without its making that lasting impression that committing to Paper generally effects. Resolves no longer to be so remiss, at this late period of the year I have endeavored to commence. —

By way of encouragement to my undertaking I shall insert a few opinions of the great Bacon on this subject. —

He says "It is a strange thing, that in sea voyages, where there is nothing to be seen but sky and sea, men should make diaries. in land travels wherein so much is to be observed, for the most part they omit it, as if chances were fitter to be registered than observations: let diaries therefore be brought into use again. On a subject intimately connected with this he says, "Above all things order and distribution and singling out of parts is the life of dispatch, as the distribution be not too subtle, for he that doth not divide will never enter well into business."

Further he observes "In studies whatsoever a man commandeth upon himself, let him set hours for it, but whatsoever is agreeable to his nature let him take no care for any set times for it for his thoughts will fly to it of themselves so as the space of other business or studies will suffice. A man's nature runneth to herbs or weeds, therefore let him seasonably water the one or destroy the other."

In another place he remarks "A man that is young in years may be old in hours if he have lost his time but <sup>that</sup> happeneth rarely."

He also notices "Studies serve for delight, for ornament and ability. Their chief use for delight is in Privateness and retiring; for ornament is in discourse: and for ability is in judgment, and disposition of business. To spend much time in studies is stult, to use them too much for ornament is affectation, to make judgment wholly by their rules is the humor of a scholar. Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man."

Histories make men wise. Poets witty; the Mathematics subtle, natural Philosophy deep, Moral grave, Logic and rhetoric able to contend. 'Abcent studia in malis' May there is no stand or impediment in the wit, but may be wrought out by fit studies, so if a man's wits be wandering let him study the Mathematics, for in demonstration if his wit be called away never so little he must begin again."

Arrived at Belfast on the Evening of Sunday the 25.  
of a passage from Greenock. Passage has been, indeed,  
boisterous and has been interrupted much by the state  
of the weather. Has been compelled to take refuge  
twice in Campbelltown in the Mull of Galloway -  
no other but a steam vessel could have made  
the Passage under the same circumstances. The  
application of steam to navigation is a vast discovery,  
the products will produce effects that could not  
have been contemplated. This powerful agent had  
hardly been used, 50 years ago in moving machinery  
on shore and scarce half that period a float. -  
It is probable that our knowledge of its power  
and of its application is but yet in its infancy.  
Who knows but the fate of Empires may be determined  
in the field ~~by~~ by its all powerful agency? -  
Having reached Belfast after dark and having quitted  
before day had no opportunity of seeing this Populous  
and industrious town. Left at the Donnegal Arms, where  
the first Inn soon found the difference between this and

the Gulf Inn of the Town of the size of Belfast on the  
other side the water. Was drawn all foreign. -  
Long absence from our native Country and travel  
in foreign countries have at least this good effect.  
Lisburne seems a pretty neat, well built little town. -  
It is a comfort to look up on its lake in this country.  
The Road from Belfast to Dublin is excellent, broad,  
well made according to Mr. Adams plan. - 'Tis  
strange that this great Country, this old Country  
should be indebted to a native of America - a  
New Country for instructions in making Roads.  
We believe there is a keen demand for any thing, here it  
will be brought. Talent will find its way to Great  
Britain for there generally, it will meet its reward.  
Another instance <sup>may</sup> be given in the invention of the  
Block manufacturing machinery at Portsmouth, a Frenchman.  
The distance from Belfast to Dublin is 80 Irish miles  
rather more than 100 English. There was a brisk opposi-  
tion on the Road and including stoppages this was perform-  
ed in little more than 12 hours. The first part of the  
journey was performed at about 8 miles an hour one  
of the Passes soon after leaving, in their generous efforts

for all the three coaches were often at a gallop, by something giving way was knocked up. The other struggled with us, the Champagne for several hours. I hated the poor Horses. — A good deal of the National Character shone out in this; and any impetuosity, disregard of consequences, qualities often in themselves valuable, but requiring management, and direction: *ubi virtus ibi virtus est*. How necessary it is for a military Chief to keep this motto in mind particularly with the Men of this Land. —

The face of the Country is in general wasted from want of wood which however when planted seems to thrive well, particularly what is called hard wood. The Larch for in the different plantations did not seem to outtop the ash and the birch, and the elm as it does elsewhere. The situation of every where we breakfasted is pretty, and seems well situated for Trade. Thus a commodious canal. Saw some of the most miserable human abodes that I ever witnessed. Miserable as they, the work of generation does not thereby seem to receive any checks, at the door

of the worst of these, there was generally to be seen a good allowance of small ragged but robust children. How little on an it would appear requires for his rearing! How much overlooking care and attention must be worse than thrown away by the higher classes on their children! How often do we see over-tender parents quarrelling their offspring against the slightest breath of the Heavens, and rearing them like hot house Plants. — It would be well for them and their progeny to see and reflect on the state of an Irish Cabin & its inmates. — Dundalk is a considerable district, but very dirty and ill built. It was market day, there was a great concourse of people. But half of them probably could have had no business, but came from curiosity. While men are unemployed they are fond of crowding together. Many of these very people probably had their Potatoes undug and in danger of being spoiled by wet or frost, at least I saw many in this state near to the Road. Alas what improvidence! At first sight to accuse these people of sloth would appear just; but circumstances must be taken into consideration. Have they ever ~~been~~ been stimulated to industry by the sweets of its proper reward and comforts. The people of this

country must be differently constituted from their reg-  
ions if they could not be brought to our various  
habits by proper means. Who labours with more vigour  
than an Irishman out of his own country, when he  
is put in the way of it, and receives an adequate  
remuneration? This being the case it is not fair to  
tax the nation with Laziness. There are seemingly in  
Ireland however many Bars to check industry, and  
in the present state of the agricultural and man-  
ufacturing interests an excessive population is not un-  
likely for a considerable portion of the people. This surplus  
of hands must receive labour too low to afford a comfortable  
subsistence to the labourer and his family. He is of  
consequence obliged to subsist upon the cheapest food  
that he can get, which is Potatoes. He lives upon this,  
being half idle, his strong Passions follow their natural  
course, he marries, gets a wretched Cabin and begets  
a numerous progeny to be partakers of his misery. -

• 1000 April 18<sup>th</sup> 1823.

Weather rough, cold with occasional showers of hail  
Wind N. W. - Strong frost last night, Mercury this morning  
8 A. M. 38. - Vegetation notwithstanding advancing & the  
fields put on the livery of Spring. Face of the country  
has a dry appearance. Early grass covering the clover, also  
the wheat. Cat-brass appearing. Hedges beginning to look  
green. Most of the Trees budding. Oaks nuts / Horse with  
their leaves swollen, also goose berry bushes. No appear-  
ance of blights. Roads dry, dusty. Country folks  
very busy pulling their potatoes into the ground according  
to their Rude fashion in Long Beds. - In this part of  
the country agriculture seems but badly understood.  
By these long beds there seems to be a great waste of  
time. - 24 Men in Hospital, only one case of Bulver's  
attended with danger, it is confirmed consumption and  
in such a disease what can be done? - The Spring  
seems the most fatal season in this climate, at least  
this time last year or a little later we lost in the  
fine climate of Devonshire 4 or 5 cases. Rheumat  
complaints and Rheumatism are most prevalent. Rheum  
nearly unknown or much less being in Country  
quarters at a distance from the Streets in the Ports &  
the manufacturing Towns.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Murray 1823. Terrible cold business with frequent showers of snow & hail, wind from north. - No English Mail arrives to day. Books are dry. - Some papers on such a day as this run such a place but slowly. Our days here remain very monotonous, something in the same fashion as on Beard's ship, where to the idle little trifles, the sight of a stray bird, or a hapless flying fish forms no bad diversion. - Reading is here the only resource but with places and times it is a good & profitable one, provides the subjects in hand are not of a vitious kind. My time to day has been occupied in considering Chalmers's defenses of many Queen's sects. He has spared neither time nor research in collecting from every collection printed and unpublished in the Kingdom whatever may tend to rescue the character of this beautiful but unfortunate Princess from the load of calumny that has been thrown upon her. Nor has he laboured in vain, for he has done much clear his reputation, and in the same proportion darkened that of the cunning, cold blooded hypocritical Elizabeth, with all the train of black headed villainous systematic scoundrels who acted as her agents. He proves but too successfully that the Monarch, Murray, Morton, Mauleverer & Boothwell were the murderers the ally, the accomplices, the tools, and that the Plot was hatched by Murray & Mauleverer in order to take off

Boothwell, and by forming the Queen in marriage to Boothwell he became an accomplice and an active agent. There appears however to me something wanting to clear Murray's reputation from this most extraordinary marriage. It must have been known to her that Boothwell was a reputed Newcastle Quaker, and how can we suppose for a moment that a high spirited woman could by any means be compelled contrary to her wishes to accept of such a person as her husband, a few weeks after Boothwell's death. This looks bad after all, Mr Chalmers has urged in proving that this former part of Murray's plot to attach the infamy of the Murder to Murray, was that best as she was by Murray's adherents, it was impossible for her to save herself from the snare that had been laid for her.

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1823. Heavy Frost last night so strong as to render the ground white this morning in several places. Wind at W. not so strong but cold. My dinner for the most part. - Robt. over to Robertstown. -

April 21<sup>st</sup> 1823. Weather more mild Rainy Wind S.W. 29 men in Hospital a great proportion suffer catarrhs & slight febrile complaints from cold. Origin of disease however is often doubtful, we are too apt to ascribe complaints to whatever most visibly presents itself.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823 - Weather cloudy cold and in the morning showery. Wind S.W. - Went to the races at the Grand of Kildare, saw a good race of 6 miles seven horses - A very fine course - But few spectators to see it. Afterward I proceeded to Kildare about 3 miles further to see the Tower which for an Irish Country Town is fair. There is a common name's Tower about 120 feet in height probably 20 in diameter. No entrance into but a door 15 feet from the ground. There is no stair or ladder therefore could not get in. This Tower is built adjoining to a Church which seems to have formed a part of an Abbey now mostly ruinous. -

There are some very ancient Tomb-stones. One an inscription on one 1612. The Country about Kildare is pretty washing or naturally fertile. Saw the Steeple of Poolbeggin in Kildare there is a Club house and a respectable looking Hotel. April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1823 - Weather cold raw with occasionally drizzling rain. Wind S.W. Vegetation very backward for this season. His Majesty's 13<sup>th</sup> Regt only distinguished by a flag flying at one object from any other day so much of rejoicing out side of the walls. - Farmers sowing oats and preparing the land for Barley. Bes. the bandry. - There are in Hospital 15 men - Preparing a list of names proposed to be included containing 23 men. -

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Weather clear not a cloud from sunrise to sunset. Sun's rays powerful but air in the shade cool, but little wind N.E. Went to the races at the Grand. Some good running, there was also a review of the 7<sup>th</sup> Hussars which added much to the gaiety of the scene. There was also Hawking. - Troops reviewed by Lord Combermere attended by Sir G. Grant & Sir H. Townshend. -

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Weather cloudy fine evening rain, cold and raw, wind East. A very different climate from yesterday. - These receipts are great and sudden. Fine occupation and amusement in the 75<sup>th</sup> number of the Edinburgh Review. Some excellent papers. -

Much rain afterwards for the day.

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1823 - There fell a great deal of rain during yesterday and last night & there has been a drizzling rain during nearly all this day. Wind S.W. Confined to the House by the state of the weather. Reading the Edinburgh Review very entertaining and instructive. - 16 Men in Hospital duty there very trifling. Education almost sine cura.

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Sunday Today has been fine, clear Sun's rays strong, air cold wind East. Weather on advancing very slowly, change during the week wonderfully little. - Temperature at 2 A.M. 45° below zero higher than 52 or 53 at 2 P.M. - 16 Men in Hospital very little help. Poor Bowdoin getting worse, Gates does not improve. -

April 26<sup>th</sup> 1823. Morning moist with drizzling rain cleared up before noon and remained clear & sunny. Air cool, but sun rays warm.

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1823 - This has been a beautiful clear, dry day but air still cool. Country has now generally a green tinge. Hedges green, some of the thorns in bloom. The sun is just descending in his daily course gives to the green hills at this hour of the evening that beautiful mixture of colour peculiarly pleasing at this season of the year.

April 30<sup>th</sup> 1823. - To day the weather has been pleasant & sunny with little wind. Air in the shade cool but pleasant. Roads again dry & dusty, labour general. Potatoes planting in a few places by the Peasants. Soil dry.

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1823. This diary is truly barren, the weather affording the only subject with small notices regarding vegetation and agriculture. The weather of 24<sup>th</sup> is nearly uniform, but as the weather is now fine, and the country from the recent warm days, is in all the bloom of spring, the rides about this fine but well neglected Country afford the most delightful exercise and agreeable amusement. The face of the Country is pretty, - hilly but not hilly - it is a lime stone Country. Soil generally light & rich. Meads are lime & gravel. It is reckoned an excellent soil Country. - It is generally enclosed and the

Apple trees have been good, but from want of care both the Hedges and Dykes are badly deteriorated. -

The Roads are excellent and the Private Roads, or rather crop Roads are probably unequalled any where. - The Land seems generally to be out of order and over-cropped. Their agricultural operations seem imperfect. - Potatoes here have fallen nearly one half -

in the present order of things still too high. - This part of the Country, there is little carriage by the Canals, but strange to say there seems little use made of them. Tenp from the Bog of Allen appears to be the chief commodity conveyed. This part of the Country is uncommonly well watered. - The beautiful river Liffey is the chief stream. The banks in many parts are beautiful, as at Ballymore Estuary, Harcourt Millston. - It is a fine clear stream. Harcourt town is the property of Mr. Le Touche Banker in Dublin. - It is situated 5 miles from this close to the River, surrounded by extensive woods, highly cultivated fields, with House, fences, &c in such condition as to show the presence of the Proprietor, and of the care taken by him. - It is deplorable that so few of the Irish Landlords pursue the same course. - The Country people are open minded

against their Lords for running away to foreign parts  
But these Lords of the Soil must have a reason for  
so doing.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1823. - Continued dry, clear agreeable sea.  
The air in the shade cool but sun's rays very power-  
ful. Temperature at 8 A.M. 50 - at 2 P.M. 60 -  
Mornings very cool. Vegetation is now advancing  
fast, and the leaves of the trees are ~~now~~ fully well  
developed.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1823. There are few incidents here for a Journal  
than at San Bay succeeds day with little variation unless  
probably in the state of the weather. Two days ago  
went out to Blenheim in Country to view the Count's  
Mines. Crossed a ridge of hills from the top of which there  
is a most extensive view. Blenheim is situated in  
a hollow with the lofty Cordillera behind and behind it  
the River Riffy passes it and about 2 miles from it is  
the water fall called Palo-Pocah, over which there is  
now erecting a very fine Bridge which will add much  
to the beauty of the scene. A New Road to Waterford is  
forming here. Some part of the Country between this and  
Blenheim is very fertile & hilly. All hands planting Potatoes  
now upon these high lands.

The weather of the day was showery, and to day is the  
same, the temperature has been from 50 to 60, vegetation  
advancing rapidly, the Country is refreshed looks most  
interesting. - There are 19 men in Hospital. Most of their  
complaints are slight. Poor Boulding thanks himself  
better, and probably is a little better, but I have my  
doubts regarding the termination of his malady. He is  
taking the Sulphuric acid the sweats are off and are  
now not considerable, though less troublesome, Expector-  
tion diminished, Respiration more free, Appetite good  
and spirits high, All this is flattering but the Pulse re-  
mains about 100 to 112 and I should there is deep seated  
disease. - Caste since the weather became mild has  
been better, Breasts more easy, Respiration more free, and  
but very little blood brought up. He is also in better  
spirits which is no inconsiderable point gained. He  
is taking 10 Drops of Sulphuric acid 3 times a day. -  
In general Spasmodic swellings are pretty numerous, with-  
out any obvious cause. - Warm applications seem  
to answer best. - There is a case of Hydrocele which I  
mean to operate upon. There is a case of Syphilis  
(see) but treatable and very unlike the extra tropical disease  
a dose of Castor oil, & attention to diet will be sufficient.

Since my arrival in Ireland now almost 8 months I have not used a grain of mercury in Venereal. The cases have not however been numerous. - One Mr. Tufts was in Hospital lately with a pain in his shin with a slight swelling of the Periosteum. He said that it has occasionally been plaguing him for weeks past. The account he gave of himself was that about 15 months ago while at Plymouth he got Pope's, had Bubbles, and applied to an Apothecary in that town who gave him Pills and some ointment to rub in that he got well but that soon after was sent on Detachment when he caught cold by getting wet. - I have no doubt but that I will see more of him soon. This looks very much like a case of secondary syphilis. He must be watched with the exception of Lewis now quite well, and back at present in Hospital there has been no case that bore any resemblance to secondary Syphilis.

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1823. During last two days there has been a considerable quantity of rain, warm & seasonable vegetation has advanced at a rapid rate. I do not think that West India saw it so rapid in this latitude. The temperature has been much higher yesterday the Mercury at 2 P.M. rose to 67 and in the morning at 8 was 56. - The Country looks fresh

and beautiful. There is still a little snow on the Wicklow Mountains. There are 27 men in Hospital. Three admitted this morning with Rheumatism, and Dr. Tufts with increased pain swelling in his shin. I mean to bleed him, Phlebotomy, & sweat him. - A boy seems to have got Rheumatism from the unjudicious use of Mercury while on Detachment at Killybegs 4 months ago. -

May 8<sup>th</sup> 1823. A great change in the weather since yesterday. It is cold & rainy with frequent hail showers. Wind S.W. but somewhat variable. Temperature much lower. - The 10<sup>th</sup> Hussars on their way to Dublin, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards for Newbridge. Paper thin to day. -

This is a fair day in March, there is a great concourse of People but they all seem orderly & quiet. Parties of the Army & Police attend on these occasions. -

May 10<sup>th</sup> 1823. During the day the weather was cloudy, but with occasional showers and with little wind. To day there has been a great deal of rain. Wind S.W. Temperature about 60 this morning at 8 A.M. 52. - The Country has a most promising appearance, the fields are fresh and green and the whole face of Nature is cheering. - Ten days ago vegetation was backward for the season now it is forward & luxuriant. - There are 20 men in Hospital. Poor Bunting

May 13<sup>th</sup> 1823. being last Wednesday there has been a great deal of rain, particularly on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Today is showery enough with the temperature 10 degrees lower than it was five days ago - Wind Westerly. It has been blowing very fresh. - There are to day 26 Men in Hospital five admitted this morning one with Cholera Morbus. - 11 Cornets were sent from this side yesterday on their way to Cork for embarkation for Boston Bay - They started in great spirits & gave their cheer for their new country. I can hardly think that they will lose much by the change!

May 15<sup>th</sup> 1823. being last Friday there has fallen out little worthy of notice when here. The weather has been rough & the temperature much lower 4 mornings ago the mercury at 5 A.M. was so low as 36, and during the day it did not rise higher than 53 or 4. - There is some frost in the morning - Vegetation has been checked - There has been a good deal of rain.

Went yesterday to see the Roman Catholic Establishment at Castle Browne or Browne Wood as it is called for the Education of young men. There are 170 at present located and most of them seem very young. I saw none above 18. Saw I should think so much of Mr. Henry is at the Head of the Establishment, but was absent in Dublin the whole House

around & he was politely shown by Father O'Monro a man of respectable appearance and most pleasing manners, communicative and entertaining. - He is about 20 - The inmates of this mansion are termed Jesuits, whether really so I know not, nor in fact am I certain as to the just definition of a Jesuit. But this however as at May, the whole establishment to the eye of a stranger exhibits a degree of arrangement neatness & cleanliness as could not be exceeded.

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1823. Very little has occurred during the week worthy of notice. There was to be here a fair in space without any fighting, & this there seems to have been a new case of the Windley. The 15<sup>th</sup> was inspected by Sir J. Grant on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Or. That day also two ex-guards parties went out very early in the morning, each under a Magistrate, in search of arms, they succeeded in bringing about 40 brackets besides some Pistols, Swords, Bayonets, & terrible looking blunderbusses worthy of General Ricks own Body Guards. - No resistance was offered by the proprietors, and I doubt if they had not as well have remained with them for from their appearance it is probable that these war-like engines would have done just as much injury to those firing them, as to those against whom they were fired. The temperature has been low for this season, at 8 A.M. generally about 50, at 2 P.M. about 58 - There has been a great deal of rain.

Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> (Kings Charles in the oak) Summer has fairly set in. This day 18 years joined the 59<sup>th</sup> Regt at Reading Street Barracks Kent. Here we heard a recollection of the day as it had been yesterday and the appearance of the Country, hot sun, thine, dusty Roads, green hedges, down home in bluffs, waggons great horses, fat Bulls in white smock-frocks with long shaps driving. — Went yesterday to Maynooth distant 10 Irish Miles Country looking beautiful, a great part of it not unknown to English, about Stamford Bridge, there is much to be admired. Fine Parks, good Houses, a beautiful River, and a handsome Bridge. The little village of the same name well in front of seatings & cleanings for Ireland, but this is not saying much. The People were better clothed and seemed busy, but indeed at this season few people in Ireland even are seen idle, for they are planting the seeds, as they emphatically call the Potatoes. Saw a woman the other day with a bag full of something asked what it was, was a woman, seeds, demanded what kind of seeds, the reply was carrots which afterwards learned to be a particular kind of Potatoes. — Saw a good deal of mulling Potatoes to day. — Wheat looking well. At Maynooth there is a Roman Catholic College for the Education of the Priesthood It is a Government Institution. Fr. Coates is at the Head of the College, there are 12 Professors, and at present 360 Students. Visited the Library, Common Hall, Kitchens &c &c &c

The grounds about it are pleasant. The buildings are not yet finished. — On each side of the gate a part of the old castle of the Leinster family remains. — This castle has been very extensive. — Maynooth is a village one wide street leading from the gate of the College to that of Castle. — The Royal Canal passes Maynooth. —

Temperature yesterday much higher at 2 P.M. 72 at 8 A.M. 56. — The face of the Country has a smiling aspect. Vegetation rapid. Saw a little snow on the top of one of the Irish Mountains. Roads good dry without dust. — Went to day to see the Procession or procession of Corpus Christi at Clonsilla wood but came in too late just in time to see a multitude gathered to witness it, to hear the music, and to see the Band of the Host, and the altar. —

The present temperature is most pleasant agreeable to remain quiet and not oppressive when taking exercise. — Sir Gilbert Blane fixes 62° as the temperature most congenial to the human constitution, the mean of the present will be about that. — This is ten degrees higher than the mean temperature of England. — I know not but will be able to find out by means of a deep well the medium of the scale in this Ireland. —

Magistrates have applied to the Lord Lieutenant to put 4 Baronies of this County under the insurrection act the whole County with the exception of one north as a whole then under an armed Police. All this is melancholy. —

Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1823. — On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May the temperature at 2 P.M. was 73°. — Yesterday there was not a breath of wind at 2 P.M. the weather was close sultry but the Mercury stood at 68 to day is more cool with a breeze from the S.W. Wind about in motion — Travelling not pleasant — Went yesterday by desire of Col. Davidson to see some men left in Hospital by the 5<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guard. Found 54 men left without attendants, medicine, or subsistence or without due information of the same being given which circumstance manifests dereliction on the part of the Medical officers of the Corps. Observed those men to day they are six in number 4 with Venereal, and two with Pectoral complaints. — Arrangements making to supply their wants. — This evening is dark threatening rain being S.W. temperature probably 10 degrees lower than 4 hours ago. — Crops in this vicinity have a promising appearance — Many of Potatoes are yet unplanted.

There are to day in Hospital 27 men which is almost one in 10, a very large proportion. Rheumatism Venereal the most numerous complaints. There are several cases of Syphilis consecutive — Saml Saunders came in from Kilcock with Inflamed eyes wandering pains in his limbs worst at night pain in the left side of his head, with a copper coloured eruption on his face breast and arms. — Put him under the use of the following Pills administered at bed time with orders to remain always in bed

Colonel. one grain Puls Cartini & two grains Opium halogala His mouth is touched, all the symptoms leaving him. — Callini's nodes are disappearing without medicine. I had no doubt they were caused by the languid use of Mercury followed by exposure to cold in a stable. — Ears remain deaf. His mouth is sore. — M. E. has got angina of pain of left ear — Had Venereal 14 months ago used Mercury. — Poor Building gets worse. The vents are profuse & very weakening. Little can be done in such a case. — Bacter is better, & is recommended for a three months diet fast enough.

Thursday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1823. — Have returned from Rathangan distant 13 miles. It is a neat clean village with well built large Houses and beautiful gardens, surrounding country low & pretty. The Grand Canal passes near to it. — It is 2<sup>nd</sup> Miles from Dublin An office with 12 of Mason Parby's Police stationed in the Town. — The system of Intimidation unfortunately so common in Ireland at the present time, runs by accounts an every day matter in that neighbourhood. — The Rev. Wm. Bourne is the active Magistrate and against him numerous threats are directed which he seems to disregard in a great degree. Showed me yesterday a novelty in this Province a Gentleman walking the Public Street with a Blind man in his hand accompanied by a trusty coherent with a loaded Pistol & bump — Saw a Blagym an so situated he of use in his

General capacity. There are however very few Protestants in this Parish, and that little confidence seems to be placed in all I could learn, in the Catholics. This is a woful state of Society. It cannot last long, as it now is. Rogues have not been common in the vicinity of Rathangan to the transgression of Captain Rock's code of law. This imaginary character legislates at the present day for a considerable portion of Ireland, such is the lowest state of Society, that few are bold enough to disregard his warnings. Farms remain without tenants, houses without inhabitants, labourers without employment at the desire of this terrible character. - Saw at Rathangan a considerable quantity of muskets & other fire arms that had been taken in the late search in the neighbourhood, they were of a much better quality than those brought into Abaco. - Many of them had been formerly concealed, some of them loaded with Ball. The weather has been for some days cold & showery with the wind from W. - Temperature in the morning about 48 - midday about 58 - 60. - The Crops however are looking well and well advanced for the season. - Sick continues numerous from 25 to 20. Nothing seen with the exception of Budding's case which approaches the end. - Mrs Connolly died at 2 o'clock this morning.

Wednesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1823 -

The weather continues uncommonly cool for this season of the year Mercury ranging from 48 to 50 which is 20 degrees lower than at that time last year in Devonshire. There have been showers and the sky has generally been overcast.

Winds from S.W. & W.

There are 20 men in Hospital, three with Spotted fever, two of which very slight, primary attacks, the other is more considerable but does not require free bleeding. Had a very interesting case with the use of Mercury the moment the mouth became sore the disease declared, but this proved not that the Mercury was the cause of the change, only that the disease was giving way allowing the Mercury to show itself being merely a symptom of the disease quelling.

In medicine it is to be feared that the effect is often ascribed to the wrong cause. Instance in a case of acute Dysentery, bleed freely, purge freely, the disease continues, Mercury is used the mouth gets sore the disease quits, and all the benefit is ascribed to the Mercury the last used, or the immediate cause is ascribed to the salutary change but this is giving to the Mercury too great a share of the cure. Take again a recent acute case of Dysentery, use probably a single dose of Castor oil, then commence on the mercurial plan of treatment using Mercury internally in small doses & externally in rubefacient while the inflammatory action continues. No sal-

swell of the mouth is produced no abatement of the symptoms takes place till the increased action going on in the system is lowered when a terrible typhoid fever follows - The young Prudhomme in the pride of his art puts all down to the skillful exhibition of his well chosen Medicines, leaving nothing to the efforts of Nature to throw off the disease. - The older, more observant, & more wary, having been often baffled in the most simple form of disease, weighs, deliberates & is only induced to aid those efforts, which he cannot control. To hear a lecture to a young Edinburgh M.D. scanning over the list of Diseases, with their corresponding causes a person would be surprised to learn that with such lights of Science Men still die.

John Bunting is now reduced to the last extremity - Legs Swollen, Respiration hurried, Pulse quick & feeble, Countenance pale & sharp, without that expression of hope that he long had. His appetite still remains pretty good, and the stomach is almost the last organ that performs its functions Saunders is getting well, Woodruff has been tender may see from having taken 8 or 10 grains of Colomel, & 2 a grain every night with two grains of Antimonial Powder half a grain of Opium the Constipation is entirely gone still pains have left him - Saunders however somewhat apprehensive about a return.

Must keep him for some time in Hospital to guard against the usual exposure to night duty & the like. -

Lewis's head is quite well, having had his mouth successively by the same means as Saunders has nearly recovered his hearing which was for a time very much impaired.

George Hoar had Rheumatism of his elbow & shoulder joints with severe pain in his face head Sudorifics were used but did not alleviate the Pains He was ordered a Pill of Colomel ʒss ccc each two grains Morning & evening & to have 30 Drops of Laudanum at bed time. This plan was continued for a week his mouth became sore & medicine was laid aside He now feels well.

Fowler an old Sailor has got an affection of his Lungs & expectorates purulent looking matter. He is taking Tincture of Digitalis, but Sam<sup>l</sup> Tanguine enough to expect much benefit from it. His Pulse is 96. Williams is in Hospital with a pain in his heel extending along the under part of his ~~foot~~ He used Sudorifics & Rubificants without benefit, he remains in bed, has flannel next his skin & takes at bed time the Colomel Antimonial Pill. His hearing too has been for some time affected.

This is the week of the Greenock Races which are barely attended Potatoe Planting is still going on. Mercury this morning at 8 a. m. 54 at 2. P. 62

Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1823. —

Weather within the last 4 days has become more seasonable  
warmer, drier, more pleasant. Wind generally from W.  
Temperature from 54 to 64. —

Yesterday was a most pleasant day, sunny calm. Went  
to the Banah Races which were better attended than of late.  
There was good running, there were 3 four mile heats  
for one cup - terrible straining for the poor animals!  
The Banah Race ground is I believe next to the finest  
in the Kingdom. The turf is at this season most beautiful.  
The ground contains 2000 acres. — From the stand which  
is a very neat, convenient Roomy building there is  
a view of nearly the whole extent of the course. —  
Two or three thousand people of various grades in society  
had assembled to see and enjoy the sport of the day. —  
There were many horsemen but most were mounted on barren  
jades. — The Respectable in appearance were not numerous  
considering the Proximity to the Metropolis. —

Went to day to the Roman Catholic Chapel. It is a build-  
ing infinitely too small for the congregation. It was crowded  
packed full, and many could not get within the thresholds, there  
was little room for the numerous young persons engaged in the  
Roman Church, to see day things worse the heat was scarce and  
portable to me in a cool <sup>conveniently</sup> paper hat, must to the pleasant

rolls in the constant brush, spades as he was, have been  
intelligible. I observed many a wife given to the Poor  
by the Clergy. — I scarce ever saw a Protestant congregation  
so huddled together. Would not Government do well to grant  
a sum of money for the better accommodation of the Catholics  
in their Chapels. — It has been often observed that this  
Religion lays a deeper hold on the minds of its followers  
than any other. — I believe it. — I have seldom witnessed  
an assemblage so more completely, along with the Reader  
than the one in the Chapel. —

Man is by nature fond of the Marvellous, and probably  
this fondness is directly according to his ignorance in  
my opinion of the world. Hence generally found it so. —  
The Rev<sup>d</sup> Gentleman who held forth to day told his audience  
that Miracles were still performing in the Land, that at  
a few days back one had been performed at Maryborough  
in Kings County. — He related the particulars most circumstan-  
tially and at great length, which were briefly these, that a  
little girl named Mary Lawler of respectable connections had been  
devoid from Child hood that he father John Lawler having heard  
of a Holy man a Priest in Germany who would attend  
to speak requested ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Lawler to apply to this Holy man to use  
his influence with ~~about~~ <sup>the</sup> Priest, after a time he agreed to do so  
and desired that the little girl might be taken before the altar of any

Chapel and receive the communion, and that at a certain time his speech would be perfect. It was so, and fell out exactly as he has predicted. — Great judicious advice. — Four additional Barons in this county have been put under the insurrection but a few Parishes excepted. This Barony north of us is still exempted. — From the 10th the Priest yesterday (26th June) gave his flock much wholesome admonition and cautions against these infamous and unchristianable abuses which he said were made up of the lowest and most vile wretches in the land. — He insisted that there was no Rebellion in this Parish.

Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1823.

The weather continues dry, sunny, but not warm, the air is very cool for this season. Mercury ranging from 50 to 64. Wind has last two days from the East North East. Mowing has commenced, the crop of Hay seems good. — All other crops looking well. — There is much dust to day. Have heard to day of our being detained to move, soon for Waterford, will leave areas without a regret, as it is the worst quarter that has as yet fallen to my lot. — To day there are 18 men in Hospital most of them with typhoid complaints, about 6 or 8 how long will probably be left in the Refractory building.

Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> 1823 —

Weather continues dry cool with wind from S.W. There has been no rain for nearly a fortnight, the Roads are dry & dusty but the country does not seem to suffer for want of moisture, has a fresh appearance. The different crops are good. This afternoon there is an appearance of rain and the wind is coming round to the S.W. the Rainy season of the Corn crop. — The temperature has ranged from 52 to 66 but the mean has been under 60 which appears to be 8 degrees lower than it has been at the same periods in the vicinity of London. — This is a great advantage. — Mowing is becoming general some of the wheat is in the ear —

There are 15 men in Hospital most of the complaints slight, about half a dozen more will be left with the 29<sup>th</sup> who relieve us at this place. — Twenty more left for Dublin yesterday morning to appear before the Commissioners at Kilmacshannon. — It is said that these Commissioners are not so liberal to the old soldiers as the Commissioners at Chelsea are. — Nor would I be surprised at this if true, for a penny is looked upon in Ireland as a large sum, than a sixpence in England that there are 10 pence in circulation is itself no small proof of the truth of this all.

getien for unless the necessities of life were attainable at a low rate, there would be no necessity for having whole coins of so low a denomination. What part of the mass of the people is purchased for an equivalent of a comparatively low value, small coins of copper, tin, may even shells form the bulk of the circulating medium. Were these invaded to reside in Ireland there would be no great hardship in their getting a penny for a six pence, but as they are all nearly natives of England and Scotland it is hard that they should be thus changed with a smaller allowance, merely from their being accidentally in this unfortunate country of distress, where our best feelings must unavoidably be shewn, at the time of their dis change. It surely would signify little to Government to send these men to Chelsea, at least all of them unless the Irishmen who might wish to return to this Country. - It appears to me strange that the whole military matters of the two Kingdoms have not been consolidated into one long ago.

Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup> 1823. To day the route for Malabar arrives, (see Bellingham's ~~note~~) this is the longer road, being a distance of 70 miles the other by Bahrton only 60. - There was a shower last night there has been a little to day. Weather cloudy, cool - wind W. There are 10 men in Hospital.

It was June 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Weather has been rainy for the last two days, and more warm to day hot wind S.W. - Head quarters of 79<sup>th</sup> marched in this forenoon and are billeted in Town - It appears a very fine Regiment. - This has been a busy day in the Barracks packing & putting the baggage on the bars. - There is an ample provision by Government for transporting the baggage of a Regiment. It is much greater than in England and affords a great relief to the poor women & children -

Four men are left in the Hospital. Beach with a serious running abscess amongst the muscles of the back. - Toole with cough, dyspnoea & threatening Plethora Pulmonalis. - Mann with Venereal disease of the Penis - and Peen with a node on right humerus a little above the elbow joint.

Six or 7 slight cases are taken which cannot sustain much injury by the Bad Bullets and shaking of the bars

Waterford July 5<sup>th</sup> 1823. - On the eve of the 30<sup>th</sup> of June left barracks in this place. The Regiment marched at 5 o'clock. Morning was misty afterwards became clear. Distance marched to Ballinglah 17 Irish miles - Road good. Country thro' which we passed looks well. Ballinglah was not sufficiently large to afford billets for the Regiment. The following day at 5 o'clock marched for Newton Barry distant 20 Irish miles, a long march for young soldiers with all their appointments. Left Ballinglah on the 2<sup>d</sup> at half past 10 o'clock by the steepest or mountain Road for New Ross. This march was 20 miles and was not finished till about 2 o'clock - A good number of the men were knocked up and it was necessary to carry their packs. From New Ross to Waterford is only 13 miles the march commenced at 7 o'clock finished before one o'clock without difficulty. The men officers went into barracks, as these barracks were still occupied by the Royal.

Waterford is situated as it were in the bottom of a basin some of the surrounding hills rise abruptly and on the side it has a romantic appearance. The River is a clean & pretty stream - which is half way from Ballinglah to

Newton Barry is a large village situated on the River. It is for Ireland a clean comfortable looking place. From this to Newton Barry the country is really beautiful well wooded, inclosed, better cultivated, many Gentlemen seats. - Newton Barry itself is a beautiful clean village superior to any thing of the kind that I have seen in this Island. Col Barry's fine seat is so well adapted to the Town, and communicates by a neat Bridge thence to the River now considerably larger than it was at Ballinglah. The grounds of Woodville are very extensive, and are much to be admired and are very fine stream flows thro' the ground. The hills are here cultivated to their tops, and show that this country must long have had a dense population, for no man will go to the top of a hill to cultivate, for his sustenance can be found in a more convenient situation. This is the case in China, and I have witnessed the same in the Eastern parts of the Island of Java where the population is great. There are no trees on these hills. The mountain Road from Newton Barry to New Ross is a very high ground which is nearly all cultivated but the soil does not better than from this high ground there is a

a most extensive view Killarney is the half way house & place of refreshment for travellers. It is situated near the bottom of a high range of mountains that are covered with heath. On approaching Pop, the country becomes better wooded, and finer, and has all the advantages of fine rivers, & inland navigation a mile above Pop. the Barrow and now unite and form a noble River which is navigable for large vessels. The Town of Pop. is but a poor place & does not seem to have recovered from the effects of the unfortunate 98. On the Banks of the River there are beautiful seats. — The wooden Bridge is more useful than beautiful, and will I dare say, long give way to one of a more stately appearance and of more hardy & durable materials.

From Pop to Waterford the distance is 12 miles, the country is hilly, and the soil of course rather poor. On approaching within 5 miles of Waterford the country becomes very beautiful, & very well wooded with numerous seats of the River, every now and then traversing deep a noble piece of water conveying boats, barges & other kinds of craft.

Thursday July 10th Waterford & Banado. —  
Five days ago this morning I got tired & how much earlier, it had rained remarkably heavily. A vast quantity had fallen since from Pop. Yesterday was the first day the summer weather since our arrival in this place. The weather has been cold & raw for the season. — Three days ago went to Framore situated in the bottom of a Bay of the same name about 6 miles South from this. It is a watering station, or rather bathing place, is built on the side of a hill rising to the sea, is clean neat, and chiefly made up of 130 rooms houses & hotels. — It was near to this place that the Sea Horse Frigate with the Head Quarters of the 23rd Battalion of the 5th was wrecked on day 18th. She nearly 2000 men, women & children were lost. Several of my old friends here perished. —

The face of the country between this and Framore is barren rocky, with few trees and but apparently a thin soil. — The Road is not good. — The country is for Ireland hard featured. —

Two days ago went to Poppage distant 6 miles, it is a village situated at the bottom of a rocky hill close to the united Sea & Barrow which forms a very large body of water nearly a mile across. Ballyhadee is a ferry, by this is the communication with

Bencaudin Fort on the opposite side is about 3-  
miles further down. Below the Fort the River  
gradually widens so as to assume the appearance of  
an arm of the Sea. Nearly opposite to Bencaudin  
there are three Banacks, little of them more than  
the Road from St. Paul to Papeete is passing over the  
rough but higher than the much better country  
than that to Farama, it is better, wooded and  
with trees & a few of numerous seats for soldiers  
of the Peace.

This town communicates with the opposite or Kikiraia side  
by a bridge of wood, at the other end of which  
there rises a steep hill probably to the height of 2000 feet  
but from the top of this eminence there is a fine view  
view of Waterford and the surrounding country with the  
lowering of the River. The town is built on a steep  
ascent from the River, and from situation ought to be clean & healthy,  
that it is otherwise is unfortunately the case. There was in town  
where there is such a combination of villainous smells this must  
arise from <sup>want of</sup> decent attention to cleanliness. The Streets are narrow  
and being filthy must have a good share of disease. The town  
held prevails more or less the whole year, it would be strange  
if it were otherwise. From the people of the town the soldiers  
often bring the Fever into the Banacks & from two men

of the Royals with the Fever considerably resembling Typhus.  
The Banacks are situated on a considerable elevation at  
the back of the town but not sufficiently detached  
from it. There are many filthy stinking streets adjoining.  
The Banack itself forms 3 sides of a square. The opposite  
Banack has a Southern exposure and at the back of  
this stands the Hospital detached from the other buildings  
but shut in by a wall. It is of three stories &  
will contain about 30 men.

Four men were left by the Royals in the Hospital  
two with fever, both recovering, and two with Venereal  
also recovering. France had been in Hospital for  
6 months and was covered with ulcers on the face, arms  
& legs, his mouth was tender from taking small doses  
of Mercure of Mercury. He was also taking the  
Decoction of Sarsaparilla. I do not consider these  
sores as Venereal but as the offspring of Mercury  
similar to many I have often seen in India from  
the use of that medicine in other complaints, these  
sores were superficial and healing from the middle  
and with great rapidity, differing in these respects  
from Venereal ulcers. The other case of Venereal  
was nearly well when left. — Of our men three

are to day 9 in Hospital, making in all 13 —  
These cases are all slight, chiefly, Pleurisy, Pneumonia, &  
when Madras has got apparently an affection of the  
Lungs & cannot bear fresh air the left chest ribs. I  
have commenced to day to give him a full morning &  
evening of Calomel for Pulsation & spiritus osseum  
to make his mouth tender. — A considerable  
number of men got Itch on the hands & sometimes  
the billets it is astonishing that we did not more men  
with this filthy complaint.

Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1823 — During last 2 days no  
remarkable occurrence. All the Belachments have  
come in with the exception of those from Brogher-  
Dun all expected tomorrow or yesterday. These detach-  
ments arrived healthy and left no men behind. The Comps  
from Inver brought 3 Field & 2 Cavalry — one of the  
These are to day including 3 men of the Royal Artillery  
besides, 16 men in Hospital — Cases generally slight.  
Capt. Golemans Company went yesterday to Duncan  
on Fort. — This evening the weather is very  
very cool for the season — As yet there has been  
scarcely any summer weather. It is very rare from  
55 to 60 — Wind West. Went yesterday to Portlaw

at least 8 miles on the Barrick on San Road. The  
country is hilly, rocky, and rather bare. — It is however  
thoroughly cultivated, & for the most part ~~and~~  
Crops of wheat, Barley & Oats very promising,  
and Potatoes looks well. —

Nearly parallel to the Barrick Road is the  
River San which affords excellent inland navi-  
gation. — Saw many Boats. — The tide goes  
up to Barrick. — There is a great deal of  
rich meadow on its banks. — From some of  
the high grounds on the Road to Barrick there is  
a very extensive view.

