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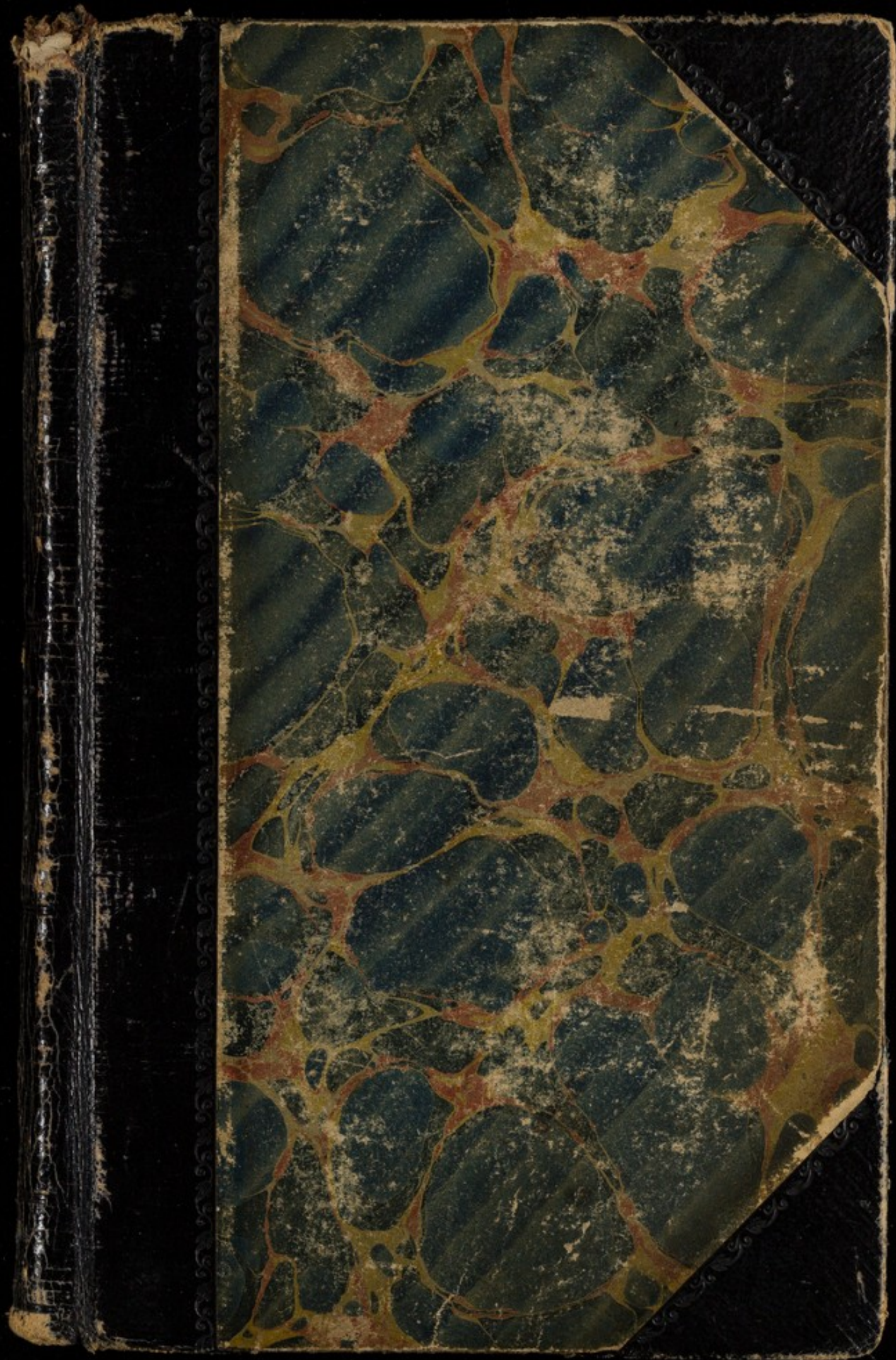
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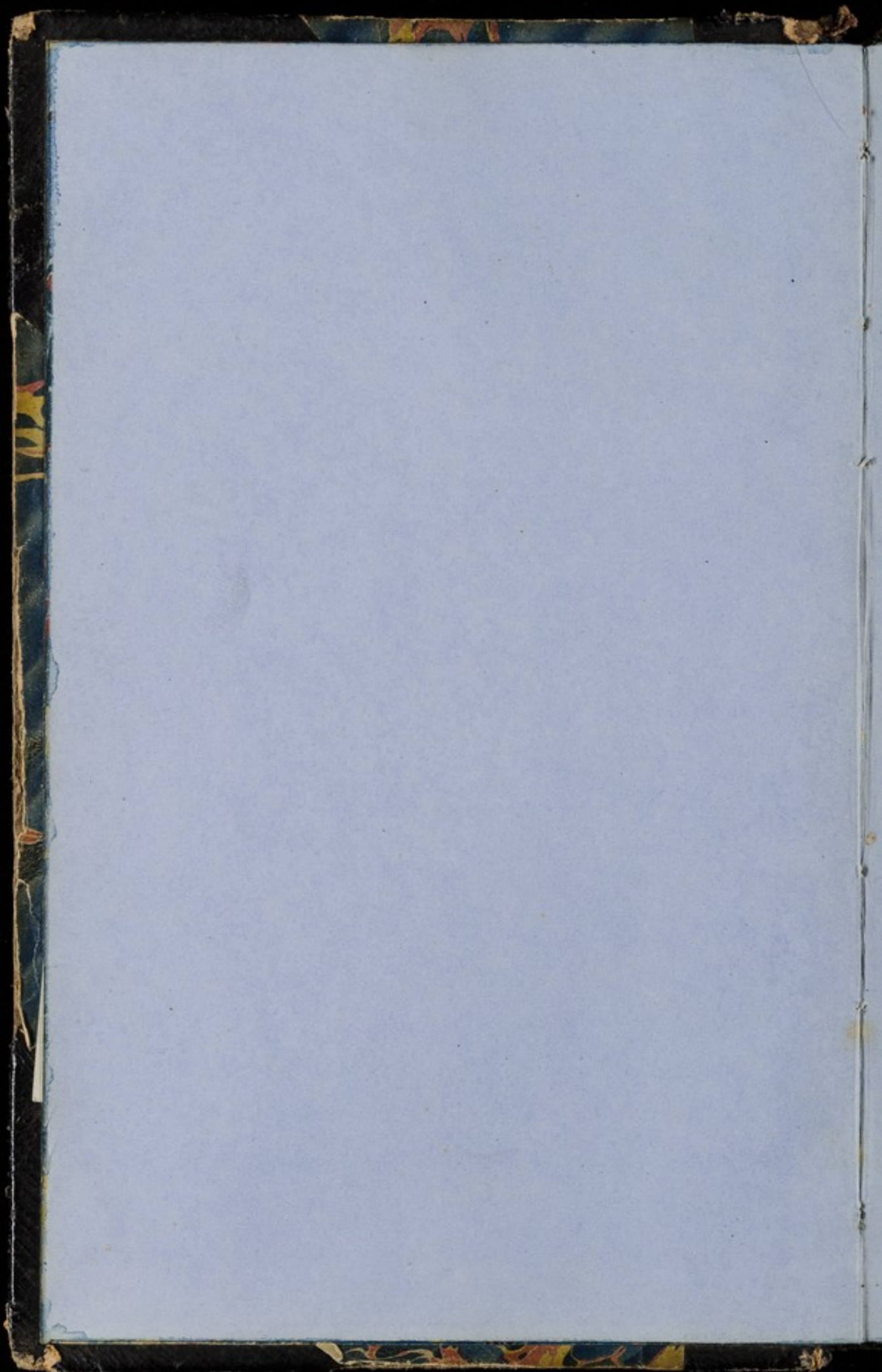
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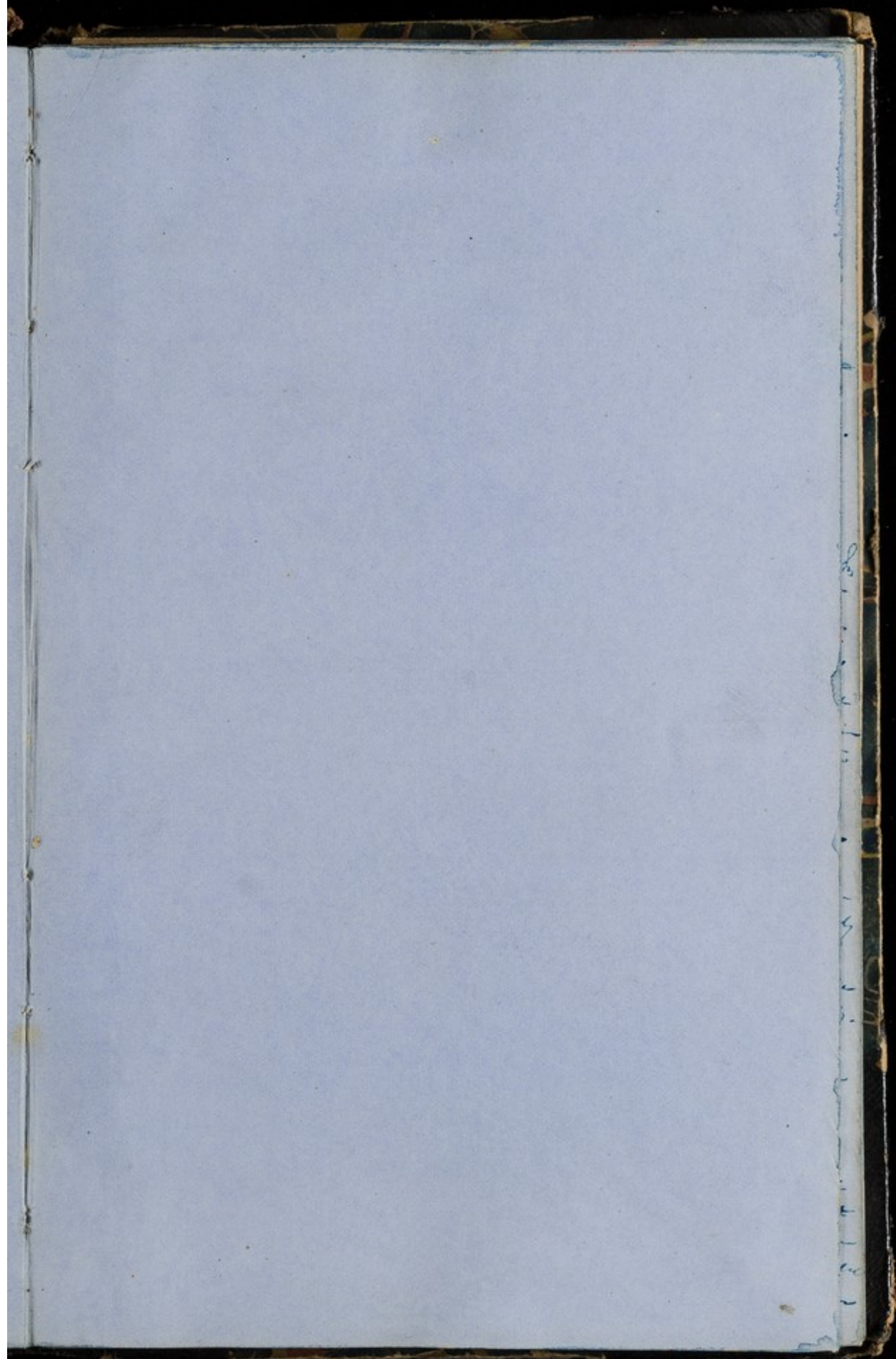