About the village of Portlaw the country  
becomes very pretty, well wooded & enclosed with  
stone fences — Adjoining to this village is  
the Marguerite of Wetherford's neat Cottage. The  
high grounds are very extensive.

Waterford Barracks July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1823 — Tuesday  
On the 15<sup>th</sup> St. Suthens day there was some rain. It is said  
that when rain falls on this day there will be no  
dry day afterwards for so long a last week there has  
been rain every day. Three days ago there was a

a very strong gale. The temperature has been very low for this season of the year, averaging about 50°. - Wind chiefly from the west and north west. -

The crops in this neighbourhood are most promising. Rose yesterday to Woodton situated on the bank of the sea about 4 miles below passage on a fine sandy beach. The surrounding country is pretty well wooded with several comfortable looking seats. - The Ride to Woodton is a pleasant one. - The greater part of the soil round Waterford seems thin & rocky. - The Rent of land is from £2 to £3 per acre. - The Farm houses seem better situated than in Kildare and the people better clothed and more comfortable in their circumstances. This part of the country is beautiful, there are few Police-men. - This unsettled weather is unfavourable for the Hay Harvest also for the Barley crops. -

There are to day 29 men in Hospital which number fills the House. A considerable portion of these have already got in passing thro' Dublin on their way from Antrim, with Pulmonary consumption arising from Rheumatism. He expectorates yellow-purulent looking matter

is molested with a troublesome cough and suffers from periodic sweats by night. - I fear his case will terminate fatally. - He formerly had a severe pain in his left side under the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ribs. - Suffered with several symptoms of Syphilis is under the use of Mercury and has thereby been relieved from Pain in the back of his head in his right elbow and in his shin. A Military eruption has appeared on his body. Half an ounce is better than is still extant, this is small. - Winterburn has got a severe attack of fever. He was bled - vomited, purged - sponged with cold vinegar & water & sweet oil.

Mercury is used in the Venereal eruption in St. James and Chippingham's cases, in the latter the disease is stationary. But, it is used with an intention of dispersing this tedious swelling seems to answer. Melroe has got an affection of the Spleen, there seems no enlargement & 110 has been in his system. He cannot sleep by night Bowels easy. Tongue foul in the morning yet the appetite is good. Am to try Mercurial friction on the seat of the disease. Frase of the Royals is almost well, says all but dead, they have recovered with rapidity, which still more convinces me that they were not Syphilitic. Anderson & Peel are convalescent.

Waterford July 24<sup>th</sup> 1823 Thursday. St. Leger's presence pertinaciously his Prerogative of the weather. Yesterday there was a great deal of rain, and to day, altho the morning was bright, rain again threatens. The temperature yesterday rose 4. we did 58. wind was S.W. to day is from south of west. The sittings have been held this week in Waterford. The number of hospital cases not numerous. Yesterday attended and heard the trial of a Police man for killing a man named McGraw. It was a melancholy affair, and could have occurred in no other part of the British Islands but Scotland, shewing in detail how much mischief is done in this unfortunate Country by the designing and the interested mixing of Public and private wrongs. In this case it appears that Mr. Power, a landed proprietor living on the sea shore near Tramore has a quantity of sea shells stolen from him by the country people, and was apprehensive of losing more, what does he do? He goes to Mr. Sargent a Magistrate prevails on him to issue a warrant for the apprehension of a suspected man named McGraw who was said to be a desperate character, procures the warrant, takes it to the local constable & procures from him 4 armed Police men to go at 3 o'clock in the morning (16<sup>th</sup> April) to seize McGraw. He accompanies the party

they demand in the King's name admittance into McGraw's house, for 20 minutes no admittance was granted, at last there is a cry that McGraw is away, and some person calls stop. The Police man fires the unfortunate man is killed. The Police man goes to a neighbouring Magistrate, says that he has killed a man & gives himself up.

The Chief Justice summons up the evidence in the most luminous manner, clearly satisfying my mind that the unfortunate Police man was not guilty of murder, as he was merely executing a duty committed to him, and that no means at the time were left to secure the person of McGraw. With all due deference I however think that an attempt ought to have been made by the Police to search to have seized this man before using deadly weapons. If a party ready use fire arms approached they were to make such had this affair taken place in England I cannot help thinking its spirit would have been somewhat different. It is true the early disturbed state of this country, in the opinion of the wise, has justified the employment of an armed Police, a species of force that on the other side of the water would not be tolerated for a moment. This country in a measure may be said to be an untrammelled law. The harsh conduct of the higher orders of society must ever excite the affections of the lower, and introduce discord into society. And thus very the order is due to record upon those who have been

so unmerciful of what they owe to their oppressors. It is pretty generally admitted that the lower classes of the Irish are warm hearted, and sensible of good treatment, and grateful for it; if thus be the case how comes it that this country is perpetually a scene of violence, outrage, and bloodshed? I am afraid it must be admitted that there is not <sup>that</sup> attention paid to them that there ought to be in a well constituted community, and that not a little of the dismal landscape of the lower orders is to be imputed to the belief that they have, that the laws are not for their protection but for that of the Rich and powerful. Judging but from short & narrow observation yet I would be apt to declare that there is a little of that kindly feeling from the higher to the lower that I have witnessed with admiration elsewhere.

Waterford July 27<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Sunday.

This was a beautiful morning but clouds soon began to accumulate, and before it was pretty certain much rain was at hand. A great deal has fallen and is still falling doing injury to the Country. Temperature this morning at 8 A.M. 60, it is now probably 4 degrees lower. Wind Westerly. Yesterday there was no rain. P.M. yesterday to Dunmore distant 8 miles, a neat pretty village on the sea coast in a little bay near the mouth of the arm of the sea that receives the river Barrow. On a narrow tongue of land

Opposite Dunmore, is Hook Light House. The coast here is bold & rocky. Karsmal is a bathing station where well frequented. The houses occupied by the Bathers are very neat in their appearance, the situation is quiet and well situated for recovering the health. The Roads are excellent. A New Pier is constructing to form a Harbour for the Packets that Pass thence to Milford. The water is deep close to the Rocks. The last ship of war was lying within a cable's length of the shore. The Road to Dunmore is excellent. The old road passes over a steep and high hill from which there is an extensive prospect of a densely cultivated fertile country.

Waterford July 29<sup>th</sup> went yesterday to <sup>to Byn Camon</sup> <sup>at which there</sup> Fort. Passage is six miles from this ~~place~~ is a ferry from ~~to~~ to Ballinacree but instead of crossing by this ferry took Boat and sailed down to the Fort distant about three miles. The wind was fresh and there being a good deal of sea our situation was more moist than comfortable. Saw the weirs where the salmon are caught, done by a Scotch company. Landed near the Fort and found it a neat clean place with good Bananas. Works in good order, commanding the River which may be a mile broad. Near the Fort is village containing some hundreds of people. In truth this must be a very good sort of country, as the communication is often interrupted between it & Waterford. This day is dark

cloudy and rainy. Lick in Hospital 23. Countersunk  
with flesh recovering. Heaps mud. Pulse 80 - skin cool -  
has been heated chiefly by Purgatives. Venereals are getting  
well - no fresh cases. Prolapsions also getting better  
by warmth & diet.

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> - 1823. Weather continues wet, unsettled  
and cold for the season. Highest temperature yesterday  
62. A great deal of rain fell during yesterday morning and the  
previous night. There has however been no rain for 24 hours  
which is a long space of dry weather for the present season.  
Wind from the West. - This rainy weather has been most un-  
favorable for the hay harvest, very little of it as yet seen  
to have been carried. - The different crops are very forward  
and it is said some of the wheat has been  
blighted. - Should the weather set in dry and sunny this  
week in this part of the country, we may have a crop.  
The Potatoes the staple commodity look beautiful, and being  
present in blossom have an elegant appearance. In a wet  
season the Ridge must have the advantage over the dale  
& broad cast. - The soil about Waterford is however light and  
dry. - There is very little wood in this part of the country. -  
It is enclosed in some places with stone fences in others with  
hedges. There are few hedges. Stacks are plenty. Numerous

rocks on the surface, chiefly slate. Have seen no granite, but  
should suppose from the appearance there are some rocks  
in this neighbourhood. There is no want of lime but little  
of it seems to be used in agriculture. - Their lands are  
generally very ill cultivated, over run with thistles, docks &  
rag-weed. - No green crops - no fallow. -

To day there are 24 men in Hospital. About one half with  
cerebral. - No case of fever. Wintersburne being considerably  
ill and very weak. Consumption loses ground. - The Hetherington  
is taking Decidua of Bark with  
Substance acid. - Bowels costive. - Mulren has an  
affection of the Spleen. - He is cutting on long legs to  
touch his mouth.

Waterford Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 1822. Tuesday  
Since Monday the weather has been rainy, cold for the  
season, and very unlike Summer. There has <sup>not</sup> been much  
heavy rain but several showers, indeed there  
has scarce been a day without showers. The tempera-  
ture has been low for the season. The mean of each day  
below 60. The lowest in the week 53. The highest 66.  
Winds mostly from the southward, sometimes to the North of  
that, sometimes to the South.

The Rainy weather has been very agreeable to the Hay harvest

Mr Donough has been harassed with pain in his head & across his  
Loins, thirst, want of appetite, hoarse tongue, Pulse little disturbed  
Bowels moved with difficulty, often vomiting the menses taken  
These symptoms are giving way to the use of laxatives -  
Byrne has got an eruption of pimples on his head, back, and arms  
which is very troublesome, health but little disturbed is  
taking Sulphur & cream of tartar.

Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Waterford -

During the past week weather has continued cold, yet -  
unseasonable, with the exception of Friday and Saturday  
which have <sup>been</sup> more pleasant, dry, & warm with wind from S.W. & S.E.  
The Mercury yesterday at 2 P.M. stood at 65 the highest that  
it has reached for some time, the day was still, and sunny  
the fields yellowing to maturity gave to my mind a feeling  
of peculiar serenity. Harvest has commenced but is  
not yet general in another week it will, as much  
of the wheat, Barley & oats is nearly ripe. In this  
neighbourhood all the crops are most promising and  
should the husband be helped with a month's dry warm  
weather he will receive in abundant return, reward for all  
his labour. The Potato crop is said to be excellent. I have  
not seen a single turnip in this County or an Irish flax

The weather has been cloudy, the Garden fruits have but little  
flavour - Goose berries are still plentiful. Early apples & pears  
are ripe. The Mercury during the week has ranged from  
53° to 65° - Medium temperature 57° - The quantity  
of rain is not great, altho it has rained often.

There are to day in Hospital 18 men and the Regiment  
may be said to be healthy, about 3/16 Cert -

There is not a case of fever or flux. Venereal and Rheu-  
matism most common -

Andrews is better, legs better, legs sore at night cough a-  
bated and Respiration much free. He is using the  
Dilution of Bark with Sulphuric Acid. Miller  
came into Hospital from Duncannon Fort complain-  
ing of Pain in his side on the 17<sup>th</sup> of the month. -

He was twice bled - has been bled, purged and sweated  
his side is more easy but he has got a cough w-  
which indicates considerable disease of the lungs and he  
evaporates a great deal of grey watery matter - Has  
rather symptoms towards night. - Saphorhead Lange-  
Miller with Herpes is much the same. Mr Donough is better,  
also Byrne. - Cook has returned with Rheumatism, Saunders  
much the same - Am using Mercury in several  
cases of Venereal -

Waterford August 31<sup>st</sup> 1829.

During last week there has been a very considerable improvement of the weather. It has been more dry, more warm, and consequently more pleasant and seasonable. There have been some showers but no heavy continued rain and there has been but little interruption to the labours of the husbandman, who has been much busied with his hay, and in beginning his corn harvest. —

The mean temperature of the week is 2 degrees higher than last week being 59°. — Yesterday at 11 o'clock the mercury rose to 70 but before 2 o'clock had sunk to 62 but 7 o'clock this morning it stood at 52. — There was much dew on the grass. — Wind has been variable. Today it blows from S.W. The last week's favorable weather has produced considerable change on the corn crops. Not a few fields of wheat, oats and barley have been cut down. A great breadth is ripe and during the ensuing week the harvest will be general. With the power of manure even where to be met with in this overstocked country, one would ought to go far in cutting down the whole. — There are here no large tillage farmers, this is a dairy district. — Sows in great numbers kept for making Butter for Exportation. Mr. Chalmers from Cuper in Angus

has got a farm of 81 acres two miles and a half from Waterford. He says that 11 acres Irish are equal to 16 English, and that he pays 48 Shillings per acre i. e. £ 1. 13. 10 Irish per English acre, but deducting 8 per cent for Irish agency will only leave about 31 Shillings English for each acre. — Considering the distance from Waterford this is by no means a high rent. — He has 15 bullock sows and sells and exports the Butte. — He says that his crops this season are excellent. — Sheen's work by the day are not inclined to cut by the acre or the cow. Jo of opinion that the labourers in this country would be more industrious if they received proper encouragement by suitable wages as he has often known them to a great deal of work when paid by the piece. — That he has known them as steady and trust worthy as the same description of people in Scotland. — Thinks that much of the land in this neighbourhood is too high priced for present prices. — The River Suir bounds his farm, has the advantage of water carriage, and of having heavy articles laid down at his door. — The Roads in the neighbourhood are excellent and there are no tolls. Has been in Ireland for a dozen years, was a land steward before taking this farm. —

There are to day in Hospital 29 Men which will give about 4 per Cent on the number present at Headquarters which is about the number in this country in a healthy season being about one half the number in March since the arrival of the Regiment in Waterford there has been no fresh case of Venereal admitted into Hospital, except the cases from Dublin Strangers. There are now therefore few cases of Venereal in Hospital.

The diseases stand thus 1 Operative - 5 Phlegmatic - 2 Phthisis Pulm - 1 Scabulous Testicle - 2 Bubo Simplex - 4 Venereal - 1 Scrophulous - 1 Indigestion and two Scurvy.

Smith has got an affection of the Spleen, and does not improve the Pain is not acute, his rest is disturbed, his digestion is imperfect, Tongue fawn - Pulse quickened - Losing flesh Has been taking Purgatives every other day with an anodyne at bed time. Today have ordered a dram and a half of unct. Hyg. to be rubbed in at bed time. Saunders has been pained towards evening in his elbow which is still swollen and puffy - Blennorrhoea in the fore part of the night, and sweats much towards morning says that he is always more easy when sweating. Appell's impious. Mean to try in this case the Nitric Acid and to continue the Anodyne brought at bed time. Corvill with Venereal has got swollen Testicle, and pain, swelling sheat in groin.

Benno all thorough is much better, appetite returning here more easy. Sleeps better - Bowels open - Rich's is better with Venereal still in well - his an. - was slightly affected, rubbers in

10 <sup>th</sup> February	42	42	42
11 <sup>th</sup> "	44	42	40
12 <sup>th</sup> "	42	40	40
13 <sup>th</sup> "	30	40	40
14 <sup>th</sup> "	44	42	42
15 <sup>th</sup> "	42	40	40
16 <sup>th</sup> "	44	44	42
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the Electuary of Hippocrates. Mr John Andrews is an in side, practical doctor. No means accepted either to have answers. - go daily increases - very troublesome but the only favorable symptoms I shall write in - Very little pain in the occasion of Bath - might oblige me to assist - a smart attack of fever - in and freely purges - this appeared but these help with humors breathe

on any exertion bowels were kept open, and to quench thirst with a solution of S. pot. carbonate of Potash, his urine has become scanty, high coloured -

There are to day in Hospital 19 men which will give about 4 per Cent on the number present at Headquarters which is about the

healthy season being since the arrival of men no fresh cases unless the cases from cases of Venereal diseases stands the 1st of the 21st Indigestion, and the Miller has got away the pain is not a perfect tongue for him taking Purgative at bed time today to be with in at the wards evening in the 19 men fresh in the 19 men morning so

nutritive acids and to continue the Anodyne brought at Boston Council with Venereal has got Miller's disease, and pain, swelling she at in groin,

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|---------------------|------------------|
| J: Campbell         | Venereal         |
| J: Murphy           |                  |
| J: Day              | Venereal         |
| <del>W: Smith</del> | Do               |
| H: McConkey         | Do               |
| J: Barron           | Do               |
| T: Mulligan         | Convalescent     |
| M: Delany           | Phlegmon         |
| D: Fuermann         | Venereal         |
| J: McSherry         | Pectoral complt. |
| J: Sullivan         | Ophthalmia       |
| J: Brown            | Venereal         |

Total 12

Genius all through is much better, appetite returning has more easy, Sleep better - Bowels open - Rich's white with Venereal getting well - his mouth was slightly affected, rubbed in with Senna - Sygne is getting well the Electricity of Suffering an Ocean of Tartar answered well John Andrews is improving daily, little cough, no pain in side, partial knots Wilson's Pain is most obstinate, no means adopted either to bring it forward or drive it back have answered -

Jas. Miller is worse, and the danger daily increases - Expectoration very copious, cough very troublesome, but very easy using - Pulse is good, the only favorable symptom about him. He is taking 1 Nitrate & 1 balla with a small quantity of Laudanum - Very little pain in his side. Yesterday Fried him with the decoction of Bark and the Sulphuric acid, but the cough obliges me to desist -

Ritchie came into Hospital with a smart attack of fever and was bled to 2 pounds, was afterwards freely purged & sweated, and the symptoms of fever dissipated but there was an unusual degree of weakness with hurried breath on any exertion, bowels were kept open, and to quench thirst with a solution of sulphate of Potash, his urine has become scanty, High coloured -

Waterford September 7<sup>th</sup> 1823.

The weather continues very fine, warm, dry, and admirably suited for the season of harvest now in this part of the Country at its height. - There has been a great deal of sunshine, and nearly the whole crop is ready for the sickle, and will in the course of the ensuing week be cut down. - Much has already been cut down and not a little carried. - It seems to be a practice in this part of the Country to put the corn a day or two after being <sup>cut</sup> into small ricks on the field. - The grain is generally very ripe before being cut. - The scythe is not used in this part of the country probably owing to the abundance of straw. Wages even at this season are low 10 pence a day for men and 10 pence for women, <sup>with food</sup> the crop seems abundant and prices will no doubt fall. Nothing shows the goodness of the soil and climate of Ireland more than this abundance with so wretched a system of agriculture. Here the husbandmen of Scotland are as unskillful and as indolent as those of Ireland. I am pretty certain that their returns for the most part would be very scanty indeed. Necessity is said to be the

mother of invention, in other words, <sup>it teaches us</sup> to devise means to remedy adverse circumstances. - This peculiarly well applies to the agriculture of the two countries just named. - Were not agriculture, industry and perseverance carried to the greatest extent in the generally poor soil and backward climate of Scotland what would be the measure of the Farmer's return? how unequal would they be to the more favoured soils & climates of England and Ireland. It would appear that a poor country is in this instance a blessing to its inhabitants, where the industry of those inhabitants is well directed and remains unshackled by foolish restraints. - Industry will in this case produce its proper reward, and thus will again produce content. - Now all this is reversed in Ireland. The People are idle, stolid, dull, poor, dejected, & dissatisfied. Yet from what I have seen and heard I do not blame those people. If they could be rendered industrious, those evils would be driven from the land. What makes men labour, but suitable wages are the wages in this Country of that description. If all this must be answered in the negative. The country is especially populous, there is too much labour in the market

and the commodity is too cheap or in other words the Price of labour is too low. Will an man labour with vigour when he gets sixpence a day? It may be said this is adequate to maintain him and his family, and it is so, but in such a fashion as is not suitable to the industrious man. — He can't be said to have a house like a Pig sty, Potatoes for his belly, and rags for his back and a bed no better than his master's horse. — Can a man under these circumstances be an industrious, quiet, and contented subject? He is not. — The greatest benefit may be used to that effect that it becomes the greatest evil. The early and general introduction of the Potato into Ireland may stand along with a concurrence of other circumstances in some measure account for the extraordinary state of society in this Kingdom, and for the rags, pith, idleness, and disorder of the lower classes. Population has been considered very advantageous for states, & so it no doubt is, provided it is industrious, but if there should be no means to employ this Population (as is the case in Ireland)

What will be the result of a <sup>half</sup> idle ignorant Population, — Scarcely food, discontent, tumult, and disorder of body & mind. The Potato here seems to have created a numerous race of mortals that in the present state of things are nearly useless. The soil is increasing the Population grows year after year, and how is the surplus over what can be employed to be disposed of? — They are too poor to be able to emigrate, and they are too ignorant and disorderly to be readily admitted into the Transatlantic states but as the lowest labourers.

The war now affords no consumption.

The maps of this vast & growing Population subject on Potatoes, if this crop by early frost or otherwise should fail here — the small would be the consequences — famine & its concomitant pestilence. — It appears to me that the introduction & general use of this simple root amongst the people of Ireland will create more work for the States men, than all the cunning and schemes of Lewis the 14<sup>th</sup>.

During the last week the Temperature has been higher, at 2. P.M. of the 4<sup>th</sup> it rose to 72. The maximum of the week

It's being 2° degrees higher than last week. The wind has been variable generally from the North at night. The sky has been clear, on the 4<sup>th</sup> being near moon, from sunrise to sunset, the sun remained undimmed.

To day there are in Hospital including two men with Feb 26 - Most of the cases lately admitted are slight. Today there were admitted two cases of Typhoid the first since our arrival at this station. I have no doubt a dentate number will follow. I mean to treat these cases with small doses of Mercury. - Of late there certainly have been more cases of Headaches, Pain deep in the limbs, eruptions on the skin occasional sore throat, flying pain in different parts, than there used to be, and as a small quantity of Mercury which I have no doubt is sufficient, will answer I will in future give it in all well marked cases. Mr Miller continues much the same, he sleeps badly, one day complains of Pain in his side belly.

Waterford Sunday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1823

The first 11 days of this month were fine, dry, sunny, and warmer than for any equal time during the summer. On the 12<sup>th</sup> however the weather changed, the wind shifted to the South West and the rain began. Yesterday there was a good deal, and to day it rains heavily. - This rain will sadly interrupt the farmer. - In this neighbourhood about half the crop is cut down. All is ripe and with exertion in this very populous country much more might have been cut and carried. - Three days ago Poole to Killmac Thomas 12 miles on the Road to Dungarvan, passed thro' a poor country, fields small divided by earth fences, crops good, much bog, a good deal of hills, some fine streams, excellent Roads. Houses fair for Ireland, no trees, hedges or Stoats. Killmac Thomas a very miserable village a few stone houses on each side of the small River Brehan, with a few greater numbers thatched. - A tolerable Inn. - The Landlord has nearly 50 men and women employed in reaping, saw their dinner laid out, and the people take their seats. The meal consisted of a vast quantity of Potatoes spread on a narrow table covered with a coarse cloth, and at intervals a large piece of Butter, Turn, Drink, Balls

was told that their wages were 10 pence less than years ago. -  
The temperature has been low during last week. 54° to 69°  
Medium of the whole week 59.5.

Today there are in Hospital 17 men or one in 28. -  
Most of the complaints are Right Ventricles from about  
a half. - Saunders and Cook are secondary the others  
recent - Mr Miller with disease of spleen does not improve  
with the dose of gas but with Mercurio Lungs -

Waterford Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1823 -  
The weather has been during last week unattractive there has  
been a good deal of rain which has been early against  
the harvest. - A good deal however has been cut down &  
put into little stacks on the fields. In this neighbourhood  
there is not much standing. - The crop is said to be  
very abundant. Saw yesterday at Mr Chalmers some  
very fine wheat and barley. - Mr C. sows seed water  
according to the Scotch system, i. e. sows his grain  
and mowers afterwards, it is usual in this country  
to plough in the wheat. He says that this is a very bad  
plan as much of the seed never comes up. - Thinks  
that he has 15 Bunches of wheat per acre.

The temperature has been lower than during the last week  
highest 62 - lowest 52 mean of the week 56. - Wind variable  
but most commonly from S.W. - Today it rains, wind  
S.W. - A few dry days would finish the Harvest in  
this corner of the country. Potato crop excellent. -

Went to Carraghmore on Monday last, ascended to the top  
of the Tower which may be about 70 feet above the  
top of the Hill. - The view is extensive. - The country  
is rich by nature, closely cultivated, well watered  
but little timbered. - Great want of wood unless some  
Carraghmore which wants for nothing to make it a  
most magnificent seat. The Park is very extensive and  
very beautiful, wood, water, and a fine waving surface.

Today there are in Hospital 21 men. Brooks with small Pox of  
a confluent bad kind. Has been inoculated on joining  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 1815. Has marks on his arm. Has not  
been able to learn where he got the disease. - There are  
a few very young children who have not been inoculated  
I mean to vaccinate them tomorrow. - Miller & Mulvaney  
are getting daily worse, there is little room left for hope.  
The cases of Venereal are getting well. - Saunders much the  
same.

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 1823 - Watford

During the past week the weather has been more favorable. There has been but little rain, occasional showers, winds variable. Temperature mornings and evenings lower. Highest 66 - lowest 47 - Medium of the week 55<sup>o</sup>. - The Harvest is nearly finished in this district. There is still some standing corn. - The weather has during last been on the whole favorable and much of the crop has been secured. -

Today there have been two deaths Richard Brooks of Confluent small-Pox, and W<sup>m</sup> Mulren of disease of lungs and enlarged mesenteric glands. Brooks was on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the disease, had a dreadful loss of Pustules with some very few. Throat was much affected and renders Respiration difficult & noisy. It appears to me that the affection of the throat was the immediate cause of death. - When this cutaneous disease occurs in adults there is little chance of their getting over the disease. - This Patient was treated by Purgatives diaphoretics, and a viscidulous drink, & by sponging with tepid vinegar & water.

W<sup>m</sup> Mulren has long been complaining of Cough, Pain in his left Breast also under his left short ribs under the Prepurae. Complained at different times thro' the winter - was admitted into Hospital last May - & is countenance has a particularly sallow sickly look. - Bowels were often deranged. - I had conceived that there was considerable disease of the Spleen and probably of the liver certainly of late in the lungs. - Supposing that disease existed in the Liver and Spleen he used mercury for two weeks. - I was led to this conclusion by the Pain on prepurae under the left short ribs, from the sallowness of the countenance, and from the constant tendency to derangement of the Bowels. - His mouth never became affected. -

This Poor fellow had been gradually becoming worse for several weeks but I did not suspect that Death was so near at hand. Yesterday evening he got so dropsy of Lungs & ascites in his abdomen a few minutes after he began to breathe difficultly and in a few minutes more expired. - On opening the body this morning I directed my attention first to the Spleen which was very little enlarged, then to the liver which was found sound. - The mesenteric glands etc. also were below the

Wt false ribs were enlarged to a great size. One had attained to the size of a small Hen's egg and on being cut into exhibited an appearance of cheese. There were marks of inflammation round this extending to the gut itself. On opening the thorax the left lung was found much ~~stagnant~~ hepatized thro' a large portion, tuberculated, containing small abscesses, adhering to all the surrounding parts. — The Pericardium contained about 6 ounces of brown coloured fluid. —

There are to day 19 men in Hospital, few with 6th, the most of these cases are slight, they ascribe their complaint to cold. —

Balburnie a delicate lad of the 13th was admitted on the 24<sup>th</sup> with pain in his head, loins, joints with other symptoms of fever, in two days speaks appears on his face, breast and arms, and there is now a copious eruption confluent in many places of small Pox. Febrile symptoms are not done but yet there will be a copious eruption. This young man has been vaccinated in the best Indian way, and has a mark on his right arm. — Malin with Gordon's ptoxin gets daily worse — he has brought up a good deal of blood. —

Wexford Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> 1823. —

There has been a good deal of Rain during the week with a gradually decreasing Temperature. The face of the Country looks like winter, leaves falling green changing into Ruffet, fields bare. —

Harvest finished, but much of the grain on the fields where it grew in little stacks. —

The highest temperature in the week 60  
lowest 45.

Mean of the whole week — 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Being 5 degrees lower than last week. —

Waterford Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> 1823. —

During last week there has been some very <sup>heavy</sup> rain. There has not been 24 hours dry weather. The mornings have generally been clear, but the sky has been soon overcast. Winds chiefly from S.W.

The rainy season in this part of the world. There are now four mails due from ~~London~~ <sup>Waterford</sup> and one from Dublin so much for the difference between Steam & other water conveyance. It surely behoves the Government to have Steam conveyance between this place and the opposite coast. —

The temperature has only been a very little lower.

is however enlarged loose and flabby, is rubbing the same  
ointment with Camphor on the Sternum. —  
Montgomery's eyes have been freed by evacuations from  
active Inflammation but there still exists chronic  
and great intolerance of light are using the  
Blue Pills which introduced a stone in the neck. —  
I fear from present appearances there will be a  
full Hospital during the winter. —

Waterford April 11<sup>th</sup> 1824. —

I left this place on the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup> of October  
on leave of absence, and reached Dublin next morn-  
ing a little after six o'clock. Remained there during  
the 27<sup>th</sup> and at 6 in the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> Took  
coach for Houtts and embarked on Board the Steam  
Boat Vain Captain Skinner (80 Horse power) at 8 o'clock  
and sailed on rather ~~leaves off~~ in few minutes. —  
Breakfasted on Board. — The Passage was rough  
but as the wind was fair, was fortunately short  
occupying no more than six hours and 10 minutes.  
The motion of the vessel was exceedingly disagreeable  
and I was on no former occasion so nearly sea sick.  
I was compelled to remain on Deck altho' it rained  
and blew fresh. The country or rather coast about

Holyhead presents a bold rocky appearance. —  
There is an excellent Pier built apparently at  
considerable expense. There being a brisk opposition  
between two Lines, and the coaches running from  
them, a mighty deal of reading and attention  
is shewn to Passengers. Went to Morris —  
Baggage was taken to the Custom House for  
examination and had to pay some fees for ex-  
amining the same, which is not creditable to  
those who allow it. — For it surely is not right  
that an officer returning from duty to see his  
friends should be examined & pay too. — This probably  
is the effect of those foolish Union Duties, which  
from the new lights thrown on the subject by a more  
extensive knowledge of Political economy, will be  
very soon be entirely abolished. —  
From Holyhead to Bangor Ferry is a distance of 22  
miles. — Crossed the Ferry, half a mile in breadth, in  
darkness and rain, and got to the Inn at Bangor  
between 8 & 9. — It is a comfortable good house &  
very reasonable withal. Have not seen such a  
Hospital in this Island. The situation of Bangor  
is pretty the town is neat and clean but coming  
from Inverness a person is more easily pleased in this  
way. —

The Holy-Head <sup>1793</sup> thro' its whole extent, is most excellent  
finished in Mr. Adams' best style. The country  
after leaving Bangor is very mountainous in many  
places poor few hills - slate quarries - Battle Small  
Black. - About a stage before reaching Llangollen  
it becomes very beautiful, and Llangollen itself  
is the most delightful place I have ever seen. -  
Thence to Oswestry along the Banks of the Sever  
is enchanting. - Reached Shrewsbury late at  
night, and stopt at the Bell in an excellent inn  
of an English Inn, which those who have not sojourn-  
ed in other countries, does not know how to ap-  
preciate. - The country about Shrewsbury is  
very rich. - Wellington a singular looking old town  
is the first stage from Shrewsbury. -  
After this the country is filled with Forges, coals  
to, and titles manufactures, smelting & drossing  
enough. - Got to the Hen & Chickens at Berming-  
ham to Benney and Inn just as much inferior to the  
one at Shrewsbury as two things of the same name  
could be. - Crossed thro' Stone Bridge Coventry &c.  
the weather became very stormy and torrents of rain  
fell, the roads were inundated and the lights being

blown out the coach could not proceed for a  
time. Got into London however two hours after  
the regular time, and reached Little Py de St.  
about 11 o'clock of the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. -  
Remained in London till the 14<sup>th</sup> of November  
and left it by the mail, and in 49<sup>th</sup> hours  
was in Edinburgh, where only having an  
hour and a quarter to shave and dress the  
first time since leaving London. I again start-  
ed for Montrose, and arrived soon after ten o'clock  
or in little more than sixty hours <sup>from London</sup> a distance  
of 500 miles, and from the goodness of the roads  
and of the conveyance without fatigue.  
Sojourned in Scotland for three months and a  
few days and embarked on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February  
at Greenock on Board the Belfast Steam Packet  
and in 18 hours was landed once more in the Green  
Isle. Sauntered about Belfast during the 21<sup>st</sup> and  
in the evening departed by the mail for Dublin.  
Reached soon after six o'clock morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Remained during the day of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and again departed  
by the mail in the evening for Waterford and arrived in  
13 hours, i. e. at 9 on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1797 -

Focus on my arrival here but few men in the Hospital, but several of those bad cases. Two men with Pulmonary Complaints sent from Buncannon, one had died the day before my arrival and another a day or two after. Beach was early exhausted from Psoas abscess and in two or three days sunk. His dissection (which is Monthly report Book) exhibited some curious appearances.

Since my arrival the number in Hospital has averaged about 25, or one in twenty three. There are about 54 men in Hospital to be brought before the Staff Surgeon for the Purpose of being insaluted, and about the same number in Barracks.

The weather of the last month has been cold for the season, the wind high often from the North West.

The mean temperature of <sup>the month</sup> last weeks was 47° F. the only 45° the lowest 40° the highest (yesterday at 2 P.M.) 57°. — There has scarce been a shower during the last month, the Country is very

dry, the roads very dusty. Vegetation owing to the low temperature, and the high winds has made little progress. Much has however been done in the Planting of Potatoes and of sowing oats &c.

The dry weather has been favorable for this purpose. In this part of Ireland nearly the same mode of Culture are followed as in Kildare. — The Potatoes are planted for the most part in Long Beds. — And in other kinds of Culture are equally far behind. — Were Ireland as well cultivated as Scotland, what greater proportion of Inhabitants would its soil maintain? It would not be easy to answer this question with precision but it is obvious to every person who travels thro' the two Countries and who sees the wretched agriculture of the former, and the excellent of the latter that by abundant Capital and skilful labour Ireland probably might be brought to produce one third more than it now does. — By the want of those two, and by the Presence of something else the Fields in this Country often produce more rag-weeds, Thistles, and Dockes than corn

The first Post office steam Packet, from Dublin arrived here at 5 o'clock two evening <sup>since</sup> at least at Burnmore, and the letters and Papers were delivered in Waterford in less than two days from the departure of the Mail from London, the distance being about 352, thus giving nearly 8 miles an hour and thus bringing by the effects of Steam in navigation London and Waterford one days journey nearer to each other. - Rapidity & certainty of conveying intelligence is of vast advantage in civil life. The endeavours of man guided by Philosophy remove seas, surmount mountains, and place distance at nought. -

Waterford Barracks April 25<sup>th</sup> 1824. -

The weather during the paper week has been far more reasonable. The mean temperature of the week 4 degrees higher than last, or 49<sup>ths</sup>.

The highest temperature 57° at 2 P.M. of the 21<sup>st</sup>

The lowest 43° at 8 A.M. of the 18<sup>th</sup>

There has been a good deal of rain, the wind has been variable but less frequently from N. & E. -

Vegetation has made considerable progress. The hedges are green, the hawthorn is in full foliage

and a good number of the early had wood trees are fast advancing to the same state. The grass fields are all of lively green, and new grass so far advanced as to wave with the breeze. - The wheat looks well, and the oat brings the fields a greenish hue. - Potatoes planting going on in their own rude fashion to a great extent. - To day is gloomy, threatening rain, birds very fresh from South. -

There are to day in Hospital 20 men, no case attended with danger. Mitchell's case of fever was severe but being recent, as all Intermittent cases ought to be, and vigorous measures being pushed from the commencement, the symptoms have begun to yield. - The Headache was very distressing and also the pain across the loins. - The blood drawn was cupped and Buffy, he fainter on the loss of a pound & a half. He has been freely purged. - His pulse has fallen from 126 to 106. Skin moist & tongue more clean. -

Another aged 20 a musician was admitted with pain in his Breast & cough & perforating a little blood. - He has ~~the~~ <sup>had</sup> three, a pound each time blood buffy. Breast has been relieved, also the cough, but continues to

to expectorate yellow purulent matter to the extent of half an ounce every morning - Pulse 96. - Constenance pale. - This is a case of incipient Consumption and I am at a loss what to do farther than to keep flannel next the skin, and to keep him on a milk diet. Phthisis Pulmonalis affords another instance of the *Sporobolus Medicus*, and also I fear of the *Misera deligentia Medici*. -

Flahavan's wound a fortnight ago has every appearance of being soon well, the external orifices had nearly healed up, there was little discharge there was no swelling, and no uneasiness or motion. He had however night sweats a suspicious symptom shewing that there was something wrong going on in the system. - About ten days ago some bits of woollen cloth were discharged, and also a good deal of purulent matter. A probe was passed down from the inner orifice along the thigh to the depth of several inches since from the outer wound to about 3 inches when the probe comes in contact with something hard, and hard apparently bone which I fear is not sound, if it be so from the depth the exfoliation will be long tedious &

exhausting. - More of this hereafter. -

Waterford Barracks May 2<sup>nd</sup> 1824. -  
Summer commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May and yesterday and to day have the feel of summer. - Sky clear sun warm, birds singing, fields green, cattle feeding. Roads dry, and as the Post brings all nature in a joyous mood -

In the early part of the week there was a great deal of wind and rain, but the temperature was about 50 or a little more, and vegetation went forward with rapidity. -

During the past week there has been a very great advance in vegetation. Nearly all kinds of the vegetable things are green, the later trees are budding. The mean temperature of the week 52 & a fraction being 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> degrees higher than last week. -

The highest temperature 57 at 2 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> May.  
The lowest 48 - 8 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The wind during the rainy part of the week from the west and south west. Today it is a little to the east of North. - May morning was very fine, went to the top of the Hill beyond the Bridge, it was high water a circumstance that adds greatly to the beauty of the view

which is at all times fine. The vicinage of Waterford is valued to great advantage from this point. - It is a very pretty country but might in this respect as in most others, be greatly improved by abundance of Capital and well directed industry. - The sugar is finely raised. The River is noble. -

A Great part of the Potatoes crops has been planted. There are to day 18 Men in Hospital, and one third of this number convalescent. - There is no acute case of disease. - There has been no increase of numbers from pay-day. - The Regiment is to be inspected in two days by Sir John Lambert. - Mitchell is convalescent. - Nesbitt continues to improve, and I am in hopes from the undisturbed state of the Pulse and Breathing that all yet may be well. - Drunk will depend hereafter upon the Mad himself. He will be taken from his present employment as a Musician. Flanagan is much the same. - The detachment at Broomana has been ordered into Head Quarters.

Waterford Barracks May 9<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

Through out the last week the weather has been very reasonable, and very agreeable. Temperature gradually rising. There is an increase of 45° degrees, which is considerable.

The Highest Temperature May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 P.M. 66  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 6<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M. 51

Mean of the week 56<sup>5</sup>. -

There have been some very heavy showers but no continued rain. Much sun shine, sun rays often powerful. -

With the above temperature and sufficient moisture vegetation has of course made great progress. The face of the Country has a delightful appearance, and at no time of the whole year has a country life so many charms as in a fine month of May, and hitherto this has been a very fine month. - Potatoes planting is not yet finished. - The wheat and grass and the oats and Barley crops looking well. -

Wind has been variable to day from the South weather cloudy. - Detachment from Broomana arrived two days ago but one man with sick

to the Hospitals - There are now only 3 left ashore  
out, in all about 100 Rank still leaving at  
Head Quarters nearly 500 including Sergeants Bands  
and Drums - There are to day 13 men in Hospital  
the same number as this day last year at sea or  
or one in twenty say a little less than after battle,  
which appears to be about the usual proportion.  
Most of the cases in Hospitals, with the exception  
of Ophthalmia, are slight -

There are four cases of Ophthalmia in Hospital  
two were sent in from Beaulieu on battery Band  
and Atkinson, the former was a first attack &  
had been bleb very freely, blistered and purged the  
latter has suffered repeatedly, and his eyes had fallen  
into that weak state, that on the application of  
cold moisture, they were generally affected. A copious  
and crop of granulations on the lid, slight  
elevations of the cornea. For improves, vision  
is more distinct, and few vessels to be seen on the  
cornea, pupils contract and dilate more readily on  
the application or removal of light. There is still an  
ulcer of considerable size on white cornea with some

small blood-vessels springing to it, there are many deep  
granulations on the lid which were touched two  
days ago. -

Still is getting better, all the sores are healing  
many by their cicatrises - They have healed from  
the middle, and with great rapidity, character  
peculiar to that ulcer which is the consequence  
of derangement of the system produced by  
an improper or too free use of mercury a  
disease, which in India, the Country of Calcutta,  
I have had but too many opportunities of  
observing. - Had this unfortunate man been  
from <sup>the practice</sup> mistaking an effect for the cause been  
subjected to another protracted course of the  
minerals, I have little doubt that he would  
have fallen a sacrifice, and been put down  
in the list of incurables. - When I reflect  
what was the practice 10 years ago in India  
and what the quantities of mercury given  
I am not surprised at the frequent occurrence  
of such cases. - Since that time by a pretty ex-  
tensive field for experience I have at least learned  
two things to use the lancet more, and the

Minerals left. In reading over my note Books of that day I am horrified at the treatment of some of the cases of acute disease. One case in particular struck me very forcibly, that of Brunner & Neel admitted on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 1809 at Kacott in Travancore. He was a stout young man, and I believe not a dissipater one.

The weather has been very sultry and close. The Regiment has been under canvas for upwards of six weeks. - He was brought to the Hospital supported by two men with his countenance pale and covered with cold sweats. Said that a pain first seized him under his left short ribs, that he was very weak, thirsty, with bad taste in his mouth, tongue furred of yellow colour - was ordered 12 grains of Calomel, and a blister to the pained part. - The following day all the symptoms had increased, and his countenance had a yellowish tinge, Pulse quick & weak. Was ordered Bark & some other mercurial frictions. 16<sup>th</sup> April is in great danger. Paper his urine involuntarily. Respiration very yellow & quick. Countenance pale, eyes tinged with

yellow, and at times green, - is with difficulty roused, like as if a sleep, says that, when he is roused, that there is nothing the matter with him. Mouth stone like barbed - refuses to take any thing. Blood discharges from his Blister, also from his gums on rubbing them, and from his nose without evident cause. - Pulse quick & irregular. Skin hot and dry, a kind of deep heat extends thro' much. Orders his head to be shaved & Blistered on his body to be sponged with vinegar & water, and to have a Pint of Port wine, afterwards to have the cold affusion and a stimulating injection. 17<sup>th</sup> April dies this morning, for some time previous to his death he refused all medicine. He lay with his eyes shut. The cold affusion lessened the heat, and arterial action. There was a yellow suffusion over his whole body, on opening his head I thought there might be some appearance of disease but there was little, probably the vessels contained rather more blood than they should have done and the lateral ventricles a little more water.

The abdomen was opened, and the Liver examined which was found sound, the gall bladder was distended to a great size with Bile, it might contain from 3 to 4 ounces. The Spleen was next examined, it was found round at the edges and swelled as if with blood, the organization of it seemed nearly destroyed, for with a spoon you might have taken out a Spoon-ful of black matter with a little blood in it. — No other part in the abdomen was diseased. —

This was decidedly an aggravated case of Remittent fever, one symptom however of this disease, and a very formidable one too vomiting, is not mentioned. When there is great determination to the Head as was the case here, it seldom is absent. — Twenty years ago, the use of the lancet in fevers of all kinds was in a great measure proscribed. — Debility, deeper debility, was always before the eyes of the Practitioner. Mercury and Bark were the chosen Medicines of that day. — But as in this instance what could Mercurial friction and Bark do where from the violence of the disease, accommodation in the head and Spleen were going on. As for the use

of the Post were to counteract the terrible threatening Debility, as indicated by the cold sweats, Pale countenance, and weak pulse, it was only adding fuel to the flame, and rendering her worse. — The Saline purge at commencement was not objectionable but how much better and more efficacious it would have been after the free use of the lancet, by thus the disease would have been attacked in its strongest. — The Plethora to the region of the Spleen was in the same way rendered nearly nugatory, and could have only rendered good service after the destruction of a sufficient quantity of blood. — The congestion of the Spleen in this case seems to have been a primary affection, as he first complained of Pain under the left short ribs. — And in this point of view the case is somewhat singular. I have very often found congestion of this organ after Death where there had been no pain or other symptom indicating derangement of this organ, and where probably the disease was rather an effect than a cause, too reticent often in medical practice mistaking, and often

leading to mischievous results. - After the use of the lancet when the reaction would have been much more complete than it actually was the cold affusion, the shaving of the head, and cold applications to it would have been of much more service than they were at a time when the powers of life were as if clogged by growing a accumulation. The yellow tinge of the eye and skin appearing early in this case afforded but too certain an indication of its violence. - There was distension of the Gall bladder, and it is probable that the flow of bile must have been interrupted by some cause, probably spasm of the ducts. However I have seen the golden yellow in ~~intermittent~~ <sup>intermittent</sup> without this discolouration, and I have seen, altho' comparatively rare, recovery take place after it. -

In the Remittent fever at Allahabad in 1816 & 17 Blood letting got a full trial, and early in the disease was of great benefit, but it appears to me that the time for using it is far more limited in equatorial fevers, than in those of this Latitude.

Waterford Barracks Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> 1824  
During the past week the weather has been more cool, at least for the last 5 days. The wind has chiefly been from the North and East. - There has been some rain. The temperature has been two degrees lower than last week. -

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. May 16<sup>th</sup> 69  
Lowest " " 8 A.M. May 14 - 46 -  
Medium of the week 54.5 -

There are in Hospital to day 17 Patients or about one in thirty which is about the common rate in this country. - There is no case of Importance admitted during the week. - Bilby's eyes are improving he can see much farther, there is a kind of milky appearance of the cornea, they never will be what they have been. - Hill has during the week made very great progress towards recovery all the sores are healed excepting the one on his nose which is getting well fast. - He is acquiring strength. The cases of Ophthalmia from Bur-cam or the tedious white eye does not improve. - There is only one case of Perisud in Hospital which is almost well - has taken about a dozen Blue Pills. - Murch was one.

Waterford May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1824 -

During last week the changes of temperature have been great and rapid. On Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> the mercury at 8 a.m. stood at 52, the morning was clear and calm, towards midday clouds collected but the atmosphere was mild. In the afternoon rain began to fall which gradually changes to snow which fell to the depth of two or three inches. - It snowed between two and three hours. There was no wind. - The mercury has fallen at 8 P.M. to 35. Some Ice was seen on water. At 4 P.M. & school next morning the face of the Country was perfectly white. On the higher hills there still remains some snow.

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. May 16<sup>th</sup> 62°  
8 P.M. 20<sup>th</sup> 35°

Lowest

Medium of the week 52<sup>rd</sup> or nearly  
2<sup>rd</sup> degrees lower than last week. - A very low degree of temperature for this season.

There was more snow fall in this neighbourhood on the 20<sup>th</sup> than has fallen during the whole of the previous winter a circumstance remarkable just as there has scarce been any during the winter, and yet as a more rare occurrence so late in the season. On the melting of the snow vegetables did not seem to have sustained much

injury, they did not bear so fresh a look.

I have not heard that there has been any serious mischief to the young plants sloop on -

The wind has chiefly from the north & north East. There are in Hospital to day 16 men or little more than 3/4 of the number at Head Quarters a very small proportion but partly owing to the absence of the usual proportion of Venereal, there being only two of this description in Hospital, one with Chancre nearly well treated by small doses of mercury, the other with Gonorrhoea getting well under the use of 6℞ Turbith in 45 drop doses.

There have been admitted three cases of Inflammation of the Chest. Marshall, Stubbs, and Masters, these three cases all resembled each other in having cough, pain in some part of the Thorax, and difficulty of breathing, and increased numbers of the Pulse & increased temperature, and thirst, and all three patients signify the same cause for their complaints is cold. Masters a very stout healthy man has besides these symptoms Pain across his Loins and in his gone head. All three were on admission bled to 2 pounds Marshall's & Stubbs's blood was cupped & phly, Masters's was not. All were relieved by the bleeding.

but the relief to Marshall was not permanent and  
two pounds more were taken with great and immediate  
relief this blood too was cupped bloody. After the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
having some pain remaining in his right side under  
the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> ribs. a Blister was put on. He and the other  
look after the bleeding the solution of Tartar emetic  
to Nausea They were also purged. To day Marshall  
is free from Pain has very little cough, Respiration  
free - Pulse 118 - Throat did not rest well last night  
with he took 25 Drops of Laurusum has been treated  
with the cough was only bleed once - Is a weakly  
subject - The antimonial mixture is ordered to be  
taken every two Hours - Master is free from Pain in  
his head and has very little in his Lungs coughs  
a little - Breast easy - Pulse 90 - Is to take the  
antimonial mixture asque as nauseam -  
All the cases with the exception of White of Goshal  
and are improving. - Tibbals derives vast advan-  
tise from two leeches applied within the margin of the  
eye they bleed or rather bleed most profusely for many  
Hours which seems to cut short the disease. -  
Hill is getting well, no fresh sore but a small one near the  
eye which has already put on the healing process - The dis-  
charge seems to have exhausted itself Looks are much improved  
Takes the decoction of Bark and is allowed to walk about in  
the open air. - Chapman's foot is much the same

one of the metatarsal bones is in a state of caries  
and will require much time - I am doubtful whether  
cutting down upon it remaining it would accelerate  
the healing process -

The bone in Flahavan's thigh is ever deeply injured  
and will be a most tedious business. the dis-  
charge is gleet but not very copious. -  
His health is improved - Continues to take  
the bark and a Pint of Porter -

Waterford Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> 1824 -

Returned from Cahoon's list near Limerick last  
night. Went there on Friday morning - distance  
to Limerick 63 miles. Roads for the most part  
good, but the metalling too large and of course there  
are holes which are not filled up with care as  
they ought. - The country between Waterford and Ken-  
neth is generally very fine & in some parts above  
Limerick & Cahoon's. The Right bank of the River  
Suir is well wooded. <sup>at Cahoon's</sup> Cahoon's is beautiful.  
Limerick has a good appearance, the sun on the  
country is high uncommonly well watered. -  
Cahoon's 8 miles further on a small town but in a  
fine situation. Saw paper etc. Judging of the quality  
of Tipperary by its appearance, <sup>from the road</sup> the paper is thin

it, a traveller would thank very highly. —  
Limerick is divided into the old and new Town, but  
of the old is wretched, streets narrow, crowded, crooked  
and filthy. A great part of the Remains of the old  
City is left. — The Cathedral is in the old Town  
is an old but not a magnificent building,  
is not to be compared to the buildings of this  
kind in England. — The Castle also stands in  
the midst of the crowded, and not so clean  
old city, on the Bank of the Shannon, and is  
now occupied as a Barrack. — Near to this  
is St. John's Bridge, old, very narrow and as the  
Shannon is here a noble stream, two or three hun-  
dred yards in Breadth, is very long. This leads into  
the County of Clare. — The new Town is situated  
on the Bank of the Shannon, the situation is  
good and it seems well built with broad streets  
George's Street is a very fine one. Houses of Brick.  
at the extreme end there is a Circus, but it is a  
poor thing. — From the quay at the back of George's  
Street a new bridge is about to be thrown over the  
River which will be highly ornamental & useful.

The timber stone of which it is to be built is nearly  
black. — Large Blocks of it were raised. A good  
deal of Marble is polished ~~into~~ into Quarry Pieces  
near some of very fine Polish of Jet, black. —  
The new Barracks are situated on a Hill about  
a quarter of a mile from the Circus at the end  
of George Street, the situation is good but they  
are said to be ill supplied with that most essential  
article for a Barrack, or any other cor. course of  
men, abundance of water. —  
The soil round Limerick seems rich, the Country  
is flat, much in grass, very little in forests,  
agriculture as elsewhere in this Country very  
far behind, operations of the fields awkward,  
few Horses or ploughs, all the labour nearly  
performed by the miserable spade. — There are  
few villas in the neighbourhood of the city. —  
Hardly any Hedges or Trees. — The Shannon is nau-  
gible to Limerick for vessels of 300 Tons. — It was told  
that the tide at the Spring rises 18 feet. —  
There were very few vessels of any description. —  
Saw in the possession of Arch. de Cour. Mansell  
a collection of Irish deer Horns. — These was  
one most beautiful set of antlers 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet from

one trip to the other. Returned to Waterford on  
Monday evening highly gratified by the journey -  
there has been a very heavy fall of rain during  
the previous day, travelling was very agreeable  
and the face of the Country was highly beautiful.  
The Mercury in the Thermometer ranges in the Hoop  
during the week from 54 to 72 -

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 28<sup>th</sup> May 72  
Lowest ——— at 8 A.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> 50 -

Mean of the week -  $60\frac{12}{21}$  or  
8 degrees and a fraction more than the week before.  
Sixteen men in Hospital, complaints much as last  
report. - All the Pectoral complaints getting well.  
Master requires a second bleeding which relieves.  
Blood was buffy tho' not so the first time. -  
No case of Venereal in any form in the Hoop  
a most rare occurrence particularly in a Sea  
Port Town. ———

Waterford June 5<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

The weather has continued through out the  
week, warm, dry, and very pleasant. There  
has been no rain since Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> -  
Sky generally unclouded, sun powerful  
little wind chiefly from the South. Country  
becoming dry. - Temperature has been high,  
probably 12 or 15 degrees higher than at this  
time last year. Very similar to the weather  
at this time two years ago -

Mercury has ranged from 56 to 79° -

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 4<sup>th</sup> June 79  
Lowest ——— at 8 A.M. May 30<sup>th</sup> 56 -

Mean of the week -  $66\frac{15}{21}$  which is  
upward of 6 degrees more than last week,  
a very considerable and rapid increase.  
There has been little inconvenience from the  
heat as yet, yet the shade is agreeable.  
The country had a very fine appearance, &  
the crops of all kinds are very promising.  
Rain will soon be required, as the drought has  
been great. ———

Tell a weakly delicate boy who has often been  
ailing since he joined the Regiment died on  
Friday. He had been admitted into Hospital  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May complaining of headache  
sickness at stomach, & vomiting of yellow matter  
had been within the last 3 months subject to  
griping and slight attacks of fever. Was  
feeble and emaciated, and his Pupils were  
always much dilated. - When last admitted  
disease at first resembles intermittent fever.  
was treated by vomiting, purging, blistering  
and was at first relieved. When I left this  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> I considered him in no danger  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> he had some fever, his head was  
shaved and kept wet with cold Vinegar &  
water and a Blister was applied to the  
nape of the neck. He fell into a state  
of Stupor and remained in this condition  
till his death. - His body was opened the  
following morning. - The abdomen was first  
laid open, no mark of disease was there dis-

covered except the inner surface of the stomach  
being found more red than natural. In the Thorax  
there was little appearance of disease farther  
than firm adhesions of both lungs to the ribs  
a thing so often met with in this climate as  
scarcely to be reckoned a diseased appearance.  
The skull cap was removed and the vessels  
of the dura mater were found full of blood  
and on the inner surface there appeared two  
or three red patches as if there had been  
some effusion. - The latter Ventricles were  
brought into view were full of water. -  
The third Ventricle also contained water  
On the Brain being removed from its place  
and the under part examined Marks of inflam-  
mation were found on the whole under  
surface from the decapsulation of the Optic  
nerves to the entrance of the Tractus oblong-  
ta into the Spinal canal. There was water  
natural colour, with considerable effusion of  
coagulable Lymph of yellowish red colour.  
The surrounding membranes were loaded w<sup>th</sup> blood

There can be little doubt but that the head was the seat of this boy's disease, and that all the other symptoms that appeared were mere effects or secondary symptoms produced by the irritation to the head. The greenish, headache, & dilatation of the Pupil marked this state, and the vomiting of bile at the stomach the former part in the train of symptoms were mere effects of sympathy between the Brain and this organ.

Bleeding was dispensed with in this case from the consideration of the Patient's weak constitution but that this was a wrong view of the case is but too manifest by the appearances on dissection. Had a active depletion been used at commencement the disease might have terminated otherwise, and this will be another warning for me not to trifle with a similar train of symptoms even in the weakest subject. The Pulse is on the whole one of the best guides to the Physician but in this case it was not so, and I must confess

that it here misled me. - It deviated in Lee third the disease very little from the standard of health, and mainly from this I did not apprehend the danger that was threatening. - How much advantage is to be derived in such case from the inspection of dead bodies! - Since my entrance into the service I have few opportunities of availing myself of this advantage in military practice unregarded and it is with no slight satisfaction that I look back to my notes of now near twenty years standing. -

The 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment remains healthy, there are only 13 men in Hospital or one in 38 a very low proportion being considerably beneath 3 per cent. This says much at once for the salubrity of Waterford, the discipline of the Regiment and the comfort of the Soldier. - There is no case of Venereal disease in a healthy Regiment of young men in a Sea Port Town. A great number of the Soldiers have been married and there must be little of that for or is around

Sp. at inter course which generally keeps up & spreads this disease - There are still four cases of Ophthalmia in Hospital - St. Bilby continues to improve, and his vision is more extensive strong and distinct. The seton in his neck continues to discharge. - White's eye is slowly improving and the lopus of vessels that has spread over the cornea and nearly obscured the Pupil is firing down and he can now distinguish objects at some distance. The tending daily with the sulphate of Copper removes the granulations from the upper eye lid & seems to act beneficially on the cornea - Carroll's eyes are much better. Blister seem to have been of much use, his gums are swollen from taking the Blue Pill - Atkinson's eyes have often improved and as often without evident cause become red tender and hot. Topical bleedings, blistering and purging have afforded temporary relief. - I mean to introduce a seton into the neck Chapman's foot continues without improvement and his left elbow joint has become stiff swollen & towards right painful. - He is getting well

Proad has had jaundice but is recovering - The other cases are slight with the exception of Flahersan with gun shot wound which makes very slow progress towards recovery. The discharge is much less but thin sweetly and it is to be feared that there is some disease of the bone.

Sunday Waterford June 13<sup>th</sup> 1824.  
It is hardly possible that the weather could have been more reasonable than during the past week. It has been dry warm, say hot with little wind, and that generally from the South. The large quantity of rain that fell a fortnight ago has so moistened the ground as to supply a sufficiency of sap for the fast growing vegetables of all kinds, and just when this supply began to be expended and more rain required the clouds yesterday about noon commenced discharging their contents and have continued to do so ever since. The various crops have a most promising appearance and the hopes of the husbandman are high, and God send that they may be realized. - In this neighbourhood

The early wheat and oats are putting out their  
blowers or in other words are in the ear. Some Hay  
has been mowed - The Potatoe crop in this country  
the grass stands, looks well. The planting seems  
to have been finished - A month later it was not  
so hot year -

The temperature has been high during the past week  
The thermometer hung on the Hospital wall out of the  
reach of the direct rays of the sun pointed out the  
heat at 2 P.M. of the 8<sup>th</sup> to be 82° about 10 degrees  
higher than it reached last summer -

Highest Temperature during the week at 2 P.M. 8<sup>th</sup> 82°  
8 A.M. 12<sup>th</sup> 58°

Lowest

The mean of the week 68° or about one  
or a half degree more than the former week -

By the continuance of the warm weather the Houses  
is all the pavements we got heated, and even the nights  
have been warm. Winds for the most part from  
the South occasionally a little to the East. Before  
the rain commences it shifts to the South West.  
The Regiment remains very healthy the same number  
of men as this day week - Manly 13 are all in the  
way of improvement with the exception of Chapman

If it will be necessary to cut down upon the  
one bone and remove it. His health is improved  
but still is considerably deranged. - He has no  
stiff is improving slowly, there is less discharge  
of pain, and more free motion of the limb -

There has been one fresh case of ophthalmia admitted  
two days from commencement, unattended with  
great pain or much intolerance of light, and with  
but slight effusion of tears, much benefit -  
was tied to 2 hours in an erect position &  
fainted, has been leeches, purged, bled &  
has the usual solution of Sulphate of lead -  
Vision not impaired eye becomes watery in a  
strong light. Pupil has an irregular and ill  
defined margin - Patient some years ago suffer  
ed from same complaint. - See Blue eye, prominent  
St. Bilby goes on improving. -

White's eye is gradually returning to a healthy  
state, and in proportion as the granulations are  
removed by the sulphate of copper from the base the  
veils disappear from the cornea. Atkinson's  
eyes are much improved but having been so  
roughly handled by some attacks will never be  
perfectly strong well. Barrell is getting

well sight unimpaired. There is some degree of Lipp-  
tudo left. - There is one case of Venereal (Popping)  
but the chancres, which are numerous are not well  
marked and more desirable neglected excoriations  
from filth than from Pure Venereal infection -  
He is taking a Blue Pill every night and using  
the Black wash. There is a case of swollen Testi-  
cle of some standing, hardness great, swelling consi-  
derable. Leeches, Botulism of purging have somewhat  
advised it. -

The duty of the Regimental Surgeon in a well  
organised corps in this climate is next to nothing.  
Could I by some means continue to get rid of the  
Ophthalmia which has so long hung about this  
Regiment the sick would amount to few indeed  
probably not to more than one in fifty. But how  
is this to be done? - I am apprehensive that this  
will not be effected till the whole of the men who  
formerly suffered from this harassing disease at  
Halifax and in the West Indies are discharged. -  
Most of the men now attacked belong to this class. Billy  
and White however do not and I cannot readily account  
for their being attacked. The former was a sea white on

duty at Formoy, the latter in Barracks here. I have  
never been able to trace the first attack to infec-  
tion. The Patients generally lay the origin of their  
disease to cold, and probably in those who have  
formerly suffered from the disease this may act  
as the immediate exciting cause, but on a  
sound eye I have great doubts if it would  
unaided, be able to produce the effect. -  
There is not any case of Pulmonary complaint  
in the Hospital, a very unusual circumstance  
in this climate. -

Waterford Barracks June 20<sup>th</sup> 1824.  
The weather during the last week has been much  
wilder there has been a great deal of rain, and  
the wind has been often from the N.W. and cold.  
To day is showery. The face of the country is  
clothed in all the luxuriance of Summer -  
All the crops have the greatest promise -  
The Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 73  
Lowest 50  
The mean of the week - 59<sup>1/2</sup> or  
9 degrees lower than during the former week -

A very considerable diminution of temperature but not unpleasant to the feelings. —

The sick in Hospital to day amount to 13 the same as for the last two Sundays — A very small proportion —

St. Bibby has been discharged, also Carroll. White is continuing to recover, also Atkin. Kinck's eye is much better, pupil assuming its natural appearance and the recovery, muscular weakness less. —

Chapman's foot remains in the same state. The swelling near the elbow is greater but not painful. — Hill is not so well, many of the cicatrices of the old sores have given way & have again become sores, they are again begun to heal in the same exception as they broke out. — He has been treated with leeches but was relieved by purging. — Estating no medicine. Finally a fine young man came into Hospital on the 16<sup>th</sup> complaining of Pain in his Breast with cough, of thirst and other febrile symptoms, as well as

his complaint to bathing in the River some days before. Was bled to 2 pounds with relief, blood not buffy. — Two purges afterwards used antimony to nausea. — In the evening is nearly free from fever, towards morning becomes chilly, then hot, and cannot sleep. Pulse this morning 120. — Complaining also of Pain across his Loins. Skin moist of natural temperature. Was ordered a Bleed to the Breast & to take Puls. Jalap. ʒi.

Robbins is getting well. — Flanagan's thigh is better in every respect. — Another case of Venereal, has been admitted says that he caught the infection at Athy. Waterford Parishes June 27<sup>th</sup> 1824 — This has been a very rainy week scarce a day without a shower, & sometimes continued rain. The temperature has been lower instead of higher as might have been expected.

The highest temperature at 2 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> 66  
Lowest 8 P.M. 20<sup>th</sup> 35  
Mean of the week 57<sup>th</sup> 35 nearly two degrees lower than last week. Wind for the most

part from the st. W. and colds.

Respiration has however been going on rapidly and the country wears a smiling face of great promise. - The early fruits have come in, and new peas and potatoes are in the market. - During last 24 hours a great deal of rain has fallen, and it is said that a larger supply will do harm. - Went on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to Besborough distant 10 miles on the Barnstaple road, there is an extensive Park with some very fine old Timber the House is spacious, but not having been occupied for 15 years is rather out of repair. - There is a collection of Pictures but few of them of much value. - Lord Besborough is an Irish absentee a character deserving little from his country and who neglects the first and most essential duty of a landlord proprietor, viz that of residing among and returning to his tenants some part of that which he draws from them. There are relative duties for all stations in life, and in a well ordered and constituted Society, every individual in it is more or less dependent on another from the Lord to the Peasant.

What can therefore be said in defence of the Lord who deserts his Post drawing all from it that he can get, leaving those who pay his rents to shift for themselves, and under the management of an agent professing for a while not too much of the milk of human kindness. He surely abandons the first and great duty that owes to Society and in my humble opinion thus with a concatenation of innumerable other sinister circumstances has brought unhappy Ireland to its present state, in which it cannot remain without the greatest danger to all concerned, and to some more than to those inconsiderate and unfeeling people emphatically called absentees a name as it applies to Ireland denoting a dereliction of the best principle. It has been the fashion to tax the lower classes of the Irish with ignorance, superstition, prejudice, idleness, drunkenness, want of moral principle, cursing, insincerity, lying and what not. That a part of these bad qualities may be laid to their charge is not to be denied, but what people on the face of the earth are free from them, and if they should have them.

in a greater degree than their neighbours living under the same nominal Government is it to be wondered at. Can it be supposed for a moment that the people of Ireland if they had enjoyed the same advantages as those of England that they would be in the same state as they now are? It is not likely. — The same causes under similar circumstances will always produce the same effects. — What then are the dissimilarity of circumstances? To ascertain this it will be necessary to travel back in History to the state of the Country before the invasion of Strongbow, to look minutely to that invasion, to the conduct of the invaders, and to the changes produced by the invasion, and to the state of public feeling produced by that event. It appears to me probable that all good feeling would cease to exist between the invaders and the natives, that there would be a constant accession of bad blood between them that in every succeeding age their hatred would become stronger and stronger, resistance would be followed by punishment, that aggression would again produce resistance which the stronger party would display with the

name of Rebellion, this would be followed by confiscation and the driving out from the property of their fathers the old inhabitants of the Island. — From continuous imitations like these the Irish would not be likely to borrow any improvements in other times from their more civilized and enlightened neighbours — nor was it to be looked for that they would readily adopt their religion after the reformation in England. — Has the reformed religion been generally adopted by the Irish in the reign of Elizabeth it is hard to say what might have been the state of this Island at the present day. — From the strong spirit of intolerance that they preserved the difference of religion must have been a powerful source of distrust and severity, & had this cause been removed much might have been expected in advancing education and other slow but sure means of civilizing a half barbarous people. — It cannot be doubted that the Catholic Religion for many reasons tends to keep back a people from advancing in agriculture, manufactures & commerce, and all the various improvements that in their power. — But to my own business

There are to day in Hospital 15 Men but two of these with contusions from fighting. —

Whites eye continues to improve. Timons's wound the same. Has been repeatedly leeches. —

Chapmans foot is more painful matter seems inclined to form at some distance from the sore and to seek its way out. — Hill is much the same. Brainly is convalescent. — Appley and thigh has at length begun to heal, the sore is the size of a pea some resemblance to a blood orange cut transversely. It was dressed with red precipitate became clean, florid, and began to heal, was at same time taking a Blue Pill every night and occasionally a laxative. To which of these, to the Red precipitate with the Bals. or to the Blue Pills with the Laxatives I am to ascribe the favorable change I am uncertain, it is to be regretted that in medicine there is so much danger of ascribing an undue degree of virtue to different medical Agents used. — His health is now good, as was the case, this is in favour of the constitution. I have never seen in the course of my practice a similar sore. — True we thought

cases of Mercur. two cases of Swelled Testicles One recent from Gonorrhoea cured by St. Serebut. Testicles much enlarged altho all heat, pain and tenderness have gone away. Repeated leeching with purging, with the solution of Superacet. Plume used. — The Regiment remains very healthy.

Waterford Barracks July 15<sup>th</sup> 1824 —  
The weather has continued showery during the week, indeed more than showery for there have been several heavy falls of rain, and there has not been a whole day with out some. — Wind chiefly from S.W. but excepting Monday the weather has been very moderate. Temperature has been higher there has generally been a softness in the air which is pleasant, air has been moist, but little sun —

Highest temperature at 3 P.M. 21<sup>o</sup> 69 —

Lowest — 8 A.M. 27 June 54 —

Medium of the week 65<sup>o</sup> 51 or 2<sup>o</sup> degrees higher than last week. The temperature has been pleasant, there has been too much rain, vegetation continuing to advance, the country looks most promising. It is said that dry weather will

and are best for the husband man - The Potatoes have great promise, many patches of them are in Bliford - they are in plenty in the market. - The old Potatoes have risen up to the Price of 10<sup>s</sup> per stone at this time last year they were sold in this Market at 3<sup>s</sup>. - Where the Mass of the people are so poor as they are in Ireland, and live as they do from hand to mouth, it cannot be difficult for the few who have some money, some enterprise to increase very fast their stock in trade. -

There are to day eleven men in Regimental Hospital the smallest number that I recollect it is in the proportion of one man in about 45 or rather more than 2 per cent. The cases generally are very slight and are as follows. -

Marlow - Ulcer on arm	White Ophthalmia
Hill - Ulcers on leg	Yaws
Mifflett - Do on Penis	Chapman an Ulcer on foot
Casey - Do on Do	For only corns on the
Richard Swollen Testicles	Gallon Rheumatism
	Apoplexy - Ulcer on foot

Of the 11 men in Hospital there are three cases of Ulcer and all these cases are progressing towards recovery with the exception of Chapman where the nasal bone

bones have suffered, and I fear it will be necessary to cut down upon them his left elbow is considerably diseased there is enlargement of the Head of the ulna - This is a Pussling case. Both cases of Ophthalmia much improved. - Risto testicles very much enlarged, heat, pain & tenderness on handling gone - Testes shrank. - There is nothing else deserving of notice. -

The 15<sup>th</sup> Regiment has now been in Waterford a year and a day, having arrived on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July last year. - Officers Barracks are repairing and have therein for a week to a fortnight noise and bad smells taken a lodging in town. -

Waterford Barracks July 11<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

During the week just ended the weather has been more agreeable, more dry, more warm, and altogether more pleasant, there have been two dry days in the week, and the others have only been showery. The temperature has been very pleasant neither too hot nor too cool, there has been rather more Sunshine, but still the sky has been very frequently overcast, and a moderate moist prevalent W & S.W.

Highest Temperature during the week at 2 P.M. 94° 69°  
 Lowest ————— 8 P.M. 94° 60°  
 Mean of the week — 63<sup>1/2</sup> or three and a half  
 degrees higher than during the former. The air has been  
 generally moist and mild, and vegetation has advanced  
 at a rapid rate. Every kind of vegetable production  
 wears the appearance of health and vigour, and  
 should the season prove dry and favorable crops  
 of all kinds will be most abundant.

It would appear that there had been much more  
 rain in this Island than in Great Britain, and  
 that while vegetation was parched up there that was  
 superabundancy of moisture here. — This is a very moist  
 climate. —

There are in the Regimental Hospital seven men.  
 The strength at Head Quarters as follows. Officers 22  
 Sep 22 — Drums 11 — Rank of 445 — Total 500  
 Seven out of 500 — 7/10 times or less than 1/2 per  
 cent, which is the smallest proportion of sick that  
 I have known during my service, it must not be  
 forgotten that there are no absent sick. How widely  
 different is this from the proportion met with in India  
 where it may generally be put down from 10 to 12 per cent.

The men in Hospital are  
 Hill with ulcers — Red Swelled Testicles  
 Willett — Iron Bone — Shepman ulcer  
 Browne — Venereal — White Ophthalmia  
 Apleyars ulcer on thigh

Thus 4 Ulcers. 1 Venereal. 1 Swelled Testicles. 1066th of the  
 The Ulcers are all getting well with the exception  
 of Shepman's where there is a curious metastasial  
 bone, his health is however improved, and I mean  
 to allow nature to use her own undisturbed  
 efforts. Hill is getting better, sores nearly healed  
 again, will probably in an other week be able  
 to proceed to Sun canyon for change of air  
 and sea bathing. — White's eye gets more clear  
 and strong, granulations have been nearly  
 removed from the Palpebrae. Apleyars  
 sore is contracting daily, is very healthy. —  
 therefore must be pronounced to be a very  
 healthy military station at least under the  
 circumstances in which the 15. Reg<sup>t</sup> has  
 been placed. —

Waterford Barracks July 18<sup>th</sup> 1824

The weather for the last week has been truly pleasant and seasonable, there has been very little rain, one slight shower on the 15<sup>th</sup> (St. Swithin's). The temperature has been higher, there has been more sunshine, and in every way the weather could not have been more favorable for the country. Wind has chiefly been from the N.W. —

To day is cloudy & close, Wind North a dry faint

Highest temperature during the week at 2 P.M. 77°  
8 P.M. 75°

Lowest

Mean of the period — 65<sup>th</sup> or nearly two degrees higher than last week —  
Hay harvest well advanced & might have with exception been finished. — Early wheat appearing a yellowish tinge. — Oats & Barley most promising all in the ear. Never did Potato crops look finer. There are in Hospital 44 men a still smaller number than last Sunday. in the proportion of one in 835. Only one man (with Spleen) has been admitted for 10 days. A very unusual degree of health in any Regiment or climate

Hills with ulcers — Willett with ulcers on Penis  
Brown's Venereal. — Chapman with ulcers  
Wattle of Steth. almia — Appleby and — ulcers  
Hill was yesterday so nearly well that I expected to have been able to send him down to Barracks. —  
More for the sake of Gen. Balthus with a case of air but yesterday evening he got some fever and two sores ~~cut~~ again broken out on his thighs. The disease will however exhaust itself as I have witnessed in similar Venereal cases when medicine has been carefully abstained from. —

Brown's Penis is state on any will not come to a head. I find warm applications in these cases to answer best. He is using the Black wash for the sores, which are healing, and the Blue Pill in small quantity to guard against consequences. —

White eye is becoming more clear and the film formed by the blood vessels passing over the cornea is becoming less visible, and the pupil contracts and dilates more readily on the application or removal of the stimulus of light. —

Willett has got ulcers on the Penis produced

by violence done to the parts. There seem to have  
been for some time a crop of warts and these  
being injured inflammation followed and swelling  
and tightness of the Pellice ending in temporary  
Paraphimosis. - He is not using Mercury.  
Chapman's foot is rather better, his Health is con-  
siderably improved. Tincture of Myrtle is applic-  
ed with seeming benefit. Arm - is improved.  
Ankle and thigh is very nearly well -  
The head is worse. He has been complaining  
of pain in his right side extending from  
the spine of the Ilium to the shoulder arising  
on a full inspiration. Sweats by night, is  
thirsty, has a hectic look. Pulse quick, Bowels  
slow - Respiration hurried - Complaint of beating  
in the wound which remains almost unchanged.  
Discharge thin, whitish, scanty, and rather fetid  
such as milia looks foul & unpromising.  
Has been purged by castor oil and powder  
applied to the orifice. -

Waterford Barracks July 25<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

The weather has been since the 15<sup>th</sup> very pleasant, dry  
warm sunny, and altogether reasonable and favour-  
able for the Hay Harvest, and for ripening the crops.  
There was a slight shower on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and this morning  
there have been several gentle warm showers. -  
To day is doury, and there is an appearance of  
more rain wind South East, during the week -  
it has been variable. -

The Hay harvest is well advanced, is very abundant  
and consequently Hay is very cheap selling from  
30<sup>th</sup> to 34<sup>th</sup> per Ton -

A good deal of wheat has changed colour and in  
10 days, will be ready for the sickle. The Beer,  
Barley, and oats, are of most promising appearance  
and it is impossible, that the staple of the country,  
Potatoes, could have a finer appearance. At this  
particular period just before the new root comes into  
use, the poor, & numerous claps in Ireland, are ill  
of Potatoes have been selling at 18 pence per stone,  
at this time last year they were at 8 pence but the  
new crop is very forward and likely to be very abundant  
Prices will very soon fall. -

The temperature has been high during last week, probably ten degrees higher than during the corresponding period of last season.

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 26<sup>th</sup> July — 80°

Lowest ————— 8 P.M. 22<sup>nd</sup> — 61 —

Mean of the week 69<sup>th</sup> or nearly 4 degrees higher than during the former. — This high temperature has done much in bringing forward the crops of all kinds.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars arrived from Bristol two days ago, and the Troops of the 12<sup>th</sup> Lancas from Cork marched in the same day to return to England by their Transports. These movements have occasioned a good deal of bustle in Waterford & day there are in Hospital 10 men, including one of the 12<sup>th</sup> Lancas and one of the 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

The disease are —

Hill with Ulcer, gradually improving sores being generally healed, and being nearly fit to proceed to Buncannon. Willett with Ulcer on the Penis much as at last report again using the Black wash, the Goulard's Red precipitate having failed. — There is considerable swelling & tension and local bleedings with leeches may be of use.

Kelly with a slight Phlegmon on his hand with swelling nearly well from Counteracting.

Brownie with Venereal, Bubo discharges, sores stationary, have touched them with lunar caustic, omitted the Black wash have recommenced with the Blue Pills which has been discontinued, his Gums being sore. I may here remark that there has not been a single case of secondary Venereal at the Hospital for months, nor probably will there be found in the service a Regiment more free from this taint than the 15<sup>th</sup>. From the time of joining the corps nearly three years ago, till about a year ago Mercury was not used, since that time there has been very little primary disease, but that little has been beaten by small doses of the Blue Pills. —

Riddle 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars admitted last night with Phygosis and Chancre, has been purged, is using the solution of the super acetate of lead to keep the parts clean & to lessen the inflammation. Dr. Sydes tells me that he uses small doses of Mercury in Venereal. —

Chapman with ulcer & carious Metatarsal bone is much the same as last Sunday.

Burwell Has for some months been threatened with consumption, has been at Buncannon on for change of air but got worse, was admitted 5 or 6 days ago with pain in his breast, cough, expectoration, Respiration quick and pulse rapid, was bled to a profuse vomit, that the antimonial solution is better.

Mr. Cate admitted five days ago with Pain in his head  
across his loins, and in his limbs, throat, and tongue  
had been vomited, repeatedly purged, and is convalescent  
a small bleeding might have accelerated his cure  
the excitement of fever leaves more debility behind, than  
the abstraction of a moderate quantity of blood. —

Mr. Leod. Received as he said a strain in his back by  
lifting a drunken man into his berth, and his testicles  
have been affected, is getting well.

Campbell 15<sup>th</sup> Lancers Fell two nights ago about  
10 feet from a Hay loft upon his head and was severely  
cut in the face and bruised in different parts. he  
was bled to 20 ounces (blood cupped thick) immediately  
after the accident, was purged and doing well. —

Abbeyard has gone to his duty, also White.

There is not a case of eye disease in the Hospital  
Lalavan is better in health, but the wounds are  
not improving discharge is thin bloody & fetid. —

The English Hospital Regulations are introduced  
this day through out the Army serving in Ireland  
with the exception of the Veterans which continue as heretofore.  
However desirable it was that there should be but  
one system. I am uncertain if the Public Service will gain  
by the change. Dr. Penn's code was simple, economical

and efficient, and answering every possible purpose with  
the least possible trouble to all concerned. —

Sir James McGregor's code is more complex, more expensive,  
and certainly <sup>not</sup> more efficient. — At no distant period  
the whole department will be concentrated in 5 Bachelors  
Street. —

Waterford Barracks Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 1824.

Another week of delightful summer weather has just  
passed. — It has been dry, warm, sunny, and very season-  
able. — There was a slight shower or two on Sunday and  
again on Monday, but none since. Never was there  
finer weather for the country. — The crops have been  
making great progress to maturity some grain has  
been cut down in this neighbourhood, and in ano-  
ther week there will be not a little ready for the sickle. —  
This season seems about 3 weeks earlier than last, and  
is thus to be wondered at considering that the tempera-  
ture has been on an average 10 degrees higher.  
At this time last year there was calm almost every  
day. — So promising are the crops that prices of grain  
have fallen considerably, Potatoes are still high but  
fall they must soon. The Hay Harvest is finished,  
is very abundant, quality excellent. —

The temperature of this week is  $2\frac{1}{2}$  degrees lower than last. There has been little wind, that variable.

Highest temperature at 2 P.M.  $36^{\circ}$  -  $75^{\circ}$

Lowest — at 8 A.M.  $25^{\circ}$  -  $60^{\circ}$

Mean of the week —  $67^{\circ}$  —

The rear quarters of the 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars left this for Cook's Barrack on Wednesday. The remaining part of the 12<sup>th</sup> Lancers sailed on Friday.

The number in Hospital to day 15 including one Lancer and one Hussar. Seven cases of Venereal, occasioning this increase 4 cases of Gonorrhoea, 3 of Chancre, all in progress to health.

Other cases much as last Sunday.

Am to day proceeding to Burnside.

Waterford Barracks August 8<sup>th</sup> 1834 Sunday.  
The weather continues favorable for the crops, and very pleasant. There has been some rain but not heavy. During last night there was a good deal, and to day is gloomy, close, and warm. It is said that the late Potatoes stood in need of rain. The Hay Harvest is nearly finished, might have been so altogether were there more energy amongst those concerned. — Some lark at and cats have been cut

down in the neighbourhood. The Harvest will be general in another week. The crops are most promising. Prices are falling. It is true for  $13\frac{3}{4}$  stone was by far too much for the poor labourer who probably has only employment half the week. — Beggars have been on the increase. —

Wpises commence tomorrow.

Highest temperature 2 P.M. Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> -  $79^{\circ}$

Lowest — 8 P.M.  $22^{\circ}$  -  $57^{\circ}$

Mean of the week —  $67\frac{3}{4}$  about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  degrees lower than last week.

There are to day in Hospital 14 men including one man of the 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

There has been no case of any consequence admitted during last week. Half the cases are Venereal, in the shape of Gonorrhoea or Syphilis Permutua. They are all slight and several of them are nearly well. — There is one case of Stricture.

All the Venereal men strictly so called have used the Blue Pills — Kirk and Chapman do not improve but remain much the same.

Co. Burnside came to the Hospital a few days ago complaining of his nose which was swollen discharging matter, showed me a piece of bone that

has come away, the size of a shilling apparently a  
part of the women - Dr. Mearns and a steady man  
declared that he never had taken mercury, said that his  
health otherwise was perfectly good in every respect &  
has the appearance of health - was in Hospital  
15 months ago with Rheumatism, uses no mercury -  
What is the origin of this disease? Has received  
no external injury of the nose. -

Glandular swellings of the neck have been very com-  
mon amongst the women and children of the Regt.  
with soreness of the throat. No cause has been assigned.  
There is very little accompanying fever. -

Measles was introduced by a child from Plymouth  
did not spread - A child died of Bronchitis.

Waterford Barracks August 15<sup>th</sup> 1824.  
During the past week there has been a considerable  
quantity of rain, not heavy but showery, tempera-  
ture gradually falling, mornings becoming cool &  
having the feel of autumn. There has been some rain  
during, and nearly all the grain seems well filled &  
ripe, and the crops are very abundant. Next will  
be a busy week. Abundance of new oats in the

market, selling at 14<sup>sh</sup> per Barrel. It is expected  
that prices will fall nearly one third. Potatoes  
have already fallen about a third but are still  
much too dear considering wages. -

The face of the country has changed its colour from  
green to yellow, it now wears the livery of autumn, & presents  
a most interesting appearance. Dry weather is much  
to be desired, for at this critical period the whole labours  
of the year are at stake. Nothing can be more baneful  
to the farmer than a wet harvest and nothing more  
unfortunate for the country at large, for a wet or on  
a dry season depends whether there shall be abundance  
in the land or scarcity. - In the Potato countries  
however the crop runs less riot than in the grain  
countries. - In Ireland there is a great deal of wheat  
but most of it must be exported to England as but  
a very small proportion of the population is enabled  
to consume this product of their country, the far  
larger number being destined by their poverty to feed  
on Potatoes alone. This is a wretched order of  
things, but when will it be otherwise, certainly not  
till the present degraded peasantry are lifted many  
grades higher in the scale than they are now. -

Temperature, highest during the week Aug<sup>5</sup> 2 P.M. 77°  
Lowest 16° 8 P.M. 56°  
Mean 63° about one degree lower than last week.

The day is rainy, cloudy and cool. Wind South West.

There are 13 men in Hospital including one man of the 15<sup>th</sup> Regt. who is now nearly well. The Regiment is very healthy. One slight case of Ophthalmia admitted yesterday, the same eye affected as 18 months ago at Meas, cut short by bleeding, purging and vomiting. Today there is little redness & no heat or pain. This case was probably the effects of cold acting on an eye previously weakened by inflammation for an eye that has once suffered from this disease is never so strong, nor resists so well the causes of the disease whatever they may.

Jacob Allen a Drumm Boy was carried to the Hospital this morning pale and nearly senseless from a wound he received from his companion in the lower part of the abdomen with the point of a pair of Scissors. Appearance was at first formidable but on probing the wound it was found superficial not penetrating more than a third of an Inch. The Pain was great, there might be some Error. The Point of the Scissors was fortunately blunt to enter readily. Only removal of the tube was his to a point to

press against his chest.

Chapman's foot is more swollen & painful, I fear the case will end badly, probably with the loss of the foot.

Hill is much the same.