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1854

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.  
WAR-OFFICE, OCT. 27.

3rd Light Dragoons: T. Hall to be Cornet.  
11th: E. C. Cockburn to be Cornet.  
1st Foot Guards: Lieut. and Capt. and Brevet-Major C. L. B. Maitland to be Captain and Lieutenant-Colonel; Ensign and Lieut. the Hon. A. J. G. Ponsonby to be Lieutenant and Captain; Ensign C. Gascoigne to be Ensign and Lieutenant.  
19th Foot: W. G. D. Massey to be Ensign.  
22nd: Capt. F. P. Harding to be Major; Lieut. T. Young to be Captain; Ensign R. Ellis to be Lieutenant; H. G. L. Campbell to be Ensign.  
23rd: Ensign W. Owen to be Ensign.  
28th: E. Kempson to be Ensign.  
28th: Ensign J. Holford to be Lieutenant; C. E. B. Lennard to be Ensign.  
33rd: Ensigns C. M. B. Siree, J. J. Greenwood, J. R. Carr, to be Lieutenants; H. Donovan, J. D. Johnstone, to be Ensigns.  
46th: Lieut. H. W. Sibley to be Paymaster.  
54th: E. St. J. Griffiths to be Ensign.  
61st: Ensign H. G. A. Vicars to be Lieutenant; R. L. G. McGrigor to be Ensign.  
70th: Capt. F. D. Middleton to be Captain.  
71st: Paymaster J. Cartmail to be Paymaster.  
77th: T. P. Harvey to be Ensign.  
88th: Lieut. N. Stevens to be Captain; Ensign H. H. Day to be Lieutenant; E. Hopton to be Ensign.  
95th: Assist. Staff Surg. W. Brown to be Surgeon.  
96th: Capt. A. H. C. Snow to be Captain.  
HOSPITAL STAFF.—Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals A. Cumming to be Inspector-General of Hospitals; Surg. A. Gordon, M.D., to be Staff Surgeon of the First Class; Acting-Assist.-Surg. M. J. Griffin to be Assistant Surgeon to the Forces. H. H. Woolhouse, D. Greig, M.D.; J. Johnston, M.D.; A. Struthers, M.D.; C. R. Nelson, A. J. Mackay, M.D.; A. E. T. Longhurst, A. P. M. Corbett, M.D., to be Acting-Assistant Surgeons.  
MEMORANDUM.—The removal of Lieut. J. H. H. Gammell to the 27th Foot has been cancelled.

1856

January 18<sup>th</sup>

HOSPITAL STAFF.

Surgeon John Ramsay Brush, M.D., from the 2d Dragoons, to be Staff-Surgeon of the Second Class, vice Llewelyn, who exchanges.  
Acting Assistant-Surgeon David Greig, M.D., to be Assistant-Surgeon.

1856

November 21<sup>st</sup>

Hospital Staff—Surgeon James Edward Scott, M.B., from the 41st Foot, to be Staff-Surgeon of the Second Class, vice Leitch, who exchanges. Assistant-Surgeon Francis Holton, M.B., from the 2d Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Rose, who exchanges. Assistant-Surgeon Ralph Robert Scott, from the 46th Foot, to be Assistant-Surgeon to the Forces, vice Meane, who exchanges. Assistant Staff-Surgeon David Greig, M.D., has been permitted to resign his commission.



# Journal Notes for 1855

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Agreed to join the Army  
& go to Turkey - spent the evening at home -  
16<sup>th</sup> Left for Colins in the morning & off to London  
in the evening - Left London 12.30 PM & arrived  
at Biller in the 12<sup>th</sup> train at 10.15 on the 17<sup>th</sup> -  
& arrived in Turkey on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1854.

1<sup>st</sup> January 1854 - Brought in the Army  
sitting with Dr. Mason, drinking whiskey &  
happening to all these friends at home -  
In quarters 12.30 A. Corridor. Sentoni Barracks  
Dr. Struthers is ill beside me with fever - wrote  
from the Dr. John Struthers & also sent letters off  
for R. Dr. J. & one (3) for home - Nothing  
peculiar about hospital life to-day - went there  
work as usual & was very tired 1 P.M. - Had  
a long stroll in Sentoni Cemetery with Dr. Mason  
& visited the military burying grounds on the  
Chapel of St. Mary's. Soldiers buried in large  
pits, about a dozen in each - no coffins the  
firing over them there - Had a long talk  
with Dr. Dr. Leam 4.2 - whose resignation  
has been refused - Took tea with Taylor -  
Home my Confound & ordering some more of brandy  
as necessary - All seem happy - Dr. Struthers  
not so well towards evening - Had a large  
turkey for dinner to-day & finished it early.  
Had to sit up the most part of the night with  
Struthers who was very delirious, cut all his hair  
out - got to bed about 4 -

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan. Struthers is very much better to-day but better -  
Mrs. Selby, Johnston & Calder are all ill - I did  
not leave the hospital all day - A foot came in  
to-day but much to my annoyance I got no letters but  
a newspaper - Read in the afternoon but refused to join  
other regiments in the Crimea, the most of them however  
rather not. Had a smoke & glass of grog with Mr. Dr. Dr.  
Selby & Co. & trilled into bed about 12.15 P.M.



3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> January

3<sup>rd</sup> January. Was orderly officer to-day, got a letter up from Crinkahanda, had not stayed in the orderly room - about 80 sick landed to-day, was kept busy till night & then retired to the sick room to pass the night along with Mr. Leane - Was just in bed when Tom brought me three letters from J. R. B. & Home, all very good, I lit my pipe & enjoyed them in bed. Struther has been much the same to-day, still very ill & low.

4<sup>th</sup> Had an amputation of an to-day in my hands I would do it but Dr. Delmeid got objected & performed it in the manual style himself - I have now been two months to-day - Received notice I was to go to Cullin to-morrow to take charge of Russian wounded prisoners, should have been very glad had Struther not been so ill - he is still much in same state & very weak, set of late making out monthly report & writing to Dr. Struther - visited Harry Williams & the evening.

5<sup>th</sup> Got up in the morning & prepared to be off, felt rather disgusted at being knocked about so much still not going to leave Scotland - Had a great deal of trouble about my commission tickets & made nothing of the affair all - got a courier from the Commandant taking some of my baggage with me got on board - It was a surprising feat of strength & to-day it is my companion & cold, snow driving hard - The in the morning I have seen snow - The Courier has appeared in dark over me but still I felt cold, arrived about 3 1/2 P.M. at Coolin & found a snugger quarters than I have anticipated - Dr. O'Connor 2<sup>nd</sup> class staff P.M. 0 - Dr. Temple & I are the only English medical men also there is a French doctor Dr. Althart who is a strange old com who talks of nothing but his cat & dog - Dr. Temple & I sleep in an old room overlooking the Barracks - Dr. O'Connor & Mr. Gerdunovs (Commissary Officer) drink & talk good altogether in our room & at night the Commandant (Lieut. Breckon 1<sup>st</sup> Royal) & the Turkish Commandant come all up & smoke together at night, we have also the Turkish Band playing all sorts of music and singing some drinking songs.



6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1918

I managed to get a few nights out to-night & resolve to get off with my blankets from Scentin the first time I get back there - Sedall (A.S. 33<sup>rd</sup>) is with me to-night but is going off tomorrow -

6<sup>th</sup> - Slept pretty well & was surprised in the morning by Peatro (Dr. B. Comair's servant) bringing coffee to me in my bed. I drank it with great pleasure & got up. It is very cold & snowing occasionally. I was going to begin my work but as General thought I resolved to go to Scentin to see how Struthers was & also get all my things up. I went down in a car with Mr. Peatro & found Struthers very little better. John is better & so is Mr. Lee. I got all my things packed up & about 3 o'clock went to get a change but none could I get. It was snowing & none would go. I had a soldier with me & I must get him up also. So I had to pay 6/- before I could get one. It was very rough snow & blizzard - cold - got up in a few minutes for dinner. During the evening was engaged among my or bundles of papers for the Illustrated News etc. I have got from my night's work for the use of the soldiers & prisoners. I had a long talk with Temple also visited my patients for the first time & took into bed about 10. I think I will like this very well -

7<sup>th</sup> Day very fine forming a strong contrast with the previous three days. All the snow has disappeared - was much fun in my comfortable sleep (as I have fringed a new nice blanket & put at Scentin) & Peatro and coffee - got up & had breakfast. Visited my patients whom I found to number 77 Russian prisoners & 5 sick English soldiers. Also the Russian major who had created such a row & was accused of stabbing the wounded at Inkermann. Work very slight - got on at 12 o'clock. The Chaplain (Mr. Hudson) came up from Scentin & read prayers. The first church service I have attended since I left London England. - Am lunch with Dr. Schindler who was here visiting.