All the Venereal cases are getting well, no fresh have been admitted. There is a case of Stricture at 3 Inches, the passage so small as not to admit the smallest Syce bougie. An endeavoring to dilate, he already voids his urine with more freedom.

There is a troublesome case of Scald but he is improving with the progress of simple treatment with acetate of lead.

There is a case of Hydrocele, the water was evacuated and considerable inflammation has succeeded which I am in hopes will be the means of obliterating the Sac.

Waterford Barracks August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1824

The weather during the week just ended, has been unsettled, rather rainy, and unfavorable for the harvest which has been for the last six days generally. About one third of the grain crop has been cut down and a good deal of it, as is the custom in this country has been stacked on the fields, the whole crop seems ready for cutting and is a very fine crop.

Should the weather prove favorable during the ensu-  
ing week the greater part may be cut down & put  
in small stacks. The grain is allowed to be dried up  
before cutting and is put up in very small sheaves,  
which renders it less necessary that it should stand  
for some time sheaves. This method must have been  
adopted from this being a wet climate, and the high  
narrow ridges are then owing to the same cause.  
With such multitudes of labourers as are at all times  
procureable in this highly populous country, at suit-  
able wages, better plan is required.

Prices have fallen very much during the last week  
owing to the great promise of the present crop.  
Oats fell  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per Barrel in one day and are now sell-  
ing at  $9 + 10^{\text{th}}$  per Barrel. Potatoes have fallen ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> hundred  
per cent and are now selling at  $8^{\text{th}}$  per stone. —  
There was two days ago some very heavy rain, to day is  
clear & there is every appearance that more is at hand.  
The temperature is gradually falling, the average of this  
week is more than one degree below that of last week.  
The mornings are becoming cool.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M.  $21^{\circ}$  69  
Lowest ————— 8 P.M.  $18^{\circ}$  57  
Mean ————— 62  $\frac{1}{2}$

There are to day 12 men in Hospital, which is a small  
proportion. There is however more acute disease than  
there has been for months. — Guffath has got Hepatitis  
a rare complaint in any form amongst soldiers in  
this country. It was an acute case, pain severe,  
affecting the Breathing. Pulse quick, the diaphragm decub-  
tus sinister later. He was bled twice, blood cupped  
& buffy, purged freely, blistered and mouth was affected  
by large doses of Calomel. Is convalescent. —  
Brawley suffered from a Pulmonary attack some weeks  
ago, got well went to his duty twelve days ago  
got cough, and pain in his breast was admitted  
into Hospital a week ago, was bled to a pound and  
a half and took antimonial mixture which gave  
nausea. Pain and cough continued and he was  
again bled to a pound and a half. Blood on both  
occasions cupped buffy, was also blistered is now  
relieved but I fear there is deep rooted disease which  
will leave the sequelae difficult of removal, a case  
somewhat similar to Brawley's is Whitehouse's. —

He too has an attack of Pulmonary disease in the Spring and got well, and went to his duty. About a week ago he returned complaining of cough, pain in his Breast, and Shortness of Breath. - Looked pale and was a good deal emaciated but little quickening of the Pulse. - Was bled 2 pounds, was bled & took the antimonial mixture in nauseating doses. Was also put into the warm bath with great relief. Sweats profusely. - The sweating however occurred afterwards to a great degree & was weakening him. Now takes the decoction of Bark acidulated w<sup>th</sup> the sulphuric acid. As much better. Pulse 60 -

For some months Pulmonary complaints has disappeared and I was beginning to imagine that these very formidable diseases were less common in Ireland but I find it was but an imagination. - In these Islands Inflammation of the lungs in one shape or another is the fatal disease to British Soldiers, as I believe it is to the Community at large. The age generally of Soldiers is the most liable to these attacks the bulk of the men of this Reg<sup>t</sup> are from 18 to 30, a period of life peculiarly disposed to disease of the lungs -

I joined the 15<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> in England three years ago - Since that time 26 men have died. -

7 died during the first year

9 died during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

10 died during the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

Total 26 - Of this number during the first year 14 cases were Pulmonary, the same number the 2<sup>nd</sup> and ~~less~~ during the third in all 19 cases. - The other <sup>fatal</sup> diseases were 2 Small-Pox, 1 Scarlatina, 1 Dysentery, 1 Psoas Abscess, 1 Hydrocephalus, 1 Cholera. - Under the term Pulmonary however is comprehended several diseases, Pleuritis, Pneumonia, Phthisis Pulmonalis, & may one case of Haemoptysis which proved fatal apparently from one gust. -

All these diseases of the lungs are inclined to terminate in Phthisis. If the inflammation should be subdued only for a time, a less violent or rather chronic inflammation is apt to follow which I believe is pretty nearly what is called consumption. -

Waterford Barracks August 25<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

There was no rain last Sunday, altho it threatened, there has been very little during the past week. The weather has been very fine, hot, sunny, and very favorable for the harvest which is far advanced, and might from the ripe state of the grain have been nearly finished. This season has been peculiarly favorable thro' out. - The quality of the grain is reckoned excellent. -

There have been some very warm days during the week. - There has been little wind, variable, seldom from the westward.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> - 77<sup>o</sup>.

Lowest - 8 A.M. 22<sup>o</sup> 60<sup>o</sup>.

Mean of the week - 66<sup>o</sup> or about 65<sup>o</sup> degrees higher than last week. - To day is, hot, clear & sunny.

We are yesterday (tho not from authority) that the 84<sup>th</sup> Regt was to relieve us at Waterford in the course of 3 or 4 weeks, our destination not known but supposed to be Dublin. - A circular letter to the Commanding Officer that the Commander of the Forces intends to inspect the Troops at Waterford on the 26<sup>th</sup> September. -

There are to day in Hospital 14 men the diseases are as follows 3 Pectoral complaints 2 Hepatitis - 3 Ulcers 1 Hydrocele - 1 Stricture - 2 Venereal - 1 Gonorrhoea 1 Punished. -

at home

Whitehouse, Brauly, & Lasso have got Cerebral Complaints. The two former were in Hospital last week, Lasso was admitted two days ago. Whitehouse is much better, little cough. Respiration more free, appetite and looks, and strength returning. Is using the Beccolon of Barts with Sulphuric acid. - Brauly is better but has not improved so fast as Whitehouse. His Pulse remains quick, his Respiration straitened, with cough and pain in the situation of the heart increased on coughing. Countenance pale - Urine scanty & high coloured. Appetite good, uses a milk diet. To day have given him 30 drops of B<sup>o</sup> & the Strychnine a day. - Am afraid there is some organic disease. - Lasso suffered from harsh pain in his Breast, and Shortness of Breath last Autumn, was in Hospital for some time, but has for the last 14 months has been in good health. Thinks that cold was the cause of his present attack. On admission complained of Pain in his breast with very frequent cough. Was bled to 2 pounds with relief. Blood not cupped or buffy. Was purged with the Antimonial mixture six much better. Active treatment at or near the commencement of a disease, under the Military Practitioner - very frequently to cut it short, and gives him a decisive advantage over the Practitioner in Private life.

Griffiths with Hepatitis was in Hospital last week. Scally with the same disease was admitted yesterday morning, the former is continuing to improve, has no pain in his side, sweats a good deal, Bowels slow, countenance sallow - Appetite returning. Pulse is quickened in the evening. - Bowels will require to be kept open. Food must be light, soft flannel must be worn next the skin. Scally had a similar attack two years ago - was bedridden, and soon got well, the present is not done has been treated by bleeding, purging & sweating. - Chapman Hill, & Welllett with white. - They are not much changed. -

1) By Brodie Holdans suppuration took place, the matter has been evacuated, the swelling and has been much less, and he is in a fair way of recovery. -  
2) Stricture Dougherty nearly well from the use of the metallic staff. - It resisted for some time but the passage has been restored to a healthy state. -  
3) Venereal. Jarvis and Farrell getting well, taking one Blue Pill every night, which has rendered the Gums tender but nothing more. -  
4) Gonorrhoea. Kendall in Hospital and in Bed since the 6<sup>th</sup> of August, but still considerable discharge with some heat, was treated till yesterday by purgatives.

Of Turbith and Balsam Copraiba but took out the usual advantage, passed a Bougie but no obstruction and using the solution of white Vitriol as an injection six times a day for the first time in Hospital since joining the 15<sup>th</sup> —

1 Punisher Heavy back getting well. Had for a day a slight attack of fever. There was no case of Parotid most for between five and six months. —

Waterford Barracks September 12<sup>th</sup> 1824

Having left this place on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> of September for Kellamey, and not having returned till the evening of the 9<sup>th</sup> the usual Hebdomadary could not be furnished. — During my absence nothing extraordinary occurred in Hospital. Spoons on my return the same number of patients as there were on my departure. — 15. —

The weather from the 29<sup>th</sup> <sup>July</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of September was agreeable and seasonable very favorable for the Harvest. The temperature was high and the weather was dry and sunny.

Highest Temperature at 2 P.M. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 74  
Lowest — 8 P.M. — 4<sup>th</sup> 59

Mean of the week — 67<sup>2</sup>. —

On the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> of August Peter Thomson was brought to the Hospital with Cholera morbus and the following morning ~~the~~ Bryant with the same disease. These were thin healthy men of 25 years of age or thereabouts. The following is an extract from the Hospital Register of Thomson's case.

Aug: 31<sup>st</sup> Morning. <sup>brought to the Hospital</sup> Was admitted last night with vomiting, purging, and severe cramps in his legs and hands, countenance heavy & expressive of suffering, eyes sunk and heavy. Said that he has been unwell for two or three days. Pulse feeble and frequent. Body covered with cold sweats, great thirst. Knew no cause for his sickness, voice feeble scarce audible. — Was ordered on admission 10 grains of Calomel to be sprinkled on his tongue, and was ordered to abstain from drinking as much as possible. This morning seems worse. Has been much purged, vomited, & has been greatly tormented with cramps which have extended to his belly. — Countenance sunk, eyes hollow, surrounded by blue circles, voice barely audible. Pulse very feeble and frequent, copious and cold sweat. Was ordered every third hour three grains of Calomel & one of Opium, and to go into the warm bath for five minutes, and to have a little Sherry and water in small quantities as common drink. The Pills restrained the vomiting, and the bowels became <sup>easy</sup> & the spasms subsided. The matter ejected by stool

was thin, resembling dirty water in which meat has been washed, in considerable quantity, of a peculiar smell nearly the same as in the Indian Cholera, to which this disease in most of its symptoms bears a close resemblance only differing in degree. This Patient is convalescent, but gains strength slowly being as yet scarce able to walk, and his digestive organs still remaining weak, although nourishing food and a small quantity of wine have been allowed.

Poyan's case is given as follows. Was brought into Hospital this morning (31<sup>st</sup> Aug.) with very frequent vomiting and purging with severe cramps in his feet & legs and in his hands and at times in his belly. Countenance dull, heavy, eyes sunk, great thirst. Pulse not very feeble — cold sweats. Was taken ill yesterday evening after eating. Says that his stomach swelled much, was seized with purging, then vomiting, that after a time cramps came on. Knows no cause for his complaint. Matter ejected by stool like water in which flesh has been washed of a peculiar smell, but not that of feces, vomited matter of nearly the same appearance. Palped by stool some bits of Potatoe, and vomited also

some of the same. Was bled on absorption with some difficulty to a pound. Pulse rose & became less frequent having fallen to 94. Took an ounce of Castor oil after the Bleeding which was instantly rejected. soon after took a Pill of 3 grains of Calomel and one of opium which was repeated every three hours thro' the day. — These pills did not altogether stop the vomiting but restrained its violence there was occasionally a Spontaneous up without effort from the stomach. The Pulse improved, the Countenance assumed a more healthy look, the cramps left him & by the evening danger had disappeared.

In this case was bleeding of service? I cannot take upon me to say whether it was or not. But I would be apt to infer that it had been serviceable from the improvement in the pulse. nor is it fair either to put down the whole change from the height of the symptoms to their termination to the account of the Calomel & opium, for the Bleeding may have had its share. Which of these cases was the most severe. Bleeding was used in one and not the other. On absorption Purgatives was most violent, and signifies that the 10<sup>th</sup> of

Calomel has not answered I resorted to the Laxative. The blood was <sup>the</sup> mark of disease. — <sup>was it the Laxative or the weather?</sup> These were very severe cases of Cholera Morbus for this country, and were only inferior in violence to the epidemic Cholera of India. — I have not heard that the disease has been prevalent in this City. — The long continued heat of this summer I suppose must be reckoned an efficient cause. These two men lived in the same barrack room but were not in the same mess. Their digestive organs were probably weakened before the attack. Thomson has been unwell for two or three days. —

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> of September the weather has been more cool, and there has been a good deal of rain.

Highest temperature of the week at 2 P.M. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept — 68  
8 P.M. 10<sup>th</sup> — 52

Lowest —  
Mean of the week — 58<sup>5</sup>/<sub>10</sub> a diminution of nearly 9 degrees of temperature in one week. — Winter is approaching. — Harvest is nearly finished and ought with any exertion, to have been altogether so. Here a gain probably the dire poverty of the land presents itself. The small farmer has not the wherewithal to hire reapers when his corn is ripe, and must trust to the hands that he can muster in his own Potatoes eating family.

In every town you witness the effects direct or indirect  
of this wide spreading poverty. It deprives man of  
both energy of mind and body. It keeps him down  
almost to Savage life. Look at a Cottiers house in this  
Kingdom or even a small Farmers, and there are witnesses  
in plenty both dead and alive of poverty and its degrading  
effects. As to the dead witnesses, the house half-roofed, or  
rather large holes worn in by time, no chimney smoke spen-  
ing at the doorway for soon there may be none, a crop  
of grass or corn on the roof, a cart the size of a coal-bon  
with one wheel falling up a gap to keep out the  
mud falling from the Potatoe ridge, the dung of the  
cow collected with care in front of the door with a  
neighbouring hole for the reception of its juices,  
which heat a delightful green scum and in a  
warm weather supplies a pungent refreshing  
odour. As for living witnesses they are numerous  
some six or eight flaxen headed children with few  
clothes but with much filth, eating Potatoes, caring  
little for the present, and more thinking of the future,  
the Head of the House smoking at the door clothed in a  
Ragged Fringed with indifferent breeches loose at the knee

with the remains of a hat on his head, and his prodigal  
help him ate with foul face and hands, and hair flying  
loose, with garments unchanged for 12 months, throwing  
Potatoe skins, and the remains of the meal to some  
dozen of hungry Turkeys, and twice that number of  
Dovles, with a brace of the geese sent paying  
quantity that will do over the whole household.  
The poor people are no doubt indolent, and waste  
away much of their time; but what degrading  
effects will not dispiriting poverty produce. How  
can these poor people remedy themselves. For their  
poor habitacion and little piece of ground they pay  
a high rent, which leaves them no food for their bellies  
but Potatoes, and little for their backs but rags -  
and where they incline to work where are they to find  
employment? A man who is idle 3 days in the  
week is not much inclined to work the other three, a  
man who is every day employed, and receives a proper  
reward for his labour has not the same disposition.  
If a thousand titles that manufactures have not  
found their way into Ireland, they would employ  
a part of the half idle half starved, half clothed  
half barbarous population.

From Waterford to Cork via Lismore is 75 miles -  
Sixteen miles would be saved by crossing at Youghal  
which I understand might easily be effected. -  
The Mail requires 12 hours to travel to Cork, and 11 to  
return. The Road as far as Bungarvan is hilly and hard  
for the Horses. From that place to Cork it is excellent. -  
From Bungarvan to Lismore there is a very rich valley.  
Sappoguen is beautifully situated on the Black water  
which is navigable for Boats of large size.  
It is three miles from Sappoguen to Lismore. The valley  
is here narrow, the Black water flows thro' it, the north  
Bank is finely wooded, and the view down the River  
from the Bridge of Lismore is really very fine. -  
The Castle overhanging the River is quite Picturesque.  
Much seems of late to have been done by the Duke of  
Devonshire in building, planting and otherwise beauti-  
fying his fine estate, the village of Lismore has shewn  
in his bounty, it is clean, neat and appears a good inn.  
Tallow is situated down in a valley, watered by the pretty River Bann  
which from the tide going up is navigable to near the town.  
It is of good appearance. The greater part of the country  
between Tallow & Youghal is hilly, heathy and boggy.

Youghal is a good sized Town is finely situated on an  
inlet of the sea up which large vessels come. There  
is a pretty beach of a great extent. - In addition is  
11 miles from Youghal, and 13 from Cork. -  
From Cork down the River Lee to Cove is truly beau-  
tiful. Numerous villas, with their grounds, gardens  
and Trees render its banks highly ornamented. -  
I had not seen Cork for 19 years. - Many fine houses  
have been built, and the Town is considerably  
improved. - The Barnacks are extensive, situated  
on a hill that overlooks the Town, and therefore  
They are not so convenient and has been some  
out of repair they want ~~the~~ water. -  
I paid the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Cork and left on the morning of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> for Kilkenny distant 15 miles by mail but  
sent a mail, 6 horse passengers, about a dozen out  
and 13 baggage built up two or three feet on the roof  
and horses to drag this 15 Irish miles without chang-  
ing. - Macroom is 18 miles from Cork a most desolate  
looking village, houses without roofs, dirt, filth, beggars  
and rags, each surrounded by equal misery -  
Other months inopportunities, this district a year ago  
had been much disturbed. Less this to be wondered at?  
There must be a deep rooted long continued evil. - There

is no use in saying that the fault all the fault  
lies with the people themselves, that they are poor  
because they are lazy, that they are ignorant & superstitious  
because they are led by their Priests. —  
These and many such reasons will not account  
for the deplorable situation in which the majority of  
the Irish Peasantry live. I have little doubt from  
what I have read that the Peasantry in Scotland  
one hundred years ago were as far as poverty  
and its train of concomitants go pretty much  
in the same state as the Irish Peasantry of the Pre-  
sent day. They too were accused of idleness, sloth, filthy-  
ness, dishonesty, rooted attachment to old and bad  
practices, and an inclination like all demagogues  
to shed their blood rather than suffer the sweat of  
the brow, yet they have made a spring forward  
and have divested themselves of most if not all  
of those besetting sins, and are now an honest  
industrious, contented, <sup>people</sup> and every day becoming more  
clearly in their persons & their houses, —

Waterford Barracks Sept<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1824

During the past week there has been a considerable  
quantity of rain, which has done the latter  
part of the harvest. The corn is all cut down  
in this neighbourhood and chiefly in small  
stacks on the fields. —

Highest Temperature during the week Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 52.0 P.M. 60

Lowest ————— 14<sup>th</sup> 8.0 P.M. 50

Medium of week ————— 59<sup>th</sup> 21.

There are to day in the sick report 12 men besides  
White the Master of the Barracks of the Waterford Militia  
whom at the urgent representation of Mr. Priscoe  
the Surgeon of the Regiment I admit. — <sup>may</sup>  
It appears for months past this unfortunate has  
given proofs of being in an insane state of mind.  
Being a good Nurse man he has been treated with  
great kindness and indulgence by his Colonel  
Lord Waterford. This acting on a weak mind seems  
to have prevented the poor man <sup>from</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>to</sup> have fallen  
his head with notions very inconsistent with his  
duty. He set his officers at defiance because the name  
of a young Lady of this city dogged he wherever she  
went, got sent into confinement where he has been

for four months, having been committed by the Mayor. His bodily health has suffered a good deal from the constant mental excitement in which he kept himself. He was open mouthed, when I first saw him, to impress on my mind the extent of oppression & ill usage he had met with. He considered that a conspiracy had been formed to put him down since his admission his constant theme has been to get away from the Hospital as it is a place wholly unfit for a man in his situation of life. He seems to have very exalted notions of his own consequence. - He will not admit that any part of his conduct to the young Lady was incorrect, and probably all that he had done, when his mother wished to take charge of him, and to carry him to France, and he was told that he would be allowed to go in her charge he positively refused, saying that he would be under no control. - Medical treatment in this case appears to do very little, the evil is deep seated in the mind and thro' the medium of this the body suffers. I fear it will be necessary eventually to send the unfortunate man to the Mad-House.

That Boy and dies this day at noon of Cholera Morbus. The fatal termination of this disease was till within two days of its taking place, most unexpected.

On my return 10 days ago I considered the man considerable. He has no symptoms of the disease, was so well as to get up, and had acquired some appetite. He got chicken & chicken soup, and a little wine. On the 13<sup>th</sup> he complained of sickness of stomach and at his own request I gave him 15 grains of Ipecac, which operated and seemed to give him relief. Pulse 88. On the 14<sup>th</sup> was quite easy and seemed better. Took no medicine.

On the evening of this day complained of sickness at stomach and vomiting and got a pill of 3 grains of Calomel and one of opium was better and quite easy the following morning.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> was much worse. Had been vomiting a good deal the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> had got a purgine injection which gave him several copious stools and had taken a pill of 3 grains of Calomel and one of opium. 16<sup>th</sup> vomited much dark green fluid with foam at his stomach. Pulse 110 was ordered 10 grains of Calomel.

The report of the 17<sup>th</sup> Is. Got the Calomel as order-  
ed, about two hours after taking it vomited a  
little, was not purged, feels better this morning,  
stomach easy. Has had one stool <sup>day</sup> Pulse 100. Skin  
natural. In the evening of this, all the symptoms  
recurred, vomited a large quantity of dark green  
matter. at 6 o'clock P.M. was ordered a Pill of  
2 grains of Calomel and one of opium and to be  
repeated at nine, and a Blister was applied  
to the Pit of the Stomach.

18<sup>th</sup> Much worse. Blister has not risen vomiting  
has continued, everything has been rejected. -  
Laudanum & other was given in the night but  
was thrown up. Pulse 120 feeble. Countenance  
dunk - voice scarce audible. cold sweats, but  
complains of heat at his stomach, and tosses  
off the bed clothes. - A Pill of Calomel (2 grains)  
and opium (3 grains) was given every three hours.

These symptoms receiving no check from Anti-  
cine, died at noon of the 19<sup>th</sup> and his body was  
opened 20 hours after, when the following morbid appear-  
ances were found -

Contentum of dark red colour - Intestines in  
general of dark red colour - Inner surface of  
the stomach to a considerable extent of bright red  
colour very vascular, exactly resembling the stomachs  
of most of those which I had examined in India.  
The Pyloric orifice contracted, the gut thickened,  
externally of a reddish yellow colour, with some  
appearance of inflammation, internally  
of a dark reddish colour with several round  
depressions the size of a split pea as if a  
peas had been punched out. Several of these  
were found along the course of the duodenum.  
Some pieces of intestinal faeces were found in the  
rectum. The Thoracic vessels perfectly sound.  
The seat of the disease in this case appears to  
have been in the stomach and duodenum.  
The Liver was sound the Gall. Bladder contained  
near an ounce of bile which was <sup>not</sup>ropy and  
of dark green colour as usual, but of a  
dark chocolate colour & of the consistence & appear-  
ance of green or a blood mixed with water, was  
of reddish colour but on the addition of a

Small quantity of Sulphuric acid became of dark green colour, closely resembling the matter that has been vomited for some days.

The Pyloric orifice seems straitened by the formation of a sort of ring, this ring admitted the finger with a little difficulty. Head was not opened. The hepatic secretion was here changed, but yet the Liver exhibited no morbid appearance.

Did this change of the Bile stand in relation to the disease as cause or effect?

Did the increased redness and vascularity of the inner surface of the stomach indicate that there had been inflammation of this important organ? And if it did, was this inflammation the cause or the effect of the derangement of the Biliary secretion? At the onset of this disease and for some time after there was no appearance of Bile in the matter thrown out either by vomiting or stool, this matter as may be seen by referring to the History of the case resembled dirty water in which raw flesh had been washed, this would therefore

appear to have been a total absence of Bile.

Not so in the matter afterwards vomited during the relapse, for this dark green matter both in colour, consistence, and smell, exactly resembles the bile taken from the gall bladder diluted with water, and with a small quantity of Sulphuric acid added to it. Is it not therefore reasonable to suppose that the green matter vomited was nothing else but the heap of morbid bile flowing into the stomach, and there meeting with an acid which is so apt to be generated there when that organ is by any means weakened. But what was the cause of this increased morbid secretion of bile, and what was the cause of its flowing into the stomach instead of its following its usual course? Did there exist any connexion between this reflux of bile and the change of structure observed at the Pyloric orifice of the stomach?

When we compare the nature of the fluid which changed at the commencement of this disease, <sup>with that</sup> ~~with that~~ after the relapse on the 13<sup>th</sup> there appears to have been

a complete change, in the former fluid there was an absence of bile, in the latter a great superabundance. — The very nature of the disease would appear to have been changed. — It is to be remarked too that during the relapse there were no spasms in feet, legs, belly, or hands. This is a remarkable circumstance, and when coupled with the absence of bile in the one instance, and the superabundance in the other, would almost authorize the belief that spasmodic action of the biliary ducts what, at the beginning of the disease, far in the formation of the poisonous cause. —

Waterford Barracks September 26<sup>th</sup> 1834  
The weather during the past week has been fine in general dry and favorable for putting the finishing hand to the harvest.

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 19° 68  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 25° 55

Medicines 60<sup>rs</sup> —

There are in Hospital 9 men of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 2 of the 66<sup>th</sup>. The whole of the 15<sup>th</sup> is collected at Head Quarters the detachments having been brought in for the inspection by Lord Combermere tomorrow. — The Regiment is completed to within 20 men so that our present strength in non-commissioned Officers Rank of file & drummers is about 600 this gives one and a half per cent a most unusually low proportion in any season, or at any station, or in any Corps in the Service. A circumstance at once pointing out the goodness of the Climate, of the internal arrangement of the Regiment, and of the goodness of the men composing the Corps. I scarcely can bring to my recollection a similar completion from disease. — There is not a single man absent from sickness —

Lord Combermere accompanied by the Depts, Adjutant  
Generals and Deputy Quarter Master General inspected  
the Regiment on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> and two companies under  
Major Maxwell marched the following day for Cork  
via Thomestown, Dungarvan, and two more followed  
next day on the same route. The Route for the  
March of the Regiment for Cork had been received  
three days before. It was unimpeded. The Corps at  
the time being under orders to march to Limerick  
Gen John Lambert was present at the inspection  
and took the opportunity to recommend & worn out  
men for discharge - There were six discharged for  
medical causes and left at Waterford, one in  
Hospital. when the Corps marched out, besides these  
were two other men left with the 58<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> with a  
Pectoral complaint, and Hault with a guttural  
The Regiment left Waterford on Saturday morning  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October for Cork via Carrick on Sea,  
Gloumel, Bloeheen, Fermoy, and Cork.

From Waterford to Carrick is nearly 13 miles. Road  
good running thro' a fine Valley thro' which flows the fine  
River Suir. Eight miles from Waterford Lord Rosborough's  
Estate commences, the Country is well wooded, fences, laid out

There is a fine Park with a large House. Adjoin-  
ing is the neat pretty village of Pitttown, built in  
the English style. From this to Carrick the Country is  
well wooded and fertile. The Valley becomes more narrow  
Carrick is a poor place but seems to have seen  
better days, as is manifested by the sadly dilapidated  
State of a great number of the large houses -  
There is a great appearance of desolation about it.  
A considerable portion of its very numerous inhabi-  
tants seems in a wretched state. The Streets of this Town  
seemed during our stay literally chock full of people -  
They seemed very curious and when they saw two offi-  
cers conversing they invariably formed a circle round them.  
There was much drunkenness and quarrelling amongst the  
people in the Streets. The Inn was a very good one  
somewhat dirty. People very civil.

The tide flows some two or three miles above Carrick -  
Large Lighters convey up and down the articles imported  
and exported. The Situation of this Town is very pretty & is  
peculiarly situated for Trade and has it been in Great Britain  
instead of unfortunate Ireland long ago would have  
been of importance and thriving, instead of being almost  
left in ruins, and half its inhabitants in rags and  
living on Potatoes. There was formerly at Carrick

a considerable manufacture of a cloth called Battler.  
There is still some of it prepared, the chief trade is  
in Butter, Bacon, & Eggs which are carried by water to  
Watersford. There is an old Castle at Carrick built on  
the Bank of the River, to command, I should suppose  
the River, and to answer as a strong hold for an English  
Garrison. It may have contained some two or three hundred  
men. — These Castles are common all over this part of  
Ireland. — Remained in Carrick Sunday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Marched Monday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M. morning cloudy but  
evening rainy, mild, no wind. Road to Clonmel good,  
distance from Carrick 11 miles, March performed with  
ease by the Soldiers. — Road keeps near to the River  
the whole distance. There are several neat bridges  
thrown over the River. — Clonmel is a large Town  
and is from situation a thoroughfare. There is a  
good deal of Business in the Streets. There are some  
good Streets, the river runs at the Back of the Town  
and affords excellent water carriage to the Sea. Large  
Barges are dragged up by Horses. There is a little  
Island at the Back of the Town which is pretty, on  
it there are extensive flour Mills. Much flour is manufac-  
tured by the Duane. There is a very extensive distillery

belonging to Hen. So about two miles from Clonmel.  
From Clonmel to Blogheen is 14 miles. Blogheen is a  
fine place, and so is Knocklofty. — The country is  
winding, rich, well wooded, and has, fiddlers, large  
hedges & hedge Rows. — Cottages more neat & clean.  
Blogheen is a village of a good appearance, Henry  
Bally is the seat of Lord Lisborne a short distance  
from it, it has a splendid appearance.  
From Blogheen to Fermoy 14 miles Country is poorer  
and as in most parts of Ireland very badly culti-  
vated. The morning of our march from Blogheen was  
ruiny. — On approaching Fermoy the Country im-  
proves very much. Rathcoromack is a large village.  
Fermoy is pretty situated on the left bank, indeed  
on both banks of the Black water over which there  
is an old bridge which unites the two parts of  
the Town. The Barracks are large consist of two squares  
with Road passing between them, are calculated to  
accommodate 4000 men. The situation is fine. The town  
itself is well built, from its appearance looks  
a new Town. There are some very pretty looking seats in  
the vicinity of Fermoy. Castle Hyde is little more than  
a mile above the Bridge. —

From Komey to Cork is upwards of 14 miles road, passes over a hill called Water Grap hill, the ascent is not steep but the road was bad, and made of bad materials improperly prepared. There is nothing remarkable till within 5 miles of Cork when the sea, with its beautiful banks open to the view. The environs of Cork are uncommonly beautiful. This Barracks (Cork) is situated on the top of a hill and may be 100 or 500 feet above the town. The 15<sup>th</sup> Foot marched into these Barracks about 3 o'clock of the 7<sup>th</sup> of October having been 6 days from Waterford the distance is in Irish miles 66 or 74 English, which for the five days we marched will give 15 English miles per day. — The march was well performed, not a man was left behind. There were the same number of sick on coming in as, on leaving Waterford viz. eleven. — The Billets as is too often the case in Ireland were often bad. The Poor people however gave all they had, and what more could they do. In such a country the soldier after his long march, must often be ill furnished. The marching allowance to the soldier in this country is too small, but were it as liberal as in England it is to be feared from the cheapness of Whiskey, there would be much irregularity.

In England the soldier gets 4<sup>s</sup> marching money at least this sum is paid to the Serjeant for his accommodation, and his dinner and drink, and he gets value for the money paid, but in Ireland the poor Serjeant has it not in his power to do this. — The Billet money in Scotland is on the same footing as in Ireland and no doubt for the same reason. — The allowance of Carriage in this country for Troops on the March is liberal, and answers every purpose, but it is to be regretted from the poverty of the Country that too much of the emolument falls into the hands of the Contractor. —

How many valuable improvements are in this poor Country prevented by all forswearing poverty! —

Cork Barracks Sunday Octob. 14<sup>th</sup> 1824

This day has been stormy with a great fall of rain from the high and exposed situation of these Barracks the storm is severely felt. — We have 150 men on detachment, a company at Youghal, 80 men at Spike Island, a party at Ballinacorney Island another at Carlisle Fort, — a Subaltern's party at a Magazine a mile distant. There are sixteen men in Hospital, but no disease.

of any consequence several cases of Gonorrhoea, one of Venereal, and a good number of 40 on almost marching in wet weather, and not attending sufficiently to cleanliness of the parts.

The Hospital is good, and nearly water proof, being only Leaky in one corner. It is sufficient for the accommodation of 40 men. It is said that the Troop in this Garrison have generally a large proportion of Sicks. — The 15<sup>th</sup> Hussars about half our strength have 23 men in Hospital. The 11<sup>th</sup> Foot about 30 men. — Chapman was brought from Waterford with disease of Metatarsal bones of left foot with enlargement of left elbow joint, he bore the journey pretty well.

Cork Barracks October 17<sup>th</sup> 1824

During the past week the weather has been for the season of the year very fine mornings and evenings cold frosty, but clear and agreeable. Prevailing wind S. or S.W. — There has been very little rain to day there has been a little.

At 8 a.m. 14<sup>th</sup> Mercury fell to 30° at 8 P.M. same day to 28°. The mean of the week has been about 40° —

One Sick in Hospital during the week had been about 20. Complains to trifling slight attacks of fever & diarrhoea, removed by purgatives and attention to Diet. —

Two cases of Venereal and the same number of Sores. —

One case of Optic Almia sent according to the standing order of the Garrison to the District Surgeon. The Patient St. Norton a young athletic man, very healthy who had never suffered from the disease before. Knew no cause, nor could I discover any for the attack. —

There is no sick with the Detachments. —

The duty is heavy, and if the weather be bad there will in all probability be an increase of Sickness. —

The 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment was inspected <sup>on Friday</sup> ~~on Saturday~~. The neighbourhood of Cork is beautiful. The Black Rock & Glanville Roads are particularly so. —

Cork Barracks October 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Today is a rainy day. It has rained all day wind S. E.  
There has been a great deal of rain since last Sunday.  
Weather has been mild with but little wind. Frequent  
fogs. Temperature has been as follows.

Highest temperature during the week 8 A.M. 18<sup>th</sup> 59

Lowest 8 P.M. 17<sup>th</sup> 38

Mean of the whole period 52<sup>o</sup>

The surrounding country has a green appearance.  
The trees wear the livery of autumn, but still possess  
the greater part of their foliage, but of course here  
the country people have been busy digging and gather-  
ing their potato crops.

The approaches to this city are beautiful. Rose a  
few days ago to Passage on the opposite side of  
the river Lee distant from the Barracks 6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles.  
It was a fine autumn day, cloudy but mild and  
still it was high water, the road was excellent, the country  
here which it passes, waving highly cultivated and  
ornamented. I have seldom seen a more pleasant ride.  
There is something in an autumn day, and riding amidst  
wood scenery near water that gives an undecipherable

serenity to the mind. I felt it in its fullest effect.  
I met with no miserable sights on the road, such as are  
common in most parts of Ireland, to detract from  
this pleasant state of mind. Such is the appearance  
of the country, of the houses, gardens, and grounds  
between this and Passage that it requires no exertion of  
the imagination to suppose that the traveller was  
in a favored part of Great Britain itself. The  
illusion however ceases on entering the city of Cork -  
for altho' the low, or dew seems better condition than in  
any other town that I have seen in Ireland, excepting  
Belfast, yet the miserable in various shapes is  
constantly peeping out.

This is a very abundant season in this country -  
I see less of want than usual. There appears by  
the news papers to be less crime in the land than  
usual. - It is but too probable that these two  
are closely & intimately connected.

All the necessaries of life are here cheap and abundant.  
The markets of Cork are particularly well supplied.  
I never saw finer meat.

There are to day 21 men in Hospital. The average number during the week has been 20.

There have been some slight attacks of fever.

Verreah is increasing. There are eleven cases in hospital. Mercury used in all.

A considerable number with ulcers on the Penis that are not Verreah.

A considerable number of women and children have been ailing. They blame the water. Whether it be owing to this, or whether it being owing to the high exposed situation of these Barracks, or to some change in the food I cannot determine but certainly diarrhoea has been more common than usual. The water for the use of the Barrack is brought from a neighbouring Valley, and as the water in this square contains a great deal of lime it is not unlikely that this too may contain a portion

Fort Barracks October 31<sup>st</sup> 1824.

During the past week the weather has been rainy and frequently stormy. There has not been one day of fine weather or I believe without rain. Prevailing wind N. but occasionally S.E.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 26° 56.

Lowest " " A.M. 30° 42.

Mean of the week 50<sup>th</sup>.

There are in Hospital to day 27 men, the highest number for several months but from present appearances it is likely that this number will soon be exceeded. There are also some sick with the Belackments at Boughal and at Spike Island, giving for the whole strength a much larger proportion than at any time during our residence in water-fort. For account for this increase. The causes must be looked for in difference of duty, in the difference of situation, and in the difference of food and drink. As to the duty it is here much more severe than in our last situation where it was very light. The soldier attends the duty of a Garrison by the number of nights he has in bed, & how many days in a week he is off guard.

In this Garrison at present he has between two and three  
nights in bed only, at Waterford he had six or seven.  
As to situation this Barrack is situated on the top of  
a hill nearly 400 feet, I should imagine, above the  
level of the Town, exposed to every blast, the Barrack  
itself out of repair. As to food and drink. —  
The food in quality is good, the water found in the wells  
in the Barrack square contains much lime but is not  
used, the water in use, being brought from a stream  
that flows thro' a neighbouring valley, and on being  
tried by the Oxalic acid does not show any or at  
least very little appearance of containing lime. —  
The chief difference seems to be in the duty and in  
the situation — The children of the Regiment  
at Waterford used to be very healthy, here they have  
become very liable to fever and Bowel complaints.  
There are not less than 700 at present affected with  
these complaints, chiefly young children at the barracks.  
There are two cases of Erysipelas in Hospital, one of them  
of the face and hairy scalp attended with a great deal  
of fever and restlessness, the other of the leg and foot.

Both patients weakly subjects, the one liable to periodic  
complaints, the other to attacks of the same complaint  
in the same limb. In the head case the disease set in  
like a case of common fever, the nose became red &  
swelled and hot & painful, Pulse 110 - skin hot & dry  
Tongue loaded - was vomited, purged, bled to 6 pounds  
and a half had a lotion consisting of an ounce of  
T. Op. & 6 pounds of water applied tepid to the parts  
~~affected~~ Feels better Pulse 96 full & soft. —  
The other case is better, there is much swelling of  
the limb but the constitutional symptoms are  
less severe. —  
There is a case of Pneumonia (Pork) requiring  
three bleedings. Colors very buffy, partly curd only, third  
last drawn. A case of fever with an affection  
of the lungs supervening two days after admission.  
(Jarvis) also requiring bleeding blood buffy —  
Shoulder was left in Hospital with <sup>is with fire</sup> ~~is with fire~~ <sup>is with fire</sup> ~~is with fire~~ when  
the inflammation was subdued used mercurial & his  
mouth was rendered sore, got well, was sent to join  
here got cold on the march, came to the Hospital  
with pain in all his joints, in his head, back - with

thrust, quick Pulse with an eruption of copper colored  
spots on different parts of his body. Was bled to a  
poultice, went into the warm bath, was pursued another  
Gouers Pow-de, having flannel next the skin -  
Is convalescent. - Is this a case of mercurial  
disease or only a modified Rheumatism? -  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1826. Sailed yesterday by the Steam Boat to Bour-  
dieux by water 9 miles. The different views on the  
River See are very beautiful. The left Bank or the  
Cork side of the river is highly ornamented by Houses  
parks, trees &c. &c. and is truly beautiful. Many of  
the houses are very large, and the style of building  
good. - The river is navigable for vessels of 200 Tons  
but then up to Cork, to Passage 6 miles below it the  
river is deep. Monckton is on the same side and  
Passage about a mile or little more below it. There  
is a fine beach which is frequented as a Bathing place  
and there is a range of good Houses for the accommo-  
dation of the Bathers. There is a fine old castle on  
the rising ground behind it. A little below this place  
the river widens, and Kaulbowling and Spike Islands  
with their Fortifications and their Houses come into

view and in the distance are seen Carlisle and  
Camden Forts marking the mouth of the noble  
harbour of Cork one of the finest in the United  
Kingdom. The Town of Cove 19 years ago a dirty  
fishing village is finely situated on the sloping  
ground that runs down to the Harbour. It is  
now a neat clean, well built Town, and owes  
its rise to the age of late years become a great  
or noble bathing quarter. - How did our Grand-  
daughters, I wonder, contrive to renovate their shal-  
low frames without these sea bathing places?  
This is one of the effects of the numerous changes  
that are constantly going on in Society. -  
The refinement going on in Society would no doubt  
tend to enlarge the number of certain classes of  
disease, which might be best removed by change  
of air, change of scene, change of food, change of  
people, and by the invigorating plunge into  
the warm sea. It is a mile and a quarter from  
Cove to Spike Island where the excellent Barracks Fortifi-  
cations not yet finished. Magazine Island  
and other Houses on Kaulbowling Island. -

Cork Barracks November 7<sup>th</sup> 1824

The weather continued rainy often stormy during the week just finished. Prevailing wind S.W.

Not a single dry day during the week.

The temperature has been mild for the season.

Highest during the week - Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 P.M. - 60°

Lowest - 5<sup>th</sup> 8 A.M. - 39°

Mean of the week - 49<sup>1/2</sup> a little more than degree below that of last week.

The number of sick still increases.

There are to day in Hospital 32.

Both cases of Syphilis are convalescent, and no fresh case has appeared.

The chief increase has taken place amongst diseases of the genital organs. There was an inspection of the Regiment for Venereal 5 days ago and 6 cases of disease were added to the number, although they were not all Venereal. There are in Hospital 13 cases of Venereal, and 6 of Ulcer of the Penis that I do not consider as Syphilitic. In the former Mercury is used in small quantities, in the latter it is not. These cases both Syphilitic & non Syphilitic are slight.

Hault is getting well. Park with Pneumonia and Jarvis with Pleurisy are convalescent.

Garnet has a troublesome case of Oedema.

There is very little disease of consequence.

(Yesterday received an intimation from the Director General of my appointment to the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars.

Cork Barracks November 11<sup>th</sup> 1824

There was during the week much rainy stormy weather. There has not been a single day without rain.

The rain has not generally been heavy often mere drizzle, owing for the most part from the S.W. which is the rainy quarter in Ireland.

The temperature very nearly the same as last week, and I suppose will remain nearly the same throughout the winter.

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 11<sup>th</sup> - 58°

Lowest - 8 A.M. 6<sup>th</sup> - 39°

Mean of the week - 49<sup>1/2</sup>

Last week - 49<sup>1/2</sup>

There are in Hospital 32 men the same as last Sunday four days ago including 3 men with Itch. There were 30 in Hospital the greater number for the last year.