7<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> June

After prayers Dr Temple & I went out to visit some patients  
in the village - Dr Temple speaks Greek & we got on very  
well - In the first house we went to - an old fellow  
with jaundice & something of that sort - there were two very  
pretty girls - this is the first Greek house I have been  
into - We saw one patient & bled him a while I began  
ordering the girls & said one more any like an English girl  
the girls are evidently of different but the old folks looked  
pale so I thought I had best leave off - They brought  
in a tray containing a lot of jelly, two spoons & two tins  
of water & presented it to me - I laughed & did not  
know what to do but they soon showed me, I took a  
cup of the jelly & then a drink of the water & all did the  
same, they then boiled coffee & gave me Dr Temple & I a  
cup each & after laughing & talking for a while we  
left - About 4.30 we were leaving a little girl took us  
a bit out of the village to see a woman who was sick  
after that we visited an old man at all getting  
the usual cup of jelly - The Greek girls were  
to-day very pretty indeed, fine dresses - more especially  
in the head beautiful rosy shades &c - all seemed  
very much pleased with me & we with them - Came  
home about 4 - had dinner - saw my patients - a  
youngster about an orderie striking a Russian - found  
one of my orderlies drunk & sent him to the guards  
house - During dinner the Turkish band were  
playing & Goldens - both came the Queen - I went  
down to the pier &c - Had a visit from Brecken,  
the Turkish Commandant - Dr. Alibek - had a  
smoke - & off to bed - So much for Sunday -  
8<sup>th</sup> - Beautiful warm day - Got up about 6 & had a  
walk on the banks of the Bosporus before breakfast -  
saw that my patients found all well - then died - after  
visit Dr. O'Connor amputated a Russian's arm  
below (4 inches) the shoulder - he wished it to be done  
& kissed our hands after it had been done -  
Had a stroll in the village with Mr. Brown who  
was treated in a coffee-shop by some Greeks where  
music was going on (a lounge & small fiddle) also  
visited a coffee shop & had a smoke & coffee -  
Brecken, Brecken & Temple out at dinner (I  
bath in my jacket) amused myself in the evening



9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Jan'y

with Dr. Alibert teaching me Russian - wrote  
part of a letter home to Mother - Postmaster  
examination of Major Alexander Angelicopulo  
for one for immobility the wounded English  
soldiers but the battle of Balaklava kept  
his shoulder as a memento (of such a battle)  
Had a smoke with Braden, Pample & 61 Connor  
& then thinking my stores for being here - I  
went off to bed - Got a servant to-day a  
young fellow who can only talk Greek, however  
his name is Johnny & I suppose I will get on  
very well with him with Petro's assistance -

9<sup>th</sup> - Got up at 8 this morning & dressed then  
nursing & an amputated arm before breakfast  
- fast - went this visit as usual to the house  
a stroll with Pample in the village - The Russian  
Major was buried to-day with no honors -  
Great talk of landing sick English here tomorrow  
Had a small party at Braden's in the evening  
at which the Bey was present & also a young  
Turkish Major just come from Sebastopol -  
all very happy - No word how Struthers is -

10<sup>th</sup> - As we were at breakfast this morning a  
large steamer came along side the harbor  
with sick from the Crimea - The steamer was  
the Armenian (Command Line) a splendid vessel  
This was not the steamer we expected & of  
course could not land the sick until we  
have got orders from Constantinople - I went on  
horse & saw the Dr. of the Ship (Damon) & also  
was on the ship - The Capt. D. & I went over  
the hills shooting I acting as guide, the Dr.  
shot two quails & a dog - came down the  
water in a cork - 218 sick landed in  
the afternoon & all visited at night - one however  
now too much to do but one expect more and  
soon - Had a long talk with Braden in the  
evening & sat drinking grog & smoking till  
11 P.M. & then off to bed -



10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> + 13<sup>th</sup> Camp

10<sup>th</sup> Cont<sup>d</sup> Beside the Surber with whom I have  
nothing to do the state of the hospital is this

Pick (English)	268	
13 Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 1877		
Men	179	detaachment
Russian Indians	221	
Officer - Com <sup>d</sup>	1	
Commissariat off.	1	
Medical officers	4	
Total	674	

(very fine warm day)

11<sup>th</sup> Was employed until late looking after my father,  
about 2.60 clock was informed that my father & I  
again into the Sultan's quarters, here - it is  
an splendid place, but cold & there is no use  
dwelling of sleeping in marble halls for in reality  
we do it. Dr. Grant & Satter arrived to-day  
to assist in both finishing of colds, our head aches  
& a visit from the old Turkish Commandant so near

12<sup>th</sup> after breakfast changed into our new splendid  
quarters - it is snowing heavily & very cold. Remained  
afternoon it cleared up & I went with Capt. Brecken  
across the hills shooting but found nothing - it is  
very cold indeed & not what you would expect  
here at all.

13<sup>th</sup> Got up early & went thro' the most of my father  
before breakfast, got finished & 11<sup>th</sup> to the next  
to see Dr. Grant at Sauton - rather long walk  
found him improving slowly but with a large  
abscess on the left side of his head - Jackson  
is well - Johnston ill still - bought a cat  
from Irwin - got some newspapers from Miss  
Mightenale who is visiting also - left Sauton  
about 4<sup>th</sup> it was dark before I got home &  
anything but pleasant passing thro' the grebe area;  
however I got home in safety & in time for  
dinner - Dr. G. Coman's promotion heard  
of to-day - Nothing new going on - Snow  
on the grounds & very cold -



14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July

14<sup>th</sup> Got thro' my work as usual to-day & was  
commencing myself afterwards when the an artist  
= went off with some men on horseback & men in the  
Barracks before me to see, when he put the  
was another objection - Dr. b' Comm has  
gone to Scotland, our house no beds & no  
nothing for them, we got them put up the  
floor the first way we could, in thin beds  
to give them medicine & bring some -  
Dr. b' Comm wrote to Scotland in the evening  
in case we should get another 100 to-  
morrow - As dit 3000 sick are coming  
down - Very cold weather -

15<sup>th</sup> Has been snowing all day &  
is very cold - Major Campbell down  
from Scotland picking up a row as it  
appears we have plenty bedding - working  
away as usual - Had a great in Br's  
quarters at night - Dr. Selly & some come  
upstairs arrived to-day - Will say  
that the Sultan's quarters are splendid  
but very cold indeed - Borden declin-  
his room would make "a d-d good  
ice house" - As dit, the Russians are  
to be removed tomorrow to Constantinople  
& English sick take their place.

16<sup>th</sup> Very bad day very cold & snowing still -  
Went round my patients as usual  
very little of consequence doing still  
plenty to do - In my room I discovered the  
water had walked off with Major's  
shoulder - Had a smoke & coffee  
in a coffee shop close by with Brennan & Selly -  
Swam exercise as usual for an hour -  
Went in the evening with Brennan - The Boy  
did lot more -



17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y

17<sup>th</sup> Yesterday Dr. Brown took me to see a case of ankylosis of the knee joint. I recommended amputation at the ankylosed joint (a low ligament) but he did not like the idea. I took him to the dead-house & showed him what he should do he looked & said "Very pretty, I can't do it," & if it must be done you must do it" just the thing I wanted. The other three spoke strongly against the operation & would not advise it. I was glad that at London & one at Aberdeen however I was determined & today I performed it at 2 1/2 o'clock. all assisted me. The operation was very fair, but considerably difficult in taking up the contents. After the operation all praise me & evidently thought more of me than they had ever done before. Nothing very new to-day. Snow deep on the ground & hand frost. Second Struthy having not been so well to-day. A private Capt. Brecken the master of his vessel the Raps out the Cold. Both agreed we could make first-rate bill-stickers if the enemy should be exterminated - off to bed about 10 -

18<sup>th</sup> Was awakened this morning by James (alias) John Jones, better known by his name as all we had promised before to get see the ceremony of baptizing the Bosphorus. it was awfully cold but Brecken & I got up, washed ourselves, & we were soon helped by Mr. Seely we started off & reached the place about 1/2 past 7 - It had been raining first all night & still continued. When we reached the quay the sailing was lying there & we got on board & also some Scotch ladies whom we accommodated with seats, they were regular stammers; about 1/4 to 8 the Bay was



Preceded by some soldiers & followed by hunting dogs  
priests & a mob - the priests (3) came forward  
& after a short prayer read a proclamation  
& then a good sized crook which looked like  
silver was thrown into the water about 10  
yards from the shore. Immediately 3 young  
fellows, who were striped & ready springing into the  
water & diving for the crook, it was got  
by the one nearest me, who immediately after  
thrusting into his boat & all taking the  
crook with great eagerness & they passed  
it up the bank - The procession they withdrew  
we wanted to follow them to the church but  
the old Bey dragged us into a Turkish  
grand house, introduced us to a general, we  
had pipes & coffee & then returned home with  
the old fellows - The morning was beautiful  
& the rising sun shining on the minarets of  
Constantinople was a sight worth seeing -  
One returning home about 9 o'clock the next  
day - Got this my work as usual -  
At home had a stroll in the village, visited  
the coffee shop & a Greek church while  
service was going on, a green church  
full of images, crosses & candles etc -  
Spent evening as usual -  
19th June informed that Lady Stratford de  
Rudcliffe was to visit the Patriarchal  
chapel & as I was under orders I was in full  
uniform awaiting for her - My old servant  
Tom Carey just brought from the day to Paris  
as Stratford was dying - I got a horse from  
the Bey & went in as fast as I could. I  
found him very sensible & courteous. He last  
words he had said were "old Carey can  
get" I asked him if he would take care  
he could say more "No" - We continued in



much the same state for some hours & then gradually got weaker, about 1 P.M. 20<sup>th</sup> I died - I lay down on a bed & after lying some time I thought he was breathless & cold - Indeed Mr. Leamon went to him after he could not swallow - About 20 minutes to 3 P.M. I thought some attention in his breathing. I sprang up & caught him in my arms - Wasen & Mr. Leamon coming to his bedside & after a short struggle he fell back on my arms & my greatest dread in the operation of the globe was done (1/2 to 3 P.M. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 1855) Wasen & I then burned his letters & after that retired to bed in Mr. Leamon's room - By 7 1/2 A.M. I was up & off to Coolah of 8 - and in time for breakfast went this my work as usual & nothing of my consequence occurred -

21<sup>st</sup> At breakfast this morning Selley's letter came to see him, he was coming to the Simon & Faber Ass<sup>t</sup>. Ingers was with him & I was happy to recognize him as an old friend of my own - I went at 12 O'clock in their sleigh to Kalattaw & thence to Lenton - I then attended Struthers' funeral, Dr. Taylor, Wasen, Price, Hodgson, Jones, Ingersoll & Crickshank & Mr. Leamon attended the funeral, it was a painful duty - Afterward Wasen & I attempted to pack up his things - I staid with Taylor & Wasen during the night & sent to Dr. John Struthers, Dr. Simpson, Ingers & others concerning his death -

22<sup>nd</sup> Off to Coolah of 8 P.M. by Kangaroo went the work as usual -



23<sup>rd</sup> We had previous notice that 150 Irish  
men to be landed here to-day but no Irish  
came - went this morn as usual & in  
the afternoon went up the hill with  
Lilly, practicing pistol shooting. In the  
evening had a visit from the King in Brads  
quarters - my was complaining of cough &  
I made him a present of a "hose" pipe  
off to bed 10 1/2 P.M. - Day mild &  
all the snow nearly disappeared - received  
a letter from Mother & 3 newspapers -

24<sup>th</sup> Got up in the morning & dissected the skull  
out of a man who had been wounded at  
ball, entered on front of left mastoid process  
& escaped the upper jaw on right side - kept the  
skull - 113 men disembarked to-day from the  
Barrington under charge of G. Winkley (2<sup>nd</sup> Clk)  
Breadan, J. & C. Comm. I went on home &  
had a first rate lunch which was a great  
treat. Saw a note front of a letter to A. R. L.  
Many more to-day -

25<sup>th</sup> Went this morn the patient had breakfast  
& finished them all before 12 o'clock - shipped  
them off to Constantinople to dine on board the  
Lincoln - went in carriage & landed at Calcutta  
about 1 P.M. Visited Mr. Wood but have not time  
to visit Miss Walcher - Dr. Miller was my guide  
to see my men had a very nice dinner & then  
went to the opera with Dr. Fisher - saw all the  
various performances, very good, especially the  
comedy - found some frogs & then walked down  
to the ship got on board about 12 o'clock  
& then went to bed in a hammock - & slept  
very well - Day very good -



26<sup>th</sup> - Got up about 7 1/2 h. m., have a good breakfast  
& starting with my kind Persian friends, we  
got into a coach & arrived in safety at Coolahan  
about 11 - But this visit & the house a wonder  
on the hill - Lilly left to-day & J. Hamilton  
came two days ago - Have a talk as usual  
with Brandon at the rest & off to bed very soon  
Day very fine & warm -

27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 162 sick landed to-day from the  
vining men, most very bad cases - 100 of  
the Russians sent on board & taken to the  
Arsenal at Constantinople - 1/4 more &  
more under the charge of Miss Stowley  
again to-day as well as old R. C. Priest  
& Lady Stratford de Radcliffe visited the Hospital  
who was accompanied by her three daughters  
& also some officers. She has a splendid  
Carriage pulled by 10 oars, in the evening we  
were busy visiting the new patients - Day good.