Diseases in Hospital are as follows

13 Venereal	2 Purishes
3 Gonorrhoea	1 Biles
3 Ulcer on Penis	1 Diarrhoea
1 Scrophulous	1 Typh
3 Ulcers	1 Catarrh
3 Rheumatism	

There is very little disease in the Hospital altho' the number is formidable, being upwards of twice the usual number at Watford. The disorders of the Genitals however make up the difference, they being half the number or 16 in all. The cases of Venereal are generally slight, and soon put on a healing appearance. A Blue Pill is given morning and evening till the mouth is touched, the patient remaining in bed. The mouth is not made sore, the gums being kept a little tender. - These Blue Pills made soft stools one month being over. The cure takes in ordinary cases about a month. The patients with Gonorrhoea are purged, kept in bed on Low diet and take Worming and Giving 40 drops of S. Serpentina. -

Rheumatism is treated by Purgings, warm bath & bowels & order by rest in bed & Low diet Mineral water - The heavy duty of this genus or induces them to come to Hospital who would have remained out at Watford.

York Barracks Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> 1824-

The weather has continued through the week, wet, and disagreeable, with the exception of Friday which was unusually fine for the season and seemed to give additional animation to all living things after such a course of bad weather. - There have not been however during the week 24 successive hours dry. - It is generally S.W.

Temperatures has become considerably lower

Highest Temperature during the week - 56° 2 P.M. 17<sup>th</sup>

Lowest - 36° 8 A.M. 19

Mean of the week - 45<sup>th</sup> or

5 degrees lower than last week -

There are in Hospital to day 24 being fewer than last Sunday. The diseases are

Venereal - 9	Rheumatism - 1
Ulcer on Penis - 3	Ophthalmia - 1
Gonorrhoea - 1	Toxa - 2
Ulcers - 3	Purishes - 1
Scrophulous - 1	Diarrhoea - 2

Total 26

There are 431 persons at Gen. Quarters, thus giving one in 18 or more than 5 per cent which is a high proportion, yet when the genital disorders are deducted being 12 only, eleven remain leaving one in thirty nine standing

not a considerable number considering the heavy duty of the Garrison, and the kind of weather which we lately have had. —

The other Corps in Garrison have sick in nearly the same proportion, and all the cases are slight. Hault has been admitted to day with ophthalmia, was of a chronic, than acute nature. —

The Venereals are generally slight, and readily yield to the means used. —

The cases of fever are also slight. —

A severe case of pain in the lower part of the belly with hardness, costiveness, quick Pulse, dry skin, great thirst, and hurried Respiration and restlessness occurred in an officer. There was also irritability of Stomach at commencement. — The disease resisted for some time till bleeding, purgatives, and frequent Opium as opened the bowels. — This individual is habitually costive, has a determination of blood to the head, and has been exposed for some to cold sweat. —

How the various states of the Bowels the effects of the state of the Brain? — I would answer yes.

Fort Barracks Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 1824 —

This has been a week of unusually stormy disagreeable weather. There was but one fine day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>. There has been a vast deal of rain with violent gales of wind, variable, but most generally from the South west. —

Temperature has been higher — 46°  
Highest — at 2 P.M. 28<sup>th</sup> — 46°  
Lowest — 8 A.M. 22<sup>nd</sup> — 33  
Mean — 45<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> —

There was frost ice being on the Pools in the morning on the 25<sup>th</sup> also on the 22<sup>nd</sup> had snow as yet in this neighbourhood — Grass fields are green. — There are to day in Hospital 34 Men, and one in the General Hospital with ophthalmia, this is an increase of 11 since last Sunday. The other Corps are more healthy. Diseases as follows. —

Venereals 13	} Venereal	Consumption 1
Gonorrhoea 2		Catarrh 1
Ulcer on Penis 5		Muscle 1
Bubo 2		Granular 1
Ulcer 3		Ophthalmia 1
Purishes 1	Flux 1	
Sporum 1	Rheumatism 1	
	Total 34 —	

There are 22 cases of disease in one shape or another of the genital organs, this is a large number & forms nearly two thirds of the whole number in Hospital. It is sometimes very difficult to determine between an Ulcer on the Penis, and a Venereal Chancre. There are two or three cases now in Hospital which look very much like syphilitic ulceration but yet I am led to believe that they are not of Venereal origin. Warren was admitted with a white dirty looking sore on the body of the penis surrounded by a great deal of inflammation of a bright red colour, he declared that it could not be Venereal but that he had rubbed off the skin. He is not treated with Mercury. Shepherd a married man came into Hospital three days ago with half the Glans in an ulcerated state, much swollen, inflamed, discharging fetid dark coloured matter. Said that he has a sore on the penis which being irritated became sore, and the parts better, altho' a married man was not certain but it might be Venereal. On admission has a good deal of fever. I do not reckon this to be syphilitic. - McLean lost the greater part of his Glans at Plymouth about ~~three~~ years ago, has

ulcers on different parts of his body. - The penis has always remained in a tender state, and has been from time to time subjected to Ulceration getting well with rest and attention to cleanliness. This is not to be considered as syphilitic. -

The cases of Bubo proceeds from Gonorrhoea. - Bowerly arrived from Waterford four days ago & is in worse condition than when he was left there in the beginning of October. The Pulse is very quick. The Respiration hurried, the Cough troublesome and the Percussion superficial & of one part only when he lies on his left side. Little can be done in this case. -

Bird a drummer boy has got measles, admitted this morning with the usual symptoms cough, pain at his breast with a good deal of fever, was ordered to be bled & purged. - Measles appeared amongst the children about a month ago and are running thro' the whole of those who have not had the disease. - They are generally mild, but there are two children under a year who are dangerously ill, this is however not a large proportion considering our numbers. -

Taylor a sickly man was admitted into Hospital 10 days ago with diarrhoea. He has suffered formerly from cough, pain in his breast, diarrhoea, frequent purging and irregularity of his bowels had passed on a former occasion two or three years of a tape worm - five days ago passed between two and three feet - has been troubled with pain in his belly and straining and purging blood in a word with dysenteric symptoms - In this case, as I believe in most others the worms are the effects and not the cause of the derangement of the alimentary canal. These two however may act and react on each other as we frequently see in other diseases the primary disease action being almost lost sight of. May not this be said to be the case with Mercury in certain constitutions?

Logan has had an attack of Rheumatism in the Muscles of Lumbago - Oiling, warm bath, and opium and subjugatives have carried it off. The heavy duty of this Garrison tends to keep the Hospital full, men come to the Hospital with slight complaints, and when well show no very strong wish to go out, thus require a watchful eye.

Cork Barracks December 5<sup>th</sup> 1824. -

This week has been more seasonable and less stormy. Winter has set in, and for the last 3 or 4 days there has been snow on the ground with frost. -

There has been no rain for three days.

Wind has for some days blown from N. N. E.

The temperature of the week has been much lower.

Highest - at 8 A.M. - 28° Nov. 52

Lowest at 4 P.M. - 3° Dec. 24

Mean of the week - 36 or nearly 10 degrees lower than last week -

There is ice on the ponds an inch thick. -

There was a good deal of snow fell on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> -

The sick of the Regiment have increased, there are in Hospital to day 37 men, and one with Spinalgia in the General Hospital, this is a very large proportion, and as many as the other two Regts together have. I cannot readily account for the die proportion. The 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Head quarters is much stronger than the 15<sup>th</sup> and yet they have one third fewer sick. They do the same duty, and are dressed only per & doctored. The duty of the 15<sup>th</sup> is different, they have few quarters and are occupied with their horses which keeps them a good deal

More than half of the 18<sup>th</sup> are young soldiers who have not been accustomed to heavy garrison duty. The 11<sup>th</sup> are older and have some more Garrisonian taint.

The diseases are as follows

Venerical - 12	} Genital diseases 22	Flea - 1
Gonorrhoea 2		Parasols - 3
Ulcer on Penis 4		Rheumatism - 3
Bubo - 4		Cataract - 2
Ulcers - 2		Phthisis Pulm. - 1
Itch - 1		Dyspepsia - 1
Diarrhoea - 1	Total 37	

Nearly two thirds of the cases in Hospital are still those diseases of the Genital organs. There are 15 however of other cases. Three of these are 3 of Rheumatism and 2 of Cataract.

The diseases are in general slight. There is very little severe disease in the Hospital and no case attended with danger unless Prieley's which is consumption, in an advanced stage, in which very little can be done by medicine. - Sheppers admitted with a splenic gland has lost nearly the whole of it. - He was treated by bleeding, purging, opium, cantharides. His health has suffered wonderfully little.

Fort Barracks Det. 12<sup>th</sup> 1824 -

Weather has been wet and disagreeable. - This day week a thaw took place there has been no frost or snow since, there has been no ice or raps seen every day since, and a great deal of very disagreeable weather. Prevailing wind from S.W.

The temperature has been high, between six and seven degrees. -

Highest temperature at 11<sup>th</sup> 7/8 a.m. - 49°

Lowest - 5<sup>th</sup> bet 8 a.m. - 28

Mean of the week - 43<sup>1/2</sup>

Sick in Hospital to day 37, diseases as follows.

Venerical - 20	} Genital diseases 30	Flea - 1
Ulcer on Penis 6		Inguis - 1
Bubo - 4		Rheumatism - 1
Ulcers - 2		Parasols - 1
		Fracture of Os humeri 1
	Total - 37	

At an Inspection of the Regiment on Wednesday 17 cases of disease of the Genitals were found a very large number. The greater part of these sores were on the outside of the penis on the common integuments, of different sizes from a split pea to that of a split walnut. -

Most of the sores were not deep, not cupped, but flat at the bottom, edges not raised but callous surface of lardy appearance if the phrase may be used, but on the application of the black wash getting clear, floor, and beginning to heal after one, two, or three days. In two or three cases I saw thickening of the integuments. — I consider that a great part of those cases was not of syphilitic origin. — The patient Ferns has lost the glass and is getting well without mercury. The head is nearly well, no mercury has been used. — Wilson was brought to the Hospital said to have measles looks stupid, and confused, speaks inarticulately. — On being desired to get up said that he could not stand, that he has little use of his left arm & leg that he has gone to bed the night before well, but awoke in the morning with pain in his head, with numbness, & want of use of his arm & leg. — Was bled 2 pounds purged & blisters in the nape of his neck. — Arm has got well, head is easy, but leg is still full, and is not wholly under the control of the will.

A Blister has been applied over the hip. Pulse slow and feeble. — Is a wealthy busy man. Poor Chapman has been suffering from sympathetic fever with a continued and severe pain in his head, which has existed bleeding from the temples, blistering in the nape of the neck, Purgings &c. — Tongue foul — Has been ordered 25 grains of Opium and a — Measles has nearly passed through all the children. At first the disease was slight but the rooms in which the married ladies with their families live being too crowded and consequently too hot, the disease has become more severe and four children here died, carrying off children of a year or thereabouts. Sanson's child has been saved with difficulty, the free use of purgatives seem to have been most beneficial. — From what I have seen of this disease I would be inclined to treat this disease by emetics, Bleeding with leeches, purgatives & blisters. The women are fortunately healthy.

Cork Barracks December 19<sup>th</sup> 1824

There has been one or two days of pleasant seasonable weather, but no entire day without rain. There has been no tempestuous weather. Temperature considerably higher, very mild for the season. Prevailing wind from S.W.

Highest temperature at 8 P.M. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 58

Lowest ————— 8 A.M. 16<sup>th</sup> — 39 —

(Mean of the week 46<sup>5</sup>/<sub>11</sub>)

Cases are to day in Hospital 39, diseases as follows

Veneral — 14	} General	Paralysis — 1
Ulcer on Penis — 6		Dysentery — 1
Bubo — 5	Indigestion — 1	
Swelled Testicle — 1	Ulcer on leg — 2	
Lump — 1	Pemphex — 1	
Measles — 2	Fracture of blade — 1	
Pneumonia — 2	Teteb — 39 —	
Dropsy — 1		

Besides one man in the General Hospital, making 40, and as our strength at Head Quarters is under 400 this will give the very large proportion of the winter, a very large proportion for this climate

Altho' the total number of sick has increased since last report by two the genital diseases are less numerous by 4. — There are 14 cases of Syphilis which are all getting well under the use of Mercury. — There are 54 cases of ulcers on the penis not syphilitic which are treated with the black wash or by dry lint, these sores are nearly all on the integuments of the body of the penis. — There are five cases of bubo, not syphilitic, have without much inflammatory action, & are under the use of the Tartar emetic ointment, poultices having failed. — Several of these cases, I believe, are the effects of Gonor. has one or two are relapses. The case of Swelled Testicle is a relapse and originally was produced by a gonorrhoea in which the Ol. Turbith. has stopped the discharge. There are two cases of Measles the patients young men, symptoms indicates bleeding which seems to have been beneficial. This disease has now nearly exhausted itself or rather there are not enough subjects for its attack. — It has not been one the whole severe and wilds under great Quina management has not done much harm.

Both patients with Pneumonia suffered formerly  
from the same complaint and are always healthy  
men. Cough has been very troublesome with great  
stuffing at the Breast. Bleeding, purging  
Antimonial, and blistering used with advantage.  
H. Jackson, aged about 45 a strong healthy regular  
man, who has been 17 years in the Regiment  
without being once in the Hospital, was admitted  
yesterday morning with severe pain in his head  
face swollen, of a leucophlegmatic appearance  
Respiration quickened, Bowels slow, urine scanty  
Pulse slow and very full. Said that he got cold  
on guard 10 days ago, was bled to a pound &  
took compound powder of Salaf, a drachm,  
Evening complained much of Headach, Pulse &  
thumping, was bled to nearly two pounds, & got  
a solution of Cream Tartar as common drink  
So to day much better. Pulse less full & strong.  
Wilson is much better limbs are firm, walks better.  
Has St. Terbenittina a rubber on the leg and thigh  
which produced a crop of Pustules. —  
Philip Taylor was discharged from Hospital about  
a fortnight ago recovered from Dysentery and

returned yesterday morning with the same complaint  
Stools bloody, scanty, attended with straining  
and pain at his anus, took Satts which purged  
him freely and afforded relief, in the evening  
had an injection of 10 ounces of starch with a  
drachm of Laudanum, retained it for 6 hours  
with great relief, this morning his belly was  
swathed in flannel, and he got a Pill of  
2 grains of Calomel and the same quantity of  
Opium. Was quiescent soon after taking it. Has  
had numerous small bloody fetid stools  
Pulse quick — was ordered six drachms of  
Castor oil, an ounce of Maculago of Gum Arabic  
and the same quantity of Peppermint water.  
It is probable there is in this case tenia  
The duty of the Garrison is severe, the soldiers  
have scarcely two nights in bed, which  
at this season of the year, or indeed at  
any season is too little. —

Cork Barracks Dec<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1824.

To day is fair, clear, cool, but pleasant and seasonable. Wind at W. The past week however has been rainy as usual with occasional strong gales from S.W.

There has been a little frost. The temperature of the week has been low.

Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 19<sup>th</sup> 53

Lowest " " 8 P.M. 20<sup>th</sup> 32

Medium of the week 44<sup>2/3</sup> —

There are in Hospital to day 38 men. Diseases as follows

Ulcers 8	} Spinal dia 21	Bro'ose —	30
Ulcer on Penis 8		Wounds —	1
Bubo 3		Fractures Hand. 1	
Swelled Testicles 2		Dysentery —	1
Rheumatism 2		Diarrhoea —	1
Fever —	2	Punishes —	1
Pneumonia 2		Ulcer —	2
Dropsy —	1	Phlegmon —	1
Paralysis 1		Total —	38
Indigestion 1			
	30		

The diseases of the Genitals are less numerous. There are now only 8 cases of Syphilis all getting well under the use of Mercury.

There is the same number of ulcers on the Penis. Most of these are situated outside on the common integuments of the Penis, not deep, nor surrounded by inflammation, inclined to scab but that falling off, and shewing large granulations, no tendency to Bubo, healing up in two or three weeks with the Black wash or dry lint.

Sores of this description have been unusually numerous since the arrival of the Regiment in Cork. Bubo too has been common in several instances a consequence of Gonorrhoea. Having recovered from this disease under the use of the O. Trichostema, having returned to their duty in a week or so have come back with Bubo not however attended with much heat or pain, or redness. In these cases the Tartar emetic ointment has been used with success. The Swelled Testicles are the effects of neglected Gonorrhoea. Mr. Namara has got fever. The head is chiefly affected. He is very deaf, Pulse 110. Skin very little above the natural temperature. Tongue

was loaded and dry. Has been the blisters in the  
shape of the red tonic, has been purged & has taken  
Calomet and Antimonial powder. Is subject to  
crying, and hysterical kind of fits. It is a  
curious case. — Birmingham with fever is  
convalescent, Usher and Hicks with Pneumonia  
are convalescent, the former has for years been  
subject to Dyspepsia, and is a fit subject for  
discharge. — P. Dickenson is convalescent & has  
got rid of every symptom of Dropsy, his mouth  
is sore from the Calomet taken. — Wilson  
walks better, and his legs are firmer, but I suspect  
he never will be worth much as a soldier. —  
McCauley is recovered from Dyspepsia.  
Taylor has been very ill with Dysentery, stools  
numerous, bloody, painful, attended with strain-  
ing & pain in his belly. Pulse 135, head giddy.  
Anodyne injections and Compound powder of  
Speacuantha have removed these symptoms.  
All the other cases are trifling.

In consequence of the severity of the duty in Garrison  
the company at Young's has been ordered into Cork  
and will arrive here in three days. My name appears  
in the Gazette for the 8<sup>th</sup> of 8. four days ago. I have been

to day twenty years in the service and to day con-  
mence the increase allowance of 18/10. — On looking  
back have no reason to say that fortune has behaved  
sugarly to me. — Expect to leave this for  
England in the course of 10 Days. —

Cork Barracks Dec- 31<sup>st</sup> 1824.

From the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1823 to 25<sup>th</sup> Dec- 1824 —  
The following deaths have taken place in the 15<sup>th</sup>

Foot Henry Wheeler at Head Quarters Waterford

Dec- 27<sup>th</sup> 1823 — Pneumonia.

Dennis McDonough at B<sup>arracks</sup> Dec- 20<sup>th</sup> 1823 — Fever

Wm Gommeshall Feb- 22<sup>nd</sup> 1824 — Consumption

Wm Beuch 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 1824 — Pleas abscess

Thos Lee 4<sup>th</sup> June — Hydrocephalus

Thos Boyano 19<sup>th</sup> Sept- Cholera Morbus

John Burwell (Nov- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lincolnshire) Consumption

Wm Forsterly 8<sup>th</sup> Dec- (H<sup>ospital</sup> 2 Cork) Consumption

Total 9 — Average strength — 585

proportion of deaths a fraction more than

1<sup>st</sup> per cent. which is in the same ratio

as for the other years since the arrival of  
the Regt from America as given in

387/26  
618

393/14

This Book Aug<sup>22</sup> 1820

It would appear that the total number of men lost to the Regiment during last year has been seventy &

as follows.

Discharged

By Purchase	6
By Service (limited)	1
with Pension for service	20
without Pension	2
Total	37

Deserted 29

Remaining absent 15

Rejoins 14 of whom

were transferred to General Service 9

By deaths 9

By desertion 24

Discharge 37

Total 70

Of those who deserted, 25 had been in the service from one to seven years  
three from 7 to 14 years  
one from 14 to 21 years

This is a large expenditure of men being in the proportion of one in every 8<sup>th</sup> considerably more than 10 per cent, and yet the Body of the Regiment is made <sup>up</sup> of young men 320 men having joined in the last 3 years & a half, it must not however be lost sight of that the Corps on its return, has many old men, and many men shattered from long service in the West Indies, so that in future the number discharged will not be so great, neither probably will the deaths be so many nor even the desertions, as few recruits (who chiefly desert) will be required to feed the Regiment.

Dorchester - Banacks Sunday Feb 27<sup>th</sup>  
1855.

Having arranged all my affairs in the 15 Foot  
and having obtained leave from the authorities  
to depart, I took leave of my old friends not without  
regret and started by the Mail for Waterford <sup>at 11</sup>  
The Country thro' which I passed bore more marks  
of improvement, than I had been accustomed  
to see in Ireland. Houses were building,  
trees were planting fences making, and sowing  
ing; all which things looked well for the state  
of the Country. From all that I have seen or shall  
during my residence in that country, I do think  
that if that fine country be managed fairly  
it will make a striking forward in improve-  
ment that will astonish the Brokers.  
Remained in Waterford only a few hours  
to proceed to Dunsmore the Packet station.  
Slept there in the Hotel, which is the worst of  
the kind that I have met with in Ireland  
which is saying a good deal.  
In conveyance Dublin, Waterford and Milford

is not so regular as from its importance for the  
South of Ireland, could be wished.

Owing to the thickness of the fog the Packet  
has been obliged to remain at anchor during  
the night off the Hook light house.

It came in early in the morning, took in coals  
and started in less than an hour or a little  
after 8 o'clock. — The sea was smooth, our passage  
was agreeable and the Mountains of Ben  
Breck in the ocean and those of Banbor  
gradually rose. We landed at Milford in  
little more than 11 hours from our departure  
from Dunsmore.

Having arrived too late for the Coach, was com-  
pelled to remain a day in Milford, which  
was in some measure compensated for by  
the goodness of the Inn. Left the Inn at  
1 o'clock for Bristol by the Mail and arrived  
the following day at 3 o'clock. Found that my  
baggage from Cork had arrived and sent it off  
for Dorchester. Slept at the Bush, and the  
following morning at seven started by the Great  
for London, and reached about 10 o'clock at night  
of the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Remained in London from the 15<sup>th</sup> of January  
to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and reached this place  
between 10 and 11 o'clock of the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Barchesta is the County Town of Dorsetshire is  
situated in an open rich country, containing  
I should suppose ~~about~~ <sup>about</sup> ~~three~~ <sup>four</sup> thousand people,  
clean neat, built in the old style, with a confor-  
table look about it. These Barracks are situated

from the end of the town 500 or 600 yards.  
They are in a good situation and quite open  
all round, with a large field in front sloping  
down to a bottom, thro' which the small river  
Frome flows. There is very little wood in  
the neighbourhood. There are extensive downs.

Barchesta Barracks April 15<sup>th</sup> 1825.

During the whole month of March the weather  
was pleasant, very little rain fell, much sun.  
Prevailing wind from the East. Vegetation has  
advanced considerably. Roads dry and dusty.  
Regiment remains healthy, sick ranging from 9 to  
15 average 14. Complaints slight, chiefly ulcers  
of the legs produced by kicks, and slight venereal  
disorders.

Since from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April commence the weekly  
reports as in the 15<sup>th</sup> report.

During the last week the weather has been dry  
and for the season of the year warm.

Lowest Temperature at 8 a.m. 32° 42°  
Highest ————— 2 P.M. — 57° 68°

Mean of the week — 53°

During the corresponding week of last year at  
Waterford Mean Temperature 47°

Temperature yesterday at 2 P.M. of Pump water 56°

Well water — 52°

River water — 57°

During the last week the temperature has increased  
8 degrees, which is a rapid rise.

For the two last days the wind has been from the West  
and mild, for a considerable period previously  
from the East and raw.

There are in Hospital to day 13 men.

Private Robert Dudley with Venereal

Francis Lode — Ulcer on shin

Job Hulson — Ulcer on shin

John Payne — Ulcer under knee

Robert Dunwoody — Buboe.

- Private John Kenney with Gonorrhoea  
 — John Lussie with Ulcer on Skin.  
 — Bernard Buckley Ulcer on Penis (Dilepis)  
 — Thos Smith — Rheumatism  
 — Edward Smith — Gonorrhoea (Dilepis)  
 — W<sup>m</sup> Hearn — Gonorrhoea  
 — John Corliff — Rheumatism  
 — James John Hoss — Scab.

Where there is so very little disease few remarks are required. — 1<sup>o</sup> As to the case of James Hoss, he was admitted yesterday morning complaining of having got a severe cold, says that he was some all over, had a pain in the right arm which some years ago he had received a hurt from a horse. Was thirsty, Tongue foul, Pulse quick & strong, was ordered Puls. Sal. ap. ʒij which purged him. Evening not being relieved was bled to hips and took squirts of Calomel and ʒ of tartem. cal. powder. This morning better. Pulse more regular was again ordered to be purged. This case will not occupy much time, it appears to be the mere effects of catching cold probably aided by intemperance. —

These are two cases of Rheumatism, both patients had been in India for upwards of a dozen years and had suffered from the same complaint repeatedly since their return. — That men who have been so long in that climate should be more liable to this disease is not to be wondered at, but it is not improbable that these men think, that having become entitled to a pension for service, it might be as well both for themselves and the service if they could present to the Surgeon to recommend them for discharge. I am however of a different opinion altho I am well convinced that an Indian soldier in general is in this country a very useless animal. — Unfortunately very few can resist the temptation of the Bounty offers to them to remain, this arises by the prospect of cold weather, and no dreams find them in the land of the Sun, and renders it nearly impossible that they ever will return to that country which at one time contained every thing that was dear to them. Father, Mother, country and kindred all given up for a few Rupees bounty and the prospect of being drunk some 6 or 7 times a month, and having the curse of the Hell Boga. — What a strange animal is an Indian Soldier.

It is probably fortunate for themselves, that soldiers and sailors are not much given to reflections — The lancet has been used in both those cases, altho' there has been very little successful action, but if this be really what is complained of, about which I have my doubts, it will prepare them for the use of brachiorhiza, and rubefacients which are now in use.

There are four cases of ulcers. They were produced by kicks from Horses, are situated on the fore or back part of the leg, and altho' they have been treated with the utmost care, and in the various most approved ways, yet there has been a backwardness in their healing, which I have seldom met with elsewhere. The men have told me that they received the injury with the sock of the shoe. The sore is generally the size of a sixpence, but it does not heal with the usual application of Goulard's powder, and after washing with black wash, lunar caustic, and precipitated with careful bandages have not answered my expectations. — It is probable there is slight injury of the Periosteum. There is no constitutional disorder. — Would cutting down to the bone accelerate the wished for result? None of them are on —

Quindley with a Bubo treated on the non-mercurial plan has been in Hospital since the month of December last, the sore is now small but still tedious in healing, the Knife may be of use here too. — There are three cases of Gonorrhoea, Kennedy's a first attack has been very severe, has been in Hospital 17 days and is now getting well treated by rest, Spoon Diet, purgins, Balsam-Capivi and Ol. Sassafras, the last remedy seems to succeed.

There are at Hens Quarters — 185

Sicks — 13 — one in 18 a large proportion but the men are young and I have found always a large proportion of Sicks amongst soldiers under two years, than above that period unless they are very old and consequently unfit —

Boxing Barracks April 17<sup>th</sup> 1825 — The weather since last report has continued dry, pleasant, and very reasonable for the time of the year, there has been a threatening of rain for several days and at present, the sky is cloudy and forboding rain. There has been very little wind during the week and no rain has chiefly from the west. The temperature increases —

Highest temperature during the week at 2 P.M. 66  
 Lowest 8 A.M. 58  
 Mean of the week — 54 1/3

Vegetation advances rapidly the fields are looking green  
 even the oat straw is green. Most of the hedges and a  
 number of the earlier trees are in foliage. The chief  
 part of the seed seems to have been sown. —  
 This day is mild and has quite the feel and look of  
 Spring. —

There are to day 18 men in Hospital & more than  
 last Sunday an increase that is not to be readily  
 accounted for. — They are

- Robert Dudley Venereal — Francis Loda Ulcer on leg
- John Wilson Ulcer on leg — John Boyne Ulcer on leg
- Robt. Burwoodie Burns — Thos. Smith Rheumatism
- Edwards Smith Ulcer on Penis — Alex. Canning Rheumatism
- William Gardner Laceration — Patrick Dunn Cholelith
- 150 Schiefeld Optic. Almia — Sgt. Brogan Spasm of gut
- Matthew Druffy Ulcer on Shin — John Murphy Ulcer on Shin
- 140 Conliff Rheumatism — Allick Taylor Gonorrhoea
- 150 Hollows Contusion on hand 100 Tolbot Inflammation of  
 Ligaments of knee. —

The most numerous class here is the ulcers of the legs  
 all of which have been caused by kicks. They amount  
 to 5 in all of long standing two of them of more than

one year. The Regiment almost two months ago  
 I had been trying every method that I could think of  
 they had all been unavailing but very slowly —  
 I am unable to account for this backwardness in  
 the healing of sores of the legs. Other sores heal  
 by enough. These are two of the 5 who had been  
 discharged having injured the skin, returned with  
 superficial but encrusted sores. I find the adhe-  
 sive plaster with bandaging answers best. —  
 Wilson's has been strapped with great care for  
 5 or six weeks and is still the size of a shilling. —  
 Loda with ulcer on the Shin has got an attack of  
 fever with pain in his left side under the short ribs  
 he has been freely bled, purged, sweated, and has  
 used the tepid bath. There is an increase of  
 fever every evening with flushing of the face  
 He thought that he got cold but there is often apyrexia  
 as a cause for an attack of redness by a peti-  
 ent when he cannot account for it in any  
 way. — The attack commenced the day after the  
 application of the Black wash. The sore is  
 small & looks well. — Besides the ulcers from  
 kicks there are three other injuries from horses one  
 excoriation from riding on the inside of thigh, and two  
 sprains. — There is a severe attack of Optic. Almia  
 (Strophala) of left eye, was blind on admission, purged & sweated

was desired to wash his eye with warm water and at the end of 24 hours symptoms of acute inflammation has subsided and a little of the Ferrous Opi was introduced morning and evening this morning said his eye has again become more painful, and hot, and impatient of light, the Ferrous Opi as the pulse was regular was introduced and he took Calomel 10 grains, a little ago when at the Hospital (4 P.M.) complained much of dizziness, heavy great heat, and intolerance of light, was bled to 40 ounces and fainter, was ordered to wash the eye with warm water. The Ferrous Opi here probably did harm in rekindling the inflammation. —

Budley with Versed has been in the Hospital since December, is now nearly well from the black wash to the sore on the groin and a blue pill every evening. — There are three cases of Rheumatism. Cassing was discharged from Hospital after having been six weeks in it, for Versed has a Bubo which perhaps still took no mercury was out of Hospital about a month. Has got an eruption of small pimples the size of a pin's head is using just the warm bath and Puls Specul. C. getting better.

Forkester Barracks April 24<sup>th</sup> 1825.  
After six weeks dry weather, almost without a shower rain began two days ago, and it has rained with great advantage almost ever since.  
The country now looks fresh and green that peculiarly beautiful green ~~found~~ <sup>seen</sup> in the spring of the year. Trees are covered with blossom, the corn fields are green, and every thing wears the appearance of future promise. —  
The temperature is lower by about 2<sup>o</sup> degrees than last week —  
Highest temperature at 2 P.M. 74<sup>o</sup> — 62  
Lowest — at 8 A.M. 49<sup>o</sup> — 42  
Mean of the week — 57<sup>o</sup>, or rather more than two degrees higher than during the corresponding week at Waterford last year.  
Prevalent wind S.W. to day from S.E. —  
There are in Hospital to day 16 men —  
Francis Loder is better than a week ago has lost Pulse 86 — heart more tranquil. Respiration more free. Pain in side nearly gone — appetite returning. Bowels open. Has been taking digitalis usque ad nauseam, occasion' evacuaes. — Sore is reduced in size, the black wash still in use.

6 John Wilson's ulcer on shin is small, considerable, looks healthy, quite dry, is allowed to walk about in driers with sticking plaister and carefully business. Every other day it is reduced to the size of a shilling and in another week ought to be well. —

7 John Boyne, ulcer beneath the knee is getting well, reduced to a small size, driers with dry lint, bar on legs quite dry is allowed to walk about, has improved fast since he was allowed to quit his bed. —

8 Robt. Bunscombe, Bubo simple, has been nearly dispersed by means of prepars has recovered his strength, altho' he had <sup>lost</sup> much strength by hectic stage.

9 Thos. Smith, Rheumatism affecting his loins. — An East India soldier expecting his discharge making the most of his case, frictions with oil Turbith, Kannel & the skin, Calomel and Opium Pills to Purgation says that he is much better.

10 Edwards Smith, Ulcer on the Penis getting well with the solution of superacetate of Lead with an occasional purge. This man two months ago had gonorrhoea got apparently well, was sent to his duty, returned after some time with the Penis much swollen, could not retract the prepuce when the swelling was reduced, as to treat the Glans with view several superfrictions

does well. This is no infrequent occurrence.

11 John Corliff, Rheumatism affecting right hip joint An Indian Soldier 14 or 15 years in the Service, probably wishing for his discharge can't be served with suspicion. Has been blistered, purged, sweated and is now taking the Calomel and Opium Pills and using flannel. Expect, but not without some roughness, to make a cure of this man. —

12 Mr. Canning, Rheumatism, but more properly secondary symptoms of Venereal, mentioned in last week's report. Is better, but complains of feverishness of his knees and legs, has no pain in his arms, except on skin drying. — Takes the Compound decoction of Sarsaparilla. —

13 Mr. Schofield, Ophthalmia much better. Bleeding of last Sunday reduced the inflammation, have given warm water, a cool room, and abstinence of light. Have reason to think that Dr. Hutton's opinions of this disease are for the most part correct but more of this anon. —

14 Matthew Guppy, Ulcer on Shin, much as at last report, this morning removed a small piece of bone the size of a Barley corn, using adhesive straps & bandaging. There are probably more bits of bone to come away. —

- 11 John Murphy, Ulcer on shin getting well the use of a split pea healing fast with a piece of strap.
- 12 Matthew Frazer. Excoriations on testis, nearly well
- 13 Luke Ryan a Studied Testicle, from mounting his horse without stirrups and striking his testicle against the pommel of the saddle, has a similar attack before. Bleeding with leeches, purgatives and cold saturnine wash. Better.
- 14 James Moses Has a fall from his horse at the riding school and hurt his side.
- 15 Edward Skeliff. Fingers bit by his horse
- 16 John Kilmartin. With pain in his thighs and legs from getting on wet hair at some pangs.
- Such are the diseases in the Hospital of the 8th. Three fourths of them are mere trifles and scarce deserve room in an Hospital return. There is not a case of Typhoid in the Hospital, a rather unusual circumstance in a Regiment composed of young Irishmen. Cavalry soldiers have very little night duty, but have more employments during the day than of any other, this is a very great advantage and ought to keep them more healthy.

Borchester Barracks Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 1825.

This morning is rainy wind SW rather cooler than usual not a pleasant May morning as last year.

The weather during the week has been agreeable and reasonable there have been many soft showers, & some continued as a heavy rain. Vegetation has advanced with great rapidity. The face of the country is a lively green.

Temperature is rising

Highest during the week at 2 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> April - 63°

Lowest at 8 P.M. 27<sup>th</sup> 46°

Course of the week - 55<sup>th</sup> or nearly 3 degrees higher than last week - and about the same, then during the corresponding week of last year at Borchester from the South.

There are in Hospital to day 10 men -

All their diseases slight - This gives about 5 feet of ground reduced in strength and flesh, but as his appetite has returned, he will soon regain both. Cough & pain of side nearly gone. Pulse regular. Now sleeps well - Ulcer has been removed to the size of a pea - There was something in this case very like Brastasis.

2 Job Wilson's sore has been contracting at every degree, and ought to be well in another week these old sores heal slowly.

John Lyons. Ulcer beneath the knee, is so nearly cured, as to be left this morning without dressing. He has been three months in Hospital.

4. The Senator Rheum above. Back is a little stiff as in Hooping but not painful. Health otherwise good.

5. Edward Smith Ulcer on the Penis clean, healthy, daily becoming smaller.

6. John Conly Rheumatism. Walks without pain but with a little lameness. Improves in walking. Takes no medicine. General health good.

7. Ally Canning says that he feels well, does not look healthy, eruption on body has nearly disappeared. Legs and knees are more strong. Continues to take the decoction of Sarsaparilla.

8. Matthew Sully Ulcer on Shin small, clean, healthy but yet contracting under the use of sticking Plaster slowly. I fear this is something wrong at the base.

9. L. Dean Suffered lately, the Leeching, the purging & the cold Stomach would seem to be the matter, heat & pain is now subsiding in every evening long. Hydroc. cum. canth. & ferri. are absorbed.

10. W. Williams Calves or any thing, when the tongue is clean, Pulse regular, bowels easy, but yet the patient says that he is not well. - This is no uncommon occurrence amongst the young soldiers who do not like

nature.

Dorchester Barracks, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1826.

There has been a fine weather week, quite serene, thunder and lightning, and thunder showers. Temperature five degrees higher than last week. There has been a good deal of rain, vegetation has made very rapid advances, the latest trees are now in foliage all in green. Crops have a promising appearance. This country requires much rain. The soil is generally thin and dry lying over chalk. - There is very little alluvial soil except on the immediate banks of the streams.

Much of this country is occupied by the Sown which affords fine pasturage. These downs are very fertile, and in the bottom's are placed most romantic, pretty villages, like Say, Berne, &c. There are many fine woods over these gently sloping hills.

The situation of this Barrack is pleasant altho' a Northern exposure. It is situated on the side of a gentle declivity the view down to the small river Avon which wanders thro' the meadows at the bottom. All the adjoining meadows are watered by means of sluices and embankments, rendering the ground very productive. These grounds are divided off as wanted by means of hedges, & are chiefly grazed by sheep.



The one came on - days ago considered it to be Venereal was pricked and ordered to be treated. - I am in doubt if this really be Venereal, more particularly on inspecting the Regiment yesterday this morning I do not find a single case of Gonorrhoea or chancre an unusual circumstance, and it was not to be looked for considering that these are so very common on women in Fort Mifflin who apparently are in very general circulation. This man probably got an inoculation to which some of his former friends advised him to apply cantharid or blue stone to break it. It is probable that this case will not require mercury. - Lieut. Harrison is laid up with sores on the Penis they are of some continuance, well neglected, may be even irritable and inflamed by continued use of regular chancery yet on laying up applying the black wash they cleanse so soon & reform so fast, that taking his account of their origin and progress into consideration I am undecided whether they are Syphilitic or not. He is using mercury and the black wash

Barracks Barracks May 15<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Since the first of May vegetation has made immense progress. I do not recollect to have seen it make so much in this climate. The temperature has however been lower by upwards of 3 degrees but still two degrees higher than during the corresponding week at Waterford last year - wind during the week has blown a good deal from the north-west.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 57° 65  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 5 A.M. 42° 45  
Range 20° - Median 56° 5

There has been a good deal of rain - but the after clay dry -

To day there are 12 men in Hospital -

1. Loden is improving in flesh and strength, sleeps well - Appetite good Bowels regular - sore on skin has a crusty scab, but has become inflamed & tender on applying the solution of Superacetate of Lead. To take the Decoction of Bark & galls in a Bottle of Porter daily.

2. Got bulimous bilious on skin is not yet healed at this it looks clean and healthy and appears to be some 3 weeks old. This is a most singular case as I have met with.

Nothing particular is continued -

3 Edward Smith's sores on penis are nearly healed but the glands in both groins have swelled he has been purged and is using poultice. It often happens that when sores on the Penis heal or a Gonorrhoea ceases, ~~the~~ the glands take to swelling. Is this from sympathy or from the discharge being stopped. - The same or very similar is seen on sudden stopping a drop the testicle swells.

4 Luke Ryan's swollen Testicles are much reduced in size and hardness. He continues the use of the friction with the Ung. Hyd. & Camph.

5 Thomas Sutcliffe's finger is doing well, healing up kindly - health is good.

6 Dr. Kilmartin's sore on Penis is healing inflammation best, and a pain of the head much reduced, the sore remains white, inactive, but rather smaller.

7 Michael Gordon's sore on Penis is healing, and the Venereal Glands well he is not taking the cure as I do not consider the sore of the Venereal nature, it is the title of the old sore, was discharged less than a month ago after using mercury - Mouth has been sore.

8 John Beechey's Gonorrhoea is getting well, symptoms were severe - see purges and is taking 40 drops of Copious morning and evening. Scalding urine, discharge much less - Lying in bed, upon bed no breaking and

9 Charles Goble, came into Hospital two days ago complaining of swelling near his fundament, a hard red swelling near the anus on the right buttock was the cause, sore was blown - was purged the swelling pointed - This morning matter being disintegrated and the skin thin the abscess was opened and discharge made, there is some derangement of the constitution - These sores near the anus are often troublesome and require much care and attention.

10 John Leo Farnie's leg was kicked and bruised in a considerable wound, but considerable swelling and Tension of the leg was applied after purging and has answered well.

11 Lawrence is an old India Soldier and says to his discharge returned from farlong two days ago when he has been sick with Obstruction. He now got a kind of knot situated an inch above the upper & middle part of the Scrotum. Purging Lead and friction with Ung. Hyd. & Camph.

12 John Conliffe was discharged on the 10th got some clearance got drunk was sent to his superior was sent to the Guard House, was <sup>then</sup> brought to the Hospital Pulse 80 - Tongue clean, Respiration quick too quick - but the Respiration is under the will, Hurrying. Dose call, liver, mind, bad -

Fort Chester Barracks May 25<sup>th</sup> 1825 Tues. day  
 Delightful summer weather, warm, dry, and still.  
 At all seasons of the year - this is probably the most plea-  
 sant. There is a freshness at no other period, the heat &  
 nature is often in the most fascinating hues -  
 all the animal creation seem to enjoy themselves.  
 It is strange that men from choice should re-  
 main in Cities at such a period -  
 This Barrack is well situated for a summer residence  
 The surrounding country tho' not rich or well  
 wooded is quite to my mind, open, waving, and  
 green. Soil generally thin and light, being one half  
 that is a great deal of pasture mostly consumed  
 by sheep -  
 There has been very little rain during last week -  
 The surface has again become dry -  
 The temperature has increased during the last  
 two days altho' the mean of this week and the previ-  
 ous one is exactly the same -  
 Highest temperature during the week at 2 P.M. 21° 76  
 at 8 A.M. 15° 48  
 Lowest ————— 26  
 Range ————— 56° 41 or 42 degrees higher than  
 during the corresponding week at West Point  
 At 7<sup>th</sup> Past 6 yesterday evening Pump water 52  
 Well do. 56  
 River water ————— 64

The Regiment remains healthy, there are 2 men  
 in Hospital the same number as last week -  
 Cases are generally very slight -  
 1. Loder has got much stronger, and warts about  
 has a small sore on his skin which is deepened  
 with sticking Plaster Respiration free - No cough.  
 2. Job Hudson's leg is very nearly cicatrized -  
 3. P. Smith's sore on penis is also nearly cicatrized  
 Sores are very nearly well -  
 4. Keith's finger is healing -  
 5. W. Kilmartin's ulcers on Penis are healing up  
 have improved much during the week -  
 6. All Condon's ulcers on Penis is healing -  
 7. D. Carr's eye is nearly well  
 8. A Barrington was admitted 4 days ago with  
 symptoms of Pneumonia, Pain at his breast  
 sharp, cough troublesome. Respiration difficult  
 was bled first into the warm bath, blisters  
 was scarified, was bled again, took the Tonic  
 of Squills is better - Pulse 100 - was 126 -  
 I believe that this attack is the offspring of  
 Mercury having got cold after using this medi-  
 cine for a Venereal -  
 9. J. Smith's Rheumatism is getting well the  
 less on by the bleeding and the friction with leech.  
 10. 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> ant. has been removed.