28<sup>th</sup> Visiting the patients until 2 P. M. after  
which at 4 P. M. Salter, Greenwood & I  
went to the Sultan's new Palace, it  
is certainly the most splendid place  
I ever saw - we got back about 4 -  
Wrote to Major Gambick & finished my letter  
to J. H. L. in Persian & a letter from Dr  
Pier giving me an account of his manager's  
part - very pleasant to hear of such -

Day good but rather cold -

29<sup>th</sup> Went thro' work as usual, very wet day -  
did not go out but staid in house all day -  
in afternoon began a letter to my father -



30<sup>th</sup> Day very good, but roads very dirty -  
went this visit as usual + in afternoon  
went to the village & rather fast it  
for a walk with Greenwood, had  
the honour of a bump from the wind,  
on a hand, which of course was  
stomach - After dinner was surprised  
by Watson arriving + also other three  
Dr. Dungeone - Watson is well  
We had a numerous meeting at  
night + after the ordinary group of  
gray - Watson + I went to Breckon  
quarters + had another - off to  
bed about 11 1/4 P.M. -

31<sup>st</sup> Rose as usual, at 8 - 14 at bed  
= fast - went this visit by 12 1/2 -  
Received a visit from Johnston +  
Miles on horseback - had lunch  
+ then went over the hills + visited  
the works of sweet waters - Johnston is  
determined to go home as soon as he can -  
One of the newcomers go up to the upper hospital  
along with Dr. Hamilton while Watson remains  
here - visited the new hospital in the evening -  
20 Feb. The Komagoro + another vessel with sick  
due today the latter boarded the canoe to  
stay - all sent to upper hospital - Was sur-  
prised to meet Dr. Attridge my old fellow  
student who is surgeon & had the Komagoro  
on shore on the shore but as I was only  
I could not go - I am to get a patient from him tomorrow  
who has received a stab in his thigh - in the evening  
I went with Temple + Brennan to see the girl  
who had joined herself, thank for an hour or  
there + nearly got into a row, now had rooms  
with the Komagoro + were not afraid -  
Day + night very quiet







5<sup>th</sup> Dr. Linn (3<sup>rd</sup> Class Staff) has now the care of  
this place - & has begun to visit on Rapping  
ditch rolls &c - Dr. J. Comm went to Peru today  
& returned in the afternoon - Went thro' work all  
morn - Took a short walk in the shore with Dr.  
Watson & when I came up to my quarters I  
was surprised to find Dr. Erickson enquiring  
after me - was very glad to meet, but had  
been to the Crimen & felt down sick, does  
not look at all well - I told him to get  
sent up here & I would go to the Crimen  
for him - would not stay all night but  
I found the bones soon back up - By good

6<sup>th</sup> "The Andes" came along side here this morning &  
banded sick during the day - Chief, diamond & first-  
lite with some fever - Dr. Dr. Krizan came up  
from Sentani & I went up the hills with him to  
I was here also but is now better - Mason is  
still ill with fever - Received a newspaper  
from J. Rogers & a letter from John Stuck who  
does not know that his brother is dead - I  
also received a letter from Mrs. Cox asking me  
to look after a bale of old linen from England  
In the evening adjourned to Brading Room & had  
whisky punch, rather a party here - Ground  
& I have colds just now but not bad -  
By my good & weather warm -

7<sup>th</sup> Got a dozen to assist me with the muffs &  
was relieved of a good many of my patients by the  
arrival of our assistant surgeon - I am still my  
100 English & the muffs who were much - 103.  
At home as I got this my work I met an  
Esquimaux here to Sentani to see Mason -  
he is fearfully pulled down & evidently very ill  
has a blister on the back of his neck, as found  
at Mr. Brackbridge about the Bale of old linen  
from England but could not see it - was  
very glad to see me & told me to write to him



mother should be die & also to erect a stone on his -  
Love Jellum - half a flegant side bones, rather  
dark, however - now in time for dinner - The  
mef has made an appointment in 2 drs Brandy  
for the Australian transport which were landing  
rich here to-day - Brandy my good & was  
enjoying it when I have called to a care of nearly  
himself eyes, stopped however before I got to him -

Off to bed at 11 - Day my good - then in afternoon -  
8<sup>th</sup> The 1<sup>st</sup> Clasp boy from the Kanyaroo died  
this morning - Went this week as usual

about 11 John came from Penton & told  
me Watson died in the morning - Love Jellum  
went over the hills in the afternoon with  
D. & C. Cymon & Watson got some cabbages  
& got home in time for dinner in a carriage  
resolved to go to Penton in the tomorrow but  
Watson's funeral - Greenwood going to Pen  
tomorrow asked him to get my pay for me  
but have no expectation of getting it -

9<sup>th</sup> Got up early this morning, went this my patient  
as usual, got finished of Jellum & then off to  
Penton at Greenwood's house - Saw Dr. Mrs.  
Bryon from whom I got Watson's ring & Sturth's  
envelope - Saw Crickish and his wife - Lyons's  
of Stratton (badly) - Attended Watson's funeral  
& got him buried close by Sturth's - rode home  
in the evening & to my surprise found Greenwood  
had got £31.11.8 being my pay & servants allowance  
plus 31<sup>st</sup> - I am a 1855 - high time too  
for I was reduced to 30/- - An order came  
out to-night for me to attend one ward at  
9 A.M. - in future - Day good, warm, cloudy

10<sup>th</sup> Got up at 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, breakfasted at 8 & off  
to wards at 9 - not finished breakfast so  
to put off my time I had a p.m. examination  
of the 1<sup>st</sup> Clasp boy - made in afternoon - but  
it came on to rain very heavily so I can't



11<sup>th</sup> Dr Marshall, 1<sup>st</sup> Chap Staff, died yesterday  
Sun & was buried to-day (Sunday) after extensive  
funerals - after funeral went up the river on motor  
boats, had a talk & came home to dinner  
nothing particular - Day very good -

12<sup>th</sup> Was to have taken off a phossion leg  
for secondary hemorrhage from chancing, but  
as our mind & my surgeon met Dr. Lawen  
who asking if Doc had seen it & a  
Dr. G. Conner brown in "No" he forbade us  
to do it - didn't come what state the  
patient was in "it was against rule"  
so after waiting until Dr. Rice came from  
Peru we agreed he would do it tomorrow.

13<sup>th</sup> Went to work as usual & Satter &  
Grant got a "wiggie" for staying beyond  
time allowed at Constantinople (regular pay  
at 2 p.m. Dr. Rice found amputation  
of the thigh & in another case (refuse)  
I have the pleasure of amputation of  
leg (thigh middle third) for the first time  
in my life - in the afternoon attended  
Dr. Alibut's funerals & heard Roman  
Catholic funeral service. He was buried  
very quietly beside 16 others - In the  
evening had a Confab in Breckin  
room with the Larsons & Bey - Day good

14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) afternoon worked to-day  
Lynnwood, Watson, Simpler & I went to the  
other side of the Bosphorus to the village of Muz  
- mortgaged in a caïque & from there walked  
up to an old fortification on the south bank  
of the Bosphorus. Scrambled thru it  
& after investigating in ruins, got home &  
my father home about 5 P.M. - it was  
a beautiful day & the ladies were  
all out walking about & it seemed



quite a holiday amongst them - all were  
highly gratified of the trip. - The day was  
warm as a summer day in England -  
15<sup>th</sup> After giving this work & receiving 120 sick  
from a hospital the Stewards. Watson & I  
had a stroll on the hill - very stormy -  
Dr. O'Callaghan noted into our ship -  
Dr. Lee has promised to allow us to  
perform all operations on our patients in  
future - wrote to Dr. Cox in the evening -  
16<sup>th</sup> Work as usual - Dr. dull - was  
to have operated on an ankle-joint but  
on the day was dull on Dr. O'Callaghan  
it!!! - wrote to Dr. Mrs. Scott & Dr. O'Callaghan  
& Dr. O'Callaghan - In the afternoon we had  
rather a new kind of amusement. The nurses  
set the Barracks on fire - & of course our hands  
were a row - after fully done a small fire which  
the cooking chimneys along, it was put out -  
The ladies of course lost their quarters & began  
gallantly to go up his room to them & they  
seemed highly gratified with the exchange.  
17<sup>th</sup> Orderly Officer the day - Stairs in house the whole  
time & in the afternoon wrote a long letter to  
my mother - I was to have operated on the  
professor's foot but Dr. O'Callaghan found it  
as Dr. O'Callaghan had gone to Port  
had a small go with the Lady's Major -  
about one of the nurses - Dr. O'Callaghan  
18<sup>th</sup> We are now as it were in the middle  
of summer it is so warm - made our  
usuals - Performed amputation at the  
ankle joint (a time long) the day with  
success - Lymph also had an operation -  
asked to go to Genoa with Dr. O'Callaghan  
& obtaining liberty jumped into ship  
& with O'Callaghan, Green and Simpson



started in a Calypso - walked up to the Park  
visited Miss Lyford & Miss Scott - both  
very nice & glad to see me - Dined at the  
Café de Champs - met there Mr. Kean & had  
a talk about Mr. Laid - got a very good  
dinner & then went to the opera which was  
"Le Bourgeois" very good but not so good  
as "Le Trouvère" slept at the Hotel  
de Paris - Day very fine

19<sup>th</sup> Got up at 6 1/2 A.M. & off with B. Comin  
to the Consul in a carriage in time for  
breakfast - all the Russians sent to  
Constantinople except 8 who are still  
under my charge & will perhaps require  
attention - Dr. Lanson gave me a visit  
today & found a great many little joints bent  
Good from 21<sup>st</sup> February -

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March 19<sup>th</sup> I have been 23 days in bed with fever  
& I believe very ill - I have not wrote home  
yet or to my own. Got up for the first time today  
to eat for about 1 1/2 hours before Mr. Vile who has  
been quite a mother to me during my illness in fact  
I believe she saved my life - I feel myself getting  
stronger & stronger every day - Hope to be able to go home  
soon.

20<sup>th</sup> Got up for a short time today &  
sat beside Mr. Vile - nothing particular -

21<sup>st</sup> Up the most of the day - wrote home  
to my father - this is the first letter I have  
made since I have been ill - sitting  
in Mr. Vile's room the most of the day  
when in bed I read Dickens' Old Currier  
shop & find the time the best way I  
can - Will try & get out for a short  
time tomorrow - Poor Graham died this morning  
at upper hospital -



22<sup>nd</sup> After breakfast got up about 10<sup>1/2</sup>. Went with Mr. Tice's room to Ant. Hill 12. Had some soup, bread & a glass of wine after which Temple came to take me out for a walk. We got into a carriage along with Greenwood & rode up the east bank of the Bosphorus nearly as far as Therapia and then crossed over to come down on the opposite side as far as Arnooty where we had coffee. While Greenwood went & made some purchases the day was most beautiful & I enjoyed the excursion very much. After returning I sat beside Mr. Tice until 8 P. On which feeling tired I retired to bed & slept well.

23<sup>rd</sup> After breakfast had a long talk with Dr. Tice, who recommends me to go to Therapia for a week or two, instead of going home while he says he will send me home if I wish - but I think I will go to Therapia. Got up about 9 A.M. Had a talk with Watson & then went into Mr. Tice's room where I remained till about 8 P.M. - was not out all day as it was very stormy - walked myself for the first time by myself thru the room - Have a strong appetite & feel as if I could eat anything.

24<sup>th</sup> Still getting stronger every day - intended to leave for the Therapia to-day but it came on to blow & I did not go - Staid in Mr. Tice's room until noon 6 P.M. when I went & visited the wife, enjoyed my visit very much & sat until after 8 talking of old things, with the assistance of Fowler I got home in safety & went immediately to bed & slept sound enough. Day very good but stormy.



25<sup>th</sup> Sorry Mr. Tico is ill to-day - Got up  
as usual & spent the forenoon in my  
own room - Dr. Cumming was inspecting  
the hospital to-day & had an inspection  
of me at the same time, agreed to  
give me a fortnight at Therapia  
& promised to send me to the Crimean  
as soon as I was able to go -  
was very kind & courteous to me.  
Got Greenwood's horse & went to see  
Watson who is sick, but not very bad.  
Came back in time for dinner which  
I did justice to - at 6 went to see the  
nurse & returned home at 8 & tried enough  
went to bed & slept sound till 10  
in the morning - Weather John Alex -

Day very hot just like a July day.

26<sup>th</sup> Got up this morning at 9, packed up  
all my things to leave with Dr. C. Conner  
& also some little things in a bag  
books &c. to take to Therapia. Had  
lunch with Dr. Tico & the Temple  
& I started for Therapia in an  
carriage, we had a very pleasant  
run up the Bosphorus, very warm.  
& arrived in safety at the Hotel de  
Anglitan where I put up. Had  
breakfast & Temple went to Kishinev again.  
I felt slightly fatigued & remained in the  
hotel all day - The hotel is good  
& clean - There is only one other gentleman  
staying here a Mr. Clark a B. C. C. from  
Sardinia, a very nice fellow - At 4  
we were joined by a Mr. Macintosh an Italian  
but who speaks English very well -  
Went to bed at 9 P.M. & slept  
sound. Day very warm