10 Mr. Duff's ulcer on skin is decaying superficial and going to heal again - I apprehend that this one would be liable to return, says that the skin was rubbed off when rising in a candle's fellow and takes no care of it there may yet be some more bits of bone to come away. These sores on the skin are very troublesome -

11 Dudley's ulcer in groin is much the same, it is an old one broke out a fresh is using the black wash

12 Godfrey was admitted this morning with pain in the breast, cough, shortness of breath, Palsegnis said that on Thursday last got clean sheets when was damp, and considers that this causes his present sickness. Suffered from the same complaint in winter which he got by exposure when on revenue duty - Was bled to a pound and a half and succeeded by small dose of tartar.

Parturition -  
Went three days ago to Milton abbeey distant 11 or 12 miles. Was highly gratified by the view of the House the Pictures, the old Chapel and the grounds - The Park is very extensive, the grounds are admirable kept, and every thing indeed about the place - The village of Milton abbeey is well worth seeing is neat clean well built and fresh situated.

Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 1825. Barchester Barchester -  
This day twenty years ago commenced my career in the 59<sup>th</sup> Regt at Peter's Street Barracks - Since the 22<sup>nd</sup> the weather has been more variable the first four days of the week were warm the last four have been very cool cloudy and stormy. The mean temperature has been higher -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 72°  
Lowest ————— 8 P.M. 25° 46

Range ————— 26  
Mean ————— 57<sup>1/2</sup> or

nearly 3 degrees lower than during the corresponding week at Waterford last year when the mean was 60<sup>3/4</sup>.

This Regiment is now healthy only 9 men in hospital or in the hospital of one in 23. The complaints are very slight chiefly colds which are the only troublesome diseases here - Greenwood came in with sore throat, pain in the middle of his leg and a thigh swelling of the sub-maxillary glands with a good deal of fever has been brought out into the warm bath - sweats, and is better. Had Venereal 11 weeks ago Barchester were repelled both mercury there seems to be a connection between this attack and that disease.

Borchester Barracks Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1825  
The weather during the past week has been rough  
boisterous and cold for the season being generally  
from South West. There has been a good deal  
of rain.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 30<sup>th</sup> May 61  
Lowest 8 P.M. 5<sup>th</sup> - 48

Range 14  
The minimum temperature of the week - 54<sup>th</sup> or  
12 degrees lower than during the corresponding  
week last year at Waterford. This unseasonable  
temperature will check growth and not permit  
to mature the fruits of the Earth. -  
There are to day 14 men in Hospital but their  
complaints are all slight but one suffering  
with Pneumonia he is better although I am  
afraid he is too weak to be removed with  
the Regiment on Thursday. The Pontifical Legion  
and its vicinity arrives three days ago  
Troops move on Monday and Leadsmen  
follow on Thursday. The 3rd and 4th  
regts move on Tuesday night for the Camp. Distin-  
tion -

Windsor Barracks June 20<sup>th</sup> 1825.

Marched from Borchester on the 9<sup>th</sup> arrived here on the  
15<sup>th</sup> brought all the sick including Manning who was  
his charge to duty on his arrival. The weather became  
warmer by and pleasant on the 9<sup>th</sup> and has con-  
tinued so till yesterday when there was some  
heavy showers. The March was pleasant  
via Blanford Salisbury and over Basin to the  
Black Water or Bathford and to these Barracks.  
Houses and built are but thinly inhabited, much  
land being occupied by Lower English soldiers  
and soldiers the face of the country is deep  
and once becomes much richer in places  
wooded. A wood is a neat little town  
my thermometer having been broken there is no  
table of temperatures. The weather has occa-  
sionally been hot -

There are in Hospital 13 men including the  
sick of the Troops stationed in Windsor Barracks  
and Salt Hill, a to the strength at 137329  
or less than 4th Regt. Swell's Troop of 600  
and more from the Buffs. - On the 20<sup>th</sup> is  
the Review of Cavalry on the 25<sup>th</sup> the 1st and 2nd  
regts move into Hounslow Barracks, two Troops  
to Kingston, two to Colnbrook & Billings' company.

Hounslow Barracks Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup> 1825.  
The 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars arrived in these Barracks on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of June the 7<sup>th</sup> remained here till the 4<sup>th</sup>  
of July when they marched for York. -

They left two men in Hospital as one had died  
the night before from fever and sore throat. -  
Boothington of the 1<sup>st</sup> Life Guards whose thigh had been  
broken at the Bazaar was taken into this Hospital.  
One man of the 7<sup>th</sup> has gone to his duty the other  
is nearly well. Boothington is doing well.  
This Hospital is confined and is not sufficiently  
large for a whole Regiment. No sick are allowed  
to remain at Hampton Court.

It will not conveniently hold more than 20  
as the strength of a Cavalry Regiment even  
its reduced peace Establishment is upwards  
of 350 and as there ought to be Hospital Rooms  
for 10 per cent of the strength there ought to  
be accommodation certainly for one thousand  
men.

There are 4 Troops in Hounslow Barracks  
2 at Hampton Court & a detachment  
of 30 odd men at Kensington. -

There is Room in these Barracks for 288 men

There are to day in Hospitals 24 men including  
Boothington of the Life Guards & Foley of the 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Diseases are -

1 Bunwoodie with glandular swelling in the  
throat with coppered colored spots on skin the ef-  
fects apparently of Mercury acting on a languid  
lous constitution. - Had Venereal 5 months ago  
and used Mercury in small doses got well  
and went to his duty and continues well  
for some time. Got pains in his limbs when  
there was thickening of the Periosteum -  
Has taken the Blue pill in small quantities  
with the decoction of Sassafras and is  
now Convalescent. -

2<sup>nd</sup> Attia with Ophthalmia. This man had  
gonorrhoea which got nearly well under the  
use of Purgatives and Calabarina -  
Was seized on the March from Dover to  
London with inflammation of his left eye  
and on admission at London there was inter-  
ference of irregular shape scarcely more able  
for the application of light pain considerable  
heat was freely bleed and purged &  
was ordered the Blue Pill morning & evening.  
Has a weak solution of Nitrate of Silver dropped  
in twice a day eye is nearly well although

the sight is a little weaker. He has also  
got stricture at 7 inches and still has  
discharge from the urethra with smarting  
in passing his urine. Is taking the Blue  
pills, getting the solution dropped into the eye  
and has a Boviee pelage.

3 P. Brophy Has got a Bubo in right groin.  
not Venereal but the effects of using -  
using Poultices and purgatives.

4 J. Boran's a similar case only he  
has got a Bubo in each groin is  
under the same treatment.

5 J. Roberson with symptoms of Oppression in  
the Chest. Was taken ill on the March from  
Christchurch to Winton with fever, and was  
treated by the assistant Surgeon. On admission  
at Winton the acute symptoms had disappeared  
but there was considerable Dyspnoea with  
rough countenance pale sallow, mind sound,  
Pulse frequent and weak - Considerable thirst.  
Has been freely & frequently purged Has been turned  
blistered, and has been relieved. Feels very weak -  
gets a little wine Has no pain, Desires a tran-  
quil mind, and pulse is not so frequent.  
Says that he is better gets some fruit.

Job Hudson with Ulcer on shin. The Ulcer de-  
clined from a sore produced by a kick in Oct.  
last, is again getting well with adhesive  
straps and Bandaging.

J. King with several colonies spots on his  
arms and Buttocks with inflammation of  
right eye. Returns from the recruiting Service  
at Northampton about a fortnight ago.  
Says that some months he has been pined and  
Took Mercury. Has been taking the Blue  
pills at bed time, and the secretion of  
Sarsaparilla on mouth became tender & the Pills  
was discontinued. Eye is well and blotches  
are disappearing.

8 J. Foley 7th Hussars was left on his March.  
is recovering from Erysipelas of the head  
is now convalescent.

9 J. Worthington (Life Guards) with fractured  
Thigh. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June when at exercise  
and Hounslow heath his horse fell with him  
and fractured his right Thigh near the middle.  
It was reduced by Dr. Moffitt of the 7<sup>th</sup> and he  
was delivered over to us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July.  
There was much contusion of the soft parts which  
has nearly disappeared as also the swelling

there is little apparent shortening of the limb  
his general health is but little disturbed.  
10. Mr Brett with injury and abscess of left  
shoulder joint. This man about seven months  
ago & saw on several duty at home had a  
fall from his horse, and injured his shoulder.  
he got sufficiently well to go with his Troop on  
detachment to Shreve Church, where he had  
been much in Hospital. By some neglect I  
never saw this man till he was sent to the  
Hospital about the 5<sup>th</sup> July as a pass-out for  
discharge and on stopping him for examination  
I found a large abscess at the upper &  
back part of the joint with the skin becoming  
thin, he said this had been forming for nearly  
a month. I cannot hesitate in stating that  
this man ought to have been in Hospital  
during the whole period his Troop was at  
Slough and Colnbrook a period of 3 weeks  
and that this was owing to the remissness  
of the Medical officer in charge of him  
who never could have ascertained the state  
of the shoulder. It was my order that every  
man who was to be sent to head quarters  
at Windsor there are two ways of doing duty.

Before the abscess was opened there was evening  
fever but the general health was pretty good. -  
about 8 ounces of white looking matter with many  
pus cells floating in it were evacuated. There was  
little inflammation and a compress and band-  
dage were applied with the hope of bringing  
the parts to adhesion. Inflammation with its  
concomitants has arisen the bandage has  
been laid aside, and poultices and fomentations  
used instead. His bowels have been kept  
loose, he takes decoction of bark, and in the  
evening takes the evening fever is sponged  
with cold vinegar and water, and has some  
fruit. - Is to day rather better. -

11. P. Handley with fever and sore throat  
now convalescent. This was a threatening  
case at commencement he was delirious  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Tonsils much swelled, swallow-  
ing very difficult, Pulse strong & full. -  
he was vomited of mucus with little apparent  
benefit he was then bled to two pounds with  
most manifest advantage. -

12. J. Hayward with cough, difficulty of breathing  
Pain (by pain) Pills quick. This man came from  
Christopher Ch. and has suffered from inflammation  
in his chest, his present disease seems more the  
sequela of a former attack has been bled, purged  
and is better.

13 Sergt Reily got a kick from a horse on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July at the Review which produced swelling tension heat pain and discoloration of the anterior part of his right leg. It is now nearly well, was purged, & a solution of Superacetate of Lead was rubbed on the parts, to promote absorption, and Mr. Cum Ganph. has used a flannel bandage.

14 S. Francis Hepatitis comes in & on his return has been subject to attacks of liver complaint. So of a sallow liver looking countenance Complains of tenderness of Pain at the pit of his stomach extending to the right side increased on pressure was sick at stomach, Tongue coated Pulse quicker than natural. Took Calomel and setle, was bled and got a Blue Pill afterwards morning and evening and is now nearly well.

15 Gillan came into Hospital with small sores on the penis resembling neglected excoriations says they were not Venereal getting well with the black wash.

16 Wm Hammeton with swelling heat and pain of the penis with considerable discharge from the urethra of the prostatic smallness of the Scurf of the Glans visible purging cold applications have reduced the swelling.

17 P. Mc Cormick with Rheumatism treated in the usual way getting well.

18 T. Hand with ulcers on the penis from an injury on the March getting well in the use of the black wash.

19 W. Hallows in attempting to remove warts from behind the Glans penis induced considerable inflammation came into Hospital used solution of Superacetate of Lead and getting well.

20 Bellamy came into Hospital complaining of Pain in his breast increased on inspiration says that he was bruised some 11 months ago & has since been perfectly well since. Pulse nearly natural. Was bled purged & received few more pills.

21 Davis has got a chancre on the prepuce is using the black wash & the Blue Pill morning and evening. Some healing.

22 W. Ratchie has suddenly seized with a sharp pain in his left breast in the region of the heart so severe to make him call out for help being much respiration was less with relief from nauseating doses of R. T. Tartar & is now absent.

23 F. Lewis Pleuritis has suffered severely from Inflammation in his chest, has been often bled & getting no relief will run great danger of falling into consumption.

24 J. Hodjens (G-Badenach's case)  
admitted into Hospital w/  
Dropsy. Was an officers servant and being  
indulged, and not required to do any duty,  
had remained for some time sick in his  
quarters, without being seen by the Surgeon.  
On admission legs swelled, putting on profuse  
Great Dyspnea, with cough. Thirst urgent,  
urine scanty. Took Brunner's Purgatives &  
was apparently relieved, when on the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
July, a very hot day, having gone down  
stairs to the necessary, on his return into  
the ward, he suddenly fell down and expired.  
Having been immediately called, I found him  
lifeless with his face of purple colour. I attempt-  
ed to get blood from his arm but in vain.  
Next morning early, his body was opened. —  
The head was first examined, there was great disten-  
tion of the blood vessels in apoplexy, with some  
fluid in the Tentorium of the brain.  
The abdomen was laid open and on the surface  
of the intestines there was a large quantity of a  
straw coloured fluid. The Thorax contained

a great deal of a similar fluid, and in  
the Pericardium there were several ounces —  
Having examined this body with great care  
and minutely my hands were for a consid-  
erable time steeped, as it were, in the fluid.  
But as there was no broken skin, that I could  
perceive, I dreaded no harm, even altho' there  
was some smarting on washing my hands.  
I was then in excellent health. —

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of July one week after this Dissec-  
tion I went on Board the James Watt  
Steam Boat at Blackwall in order to pro-  
ceed to Edinburgh. The following day in  
getting out of my Berth I accidentally scratched  
with a splinter of Mahogany the palm of my  
right hand near the root of the little finger. —  
I paid no attention to this scratch. I was on board  
the Steam boat about 60 hours. — When I land-  
ed in Edinburgh it had become red & somewhat  
painful, but nothing was done for it. The day  
after my arrival there the glands in the axilla  
were enlarged and tender on pressure, the sore had

become larger and has a dirty whitish look. -  
The weather was very hot. - On the 30<sup>th</sup> I awoke  
about dusk in the sun, but felt quite well  
about midnight I awoke with violent head  
heat of skin, thirst, and other symptoms of fever  
and immediately went to my friend Davis  
room for advice. - He ordered me a large  
dose of Salts which operated, but the symp-  
toms increasing he bled me to 2 pounds with  
temporary relief. I showed him the sore and  
gave it as my belief that this must be the  
cause of the constitution of disorder.

The sore had become large and contained matter  
thin, of a dirty whitish colour, there was no  
trace of any inflammation of the lymphatic  
leading up the arm to the axilla, but the  
glands were ~~was~~ enlarged and painful,  
now was the inflammation now confined to  
axilla for there was soreness and stiffness down  
the side a considerable way. - On the  
evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> I took a large dose of

Antimonial powder. There was no abatement  
of the fever. I passed a horrid night and to-  
wards morning was half delirious, and in a  
state of mind that I can't express, except  
restlessness and anxiety, would but convey a  
very faint idea of it. - In this state I  
roused up my kind friend, and pointed out  
to him my sufferings, to which he tendered me  
a Sympathising ear, my head was much  
affected but confused as it was, I can well  
recollect the alarm that was produced in  
Davis's countenance when he saw me &  
heard my story. No time was to be lost,  
the bleeding was repeated, and altho' the first  
blood taken had not the buffy coat, this had  
in a great degree. My head was shaved &  
bladders filled with powdered ice constantly  
applied. This application was very pleasant  
to my feelings. - Whilst these threatening  
symptoms lasted little attention was paid to  
the state of the axilla, side. The sore on the hand  
got the size of a shilling, the gland in the axilla  
was very large and hard, and there was very

considerable swelling and hardness of the side. Leeches were applied freely.

At this period of the disease I have no very distinct recollection of circumstances. - I had very little sleep. Camphorates wash was applied to the inflamed side which took away the pain, but the swelling continued and increased. Dr. Bellingale and Aba-  
crombie, <sup>boat</sup> attenders were. - Baum perceived fluctuation first, it was resolved to make a deep incision to evacuate the matter. - This was made with a lancet over the false ribs about 2 or 3 inches from the spine & a considerable quantity of thin whitish matter evacuated. Poultices were applied. - It was found that this opening did not give a free enough vent to the matter deep scotched, and this orifice was enlarged by another incision with a scalpel to the extent of about three inches. There was a profuse discharge. - my strength was much reduced. I had diarrhoea and at night hectic sweats. My appetite failed, my strength was exhausted my nights

were restless. Change of air was proposed, and Dr. Gairn suggested my proceeding by the steam boat with him to Aberdeen. I was then so weak that I could not stand on my own legs. - I was carried on board, and even the short sea voyage of 12 hours recruited my strength. - The change of air was of manifest advantage. The discharge became less and of better quality. Things seemed to be going on well, when suddenly after dinner I was seized with shivering followed by violent rigors which lasted several hours, this gave way to a hot fit of still longer duration, which in its turn gave way to profuse perspiration. On examination next day it was found that matter had been formed under the Pectoral Muscle. Very extensive sinusses were found running up the back from the incision that had been made, a Probe has been passed to the depth of 15 inches, thro' one of these the matter that had been formed under the

pectoral muscle found an outlet to my great joy  
as I had been threatened with another incision.  
The extensive sinuses remained callous and stubborn,  
and resisted the usual means employed  
in like occasions. It was deemed necessary  
to introduce a seton, but a probe of sufficient  
length not being readily to be found, there  
was some delay and nature effected what was  
intended to have been brought about by art.  
These formidable sinuses adhered, and were  
in a wonderfully short time obliterated.  
The external wound at length healed and  
after eleven weeks I was restored to health. —  
What was the origin of this malady? —

It ought to have been mentioned that while  
the ulceration at the base of the little finger  
was going on, a similar ulceration and of a  
most peculiar appearance took place near  
the point, and on the inside of the thumb of the  
same hand, where there had been no visible  
injury done to the part.

— end —

Brighton May 1<sup>st</sup> 1826.

Rejoined the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars at Hounslow on the 26<sup>th</sup> of  
April after an absence of nine months. —  
Found seven men sick in the Hospital, all of  
them were anxious to accompany the Regiment  
on its march to Brighton. —  
marched with the last division on Wednesday the  
26<sup>th</sup> and brought away every man.  
First march to Peigate in Surrey, about 20 miles.  
Passed thro' Kingsthorpe and reached our  
quarters before 12 o'clock. — Peigate is 21 miles from  
London, is situated in a rich bottom surrounded  
by chalk hills there is a descent of two miles  
to the town from the top of Peigate hill by a nearly  
made road cut out of the chalk. — It is a small  
market town with the surrounding country fertile &  
well cultivated there is a fine park near to the  
town and a handsome new church finely situated  
on a rising ground. — Inns good. Soldiers bills  
also good.  
Moved on the 27<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock for Cudfield  
in Sussex distance 16 miles. Road good still hilly.  
Passed thro' Crawley and thro' Lord's Down woods  
at Betchan Hill celebrated for supplying London  
with birch brooms. — Country left fertile, healthy,  
& pleasant. Reached Cudfield at 10 o'clock. — It is a small village 14 miles from Brighton.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> reached these Barracks after an agreeable march of 3 days. The weather had been cool and dry for the most part. The march was performed with great ease and regularity. Our beds only received an increase of one man. Farmer Savage fell down a stair at Riegate and fractured his radius. - None of the beds appeared to have suffered from their journey altho the weather was cold.

These Barracks are built in a valley about a mile north of the Town over a considerable extent of ground being 500 yards in front and less than ~~that~~ <sup>one fourth</sup> that in height. The front is to the east, and along this runs the road to Lewes. - They are surrounded by a high brick wall. - At the back a hill immediately rises forming the west side of the valley. - and in the front the ground rises from the edge of the Lewes road to the height of several hundred feet. - The soil is light loams or chalk is all cultivated and chiefly under grain crops. - Water is supplied from wells raised by pumps. The officers quarters are at the south end of the range, the Hospital at the north, a commodious and conveniently constructed building, calculated for what was at 50 patients more than sufficient for a Cavalry Regiment of the best strength. There are only 3 Troops of the 8<sup>th</sup> here at present (3<sup>rd</sup> May) two having marched two days ago for Canterbury, and one this

morning for Deal in an urgent service. I believe arising out of the present disturbed state of the manufacturing districts in Lancashire. - The weather has been for the last 10 days cold for the season dry with wind chiefly from the North East. Temperature seldom higher than 50°. At this time last year at Goodneston the mercury was 5 degrees higher. There has been very little rain and this dry country requires moisture. -

Brighton Barracks May 28<sup>th</sup> 1826. - During the last week the temperature has increased and the weather has been reasonable. On the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> there were some warm showers which have done much service to the crops as the country was dry and parched. - It is now green and fresh ground has been moderate and 6 weeks ago is cloudy and there is an appearance of rain being at hand. -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> 74  
Lowest 8 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> 52

Range 22°

Mean 61<sup>1/2</sup> or 4 degrees higher than during the corresponding week last year at Goodneston. Sea bathing is now agreeable & has become common. -

There are in Hospital 18 men

- 12 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Regt. —
- 2 of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt. —
- 4 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Regt. —

Joseph Baxter has been in Hospital for six months. He was admitted with a suppurating swelling at the inner and upper part of his left thigh. His health is good. There is a deep sinus extending to about 3 inches, upwards and backwards discharging a thin watery fluid. The action of the thigh is but little impeded, and he walks daily to the sea side, for the purpose of bathing, to this, and prescribes with codfish and Balaunge Jam at present trusting, knowing if it will not yield, that the knife will do the requisite.

2<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Canning It would afford me no small pleasure if I could pronounce on this case as on the former, but here alas there is scarce left a hope. This time last year this unfortunate young man suffered severely from Pneumonia & since that time he has almost constantly been an inmate of the Hospital. He is of a highly

scrophulous constitution. His lungs seem never to have entirely recovered the effects of last year's sickness. He has been subject to cough, purulent expectoration, and occasional attacks of Haemoptysis. For several months past there has been enlargement of the left knee, and lately matter formed and pointed externally. A small puncture was made, and much ill conditioned bloody matter with curdy substances floating in it, was discharged. — Of late he has lost much flesh and strength, altho his appetite has remained good. Pulse quick. Occasionally has severe fits of coughing. — Is on milk diet. Takes decoction of Bark — and gets a quart of Port — I have no hopes of his recovery, if the disease of the lungs would admit, amputation of the limb would present the only chance of saving his life. —

3<sup>rd</sup> James Hilliers is another case which will terminate, it an early period fatally. — He has been in Hospital several months, came in with a severe catarrh, he became under afterwards by symptoms of Hydrothorax. Is now

affected with cough, fervent expectoration,  
Dyspnoea, Pulse irregular, generally quick -  
was for some days teased with almost incessant  
hiccups. Right hand is much swelled and  
oedematous. Has taken a variety of medicines  
without the desired effect. - Is now taking  
medicines to pill all symptoms. -

4 Saml. Cuthbert is an other case, where there  
is derangement of the Thoracic viscera -  
Had an attack some months ago of inflammation  
of the Lungs, since that period there  
has been Dyspnoea on the slightest exertion  
with cough, but no expectoration but with irreg-  
ular pulsation at the heart, pulse quick  
at all times. - General health but little im-  
paired, countenance florid, Appetite good -  
Is taking no medicines. - Must try  
the Stethoscope in this case. -

5 Redmond Savage's fractured radius is  
nearly well, has cold water poured over it.  
Has been in Hospital a month. -

6 John Spratt Scott was first seized with the  
Epilepsy in the month of November last after being  
recovered from riding, declares that he never but

used from this disease before. Has now a fit every  
second or third day, sometimes often. Fits generally  
last a quarter of an hour, and are violent, has fre-  
quently little or no warning. There is complete abolition  
of sense and consciousness. - His head was bled  
he receives the Shower bath every morning, and every  
two or three days a purgative. Some other means  
must be tried, as no ground seems to be gained,  
with the present. -

7 Thomas Baldwin was broken by a kick of  
a horse in August last. There was a compound  
fracture of the tibia about 3 inches below its  
head, and the head of the fibula was thrown  
out of its place and still projects a little.  
Violent febrile symptoms followed. There is  
some bending of the limb. He has been a coward  
of our willing help to do his duty, and I am  
affraid not without reason. The limb is firm  
and has not shrunk. His bandages are  
every morning cold water dashes over it. -

8 Thomas Doyle received a bruise on the left  
side of his neck by his horse falling on him  
about 2 months ago. There is now a firm & diffuse  
swelling the integuments with thickening of the same.  
The part has been leeches repeatedly and there is now  
purpura made on it by compacts & abscesses. -

daily the sea bath - The swelling is small, & seems to disperse - General health not affected.

9 Thos Pearce a Farmer suffered at Hounslow six weeks ago from Inflammation of his Lungs, got well, went to his duty, but returns complaining of pain in his side, apparently Rheumatic. Is now convalescent.

10 St. Sharp Surgeon, has been labouring under Asthma for a year but was allowed to continue at his duty till about 3 weeks ago when seeing the man looking wretchedly ill, took him into Hospital. He has been purged, takes Sulphate of Quinine gets a draught of 32 drops of J. Opii + 30 drops of the other 4 times at bed time says that he is much better, & looks improved.

11 John Tobin, with a gonorrhoea was admitted four days ago was dismissed a fortnight before recovered from the same by means of Sulphate of Quinine. Is little reduced in strength, fits are now slight, will soon be well.

12 Wm McIntosh got his thigh excoriated from riding which being neglected, inflamed & swelled. There are 206 men at Head Quarters 80 at Centon, & 44 at Bect.

13 Bernard McAlester 3<sup>rd</sup> years, has a tumor in his groin, which suppurated and is now healing - has no running or sore on penis. Has taken no mercury.

14 Stephen Huggart 3<sup>rd</sup> years was admitted in the beginning of May with Pneumonia, was twice bled, was freely purged, was nauseated w<sup>th</sup> antimony, and was bled on his breast and chest. Has still cough and sometimes pain in his side. Is purged from time to time. Has flannel next his skin, & is on milk diet.

15 Col. Scott 52<sup>nd</sup> with continued fever. Suffered some months ago from measles, & says that he has never since been free from cough and pain in his breast. Symptoms of fever on admission very severe. Pulse 130. - was freely bled & purged & is now convalescent.

16 William Lovegrove with fever, catarrh, was bled & bled <sup>52<sup>nd</sup></sup> & is now convalescent.

17 Stewart Walker 52<sup>nd</sup> with phlegmon on leg -

18 John Duckbutt got 125 lashes for desertion two days ago. His wife & children of the 8<sup>th</sup> are healthy.

Brighton Barracks June 4<sup>th</sup> 1826.

There has been a good deal of warm seasonable rain during the week, and a good deal of cloud weather. The temperature has been lower by four degrees than during the previous week - winds has been variable. The country has since the rain a fine fresh appearance and all kinds of crops much improved, and are growing luxuriantly -

Highest temperature during the week 23.4.3° 69

Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 67.4.3° 65

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 16°

Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 57.7° or about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  de-

grees higher than during the corresponding week at Gloucester last year.

There are in Hospital the same number of men as last Sunday -

Of the 8<sup>th</sup> Buffs 11

\_\_\_\_\_ 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot 5

\_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> Guards 2

There have been admitted 13 - Discharged 12 - died 1 - Hobbs died on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May and his body was opened 50 hours after when the following viscera were found - only some cancer in a Stran - adoes of one were found in the cavity. The Thoracic viscera were next examined, the left lung was much diseased thro' its

whole extent, and seemed to flock in a white looking fluid - It contained numerous abscesses of various sizes it was kept closed to a great extent - It adhered to the neighbouring parts - The left lung was kept affected but there were numerous tubercles in its varying from the size of a pea to that of a filbert - The heart was sound - the Pericardium contained several ounces of fluid -

1 J. Baxter remains nearly the same as last week - and the knife will be required I fear

2 Alex<sup>r</sup> Canning gets worse, and loses strength daily, he has been purged and has had coll. quater - viscera bags that he is unable to get up the matter. Pulse quick and feeble - Gets bowels of Port wine instead of the Port - which he thought purged him -

3<sup>rd</sup> J. Cutler remains much the same -

4 J. Scott has had one severe fit since last report continues to use the purgatives and the Show bath -

5 J. Balgown continues to improve slowly, is certainly not anxious for recovery -

6 J. Boyle has had leeches applied to the swelling and a solution of sulphate of ammonia it is smaller -

7 Mr. Murphy with Pneumonia was admitted late at night with pain in his breast, difficulty of breathing to a great degree & cough. Has not been well for two days - Pulse full strong was bleeds 3 times, was massaged & sweated and is now convalescent. Active treatment was here most obviously marked with success. - Has this case been trifled with, serious and permanent derangement of the lungs might have been the consequence. Amongst the robust soldiers acute venereal disease may often be cut short by the timely use of depletion, and the patient may have recovered and returned to his duty, before a venereal disease treated by less vigorous means may have been made any impression on -

8 Mr. H. a. p. is better Lungs however are not yet in a healthy state -

9 Mr. S. Savages arm is nearly well -

10 Mr. King complaining of Pain along his spine and of wandering thro' his body. Has about 10 months ago a Syphilitic eruption was in Hospital 25 days and was treated with Sarsaparilla, got well and went to his duty. Was yesterday June 27th day was ordered to take morning evening Calomel 3 or 4

11 R. Mr. Crawley with a slight case of Scurvy

12 J. Huggard's improves cough is much less, has no pain in his breast - Pulse so - Bowels loose takes a Draught at bed time.

13 J. M. & M. M. M. is nearly well

14 J. B. B. B. B. is nearly healed

15 J. B. B. has a sore on his leg from the leg iron.

16 J. B. B. has got Gonorrhoea of 4 days: standing attended with the usual symptoms, using pure alives & Balsam Copahu, a botany case of Venereal infection, no usual circumstances

17 J. B. B. has a sore on leg -

18. + Warwick with S.C.

Brighton Barracks - June 11<sup>th</sup> 1826

During the last week the weather could not have been more pleasant or more seasonable. Its effects are shown on crops of all kinds - There has been heat with moisture, which always occasions vegetation with great rapidity. - The temperature has been much higher. There is an increase on the mean of the week of between seven and eight degrees, which is a great deal. Two days ago there was a great deal of thunder & lightning, followed by heavy warm showers doing much good. There is an appearance

More rain. Atmosphere close and sultry.  
Highest temperature during the week 23.11.10<sup>th</sup> 75  
Lowest ————— 20.11.10<sup>th</sup> 56

Range ————— 19°

Mean of the week — 55.4.

Early frosts coming in. Hay mowing to be cut and  
Baled in the sun. Little wind - variable. -  
Men bathing twice a week in the sea.

The same number of men in Hospital as last  
week — 18

12 — 8 Hulpans —

2 — 3<sup>rd</sup> Guards

4 — 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot.

The sinus in the upper part of Baxter's thigh  
was laid open to the extent of five inches and  
was kept with lint from the bottom.

2 A. Banning has had a very short time to live.  
Pulse feeble and frequent. Eyes sunk, countenance  
lifeless, passing his stools involuntarily.

3 J. Cuthbert's general health improved. Pulse not so  
frequent. Appetite good.

4 J. B. Aldwin still lame but says that his leg is stronger.  
walks further. Does not appear so anxious to re-  
turn to his duty.

5 J. Boyle matter formed in the swelling, which was  
punctured, and yesterday morning the abscess was dis-  
charged and an ounce or little more of purulent matter  
was discharged, and today a bandage has been  
applied with the hopes of procuring adhesion.

6 Mr. Murphy with Pneumonia after being relieved  
by bleeding and antimony, had a recurrence of  
cough, pain in his breast, hurried respiration  
and quickened pulse. Was bled this morning and  
found with relief, and a Blister was applied  
to the breast. Now feels better.

7 Mr. Sharp with asthma is getting better. Takes  
1. Crochicum and Sulphur.

8 J. Scott with Epilepsy, has had several attacks  
during the week. One of them very severe, was bled  
to a faint. Used the shower bath every morning.

9 Mr. Maynard with Bubo is getting well. Some  
teeth. Glands much smaller. Purgatives and  
Salurnine wash.

10 J. Camp with Diarrhoea requiring a dose of salts  
and Spoon diet.

11 R. Savage with fractures remains nearly well.

12 J. Folan with a slight kick from horse on his thigh  
Sturnine lotion with rest.

13 S. W. Alister Bubo very nearly well.

14 J. Higgins 3<sup>d</sup> Guards Convalescent from Pneumonia  
much improved since last week very little cough remain-  
ing appetite and strength. Takes 5. Cinchona.

15 J. Wendell 52<sup>nd</sup> foot with Pneumonia a highly man-  
ling labouring under pectoral complaints and imper-  
fectly admitted into the service about two months ago  
after having been discharged from the 66<sup>th</sup> between two  
and three years ago. Has been blees since the 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
is left, and the cough has subsided but I fear  
there is permanent injury of the lungs from which  
he will probably never altogether recover. Besides  
the bleeding he has been purged, has taken nauseating  
doses of Antimony, and has been blistered. His pulse  
is frequent, his Respiration is impeded and he has  
a kind of Spasmodic cough. He complains much  
of weakness and cannot sit without dread of effusion.

16 J. Swan convalescent from flux cut short by  
bleeding, cold affusion, Spasmodic.

17<sup>th</sup> R. Stroud 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot

18 W. Edgerton 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot

It thunders, lightens & rains.

Brixton Barracks July 30<sup>th</sup> 1826

Left this place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June to attend the election  
in my native County. Returned on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July  
providly last, and found in the Hospital 8 men of  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Buffs and two men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> foot in  
charge of Mr Paterson.

Since last report Garrison had died also beside  
of the 52<sup>nd</sup> and another man of the same corps  
from Aneurism of the Heart.

Went to Scotland in the Solo Steamer with 130  
Cabin Passengers. Passage pleasant smooth, no  
sea sickness, all hands eating and drinking -  
the other delightful hot but not oppressive  
nights beautiful, no darkness. - 50 hours  
glides away most agreeably, and amidst the  
variety of character, there was much to amuse.  
Landed at 4 o'clock on Tuesday the  
27<sup>th</sup> of June at Newhaven. Remained 20  
hours in Edinburgh. The heat was great  
but in the evening there was a heavy  
shower of rain. The ~~climate~~ of Edinburgh  
in warm weather makes a powerful impres-  
sion on the nasal nerves of a stranger.

Had a pleasant journey from New Haven to John  
Haven on the 28<sup>th</sup> March after 8 hours and went  
to Arbutnot crossing Garrook - A heavy  
show in the evening of which I received the  
benefit. - attended the election on the 30<sup>th</sup> at  
Stonchaven, and took the oath of allegiance  
and also of abjuration. The first oath of  
the kind ever taken by me. The election affair  
has been settled, and was cut and dry.  
There is nothing of democracy in these matters  
on either side the Tweed. There were sundry  
speeches, but as might have been reckoned on  
in an agricultural country they were all  
on one side. - The whole affair wound  
up with Scotch and Champagne. Good brands  
are relished the more in Scotland, that they are  
less common.

Sojourned in Scotland from the 27<sup>th</sup> of June to the  
19<sup>th</sup> of July. Never saw the face of the country so parched.  
There had been very little rain since the end of March  
and in many fields the Barley and oats were  
for want of moisture never sprung, unless  
partially. Most of the Turnips seeds for the same  
reason remained dormant the long continued

drought has rendered the face of the country for the most  
part, of a brown colour. The crops have been  
forced on by the heat by the middle of July  
a good deal of the grain has cuttings. Rivers  
were nearly dried up. Springs failed, the mountains  
caught fire. The Thermometer shews the heat to be  
very great for the latitude. 8<sup>th</sup> in various places.

Men in Hospital are -

Joseph Baxter though was not so well or so nearly  
healed as I had expected. I found the edges hard  
and callous, the discharge thin and glaucous, about  
3 inches open and of considerable depth applied  
caustic and afterwards dressed with Tincture of  
Myrror. Soe is looking better. -

Samuel Butt does not improve and I mean to  
get him a sick furlough. -

John Scott remains nearly the same with the fits  
of epilepsy. I mean to try nitrate of Silver or  
any remedy offering a chance of relief. -  
Michael Moriarty a young and delicate  
lad about 19 years of age, inticed last April  
was admitted on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July complaining  
of a sore throat or as it was inticed by Mr.  
Paterson in the Register by name of Tonsillitis.

For this complaint he was treated in the usual manner, was purged, got a Gargle and a subseque-  
 nt applied externally. There was hawking of fetid  
 dark coloured matter he complained of Pain & stiff-  
 ness along the left side of his neck. He lost strength.  
 These symptoms had increased very much when Späiser  
 saw him on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. His countenance  
 was sunk, he had the stare of death if I may  
 use the Phrase. Body much emaciated &  
 strength gone. Two days before an opening with  
 a lancet had been made ~~into~~ into  
 an abscess that had been formed in the neck on  
 the left side about mid way between the clav-  
 icle and the angle of the Jaw. Much fetid  
 matter had been discharged. The wound made  
 with the lancet sloughed also when Späiser saw it  
 was the size of half a crown. He died on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July  
 and his body was opened 36 hours after. From the  
 chin to the Os hyum of the left side there was disease  
 of the cellular texture along the back the ravages of  
 disease were great. There was no communication between  
 the air vessels in the Throax and the large abscess  
 sac in the neck. There was but little mark of disease  
 in the lungs, some fetid frothy matter. There were exuberant

adhesions between the left lung and the Pleura.  
 There was little appearance of disease about  
 the internal Throat. This was apparently a case  
 of inflammation of the cellular texture and  
 would have required vigorous treatment from  
 commencement. —

The other cases belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> Hospital  
 are of so little consequence as not to be worth  
 noticing. —  
 The temperature has not been so high on this  
 coast as I found it in Scotland. Thermometer  
 hung in the middle of the large airy Regimen-  
 tal Hospital has never pointed out the heat  
 to be above the 80<sup>th</sup> degree.

The following is the state for the last week —

Highest temperature	74
Lowest	61
Range	5
Mean	66 $\frac{1}{2}$

This is a very small range for the climate  
 of Britain.

Brighton Barracks Aug<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1826

Weather remains dry and very hot. Temperature considerably higher than during the previous week. Highest temperature during the week 8 P.M. Aug<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 80

Lowest ————— 8 P.M. Aug<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 68  
Range ————— 12  
Mean ————— 73 1/2

The work of Harvest has been going on briskly & with no interruption. The greater part has been cut down and all the wheat stacked. The wheat is cut with the sickle the oats and barley with the scythes. Crops in this vicinage good. Potatoes and turneps are also good.

There are 13 men of the Regiment in Hospital. Private M<sup>r</sup> Daniel on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> July fell down one of the Banerik stairs & broke his left thigh within a short distance of the head.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Aug<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1826

There was a heavy fall of rain on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> which interrupted the reaping for a time, but would do much good to the country as grass & the greens were suffering from heat. Weather is rather cooler & very pleasant. Heavy dew at night.

Highest Temperature during the week 8 P.M. Aug<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 71  
Lowest ————— 8 P.M. 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 66  
Range ————— 5  
Mean ————— 68 1/2

There are in Hospital 9 men of the 5<sup>th</sup> Rifles and 10 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Bc. Let's High as Mencing. Scott with Epilepsy, remains the same. Jeffrey's Gun shot wound going on well. M<sup>r</sup> Besuels fracture of thigh still in the state of all my efforts. Syren's case of secondary Venereal improving under the use of Sarcopel, warm bathing, and remaining in bed and feeding low. Hollows in riding hunt the chair by bruising it against the Pommel of the saddle. Almarin has a severe attack of fever but by bleeding, purging, and sweating has been brought down & is convalescent. Cold affusion relieved. Edward Pearce returned with ague from the change of the Horses at Grafton New Sewn.

Walsh has a Pile near the anus. A large portion of the 52<sup>nd</sup> are in Hospital with Gonorrhoea.

Brighton Barracks August 20<sup>th</sup> 1826. Weather continues hot and dry. No rain since last report of any consequence wind chiefly from N.E. - Mornings and evenings more cool, sun very powerful during the day. Heavy dew by night. Highest temperature during the week 8 P.M. 19<sup>th</sup> 74

Lowest ————— 8 P.M. 13<sup>th</sup> 64  
Range ————— 10  
Mean ————— 67 1/2

Harvest in this neighbourhood nearly finished  
Country puts on the appearance of Autumn.  
Rain is wanted. - Fruit is very abundant.  
Slight attacks of Cholera Morbus have been com-  
mon amongst the officers and men of this corps.  
There are in the Regimental Hospital 15 Men  
10 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars -  
5 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot -

Bayter's thigh is healing, there is a prospect of  
his being well shortly. - Scott has a put  
occasionally mean to try the Nutrients of Silver.  
Jeffery's hands is much the same. There appears  
to be a piece of bone exfoliated.

McDaniel's thigh is easy, but shorter.  
Samuel Lyman is much better, complained of pain  
in his breast, the Antimonial treatment was  
applied, a large crop of Pustules has been  
produced and he is now free from complaint.  
Kilmartin is convalescent. Edwards Pearce  
is free from fever. But his general health has  
suffered. Takes the Sulphate Quinine with advantage.  
W<sup>m</sup> Brophy has an enlarged testicle, it is hard and  
heavy, disease of considerable standing. It has been

kept, cold stannous applications are applied.  
It is smaller, all heat and pain removed. -  
Jas. Williamson complains of cough, pain in  
his breast, Pulse 90 - was bled to 2 pints &  
Took the Antimonial solution, now convalescent.

There is no case of Venereal in the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars.  
George White of the 52<sup>nd</sup> has Venereal, has taken  
Mercury, sores nearly well. -  
George Pulling 52<sup>nd</sup> has ulcer on leg using  
Bagnator's Strops getting well.  
Thos Courtney 52<sup>nd</sup> has Gonorrhoea virulentissima.  
was bled with relief, has been purged is taking  
Balsam. Copacaba.  
W<sup>m</sup> Rawlinson has a slight attack of Gonorrhoea

Brighton Barracks Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> 1836  
There was a considerable fall of rain on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
with much thunder and lightning. The air  
has been more cool since the temperature  
is still high.

Highest temperature during the week 29.11.27.76  
Lowest  
Range - 10  
Mean - 69 $\frac{1}{2}$   
8 P.M. 26<sup>th</sup> 66

Harvest finished. Face of the country puts  
on the appearance of Autumn. —  
Temperature of a well 65 feet deep. 54. Water  
from the same, 54. I suppose the mean of  
this climate. — Soil chalk. —

In Hospital 26 men  
13 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars  
11 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot

An other sinus has formed in Baxter's hip to the  
depth of 4 inches, which will require the knife.  
This has been a most obstinate case, but  
eventually, I think will get well.

Scott with Epilepsy remains the same. —  
Jeffrey's hands is doing well, fingers are inclined  
to have a tinge of the fungus returning.

Mr. Daniels thigh has improved, the fracture has  
healed, but will be considerably shorter. From  
getting cold 4 days ago he had retention of urine  
to an alarming degree, the catheter would not  
pass. — He was put into the warm bath, and the  
urine in few minutes flowed in a full stream.  
Symp's complaints are relieved, but there is still some  
of the virus floating in his system. His eyes are

Monday one of his ankles is swollen and he finds this  
is liable to stiffness in his joints. The Sarsapilla  
may be of use in this case. —

Pearce is convalescent, and I mean to recommend  
him for sick furlough.

Brophy's testicle has been destroyed, and the scrotum  
is still ulcerated and discharging. There is  
much hardness and swelling. —

John Miller's Rheumatism is better. A military eruption  
was produced by the sweating, which seems to  
have been critical.

Edmund Walsh has a phlegmon on his buttock  
getting well. These complaints have been com-  
mon among the men during the late hot work  
and depend probably on the state of the perspi-  
ration. — Talbot received 250 lashes for  
stealing. — Bennett was sent to prison Canterbury  
where he had been in hospital for months complain-  
ing of symptoms of Dyspepsia, and of Pain in  
his limbs. — Has lost but little flesh, and from  
appearances I would be apt to imagine  
that his sufferings lose nothing by the telling.  
Mean to persuade active men with him so  
that he may not enjoy a too enviable state of  
quiet.

The number of beds in the 52<sup>nd</sup> has increased much since last report there were then 5, there are now 11 Many of the complaints are slight.

Lotter's sores are nearly well.

Pulling's ulcers are healing with res. pro capitate and Balsaming. - Courtney's Gonorrhoea is very nearly well. Take the Balsam. Copaliba.

W<sup>th</sup> Harris with Pneumonia is convalescent at one time I saw an effusion, the Respiration being hurried, and the Countenance altered, and the Pulse much accelerated.

Sam was a delicate boy with common fever was bled, cupped, blistered, purged, sponged. Fever has gone off, but his head is confused, is comatose and is very weak. Pulse good. Respiration regular. Bowels slow. Taking Medicines to keep the Bowels open. Pickering has sympathetic Bubor from Gonorrhoea, is convalescent. - W<sup>th</sup> Smith has got yeonations from Tutinelo. - Hannah has an obstinate case of Jaundice skin very deep yellow. Mercurial purgatives, vomiting, and small doses of Calomel. Exercise would probably be of use. - J<sup>th</sup> Tupper with a very recent and sharp attack of fever was bled to a pound, blood buff, got a purgative, then the cold

effusion at the height of the Paroxysm which out it short she is convalescent. Temperature of rectum 94 - His temperature probably 102 - Effect of course, great destroying the Morbid Pythme. The number raised up by 3 slight cases of Ulcer.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852  
For some days the weather has been rainy but mild. Went to London on Wednesday returned yesterday. Wood of the 52<sup>nd</sup> has died on Friday, and his body was opened the following day. His head was the seat of the disease. There was effusion into the Ventricles. There was congestion. He had been comatose for several days before death. This has been a most insidious disease. I apprehended no danger this day week. There were no unfavouring symptoms. The comatose state and slight Strabismus first excited my fears. The disease was treated with venous. The first blood drawn was not buff. The Venesection might have been repeated the cupping was substituted. Purgative was carried to a great extent. It is one of those

unfortunate cases that from time to time occur. — There was probably disease in the head on admission. —

There are in Hospital to day 26 men  
16 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars —  
10 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot.

This is a much larger proportion than usual. Baxters thigh remains in the same state, and I mean to lay open the sinus. —

Lock is taking the nitrate of silver, as yet no beneficial effects result from it. —

Jefferys hand is well — was discharged to day. It would not surprise me however if it breaks out again. The action of the purgatives is not impaired. — McCamels thigh is firm to day he is allowed to get out of bed.

General health improved.

Gymer says that he is well, was discharged. Brophy's fistula is smaller, is using long. Hypocum. Camph. — Bulle with Rheumatism is convalescent. Talbot's back is nearly well. Storr & comptains as much as ever. Has been taking Colic in small dose. Spens swelled with a

coffee taste in his mouth. Countenance yellow. St. John's legs are not much improved. Banning will be of great use. Roberts is convalescent. McAras clap is getting well with rest, low diet, purging and the use of the Ch. Trebenth. — This is the only case of Venereal amongst the men of the Regiment. It is singular how they contrive to keep themselves clear of this disorder. —

Murphy was punished back is getting well. Capt. Wilson has got rather a severe attack of fever. Pulse to day 114. Head has been pained but is to day more easy. — Was bled, purged and sponged. Head must be watched. —

J. Hewitt has also got fever tho' not so severe was bled, purged, and sweated, is to day better. It is of the first consideration to attend the diseases of Soldiers with vigour at their onset. — A day lost, can never be recovered. Carrigan's wrist was sprained by a fall from his horse. J. Brophy has had a slight attack of fever. Camph has a small sore on his toe. — Notwithstanding the numbers there is but little disease in the Ho<sup>s</sup>, and

Pulling has ulcers on his legs, the res for cafi-  
tate, the lunar caustic to produce an eschar  
have not answered. Mean to divert to Baynton  
Straps. — Courtney with gonorrhoea has little  
considerable discharge but no heat or pain.  
Harris is convalescent. Hannah with *S. terna*  
continues much the same. Gears are swollen from  
the cut anel, complains of sickness at stomach.  
Bowels open. The other cases of disease in the 52<sup>no</sup>  
are so trifling as not to deserve notice.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 76  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 63  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 13  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 67<sup>3/4</sup>

Brighton Barracks Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1826.  
Mornings and evenings becoming cool.  
Weather during the past week, unsettled stormy  
rainy and cooler. Wind generally from S.W.  
The country has by the rain become green and  
fresh leaves of the trees beginning to change  
colour.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 62  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 5<sup>th</sup> 56  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 22  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 62

There is an increase of Sicks —  
These are to day in hospital — 29  
8<sup>th</sup> Hufpans \_\_\_\_\_ 18  
52<sup>no</sup> foot \_\_\_\_\_ 11

Baxter's thigh is doing well — sinus was laid open  
to the bottom. Sore is looking well, is dressed with  
dry lint. — Scott takes daily 1/2 a grain of nitrate  
of Silver was 6 1/2 days without a fit mean  
to increase the dose.

Mr. Daniel sets up, thigh shorter, femur begins to  
move it. Kerrek's byperpisia is relieved, is  
taking small doses of Calomel. Montier den  
St. Bon's legs are getting well with bandages,  
has got Rheumatism in his right knee.

Mr. Canall's Aris gonorrhoea is nearly well.  
Compl. Kitson has had a very severe attack of fever  
is well better, this is the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the fever —  
Pulse was irregular, feeble, beating 130. — Head was  
clear. Respiration free. Heat moderate. Tongue  
clear. After the first few days of fever little remains  
to be done by the medical man but to watch symptoms.  
Kitson has been purged repeatedly, blistered, sponged,  
and has had Whay for drink. — As the acute symptoms  
have subsided he takes 4 ounces of wine and a pint of

of Decoction of Bark with 15 grains of Rhubarb  
 in it. Appetite returning. Pulse 120. More regular.  
 Hearing and sight have been very acute.  
 Dreams much. Sleep disturbed. —  
 Hewitt's case of fever has also been severe, but  
 he is better. Symptoms was favorable, has been  
 treated nearly the same. Both cases have  
 been more protracted than usual. In both  
 there has been considerable affection of the head.  
 Curtis too has had a smart attack of fever  
 is now convalescent, was treated by vomiting,  
 bleeding, purging, sweating, and sponging. —  
 Nixon also has fever but is convalescent. He  
 was bled (blood buffy) to 2 pounds, and took 10 grs  
 of Calomel over night, and 10 drachms of chlo-  
 ro in the morning. This broke the force of the disease.  
 These cases of fever have been more severe, and  
 more numerous than usual. It is in the  
 early treatment of cases like these where  
 the military Practitioner has the great advan-  
 tage. — Most of the cases belonging to the 52<sup>d</sup>  
 are of little interest. There has been little fever among  
 them. Cooper has a severe case of Rheumatism.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Sept: 17<sup>th</sup> 1826.  
 During the past week the weather has been very  
 agreeable, dry, and warm for the season. —  
 Mornings and Evenings are cool. Middle of  
 the day warm. Heavy dews by night. Dew  
 seems to depend on the considerable variation  
 of Temperature. Heat in the middle of the day  
 succeeded by cold at night produces dew.  
 The face of the country wears the appearance  
 of Autumn. — The Grap fields are greener than  
 they were before the rain. —  
 Farmers are sowing their wheat, and the  
 season is most propitious. —  
 Highest temperature during the week 2<sup>nd</sup> 11.15 66  
 Lowest 8<sup>th</sup> 11.16 58  
 Range — 6. This is in the  
 large room of the Hospital. A Thermometer hang-  
 ing in the open air would give much  
 greater range. Mean — 60.  
 There are in Hospital to day 25 Men —  
 12 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Regt of Foot —  
 13 of the 52<sup>d</sup> Foot. —  
 Baxter's thigh is healing. There is a strong in-

lination still to form. serises It is carefully  
dressed with dry lint to the bottom of the sore  
Scott's fits return every six days. He is taking one  
grain of Nitrate of Silver daily. —

M<sup>r</sup> Daniels thigh is shorter a good deal than the  
other, begins to move it sharply. —

M<sup>r</sup> Propoy's testicle is permanently enlarged  
mouth has been sore from the Mercurial abstraction.

R. Bennett remains in nearly the same state.  
It is a confirmed case of dyspepsia. Took  
yesterday 2 drops of the oil of Castor which  
purged him freely. —

J. Bond is convalescent. —

George Titson has been ill for 19 days. —  
Has been for several days taking a pint of wine  
daily and 8 grains of the sulphate of Quinine  
4 times a day. So much reduced. Coughs occas-  
ionally. Pulse 110 still intermitting. Tongue  
clean. Appetite returning. Gets chicken soup.  
Took an opening draught this morning. This  
has been a most protracted case, and is not  
yet free from danger. His hearing has become  
obtuse which is a good symptom. Sleeps better.  
Hewitt is convalescent. — Dr. Buckley

has had a very severe attack of fever, but is  
better. Was bled very freely. Complains now  
of cough. A Plaster applied to his breast.  
R. Fozzell punished. —

J. Covey has been unwell for three days.  
with fever when admitted into Hospital. —

Symptoms were severe. Pain in head sharp  
and lancinating. Was twice bled, was very  
freely purged and sweated. Was sponged  
Gums became sore. — Says that he cannot  
rest. — Pulse 90 — Skin cool. —

White complains of headache. —

Of the 13 cases belonging to the 52<sup>nd</sup> night  
most of them are very slight. They are made  
up of ulcers, Venereal, and Ophthalmia.  
Cooper is convalescent. —

All the cases of fever are getting well  
and there have been no fresh ones admitted  
during the week. — There has been less fever  
in the 52<sup>nd</sup> than in the 8<sup>th</sup> August. —  
There are a considerable number of claps.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 1826  
 To day is showery, mild, and breezy. There has  
 been a good deal of rain in the course  
 of the week. Mornings and evenings cool  
 midday warm - No occasion for fire. -

There has been a great growth of grass and  
 the face of the country looks green and fresh.  
 abundance of food for cattle. -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 24<sup>th</sup> 58  
 Lowest 8 A.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> 54

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 14  
 Melan \_\_\_\_\_ 62°

There are in Hospital to day \_\_\_\_\_ 24 -  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars \_\_\_\_\_ 14  
 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 10

This is still a high rate of sick about 6 per  
 cent as the total strength does not exceed 400 -  
 The infantry is more healthy than the Cavalry  
 which is not common in the 8<sup>th</sup> there is up  
 wards of 7 per cent in Hospital. - About 5  
 per cent is the usual proportion. - There  
 are however several men who will be evicted  
 again there are no Venereals in the 8<sup>th</sup> -

Baxter's thigh heals slowly but is inclined again  
 to run into sinusses & is dressed with great  
 care to the bottom with lint. General health  
 not disturbed. - Scott has two fits during  
 last week & will be invalided.

Mr Daniels thigh is considerably shorter  
 Brophy's testicle is a good deal smaller  
 it is still hard, being the mercurial out

Therrett does not improve. Means to try the  
 alk alies. - Conpl Kitson has been in  
 Hospital 26 days. To day much better. Pulse  
 was yesterday 112. - Mind thro' the week

has been in a state of aberration. Was not  
 delirious but fancied various things that had  
 no existence, it was a kind of dreaming  
 with his eyes open. - There was occasionally  
 some slight ground for the belief and the reason-  
 ing powers of the mind seemed to weakened  
 as not to be capable of separating the real  
 from the fictitious. He was during this time  
 in good spirits, and was given to laughter  
 for slight causes. - He has been taking  
 a pint of Port wine daily, has had chicken  
 soup and chicken. - Hewitt is convalescent

He and most of the other few cases have recovered slowly. - I have not seen convalescence so tedious in this climate which shows, that there was some peculiarity in the fever. - Buckley is convalescent from fever, as is Corey. The latter has recovered very slowly. The tongue has remained furred and dry, and the appetite impaired. Head confused and giddy with want of sleep. Gets some noise, and takes the decoction of Bark. Mr. Murphy has got swelling of his belly, had suffered from Pneumonia some months ago and had been bled largely. - Is better. Steel in putting up his Carolina fixed it and wounded severely his right thumb. The soft parts were much lacerated. It has been punctured, his doing well. - There is very little disease among the men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> chiefly Venereal and ulcers. - One case of fever and two cases of Catarrh.

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> 1826. Fort Mifflin Barracks - The weather has continued through out the week mild, moist, and agreeable. Today showery, warm for the season, still and pleasant. - There has been a good deal of rain since last Sunday and the temperature remaining high for the season of the year there has been a great growth of vegetables. The face of the country is green and fresh and there is every where great abundance of food for cattle. - Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 27<sup>th</sup> 86  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> 59  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 7  
One a. \_\_\_\_\_ 61<sup>th</sup>.

There are in Hospital, to day the unusually large number of 33 men or upwards, on the whole strength of 8<sup>th</sup> Regt.

8 <sup>th</sup> Hussars	22
52 <sup>nd</sup> foot	11

The Proportion of Sick in the 8<sup>th</sup> is exceedingly high upwards of 11 per Cent or double that of the Hussars, a circumstance very unusual. There have been a considerable number of accidents from horses which will in part account for the disparity. - There are five men in Hospital from this cause. -

There were more cases of fever in the 8<sup>th</sup> and the  
Convalescence of the fever patients has been exceedingly  
slow. There are five men in Hospital Convalescent  
from fever. There are two cases of Syphilis consecution  
one of them sent from Canterbury. — This case  
has been treated without Mercury last April,  
the other case (Condon's) with Mercury at Bordeaux  
in March was a year.

Baxter's thigh is improving, but the sore has still  
a strong inclination to run into scurves,  
and requires to be strictly watched.

Scott's Epilepsy has received a check. Has a very slight  
fit five days ago since. Is taking morning  
and evening ʒi of Nitrate of Silver.

Hewitt's convalescence has been slow but is now  
confirmed. — Buckley's has been more rapid is now  
nearly well. Covey is much better but has recovered  
exceedingly slowly, his digestive organs have been much  
impaired in their action. I treated with Bry. Ipepa  
has not improved. I am giving him the white  
Mustard seed, will report its effects. — Most of  
the other cases both belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> & 52<sup>nd</sup> are  
slight and do not deserve notice here.

Brighton Baniacks Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1826

Since last Sunday there has been a great and  
sudden change of the temperature particularly  
in the mornings and evenings. There has been  
hoar frost by night and even during the day  
the air has been cold in the shade. The full  
difference in the temperature of this and the for-  
mer week does not appear by the Thermometer  
which was hung up in the House —

There has been a good deal of rain, and the  
the season is now that of Autumn. —  
The face of the country has changed its fresh  
green here, and the trees have changed the  
color of their foliage. — Wind variable  
Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. 68.  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 7<sup>th</sup> 50  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 18  
Dew \_\_\_\_\_ 57.

Our sick still remain very numerous considering  
our strength about 8 per cent on the whole. —  
8<sup>th</sup> Hulsars \_\_\_\_\_ 20  
52<sup>nd</sup> Foot \_\_\_\_\_ 11 Total 31

The cavalry sick are still about twice the number  
of the Infantry, a very unusual circumstance  
and not easily accounted for, but it would inde-

in case that the situation of this Banach is  
less healthy than that of the Town -  
The diseases in the 8<sup>th</sup> are as follows -

- 4 Meas
- 1 Epilepsy
- 4 Fever
- 1 Tympanitis
- 1 Haemorrhæ
- 1 Swelled Testicle
- 1 Rheumatism
- 1 Sore throat
- 1 Fracture
- 2 Syphilis consecutiva
- 1 Gynæpea
- 2 Malanthus acutus -

20  
Baxter's ulcer heals very slowly, and I have  
my ears that it is not yet all sound at  
bottom. Maynard received a kick on the shin &  
there is a sore of considerable size that heals  
slowly as these kicks generally do. It is striped  
Carty has small round heeling sores on his legs,  
but there is derangement of the constitution as  
there is evening headache with foul tongue, takes  
the Blue Pill at bed time, and uses Strychnine  
solution - His throat is swelled & painful, ulcer look-  
well. Tooth has a severe fit of Epilepsy four days ago

Cooley is convalescent from fever, at also taken -  
Both have recovered very slowly. -

Murphy has Tympanitis arising from debility, pro-  
duced by Puerperium, and the obvious blessing  
requires to subdue that disease. His general  
health improves and the swelling and tenderness  
of the Belly <sup>are</sup> less. - Buckley was discharg'd  
convalescent from fever and returned to Hospital  
after being out a week with diarrhoea. He has  
now got fever - probably testicle is smaller  
and not so hard. - Uses mercurial frictions  
Carigan has got a slight attack of Rheu-  
matism. - Cleary a sore throat which is  
slight. Mr Daniels thigh is stronger, but much  
shortened. - There are Hyndes and Gordon  
with Syphilis consecutiva using Beccot's  
pauilla. Have both Nodes with flying pain.  
Gordon used mercury in small quantities at  
two chests in March was a year got free  
from primary symptoms, but some months  
got swellings on his thins and has not  
been perfectly well since. Hyndes had Venere  
in April last took no mercury, went on de-  
tachment in May to Canterbury, was seized  
with pain in his limbs, and Nodes appeared  
on both thins. -

Stewart has got dyspepsia of long standing  
 Jan giving him the white mustard seed.  
 Holmes and Kilmartin have got catarrh, the  
 latter's head is much pained. He was bled.  
 The cases belonging to the 52<sup>nd</sup> are slight  
 & consist of Venereal Rheumatism, Gout, &c.  
 There is a case of Erysipelas.

Brighton Barracks October 15<sup>th</sup> 1826 -  
 The weather during last week has been un-  
 able, but milder, and there has been a  
 good deal of rain - Country has a fresh  
 green appearance, altho the foliage of  
 the trees changes colour.

There has been an increase of temperature  
 Highest temperature during the week 20<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 64  
 Lowest 20<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 57

Range 7  
 Mean 60<sup>th</sup>

The number of sick remains nearly the same  
 8<sup>th</sup> - 20  
 52<sup>nd</sup> - 12 Total 32

Discharges during the week 9 - Discharges 7 -  
 There is no case in Hospital attended with danger.

Baxter's sore is very little altered - Scott has had  
 two severe fits and must be discharged from  
 the Service. - Covey is very nearly well.

Mr. Murphy's belly is less swelled. General health  
 improved. Maynard's skin gets well very slowly.  
 Buckley is convalescent. - Garty is free from  
 evening headache, appetite good, sores nearly healed.  
 W<sup>th</sup> Brophy's testicle has been reduced to half the  
 size it was, is using the mercurial friction.  
 Steel's thumb is less swelled and painful, wound  
 looks well - is poulticing. - Cleary has got  
 gonorrhoea in its usual form. M<sup>th</sup> Daniel  
 walks better. Hynds has got rid of the Pain  
 in his thigh, and nearly the swelling also.  
 Sleeps well. General health good, legs are bled,  
 and he takes the decoction of Sarsaparilla -  
 M<sup>th</sup> Conson has also got Syphilis consecuta  
 but is much better, nodes gone, also the flying  
 pains, rests well, general health good. Takes  
 the Decoction of Sarsaparilla.

Stewart's dyspepsia remains with little alteration.  
 Bowels are very torpid and require to be opened  
 every two or three days. Mean to persevere  
 in the use of the mustard seed.

Loder has got warts, with occasional pain  
 in his side, one of his legs is subject to pain.

ever since he received a kick at Barchester.  
Corporal Kitson has derangement of the Stomach  
and Bowels which threw him back, but he is  
now improving daily. Deum is recovering  
from fever as is Smith. Corporal Hynds and Shepher  
are recovering from Catarrh.

The cases belonging to the 52<sup>nd</sup> are slight with  
the exception of three or four. Wolfe aged 20  
has got confluent Small-pox was vaccinated  
about 20 years ago and was supposed to be  
protected. The mark was distinct on one of  
his arms. Has been sick for a week. The pustules  
on his face contain matter and are so nume-  
rous as to run together. Pulse 84. Skin cool.  
This is another case of Small-pox after vacci-  
nation. At present the disease has a forma-  
ble appearance but how far it may in its course  
be modified I am unable to say. I have al-  
ways found the secondary fever attended with  
the greatest danger in Small-pox.

Blake has got a severe attack of fever but is  
in the better Pulse 114. Appetite returning. Blood  
bled. Newton is recovering from Rheumatism. Calvert  
and Spurr have been of great service. I have ordered  
the Surge for Hampshire.

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1826 Brighton Barracks

The weather remains very pleasant. The tempera-  
ture for the advanced season very high. There  
has been a good deal of rain. Mild Showers  
but no heavy falls. Wind variable. —  
Grass fields of bright green. Foliage of  
various trees but very little of it has yet  
fallen. Young wheat in some places looks  
luxuriant. There is no occasion for  
fire as yet. This is the mildest autumn  
I recollect. — The temperature is as  
high as it was in the same time in the  
month of May, and nearly 10 degrees higher  
than this time two years ago at both.  
Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 21° 66  
Lowest 8 A.M. 17° 48

Range	18
Mean	59 <sup>5</sup> / <sub>11</sub>

The sick begin to decrease. There are in Hospital  
to day 28 — 17 men of the 5<sup>th</sup> Hussars —  
11 of the 52<sup>nd</sup> foot.

There is very little acute disease. The fevers  
have disappeared, also the Rheumatism &  
Bowel complaints.

A sinus has again formed in Baxter's thigh and will require to be opened. This is the most obstinate case of the kind I can meet with. Constitution does not seem to suffer. Is of a scrophulous habit. - Pitt has had no fit for 8 days. Takes daily one grain of nitrate of Silver. Mr. Murphy is getting well. Belly reduced in size. General health improved. Maynard's skin is better. Some smaller, contracting under the use of caustic and poultices. The shape did not answer. Buckley is convalescent from fever. - Brophy's testicle is reduced to one half of its former size, is using the mercurial frictions. Steel's thumbs getting well, the joints are a little stiff. Suspect one is entertained that he hurt himself intentionally. - Cleary has got gonorrhoea. Symptoms are not urgent, but are tedious. - Hall was in Hospital from a fall from his horse by which he hurt his back, was bleb sweated out well and returned to his duty. The only one in bleeding suppuration and inflammation of the arm and matter formed under the skin. It is getting well under the use of poultices. -

Lacy has catarrh, is getting well. Hyp. des. London with nodes have better, are taking the Beccotum, Sarsapilla. - Skerrett's Syphilis remains nearly the same. Uses the white Mustard tea. - There is very little disease amongst the men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> foot. Wolfes case turned out modified Small pox just at the time when the disease would have been most dangerous had he not been previously vaccinated. It suddenly declined, the tumefaction of the face subsided, the pocks sunk and scathed and began to fall off leaving no deformations as in Small pox, but rather dry horny elevations, and at the same time they dies away on the extremities. - This is the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the disease and would according to my experience been the period of the greatest danger from Secondary fever, but instead of being in danger he is convalescent and walking about. It would appear that altho vaccination cannot altogether protect the system against Small pox yet that it does avert the disease of its virulence. -

Brighton Barracks October 29<sup>th</sup> 1826

The weather has been very warm & pleasant for the season - There has been a good deal of rain

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 22° 63

Lowest 8 P.M. 26° 45

Range ————— 18

Mean ————— 54 $\frac{1}{3}$

There are in Hospital 31 men

8<sup>th</sup> Hospital ————— 21

52<sup>nd</sup> Foot ————— 10

Diseases are nearly as at last report - There is no case attended with danger.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 1826  
During the last week the weather has been rainy and colder. There has been a very considerable demeritation of temperature, toward generally from the north, and cold. - Trees dropping their leaves every look of winter.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 36° 00 88

Lowest 8 P.M. 30° 00 47

Range ————— 17

Mean ————— 48

There are in Hospital to day — 26

8<sup>th</sup> Hospital ————— 18

52<sup>nd</sup> Foot ————— 8

Baxter's thigh is not improving, large & deep sinuses have been formed, and his general health has been suffering. I begin to fear that it will be necessary to discharge him. The disease is decidedly scrophulous. - Poultices are in use, and he takes barb. Left remains nearly the same having a severe fit once a week - Skennell is much the same is taking the Quarters three a day with apparently very little benefit. - He however seems to make the most of his complaint, and I am resolved he shall not want medicine for his complaints. - Mr. Murphy, has got a disease very like Sympson's. - Heels thumb is healed but there is imperfect action of one of the joints of the thumb which is not to wonder at considering the extent of the injury that one of the tendons was hurt. - Most of the cases are slight and do not require enumeration. -

Two Troops march tomorrow morning for Canterbury, and one on Friday to relieve the three Troops stationed here. There are eleven men belonging to these Troops to remain sick.

Brighton Barracks. Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - 1826  
 There was rain on Monday, then followed three days of frost with wind from the north, on Saturday a nice day showery. Temperature again higher. The frost took away from the fresh green appearance of the country & riddled the trees of their remaining leaves.

Highest temperature of the week 2 P.M. 11<sup>th</sup> 52  
 Lowest 8 A.M. 7<sup>th</sup> 32  
 Range 20  
 Mean 42<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Two Troops arrived on Friday from Canterbury & brought with them no sick. The sick are less numerous than they have been for some times. There are to day in the

8<sup>th</sup> Hussars 17  
 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot 6 23

Most of the cases in Hospital are slight but men are recommended for his charge. Surgeon Lieut. Pease. Capt. M. Beaul, & Alderman.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - 1826  
 During the week ended there has been a great deal of rain in different forms, sometimes in heavy falls with wind, at other small drizzling rain without wind. There has been very little sunshine. Wind variable. - One morning white frost. Grass is still green.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 10<sup>th</sup> 50  
 Lowest 8 A.M. 16<sup>th</sup> 34  
 Range 16  
 Mean 44<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>

There are in Hospital to day 27 men, of the  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars 16  
 52<sup>nd</sup> L<sup>t</sup>. Infantry 11

The sanction of the Director-General has been obtained for the discharge of six men. -  
 Baxter with Scrophulous. Scott with Epilepsy.  
 Baldwin & M<sup>r</sup> Daniel with Lameness from fracture  
 Culbert Pierce with his ordure Respiration  
 from inflammation of the lungs. -  
 Jeffrey is ill with a disease to which I can scarce  
 give a name. He was delirious soon after coming  
 into Hospital & has vomiting & purging with  
 an intermitting pulse.

Sunday Nov-26<sup>th</sup> 1826 - Brighton Barracks -  
 Weather clear, frosty with very little wind. During the  
 last week it was rainy, variable, and not pleasant.  
 Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup> 48 -  
 Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ to day at 8 A.M. 30 -  
 Range \_\_\_\_\_ 18  
 Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 43

There are in Hospital to day 21 Men of the  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars \_\_\_\_\_ 13  
 52<sup>nd</sup> foot \_\_\_\_\_ 8

This gives about 5 per cent which is a fair propor-  
 tion on a strength of 400 men -  
 There is very little sickness amongst the troops  
 there is only one sick woman & child -  
 Baxter's boy is better. Another soldier was laid up  
 and the other now looks healthy, and we are not  
 for the scrubulous taint of his constitution. I would  
 be led to believe that it was about to heal.  
 Bennett has been sent on sick furlough, which may  
 be of use to him. Conson with secondary symp-  
 toms after being in Hospital for two months has  
 returned to his duty apparently well -  
 Jeffery came into Hospital with vomiting and faint-  
 ing with a weak intermitting pulse. Ten days then

twenty four hours became delirious. The vomiting &  
 purging have ceased but he is now free from both  
 when Pulse & temperature natural. Is very  
 weak and in the evening is flushed. Has been  
 for some time in a bad state of health. -  
 was subject to cough.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Dec: 3<sup>rd</sup> 1826 -  
 Since last Sunday the weather has been very  
 variable in the early part of the week frosty  
 for the last few days rainy with strong wind from  
 S.W. - The temperature has been lower by nearly  
 3 degrees than last week -  
 Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 29<sup>th</sup> 52  
 Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 26 - 30  
 Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 40<sup>7</sup>

The sick in Hospital to day are 16 - of the  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars \_\_\_\_\_ 9  
 52<sup>nd</sup> foot \_\_\_\_\_ 7

This is a fair proportion for the strength. -  
 Jeffery died yesterday at 10 A.M. His case was  
 a curious one, but at a loss to name it -  
 Its commencement was more like cholera morbus  
 than any other disease. Belium came on early  
 and yet there seemed no determination to the  
 left. The Pulse intermitted soon after his coming

into Hospital. The vomiting ceases and does not re-  
turn till the day before death but the purging has  
been frequent for some days and on the 14th being  
trapped on the belly he complained of soreness -  
Thuds were lately dark and bilious, and copious -  
I am really at a loss for the immediate cause of  
this man's death. - Infection may throw some  
light on the matter. - He was treated by  
purgatives, Blister, calomel and opium. - He was  
suffered of no kind, there must be organic  
change somewhere. Will the disease be found  
located in the abdominal visera? -  
There is a case of Modified Small pox much  
resembling wolf's, and also belonging to the 50  
In the patient was vaccinated when young & was  
inoculated some years after with variolous matter  
which produced no effect. Has marks on his arms.  
This marks seven days since his admission into  
Hospital has been unwell for two days before ad-  
mission Small red specks appeared on his face  
the day after he came into Hospital they enlarge  
from day to day the face swells, his eyes were shut.  
The pustules contained yellow matter but were not  
so large as common variolous small pox & do  
they are peaking and some of them disappearing, two

days ago his throat was sore but is now easy  
has had very little fever. This is clearly a case of  
Modified Small pox, abating at a time of the disease  
when in the regular Small pox it would have  
been becoming formidable. - For the first few days  
the modification is not very evident -  
These cases instead of taking from the greatness  
of Jenner's discovery only add to it. - Here is  
a less severe and highly dangerous disease  
disarmed of all its violence and rendered of  
little more consequence than a common cold. -  
There have been amongst the children Modified  
small pox but so extremely slight as scarce  
to require medicine. -  
There is very little disease in the Hospital. All  
the cases are slight and most of them are  
convalescent. There has not been so little sick-  
ness since our arrival at this Station -  
St. Jennings' child dies three days ago. It has  
been always sickly, and went off in convulsions.  
Infection of Jeffrey Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1826 -  
This open the abdomen shows the visce-  
ra bound in raising the sternum the  
Pericardium was torn and a quantity of  
pale greenish fluid escaped into the

cavity & attracted attention. There were several  
 ounces of this fluid. On examination the  
 pericardium was found inflamed and inter-  
 nally coated with coagulable lymph &  
 corresponding surface of the heart mani-  
 fested the same appearance. There were  
 large coagula in the heart and the serous  
 coats of a yellow colour. The Right lung  
 was a mass of disease, adhering to all  
 the neighbouring parts, of dark red colour  
 so tender as to be separated into small  
 portions with the fingers and resembling  
 in substance a gorged spleen - heavy  
 sinking rapidly in water containing in  
 one or two places a little pus. —

Observations. Altho' there was no indication  
 of inflammatory action going on in this case  
 even at its commencement, yet from appen-  
 dices on dissection it is pretty evident that  
 such had been the case, and had I been aware  
 of the real state of the case a different plan  
 of treatment would have been pursued. —  
 It is but candid to confess ignorance, and it is  
 profitable to admit our errors. —

Sunday Dec-10<sup>th</sup> 1826 Brighton Barracks. —  
 During the last week there has been a good deal  
 of rain - wind from the S.W. generally air often  
 strong. There has not been a single day without  
 rain. There have been some heavy falls. —

Temperature has not been low for the season. —  
 Highest temperature during the week 28<sup>th</sup> 74° 52  
 Lowest ————— 8 a.m. 44° 33

Range ————— 19  
 Mean ————— 43<sup>rd</sup>

The sick in Hospital to day are 14 —  
 8<sup>th</sup> Hospital ————— 8  
 52<sup>nd</sup> L.H. ————— 6

Both Cavalry and Infantry are healthy about  
 3<sup>rd</sup> per cent. — Most of the diseases are slight  
 there are several men convalescent. —

Three cases of Pneumonia have been admitted.  
 Tengley of the 52<sup>nd</sup>, most severe and attended  
 with danger. Has been unwell for nearly a week.  
 Severe cough with pain and difficulty of breathing  
 was relieved twice. Was kept sick with antimony &  
 mixture was blistered and is better. The free use  
 of the lancet removes mucus present, & prevents  
 much future evil in diseases of the lungs.

Conway has a fall from his horse some months

ago and received an injury in his right breast. His never been attacked without pain since and has been subject to cough. Is a remarkably strong athletic man. Complained of Pain in his tightness across his chest, with inability to take a full inspiration, was bled to 2 pounds with relief and next day felt better, but was very urgent to be bled again, & was bled to 2 pounds. Took nauseating doses of Tartar emetic, was much better. Taylor complained of Pain in his breast, with cough, was attacked with hæmoptoe. On duppion was bled to 2 pounds & was purged, and the following <sup>morning</sup> the bleeding was repeated. This morning complains of Pain in his left side. Pulse 70 - a Blister was applied, and he was ordered nauseating doses of Tartar emetic. He is of a florid complexion, and a likely subject for Typhoid, but it is to be hoped that the vigorous means used may obviate future mischief. Baxter and Scott are ordered to the Hospital at Chatham for further treatment & will leave this tomorrow.

Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> 1826 Brighton. Barometer weather continues wet, unsettled, but mild for the season. There has been a great deal of rain during the last week. The country is saturated with moisture & the roads are very deep.

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 11<sup>th</sup> - 52  
Lowest 8 P.M. 15 - 46

Range ————— 6  
Barom ————— 49.5

The Range is extremely small for this season. The sick are much reduced in number & amount, only to 10 or 20 per cent on the strength.

8<sup>th</sup> Hussars ——— 4 ——— 10  
52<sup>nd</sup> Lt B ————— 6

The three Troops at Head Quarters have only three sick, one belonging to a Troop at Catterbury. Two of the four in Hospital are convalescent from Pneumonia, which was checked at its onset by copious bleeding. - Tingley of the 52<sup>nd</sup> was admitted at the same time with those two men, but he has been ill for several days before he appeared at the Hospital and the disease has laid so firm hold of his lungs.

is not to be subdued by free bleeding and  
the use of Antimonials. His pulse remains  
quick, a bad symptom, and he is troubled with  
cough. - Has no pain in his chest. -  
Britten of the 52<sup>nd</sup> has small-pox. There is  
some uncertainty about his vaccination.  
Whether he will have a severe or mild dis-  
ease will depend on whether he has been  
vaccinated or no.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 1826.  
The weather has been on the whole fine for the season.  
Highest Temperature during the week

Brighton Barracks December 31<sup>st</sup> 1826 -  
All the season, pleasant, calm, mild for the  
season. During the past week there has been  
very little rain, the country is dry. It seldom  
happens that the weather is so fine at this  
season.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 21<sup>st</sup> 66<sup>o</sup>  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 22<sup>nd</sup> 36<sup>o</sup>  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 10  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 42<sup>o</sup>.

The sick remain few. There are in Hospital of the  
8<sup>th</sup> Regt. 5  
52<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Infan<sup>y</sup> 9 14.

There is very little sickness in either corps.  
There is no acute disease. Rabbit with  
small-pox is convalescent. The disease  
was of the distinct kind, and altho' there  
was a copious eruption yet he has  
got well thro' the disease. -  
12 men of the 52<sup>nd</sup> have been vaccinated  
with success, and I believe there is not  
a man in either corps now remaining  
unprotected. - Women & children  
healthy.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Jan<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1807  
 weather stormy, rainy, and raw wind from S.W.  
 being the last week there has been a good deal of  
 and also snow which has melted nearly as soon  
 as it fell. There has been frost here. <sup>8 P.M. 10 = 40</sup>  
 Highest Temperature during the week ~~8<sup>th</sup> 40~~  
 Lowest ~~8<sup>th</sup> 13 = 33~~

Range ————— 15°  
 Mean ————— 40<sup>16</sup>/<sub>21</sub>

Feet in Hospital as follows

8<sup>th</sup> Hulsars ——— 4  
 52<sup>nd</sup> Foot ——— 12 — 16—

There are only 4 cases belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> viz  
 all had dwarfism with swelling of his belly  
 with dropsy, and health otherwise impaired.  
 This affection does not appear to be dropsy.

Bill convalescent from Rheumatism.

Gawrey with ulcer on the Penis —

Shapton with small ulcers on the penis with  
 slight gonorrhoea. I have scarce ever seen  
 legs sickly in a Regiment about 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment in  
 Hospital, and even those having say little the  
 matter with them —

Since the winter set in the proportion of sick in  
 the Infantry has been much greater than in the  
 Cavalry, and this may be owing to the former  
 having more snow night duty than the latter.  
 Nearly all the cases of the 52<sup>nd</sup> are confined to  
 Pneumonia, Rheumatism and Catarrh.  
 Vincent with small-pox is convalescent.  
 It was of the modified kind, and altho<sup>tho</sup> the  
 disease went on with considerable violence  
 till the 9<sup>th</sup> day yet of a sudden the Puscles  
 on the face scabbed and fell off and  
 those on the extremities soon followed  
 the same course. — Many of the children  
 have been ailing with catarrh, and I  
 have found the solution of uncti<sup>o</sup> Tadm  
 a valuable remedy amongst those ten  
 patients, wheezing the stuffing at the breast  
 which was the most prominent symptom.

Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> 1827 Brighton Barracks

Here is winter at last. It commences in the shape of frost and snow last night. There has been frost but not hard for a day or two. — The country is now covered with snow, the ice is thick and the roads hard. Snow has lain before, this season more than a few hours. — Wind N.E. — Temperature 26°  
Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 46°  
Lowest 8 A.M. 26

Range ————— 22  
Mean ————— 38

Temperature of water under the ice 32° Temperature of snow 32. Mixture of snow & ice sinks the Mercury to 0

Sick in Hospital to day —————  
8<sup>th</sup> Hussars ————— 9  
52<sup>nd</sup> Foot ————— 10

A large proportion of those cases catarrh with cough, stuffing at the breast, hoarseness, one or two requiring the lancet, the others removed by purgatives and antimonials. There is a considerable number convalescent. Amongst the rest the two men with Small-pox —

Brighton Barracks Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 1827

Winter continues. Ground covered with snow in the middle of each day. It thaws but frost sets in every evening, wind generally from S.E. or North.

There has been a good deal of snow during the week. Temperature has been low

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 26° 34  
Lowest 8 A.M. 22° 22

Range ————— 52  
Mean ————— 28<sup>2</sup>

The Troops are very healthy. There are in Hospital

8<sup>th</sup> Hussars ————— 8  
52<sup>nd</sup> Foot ————— 5 ————— 13

As our strength here and foot is about 400 this gives little more than 3 per cent, and of this number there are several convalescents. I do not expect that the 52<sup>nd</sup> will remain so healthy, as their night duty has been doubled since the arrival of the King on Tuesday last, and this duty and the severity of the weather will in turn produce their effects. —

A large proportion of the cases in Hospital are Catarrh, not severe, getting well in a few days with purging and sweetening. There is how-

ever one case of fever, severe and rather peculiar.  
 Potter came into Hospital late at night complain-  
 ing of being cold and shivering, of Pain in  
 his head and across his Loins. Pulse quick -  
 was ordered an emetic and the following morning  
 early a purge not being relieved, and his pulse  
 being 112 having some cough was bled to a  
 pound and a half and in the evening took  
 3 grains of Calomel and 5 of Calomel and 5 of  
 Sea. was very sick and retched much. Took  
 10 grains of Calomel and 5 of Calomel and 5 of  
 Pot. of the stomach, had one loose stool.  
 This morning complained of Pain under his  
 right short ribs with cough & catching in  
 his breathing. Pulse 96 - fuller. Skin cool  
 was bled to a pound. Took 10 grains of  
 Calomel, and has a blister to the pained  
 part. - The lungs I think, must be the  
 seat of the disease, altho there is no  
 strong indication of this. The practice  
 has been vigorous.

Brighton Barracks Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 1847  
 A change from frost to thaw took place this  
 day week and most of the snow has disappeared.  
 The weather is again frosty yesterday there  
 were several snow showers with wind from  
 the North East. The week during the week  
 has been cool but seasonable.

The number of sick has increased. There are  
 to day in Hospital of the 8<sup>th</sup> 11  
 Flat 52<sup>nd</sup> 7  
 78

There are a good number of catarrhs and catarrhs  
 received in the riding schools. The lancet has  
 been used a good deal. - There is a slight  
 case of Small pox after Vaccination. -  
 There have been two cases of Small pox  
 in two children belonging to Mr Edwards of  
 the Barrack, where vaccination had been  
 neglected, one of these cases is of the confl-  
 ent kind and very severe.

Highest temperature during the week 1 Feb 42<sup>nd</sup> 66  
 Lowest 3<sup>rd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 11. 30

Range — — 14  
 Mean — — 38<sup>1/2</sup>

Brighton Barracks Sunday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1827

There has been frost during the whole of the past week, with the wind blowing generally from the East, sharp and piercing, notwithstanding the weather has been pleasant in a great measure from its being dry.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 75° 38

Lowest 8 A.M. 9° 28

Range ————— 10<sup>18</sup>

Mean ————— 32<sup>21</sup>

There are in Hospital to day of the 8<sup>th</sup> 13-

52<sup>2</sup> 5

Total ————— 18

There have been a considerable number of Scabs catarrhs admitted, catarrhs I call them, altho' with more propriety they may be termed fever from cold. There has been generalness of the pulse with shivering cough, hoarseness, and pain in the breast, symptoms in the young soldier requiring bleeding. In the young, these first symptoms are of little consequence, if combated with vigor, but if neglected they are apt to end in permanent disorder of the lungs. In disease is the target of more use, and if used more

readily in these catarrhal affections, I believe, there would be fewer cases of consumption and by consequence fewer deaths. Consumption appears to me to be a sort of chronic inflammation of the lungs generally having its origin in neglected colds.

There have been several cases of small pox during the week. A servant and two children at the barracks, the former has the marks of vaccination on her arm. The symptoms were very severe, violent pain in the head and back, with vomiting and very quick pulse. This patient was removed while under the disease, therefore I am unable to say whether it may turn out modified or not. One of the children has the disease very slight, and the other very severe, both are getting well. There is a woman with disease age 40 & more, she has it very severely, is in Hospital. — Stroud (52) was seized with violent pain in his head and back, vomiting bilious matter. was treated as for fever for 3 days when small pox vesicles came out which proved to be the proof small pox had got well.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 1827

Weather continues dry, frosty, and to my feelings agreeable. Wind generally from S. E.

There has been no rain or snow during the week - Roads dry and dusty.

Lowest Temperature during the week 8. A.M. 17° - 24

Highest \_\_\_\_\_ 2. P.M. 15 - 38

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 14

Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 32<sup>1/2</sup>

The sick in Hospital amount to 14 -

8<sup>th</sup> Hospital 9

52<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 5 -

Mr. Bapat died of Small-pox. - Brother of the 52<sup>nd</sup> was very ill with vomiting, cough, and pain in his left breast with difficulty of breathing was twice bled. Took 10grs of Calomel morning and evening, and two blisters. - Passed a very large quantity of dark green slimy feces. - Is recovering.

Brighton Barracks Sunday Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 1827

The weather remains dry, cold, and frosty, but as there is change of moon tonight there may be also change of weather as often happens.

Wind for the most part from E. N. E. Roads dry and dusty.

Lowest Temperature during the week 8. A.M. 18° - 22

Highest \_\_\_\_\_ 2. P.M. 22° - 40

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 18

Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 31<sup>1/2</sup>

There are in Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ of the

8<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 7

52<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 12 - 19.

There is very little acute disease. In latter corps the 52<sup>nd</sup> have 3 men with the Itch, one with rupture, one with an affection of a serophthalmia of his elbow, and all the others are trifles.

There are several severe catarrhs in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Brooks is better. Mouth is sore from

the Mercury. - There has been no fresh case of Small-pox. - All the children and recruits have been vaccinated.

There are two cases of Venereal in the 8<sup>th</sup>.

This disease is seldom very common.

Brighton Barracks Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> 1827.

The weather changed last Sunday night and a thaw took place. There has been a great deal of rain with wind blowing from the South west and West.

Highest temperature during the week 25<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> March 46

Lowest 8 A.M. 25<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> 26

Range ————— 20

Mean ————— 47<sup>5</sup>

The sick in Hospital to day — 25

8<sup>th</sup> ————— 11

52<sup>nd</sup> ————— 14

There have been many severe attacks of catarrh. Also several cases of Pneumonia. The lancet and Antimonial Tartaric acid have been freely used, and have not disappointed my expectations. Three or four pounds of blood have been taken. Frankespey has a very severe attack of Pneumonia. Has been bled twice, has been blistered, and has been treated with Tartar emetic, and freely purged. Has also taken morning and evening 10 grains of Calomel. Pulse 116. Is taking to day 5 grains. There is danger in this case. Both he & I have got small-pox joined as a result in last March. or vaccination on left arm.

Brighton Barracks March 18<sup>th</sup> 1827. Sunday  
Went to London on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March and returned on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Barker died during my absence of small-pox. Disease complemented. His great has been vaccinated. Found in the Hospital sixteen sick.

The weather is cold windy with occasional showers.

Highest temperature during last week 25<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> 46

Lowest 36<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>

Range ————— 14

Mean ————— 45

There are fewer sick than for some time, there will probably be an increase after the drinking on Saint Patrick's day.

Of the 8<sup>th</sup> there are in Hospital — 8

Artillery ————— 1

52<sup>nd</sup> ————— 8

Total — 17

There is no severe case but Brooks. The Reg<sup>t</sup> is under orders to leave on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April for the neighbourhood of London there to be inspected by the Commander in chief, after which it is to be sent to Liverpool and then embark for Dublin.

Brighton Barracks Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> 1827

The weather for the most part has been dry and pleasant, and reasonable. The fields are assuming a green tinge and Spring begins to show itself. Wind chiefly from the West, Country becoming dry and dust flying. Sowing and planting going on, altho' the season on the whole is backward.

There are in the Hospital to day 20 men

Royal Horse Artillery — 1  
8<sup>th</sup> Hussars — 11  
52<sup>nd</sup> foot — 8

A young man of the Horse Artillery on duty at Brighton was seized with ague. Taking the Sulphate of Quinine he is getting well. The only man whose case is attended with any change is Brooker of the 52<sup>nd</sup> His Liver appears disordered. He is now under charge of Dr Macartney.

Highest temperature during the week 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 27

Lowest ————— 8 a.m. 27<sup>th</sup> 37  
Range ————— 33  
Mean ————— 45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Brighton Barracks Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 1827

From the past week the weather has been unsettled windy - Rainsy and cold.

Highest temperature during the week 20<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 52

Lowest ————— 8 a.m. 27<sup>th</sup> 37

Range ————— 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Mean ————— 43<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Notwithstanding the temperature has been low, vegetation has made some progress, the fields are becoming green, and the early trees are in bud.

There are in the Hospital of the 8<sup>th</sup> 44 men

Mr. Keatley is improving, there is less palpitation, more regularity of Pulse, and of Respiration. His general appearance is more healthy.

W. Walker's head is still raised in the part formerly wounded. It has been blistered, and the discharge is kept up by irritating dressing.

General health improved.

Borda has had Phymosis, the foreskin is now pulled back and the slight ulceration is getting well. It did not appear to be syphilitic.

Han d'arrow has had spitting of blood with cough and pain in his chest was bled & blistered and is now well. There remains

one more Godfrey Taylor. He fell over an iron  
<sup>shut</sup> ed. when running on the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup>  
of March, and received a severe contusion  
on the pit of his stomach, vomiting  
much, and his considerable degree of  
fever was blest, purged and put into the  
tepid bath. Symptoms disappeared. A  
week ago his belly began to swell, his  
Respiration became short, his pulse  
quick. Has been purged freely and blest  
yesterday with relief, to a pound, & a  
half. Blood both buffy and cupped.  
In taking the solution of super-tartrate  
of Potash and his belly swelled with  
Mercurial ointment, and swathed in  
Flannel. There must in this case be some  
derangement of the absorbent system pro-  
duced by the fall. There is no desirous  
or morbid change on the primary secretion  
Bowels open - He formerly suffered from Inflam-  
mation of the lungs -

Brighton Banachs Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup> 1827 -  
During the whole of the past week the weather  
has been reasonable, mild, & every vegetation  
has made rapid progress west to London on  
Monday, returned on Tuesday. The change on the  
face of the country was most evident, so fast  
has the vegetation advanced - It was so, the  
advanced however in the neighbourhood of  
London however than down here on the coast.  
Highest temperature during the week 80<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 61  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> 40  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 21  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 49<sup>th</sup> or up-  
wards of six degrees higher than last week -  
There are in Hospital to day 8 Men of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Munich continues improving. -  
Weather is certainly better. Legs better, and pain  
in his head. A little good general appearance  
improved. Godfrey Taylor still labours under  
symptoms of Dropsy. Swelling of belly remains.  
Respiration short. Pulse not so frequent.  
Bled him to day to a pound and gave him ʒij Nitro  
ʒijss three times a day. Handbow has been con-

plaining of Pain in his breast with cough  
 and stuffing at his breast Pulse strong  
 was bled to a pound and a half yesterday  
 with great relief. Blood cupped and buffy.  
 P. Matthews has had secondary symptoms of  
 Venereal Has more structure, and a sore in the  
 inside of his nose - Is very irregular in his  
 habits - Needs the D. Sansaparilla -  
 Cobden has had a severe attack of Catarrh  
 was bled and purged and convalescent. -  
 Madden Has swelled Testicle arising from  
 an injury in riding. Has been purged  
 is using the Saturnine lotion -  
 W. Coakley a deserter was brought in  
 six days ago from Saunton. Has been spit-  
 ting blood and looks sickly complains  
 also of Pain in his side was bled &  
 purged & blistered, is much better Pulse  
 regular

There are about 4/5 of the boat sick -  
 The Regiment is under orders for Island and  
 will leave this on the 16<sup>th</sup> for Hounslow when it is  
 to be inspected on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Brighton Barracks Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> 1827  
 There has been during last week a great and an-  
 ticipated advance in vegetation. The country is  
 green and rather the spring was very backward  
 two weeks ago, yet from the very seasonable  
 weather it is now as far advanced as it  
 usually is at this time of the year -  
 There has been a good deal of rain, and  
 many showers.

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 16<sup>th</sup> 56  
 Lowest 8 P.M. 9<sup>th</sup> 44  
 Range 14  
 Mean 49<sup>2</sup>

There are in Hospital to day 7 men of the 8<sup>th</sup> Buffs  
 and one of the 7<sup>th</sup> No Man now in Hospital  
 will require to be left Murphy continues to improve  
 Godfrey Taylor is better. - Handlow is weak  
 but his respiration is more free and his pulse  
 more regular. Takes 20 grains of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{O}}$  three times a  
 day with ass. ext. and oilage. - Mr. Cawley  
 has sore throat but is convalescent. Dingle has  
 swelling of the glands in one groin looks to be  
 convalescent. Madden with swelled Testicle is  
 getting well. The Regt receives a couple of hundred  
 2 days ago marches on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> via Haslemere

Banbury Oxfordshire 73 Miles from London Sunday  
May 6<sup>th</sup> 1827. -

Left Brighton April 18<sup>th</sup> Marched to Haslem 22  
Miles. Weather rainy & cold. 19<sup>th</sup> Proceeded to Epsom  
and Cweli. 20<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Hampton Court  
The Regiment was reviewed by the Duke of Wellington  
on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>. First division consists  
of 3 Troops Marched for the bridge on the 30<sup>th</sup> April  
The head quarters with other three followed on  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Only one man left at Hounslow  
belonging with inflammation of the lungs.

From the bridge to Aylesham 11 Miles.  
Country beautiful. Roads good. Weather fine  
From Aylesham to Aylesbury 15 Miles. The country  
of Buckingham is very pretty, waving, chiefly  
in pasture. From Aylesbury to Buckingham 7  
Miles. How 2 Miles from Buckingham the  
Magnificent splendour of this truly princely  
place exceed my powers of description  
From Buckingham to Banbury 17 Miles.

It felt like to day - weather rainy. There  
are only two Sick. Greenwood's & Bryan

Bundalk Banacks Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> 1827

Arrived here on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. -

From Banbury we Marched on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May to  
Warwick, one of the neatest and cleanest Towns  
in England situated in a beautiful rich country.

There is a magnificent old Castle. -

Kennilworth in ruins is highly worthy of a visit.

From Warwick to Birmingham

Wolverhampton

Shrewsbury

Coventry

Stafford

Nottingham

Liverpool

where we arrived on

the 16<sup>th</sup> and remained till the 22<sup>nd</sup> & embarked  
for Dublin in Steamers. Got to Kingston at 3 o'clock  
of the Morning but the tide not answering  
remained there till seven and reached the Custom  
about 8 & disembarked and went into Port of  
Banacks where we remained till the 4<sup>th</sup> of June  
and Marched for Drogheda 24 Irish Miles  
the following day to Bundalk 16 Irish Miles  
met the 3<sup>rd</sup> brigade at Castle Billingham.

Two men of the 5<sup>th</sup> was left one ill of fever, the other  
Convalescent. The case of fever very severe but is now  
much better. The wife of the first patient has caught the disease.

There is a company of the 86<sup>th</sup> Regt. One man has fever. There are 12 men of the 8<sup>th</sup> in Hospital half healed, the others with Rheumatism and Catarrh. - There has been rain every day since our arrival unless yesterday, the temperature has been very low for the season of the year. Yesterday and today are warm and seasonable temperature now 3 P.M. 65°. The crops of all kinds are most promising. - For the description of the country hereafter

Bundalk Barracks Aug<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1827

Having with some difficulty obtained leave of absence for two months to visit my friends in Scotland I left this place on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August by the Belfast Mail and reached that place between 8 and 9 o'clock at night and the following day embarked in the Fingale Steamer for Greenock and in little more than 12 hours reached Greenock, thence to Glasgow & after remaining a few hours there proceeded by the Mail to Sterling & then to Mucklewood - I was in Scotland two months. Returned by the St. Andrew to Belfast on the morning of the 19<sup>th</sup> & the same night slept here

I was much pleased with the fine appearance of the country round Belfast. I think on the whole it is the finest part of Ireland. The country slopes beautifully down to the edge of the Loch. The Town is wonderfully improved and enlarged within the last five years. - Cotton Manufactures are just picking up. It resembles an English or Scotch Town more than any other in Ireland. The crops near Belfast seemed in the same state of forwardness and of the same luxuriant kind as in the case of Gortree. Found in Hospital here 8 men, two cases of fever & one man (Delaney) convalescent from Pneumonia who had been left at Bundalk & whom from the severity of the disease I did not expect to see again. - The other cases very slight. There are in Hospital today 10 men convalescent from fever. - Delaney - from Pneumonia Gold with Jaundice. - & Hodgkin with Hepatitis - That 4 or 2 per cent are stragglers may be all better off than I have never known before. There is no case of Fever in any shape. I understand there has been considerable drunkenness but at present

there seems to be no evil result from it. Of the company of the 86<sup>th</sup> there is not one man in Hospital. —

During the last week the weather has been dry and reasonable and great progress has been made in reaping nearly half the grain crop has been cut down, and not a little left carried. The remaining part seems ready for the sickle and will be cut in the course of the present week. — The crops are most abundant, hay in particular is far beyond the usual quantity and is now selling from 20 to 25 shillings a ton, a price lower than I ever before heard of. —

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> 66  
Lowest 8. A.M. 19<sup>th</sup> 51

Range — 5  
Mean — 53 $\frac{1}{2}$

Wind generally from S.W. —

On this day the 26<sup>th</sup> of August 1811 Fort Cornelis in the Island of Java was captured and taken and about 800 brave fellows were killed and wounded, a large proportion of whom belonged to the brave 86<sup>th</sup>. — It was the hardest day's work I ever had. —

Sundale Banacks Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

There could not have been finer weather for harvesting than the whole of last week. It was dry and often sunny and warm. Great progress has been made in cutting down and securing the very abundant crop. — Upwards of a third I should think yet remains to be cut down, but all in this neighbourhood seems ready for the sickle and another week of fine weather will leave very little standing corn. —

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 74<sup>th</sup> 65

Lowest 9. A.M. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug 52

Mean — 63 —

Range — 3 —

The Regiment remains exceedingly healthy. — There are only five men in Hospital, with one of the 86<sup>th</sup> — three of these are convalescent, one with a Bile on his foot and the other with a slight attack of fever. — I never knew less indisposition among the troops. — There has been drunkenness too occasionally, but I have on more occasions

than one that this is not sufficient always  
to produce sickness

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1827

The weather during the past week has been dry  
and highly favorable for the harvest till last  
night there was a considerable fall of rain  
with a gale of wind from the South.

Has there been much question the whole crop might  
have been cut and carried during the last  
week but there has been a sad want of labor  
the farmers trusting I suppose to the continuation  
of the fine weather. I should suppose  
there is yet nearly a third of the crop in  
the fields.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> 66

Lowest Range 8° 8 A.M. 8<sup>th</sup> 58

Mean 62<sup>o</sup>

There are three men in Hospital out of 250 the strength  
of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 86 a most unusual small proportion -  
O'Hara has a smart attack of fever but by active  
measures at first it was cut short & he is convales-  
cent. J. Blunsom is in Hospital from striking  
& Page with a Bill on his mate. I never so little  
sickness in any corps during my service -

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1827

During the last week the weather has been more  
unsettled there has at different times been a  
good deal of rain but harvest has still been  
going on and in this neighbourhood is nearly  
finished. Temperature remains high.

Highest Temperature during the week 2 P.M. 7<sup>th</sup> 65

Lowest 8 A.M. 13 - 60

Range 5

Mean 61<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

There are six men in Hospital to day. -

- 1 Brophy
- 1 Bypphora
- 1 Galardi
- 1 Cholera Morbus
- 2 Convalescent.

The case of Brophy is getting well by using  
purgatives & blennitis it was an acute cause  
probably intemperance. In the case of By-  
phora there is probably a deficiency of bile  
and the Blue Pill and purgative will likely  
answer best. - The case of Cholera Morbus  
was admitted this morning and the patient  
took 10 grains of Calomel. No spasms -

Grandall Barracks Sept 23<sup>d</sup> 1827 Sunday  
 The weather to day is showery windy, and generally  
 bright and sunny. It has generally been  
 so during the last week. Temperatures been  
 low, but still agreeable. Harvest has  
 been going on and is not yet completed  
 but there is scarce any corn standing in this  
 part of the country. Prices are low from  
 the great quantities of new grain brought  
 into the market by the poor tenants in order  
 to get money to pay their debts which being  
 so high keep them poor and prevent them  
 accumulating any capital. A Farmer in  
 this neighbourhood told me that he rented  
 20 acres of land, paid 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds an acre,  
 12 bushels for tithes, and about  $\frac{2}{5}$  for other  
 appurtenances. Said that he could not afford  
 to have any considerable quantity in grain  
 and that he was of necessity obliged to crop  
 on soil to the exhaustion of the land. -  
 How much better it would be for both parties  
 if a fair and equitable rent was only taken. -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  66  
 Lowest 8 A.M. 22 58

Range — — — 8  
 Mean — — — 61 $\frac{1}{2}$

There are in Hospital to day six men, com-  
 plaints as follows -

- + Liver & Gall
- 1 Pulmonic affection probably
- 1 Catarrh - Hollis -
- 1 Ulcer - Talbot
- 1 Contusion - Hillman
- 1 Dyspepsia - Pennington

Pennington was convalescent and relieved, and now  
 there is an appearance of hectic, becomes hot  
 in the evening and towards morning sweats  
 profusely. Is weak. Has no cough, or any pain  
 Long generally loaded Bowels moved with  
 difficulty. - Is taking purgatives. -  
 Pennington has dyspepsia. Is much annoyed  
 with wind in his stomach and belly, is  
 easiest when fasting, by pressing on his belly  
 large quantities of wind are brought up.  
 Is often sick vomits. Have been giving him bitter  
 purgatives, Luce's, and warm water.

Gumbalk Barracks Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> 1827  
There has been much rain since last Sunday  
greatly to the hindrance of finishing the  
Harvest. There is yet a considerable quantity of  
the crop in the fields. At times the wea-  
ther has been stormy. Temperature rising.  
Country still green with abundant food for  
the cattle. Leaves are not yet falling.  
Highest temperature during the week 23<sup>rd</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> - 61  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. 23 - 57

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 3 -  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 58<sup>th</sup> -

There are in Hospital 3 men viz  
O'Hara convalescent from fever  
Murphy with Dyspepsia. -  
Hodgins with Mela

Never did I see our Troops more healthy  
little more than one per Cent.

Gumbalk Barracks Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> 1827  
Weather rainy but mild with little wind chiefly  
from the South. Cloudy and heavy -  
Harvest in this part of the country finished  
prices in market very low. - Country green.  
Leaves begun to fall. -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 31<sup>st</sup> 61  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. 31<sup>st</sup> 55  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 5  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 59.

There are in Hospital

Murphy Dyspepsia  
O'Hara Convalescent  
Beach - do -  
Hodgins - Mela  
Nixon Sore throat  
E. Murphy Stomatitis

Nearly all these are very slight cases.  
Murphy with Dyspepsia is rather better.  
E. Murphy with Stomatitis was admitted  
yesterday. It is a slight case & will soon  
be well. The room in which he sleeps is  
too much crowded.

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1827.  
Winter is at hand. There is considerable decrease  
of temperature. There has been frost at night.  
There has been a great deal of rain but for  
the last two days the weather has been dry  
with the wind from N.W. cold.

The face of the country looks wintry altho' most  
of the trees wear their leaves but changes  
in hue.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 59

Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 13<sup>th</sup> 52

Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 56

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 7

There are in Hospital six men, 5 of the 8<sup>th</sup> Anglans, one  
of the 86<sup>th</sup>. They are as follows -

Porter - Pectoral complaint. 13<sup>th</sup> Hennessy - SpRAIN  
M. Murphy - Dyspepsia. W<sup>m</sup> Maguire - Gonorrhoea  
Dillon - Gynanche tonsillitis - Hickars 86<sup>th</sup> wants

Excepting Murphy and Porter the other cases are so  
slight as not to be deserving of notice.

Murphy will be brought forward for discharge.

Porter may get well altho' his case is of considerable  
duration.

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 1827

During the week finished the weather on the whole  
has been fine for the season of the year, there  
has been a good deal of rain but there have  
been three or four fine days, mild and pleasant.  
The people have been taking up their Potatoes,  
and ploughing and sowing the ground with  
wheat. The leaves are fast falling. -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 18<sup>th</sup> 58

Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 14<sup>th</sup> 53

Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 56

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 5

There is a small increase of sick. They are to day  
as follows.

M. Murphy - Dyspepsia } White Catant  
Porter - Convalescent } Sheridan 86<sup>th</sup>  
J. Nicholl - Venereal } E. Kenny - Dra. 86<sup>th</sup>  
Corpl. Lusk - Pneumonia } Total 7

Murphy does not improve will be brought for-  
ward to be invalided. Porter is better. Lusk has  
had pneumonia but by early op<sup>r</sup> bleeding is  
now descent. The other cases are slight -

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - 1827  
 There has been much rain during the last week -  
 Temperature has however been high for the season -  
 Most of the trees have been deprived of their foliage  
 The country wears a wintry aspect -  
 The people have been digging up their potatoes  
 Highest temperature during the week 24<sup>th</sup> 58  
 8 a.m. 24 57

Lowest —————  
 Range ————— 1  
 Mean ————— 54.5

There are in Hospital to day of the 8<sup>th</sup> 4  
 86<sup>th</sup> 3  
 Forke and Luck are convalescent -  
 Murphy is much the same. Nicholl with Venæ  
 getting well. Brown 86<sup>th</sup> a married man living  
 in a confined dirty hut, has got fever w<sup>ch</sup>  
 is severe. It has been former before his ad-  
 mission in which case little can be done but  
 palliate symptoms. At onset fever may often  
 be cut short. - The head is chiefly complained  
 of. Tongue foul, of dark colour Pulse in the  
 evening 110 or 112 in the morning 100. Sweats  
 freely without relief. A similar case in  
 bygone a publican near the Barracks. Both  
 were bled and freely purged. Heads shaved &  
 kept wet with cold wine or swala

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - 1827  
 The week just finished has been very fine for the season -  
 Dry pleasant winds chiefly from a south west -  
 There have only been two or three slight showers  
 The Roads are dry and the weather most favoura-  
 ble for the people getting in their Potatoes the  
 staple food of what there is so plentiful a crop  
 this season that they are selling in this neighbour-  
 hood at 20 shillings per ton or 12<sup>d</sup> per stone, cheap  
 food for a Potatoes eating population -  
 Highest temperature during the week 29<sup>th</sup> 60 Oct. 58  
 8 a.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 52

Lowest —————  
 Range ————— 6  
 Mean ————— 54

The detachments from Bellinlet and Belfast arrived  
 here on Monday last and the Regt was inspected on  
 Tuesday by Sir C. Grant Two troops marched tomorrow  
 for Bellinlet and one for Belfast. Our sick have  
 received a considerable increase by the arrival  
 of these troops. There are 13 men in Hospital  
 to day including one of the 86<sup>th</sup>. Most of the  
 complaints are slight several cases of Clap  
 and Syphilis. Murphy and Taylor are to be dis-  
 charged also St. Johnson. The corps is in, Captain  
 Brown of the 86<sup>th</sup> has been discharged from the Regt  
 the case of fever was very irregular it terminated  
 in Intermittent fever stages were distinct & well  
 marked -

Bundalk Barracks Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1827.  
The weather has been favourable for the season.  
There has been a good deal of rain, tempera-  
ture high for the season, little wind, and that  
variable. Today is very fine. Leaves have fallen.  
Three Troops left this on Monday last for Bel-  
let and Belfast -

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 64° - 56°  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 5° - 51°

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 55.7

There are to day in Hospital 16 Men, all of the 5<sup>th</sup> ex-  
cepting one. Six of these belong to Troops gone on  
detachment, the chief increase is in Venereal.  
There are now six with this disease in one shape or  
another, some of the cases severe. Most of the  
other cases are slight, and there will soon  
be diminution of numbers. Drury and  
Taylor are ordered to be discharged. -  
Prady & M<sup>r</sup>. Sherry have had pectoral complaints  
but are convalescent. - P. Kelly 86<sup>th</sup> has co-  
stive pain in left hip joint. - Has been slow  
in using the Tartar emetic treatment  
Taking Colo. Speer. C.

Bundalk Barracks Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1827.  
Two days ago there was a gale & wind from S. West.  
An immense fall of snow. Today is dry but  
cloudy. The temperature is still high for the season.  
Highest temperature during the week 3 A.M. 57° - 58°  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 A.M. 17° - 50°

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 55

There are to day in Hospital 11 Men, all of the  
8<sup>th</sup> excepting one of the 86<sup>th</sup> with Rheumatism.  
There are no severe cases. There are five Ven-  
ereals and 3 cases of Rheumatism. Taylor &  
Murphy have been discharged. -  
The measles prevail amongst the children  
but are very mild. - Hare has got  
ophthalmia and along with swelling  
of the face and glands in the neck on  
the same side. - M<sup>r</sup>. Every has severe  
cough with pain in his breast was  
twice bled and is convalescent. -

Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> 1827 —

The weather has been seasonable for the time of the year, more cool, with a good deal of rain, wind variable. There is a fall and a look of winter — the farmers have been sowing wheat, and gathering in their potatoes —

Highest temperature during the week — 2 P.M. 53°

Lowest — 8 A.M. 24° 44

Range — 9

Mean — 49

There are in Hospital to day 11 men of whom 4 belong to the 86<sup>th</sup> I.M. Garry early yesterday morning received a kick from a horse on the right side a little below the false ribs and towards the navel, became sick, vomited, & was brought to the Hospital in great pain, was bled to a pound and a half, was fomented and took an ounce of Castor oil at 3 o'clock P.M. was in great agony, was again bled, afterwards was cupped where the pain was greatest. This last seems to have been beneficial. He became easier, slept occasionally, and is to day better. Has been purged. Fomentations are continued. Pulse 100. Most of the cases in Hospital are slight. The measles have been prevalent but very mild.

Burdick Branch Sunday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1827

For some days the weather has been stormy with a great deal of rain, wind generally from S.W. but for the last 24 hours S.W. It has rained almost without intermission. This morning no mail came the first occurrence of the kind this season —

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 29° 52

Lowest — 8 A.M. 25° — 46

Range — 6

Mean — 50

There are to day in Hospital 14 men, 11 of the 8<sup>th</sup> 2 of the 86<sup>th</sup> and one of the 70<sup>th</sup> — the latter was taken with bronchitis on his return from furlough — D. Zerrin has had a severe attack of Pneumonia, timely means has cut off the disease — Galloway has got stricture. The measles have run through the children of the Regiment upwards of 30 of them here had the disease, generally in a mild form. Little but purgatives used and occasionally bleed out.

Sunday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1827 Bundalk Barracks

There has been a great deal of stormy weather since last Sunday, and much rain. The mornings and days have been still, but towards night the wind has risen and increased to a gale. There has been one or two frosty days.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 57° 56"  
Lowest ————— 3 P.M. 37° 48"  
Range ————— 6  
Mean ————— 50½

There are in Hospital to day 12 Men, none belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> and 3 to the 86<sup>th</sup>. There is very little acute disease. McGarry is getting well. Durnham has been discharged. Gawley is much better. Hays got a cut on his left Temple with a brass candlestick in a drunken frolic, and the bone appears to be denuded, and will take a considerable time to get well. Summersfield has got free but is much better. The measles have prevailed thro' the week & have nearly attacked the whole of the remaining children. Some cases have been severe, none as yet fatal.

Bundalk Barracks Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> 1827  
The weather has been variable after rainy & stormy. Still mild for the season. There has been only twice as yet ice on the pools. Wind generally from the West.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 44° 50"  
Lowest ————— 8 A.M. 15° 43"  
Range (in the Surgery) ————— 7  
Mean ————— 47½

There are to day in Hospital only five men, 4 of the 86<sup>th</sup> and one of the 8<sup>th</sup>. There have been two cases of Measles, Bell and Mulligan, the former was most severe, and bleeding to nearly 2 pounds was used, she has recovered faster than the latter. Upwards of 50 children of the Regiment have passed thro' the measles, and a sickly child of the Farmer Major's died two days ago. The disease has generally been mild and tractable. —  
McHenry has had a relapse of his disease. Venous blood was bled to 2 pounds with great relief, but he is far from well, and will be very apt to fall into consumption. Scarcely has nearly disappeared.

Bundabarr Barracks Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1827  
 Since last Sunday the weather has been  
 on the whole good for the season but vari-  
 able Wind generally from S.W. often coming  
 on to blow in squalls. — There has been a  
 slight frost this morning. —  
 Highest temperature during the week 86. M. 9. 52  
 Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 27<sup>th</sup> 52

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
 Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 47<sup>th</sup>

There are to day in Hospital 9 men one of the 86<sup>th</sup>  
 & of the 8<sup>th</sup> — Another case of Measles Marah.  
 Mulligan is recovering slowly from measles  
 he has got Rheumatism in his left thigh.  
 Pelly was bleed and is now nearly well. Lord  
 bleed Marah admitted to day. Conf. Wheeler  
 has got sore throat it is slightly ulcerated.  
 says that he has had it for six weeks. Had  
 several 4 months ago. — The case will  
 require to be watched. The measles have  
 attacked nearly all the children upwards of  
 50 passed thro the disease. One, a sickly  
 child died. —

Bundabarr Barracks Sunday Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 1827  
 The week just ended has been on the whole  
 fine for the season some frost and less rain  
 and wind. — Since any thing like winter  
 as yet. — Fields in many places green.

Highest temperature during the week 89. M. 27<sup>th</sup> 56  
 Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 P.M. 23<sup>rd</sup> 46

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 8  
 Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 49

There are to day in Hospital 13 men  
 of the \_\_\_\_\_ 8<sup>th</sup> 11  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 86<sup>th</sup> 3

A great proportion of cases are slight  
 one case of Measles several of Greenhaas  
 Saunders complaining of pain across his  
 loins, has no mark of disease, and from his  
 character is supposed to be skulking. —  
 Mulligan & Pelly has convalesces very slow-  
 ly from measles. McInerney is recovering  
 slowly, but he will be very apt to relapse.  
 During last year, only one, Handlow died  
 in Progenital Hospital, from the effects  
 of Inflammation of the Lungs, his during  
 my absence, his body was not opened, King  
 died on sick furlough of Consumption.

Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup> 1828 Dundalk Barracks.

During the week there has been a good deal of rain. It has been occasionally stormy. Yesterday morning there was frost, the ice the thickness of a dollar. No snow as yet, fields are green.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 74.5  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. 5<sup>th</sup> 35  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 14  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 46.7

There are 12 men in Hospital, two of these belonging to the 86<sup>th</sup>. There is very little acute disease. McEnery is convalescent. Mulligan is better. There are two or three cases of contusion.

During the year 1827 only one man died in the Reg. Mental Hospital, viz. Nicholas Handlow.

He was taken ill last March at Brighton with spitting of blood, recovered so far as to be able to go on board ship in April for Dundalk, but on our coming thither in June I found him ill in Hospital with Phthisis. King has been ill at Canterbury was in Hospital on the detachment marching was allowed to go on sick furlough, and there died. A man shot himself at Belfast. Three men have thus been lost in the year a very small proportion. No man taken ill in Ireland has yet died.

Dundalk Barracks Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> 1828

The weather during the last week has been at length wintery, there has been frost and snow. Two days ago a good deal of snow fell but has to been melted, and the weather is again milder.

Highest temperature during the week 8 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> 44  
Lowest \_\_\_\_\_ 8 a.m. 10<sup>th</sup> 32  
Range \_\_\_\_\_ 12  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 39.7

There are 12 men in Hospital 4 of the 86<sup>th</sup> one of the 37<sup>th</sup> and seven of the 86<sup>th</sup> of whom two are furnished. There are two cases of ophthalmia in the 86<sup>th</sup> getting well with purgative, leeching, binum of in vis arm water.

McEnery has had another relapse, cough was most violent, Pulse frequent, was bled to a pouce and a half with relief. His ultimate recovery is somewhat doubtful. Saville 37<sup>th</sup> complained of pain in his right side under the ribs, increased on pressure, was bled twice with leeches in his stomach, was purged & fomented, but the lancet was required before there was permanent relief.

Windmill Barracks Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> 1828  
There has been some very stormy weather during the last week. There have been two or three shipwrecks in Carlingford Bay. To-day is mild, but cloudy and threatening rain wind South East.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 56° 48  
Lowest 8 P.M. 36° 38  
Range 20°  
Mean 42°  
Barometre 30

There are to day in Hospital 6 Men - three of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 of the 86<sup>th</sup> & one of the 37<sup>th</sup>.  
McCreery is still troubled with cough & has got sweating pulse is too quick & I much fear his complaint will end in consumption - Mulligan recovers slowly, still has pain in his knee & hip. Delaney is nearly well. Three men in 200 is a very good proportion of sick at this or indeed any season. Sullivan has got ophthalmia in a severe form, pain deep seated, attended with great heat and intolerance of light with purulent discharge. Has been repeatedly leeches & purged 3 or 4 days & is to nearly 2 p.m. His eyes have frequently suffered from inflammation. In the recent cases arising from cold the Venous & the fungous being about a rapid cure. Laville is convalescent.

Windmill Barracks Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> 1828  
The weather during the last week has been very fine for the season, generally dry and very mild, winds variable but the West prevalent from the West.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 52° 52  
Lowest 2 P.M. 26° 46  
Range 26°  
Mean 49°

There are in Hospital to day 12 Men, two of the 86<sup>th</sup> more of the 91<sup>st</sup> 10 of the 8<sup>th</sup> & 4 of the 37<sup>th</sup>.  
McCreery is better pulse is still quick, a bad sign. Mulligan's knee is still painful, has been cut for six to day blistered, this is an instance of a case where bleeding at the commencement of measles would in all probability have cut short the disease and saved the patient from this Rheumatic turn the effect of the former disease. -  
Hare has returned to Hospital with obstruction of the lachrymal passage. There are still two cases of ophthalmia in the 86<sup>th</sup> Sullivan is very severe and will cause obstructed vision. He is taking the blue pill. Dennis child died this morning from an affection of the chest, a consequence probably of measles.

Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 1828 Dundalk Barracks  
During the week just finished the weather has  
been unusually serene, generally dry, and mild  
for the season. Vegetation has commenced  
many of the fields wear the garb of spring.  
Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 30<sup>th</sup> - 50  
Lowest 8 P.M. 21<sup>st</sup> - 44

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 6  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 47<sup>1/2</sup>

There are in Hospital 11 men, there being two  
of that number belonging to the 86<sup>th</sup> with  
ophthalmia. Sullivan has chemosis of both  
conjunctivas and the sight is very much impaired  
He is taking blue pill to affect the system.  
I consider that this man is lost to the ser-  
vice. Most of the other diseases in Ho-  
pital are slight. McEnery is better altho  
he got drunk the other day. Mulligan's knee  
is better. Two children have died of  
pneumonia, probably the effects  
of measles.

Dundalk Barracks Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1828  
The weather has been through the week, fine,  
generally dry, and very mild for the season.  
Vegetation has begun, the fields have become  
green, the early flowers, the Daisy, the Dandelion,  
and some others are in full bloom.  
The birds are singing, the crows showing  
signs of erecting nests, and all the other  
marks of approaching spring. There  
has been little or no winter weather  
this season.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 4<sup>th</sup> - 50  
Lowest 8 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 36

Range \_\_\_\_\_ 16  
Mean \_\_\_\_\_ 46<sup>1/2</sup>

There are in Hospital to day 11 men, nine of the  
8<sup>th</sup> one of the 61<sup>st</sup> one of the 86<sup>th</sup>. Most of the  
cases are slight. McEnery is better. Pulse 66.  
The pulse is the best index in cases of pectoral  
complaints. Sullivan's eyes are rather better, mouth  
is touched with mercury. Thomas 61<sup>st</sup> came on  
duty from Drogheda, got rheumatism, & was unable  
to return. The women and children are again  
healthy.

Ben dalk Barracks Sunday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1828  
 The weather has become cold and wintry. It has  
 been often stormy and boisterous. There has been  
 some frost with snow. Vegetation has been  
 checked. There has been a great deal of rain.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 64

Lowest 30

Range 34

Mean 41.7

There are in Hospital to day 12 Men all of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 excepting Sullivan with 8<sup>th</sup> Almia. The increase  
 is from Venereal. There being several cases of  
 this in the Hospital an unusually large  
 proportion in this Regiment, which has remained  
 was perfectly free, for a long time, from this very  
 venereal disease. There is one case of Symp-  
 tatic bubo and one case of simple ulcer indu-  
 ting one being of the 9<sup>th</sup>. There is a case of erysi-  
 pelas of the fore-arm & hand with considerable  
 swelling, but not much heat or redness. Purgings  
 & Goulard. A curious case of violent Dysma-  
 occurred in a boy (Hutchins) eleven years old. He was at  
 most suppurated. Was thro from the arm & with leeches to  
 the throat. Colonel J. M. G. was well next day.

Ben dalk Barracks Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 1828  
 This is a rainy day. The weather during the week  
 has been cold and stormy altho there have been  
 two or three fine days. Vegetation has been  
 checked, and the spring is not apparently  
 farther advanced than it was in the beginning  
 of the month. Wind for the most part from  
 the East.

Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 21<sup>st</sup> 40

Lowest 8 P.M. 17-42

Range 23

Mean 45

There are in Hospital 12 Men - 10 of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
 one 8<sup>th</sup> one 9<sup>th</sup>. There have been two cases of  
 Lumbago, one cured by bleeding, sweating, &  
 Rubefacients the other is under cure. There are  
 six cases of Venereal, three of these with bubo.  
 There are three cases of Colic. —  
 Diarrhoea has been common amongst the  
 officers, the water is blamed whither justly I  
 do not pretend to say. There have not been  
 any bowel complaints complained of amongst  
 the soldiers. Women & children healthy.  
 Sowing has commenced in this neighbourhood

Bundaberg Barracks Sunday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1828  
For some days the weather has been dry and fine  
wind from N.W. and North. Vegetation is again  
advancing, the fields have become green, the early  
trees are in bud, the birds are singing, and the  
crows are building their airy mansions.

Highest temperature during the week 8 A.M. 26° 52  
Lowest 8 P.M. 24 44  
Range 8  
Mean 48

There are in Hospital to day 9 men, seven of the reg<sup>t</sup>  
one of the 86<sup>th</sup> one of the 91<sup>st</sup> the latter with a wound  
on his head received last night on Guard. —  
There is no man in Hospital with any complaint  
of consequence excepting Mr. Greeng and Sullivan  
of the 86<sup>th</sup>. The former, I fear, will not recover, the cough  
continues, and he has night sweats. He is taking  
I. Digitalis. — Sullivan has lost the sight of  
one eye, the other is much injured. — The cases of  
men are getting well, and no fresh ones are coming  
in. Women and children healthy. — The Cavalry  
reliefs have begun, and it is expected that this  
Reg<sup>t</sup> will be relieved in the course of a month by  
the 17<sup>th</sup> Lancers —

Bundaberg Barracks Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> 1828  
Nearly the whole of the week just finished was dry  
and pleasant, but cool with wind from North  
and North West. — Vegetation has made consider-  
able progress. The wheat and grass fields are of  
bright green colour, the Trees are putting forth  
their buds, the birds building their nests accom-  
panying their operations with their usual  
songs, even the dingy cock puts forth his musi-  
cal caw.  
Highest temperature during the week 2 P.M. 22° 22  
Lowest 8 P.M. 20 44

Range 8  
Mean 48

There are in Hospital to day 11 men, 9 of the 86<sup>th</sup>  
one of the 86<sup>th</sup> one of the 91<sup>st</sup> Mr. Soamey is not  
better is weaker sweats much at night Coughs  
much in the morning. Expectoration but little.  
Pulse 78 full strong. His case is attended  
with danger, his pulse is good, and on this  
a favourable prognosis may be formed. —  
I have not made up my mind as to taking  
him with the Regiment which marches on  
Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> for Newbridge. A Troop marches  
thence on Friday. The whole Reg<sup>t</sup> will march  
that on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Most of the  
other cases in Hospital are slight Sullivan  
will be sent over to Kerry —

We are not worst at once - the course of evil  
Begins so slowly, and from such slight sources,  
An infant's hand might stem its breach with clay;  
But let the stream get deeper, and a philosophy -  
Ay, and religion too, - shall strive in vain  
To turn the headlong torrent.

Old Play

Verses by Col. Montgomery composed for the Anniversary  
of Robert Burns's Birthday celebrated at Suffolk 1820.

What Bird in beauty, flight, or song  
Can with the bard compare -  
Who sang as sweet and soars as strong  
As even the Child of Air?  
His plume, his note, his form, could Burns  
For whom or pleasure change;  
He was not one, but all by turns,  
With transmutation strange -  
The Blackbird's pride of Spring,  
When flower'd his moral lay,

The swallow wheeling on the wing  
Capriciously at play -  
The humming bird from Bloom to Stamen  
Inhaling heavenly Gales;  
The Raven in the tempest gloom,  
The Lark in the calm.  
In "Auld Kirk alloway" the Owl  
At 'witching-time of Night,  
By "Bonnie Doon" the earliest fowl  
That caroles to the light:  
He sees the wren amidst the Grass,  
When in his homely den;  
At "Blannockburn" the bird of Love  
With thunder in his train:  
The Woodcock in his mouldy house,  
The Goldfinch in his Smith,  
The Thrush a spend-thrift of his power's  
Enrapt'ring heaven and earth;  
The Swan in Incestry and grace  
Contemplative and still,  
But could - No falcon in the chase  
Could like his satire kill  
The Linnet in simplicity,  
In turdness the Dove,

But more than all beside was he  
The Righter-gale in love!  
Oh! had he next stoop'd to shame  
Nor lent a charm to vice;  
How had devotion led to name  
That Birds of Paradise  
Place to the dead! in Sotias chain  
Of Ministers great and small  
He springs from his frontals and feet  
The Phans of them all! —

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Pulse 140 early infancy  
— 100 two years  
— 80 Puberty  
— 70 Perity  
— 60 after sixty