27<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Got up at 8 am. & had  
breakfast at 9. Felt very strong to-day  
boredom in stomach & set out for a walk  
I walked very well indeed & also made  
a good distance - went into a coffee  
shop to the water's edge & had a gift  
& lemonade - returned to the hotel at  
11 $\frac{1}{2}$  rather tired - had lunch & then took  
another walk - we had a large company to  
dinner to-day & I - & amongst the rest was  
Lora who had a long discussion with  
another gentleman about roughly 500 hours  
& 500 irregular cavalry - Lora told me  
her views were going to the Crimea - in a  
few days - went to bed at 10. Day warm.  
28<sup>th</sup> My blue ink is down so in future I must  
use black - Got up at the usual time  
& eat the usual breakfast - went  
out & had a walk as far as the  
Naval Hospital - went into a coffee shop  
& bought a chocolate. Wrote to Anne -  
in the afternoon Dr. G. Common, Saltwater  
came up to see me - took a walk  
with them & sent them off again - sent  
off letters to Dr. John Sturges & Anne - nothing  
particular in the evening - weather very fine.  
29<sup>th</sup> Lora left early this morning - after  
breakfast sat in house till noon & then  
took a pretty long walk in the direction of  
Butaria - did not feel very well, so I  
came home & remained in the house the  
rest of the day - wrote to Syms & told  
him about my operations - Only Capt.  
Campbell 98<sup>th</sup> & Mr. Randall at dinner  
with me to-day - set up till 11 P.M.  
Day good rather cold -



30<sup>th</sup> / Friday / Intended to leave for  
the Coolah to-day but as this is the  
Turkish Sunday the steamer did not  
run so I had to postpone my visit.  
Took a long walk to sea and Bpstein  
returning about 12, felt very tired - had  
a short nap & commenced myself  
reading "the Monastery" - bought a  
buncheon from Mr. Gordon - went  
out about 13 & had a walk in the  
village, then home on cold wind  
blowing so I returned to the Hotel  
resolved to write to somebody -  
got wrote to J. D. Irving - took a short  
stroll in the afternoon - nothing else  
particular -

31<sup>st</sup> / Went down in the steamer to  
Beber & from there passed on in  
a coracle to Coolah - found things  
much as I left them would not  
nearly so full - visited Watson who  
is still ill with continued fever or  
something like it - Mr. Pir is not  
well, she is not in bed but able  
to go about the room - all the rest  
very well - took lunch with Sulta  
& also lunch to 3 with Dr. B. Colligan  
about 4 accompanied by Dr. B. Connor  
& Sulta I crossed to Beber & got  
back with the steamer in safety -  
Dinner & evening as usual -

It has been well in the morning  
but towards afternoon became cold  
& began to blow -



April 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday) I am getting  
lazier in the mornings now. To-day I  
was on shore later than usual -  
I am strong now & can walk a good  
distance, after breakfast I walked  
to Britvic & back (nearly 4 miles)  
& in the afternoon I had a walk on the  
hills with an officer of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Thayer  
as stringer every day - It is very at-  
tending - a cold wind blowing from  
the Black Sea, no conigs. offtent  
this afternoon - amused myself reading  
"The old Curiosity Shop" -

2<sup>nd</sup> Nothing particular to-day - Had  
a walk on the hills in the afternoon  
with Capt. Wade 90<sup>th</sup> -

3<sup>rd</sup> Went down with the steamer to  
Constantinople & then crossed over  
to Scutari, saw Taylor & Culden  
who were very glad to see me -  
Met Dr. Cumming who was very civil  
Dr. Wishart & I started in a Dargah  
for Constantinople at 3 P.M. but  
the current was running very strong  
we were more than an hour in going  
across & I lost the boat, I went  
on board the Brandon & stayed  
all night - not at all displeased at  
losing the boat - Ludlum is dying -  
I must have gone home & taken  
something with him. Day  
fine but cold -

4<sup>th</sup> Got up this morning at 8<sup>1/2</sup> & after  
a good breakfast. Dr. Wishart &  
I had a horse up the golden horn  
as far as the jew village, the day



were fine & I enjoyed the sail very much.  
We then had a stroll thro' Stambul  
visited the tomb of Mahmoud, the  
mosque of St Sophia, the Seraglio,  
the Hippodrome &c. returned to the  
ship at 2 & soon after she got under  
weigh & steamed up the Bosphorus.  
The sail was very nice & pleasant & I  
boarded in a cabin at Therapia  
along with a sick sailor whom  
I took to the hospital. Saw  
Rev. Mr. McKenzie who kindly ordered  
me to leave the morning night. Felt  
very tired with my travels -

5<sup>th</sup> Nothing very particular on the day.  
Had a long walk on the hills  
behind Therapia in the morning.  
The country is looking beautiful  
the almond & cherry trees in full  
blossom, we lost ourselves but after  
tramping thro' a few vineyards  
we landed in a garden & easily  
got the road from there -

Had to start in the middle of  
my dinner to drink tea with Mr  
& Mrs. McKenzie (Mrs. M. is a daughter  
of Dr. Chalmers) enjoyed it  
very much & came home about 10  
Days very warm, except beside the  
water where it is cold -

6<sup>th</sup> To-day Capt. Wade & I started in  
a carriage for Amourine (a very small  
village) opposite Therapia & mounted  
on very high hills behind the village.  
The day was very hot & it was  
an easy work, after about 2 hours



ascrambling & climbing we reached  
the top & were very much surprised  
to find a mosque, a coffee-shop  
& two or three houses we entered the  
coffee-shop & had a Chibuk, coffee  
& a long conversation with an old  
Turk. The view from the top of this  
mountain is magnificent, you  
see far into the Black Sea & the  
whole course of the Bosphorus as far  
as Constantinople - The Bosphorus  
at the upper part is very strongly  
fortified & between the black sea  
& therefore we counted 18 batteries  
mounting from 6 to 18 large guns.  
When coming down from the hill we  
were much amused by the large  
number of islands of all colours  
chiefly beautiful bright green we  
also saw a few swans - We were  
much pleased with our excursion  
& returned about 3 6' clock - Met  
D. G. Calligan, Rev. Mr. Johnston &  
Dr. Bateson & had a short talk -  
Nothing particular in the evening -  
I am improving fast & will very  
soon be able for the Crimea.

7<sup>th</sup> Started by the 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> a.m. boat for  
Behes Thermen to Kuluken by Carique.  
Found all my friends well, Watson  
is fast improving & promised to  
come up beside me on Monday  
if possible, he showed me a letter  
from my mother & another from  
John Struthers - the former was full  
of anxiety about me & the latter  
concludes I am dead as a  
matter of course so much for C. S.



not much doing at Mulder only  
700 patients & plenty of medicine.  
Came home with the boat in the  
evening. But Dr. Constantine &  
went to his house with him, had  
a visit from him in the evening.  
I have wrote to Dr. Cumming  
asking another week's leave but  
I do not know if I will get  
it. Love very good.

8<sup>th</sup> Capt. M & I started the day to  
visit the celebrated eye and direct  
behind Buteris it was a long  
walk, a very rough road & a  
dull day. We had a few  
slight showers going & we got  
within half a mile of it, the sky  
was looking very black, we were  
content with our view & returned  
our steps - when we got to the Buteris  
it began to rain very heavily, we  
went into a coffee shop for a  
short time, but as the rain con-  
tinued we had to make a bolt  
of it & by the time we got home  
we were wet enough. I changed  
my clothes got on a pair of the  
waiter's trousers & made myself  
comfortable. - Wrote to Dr. Stultz  
in the evening. We have two  
other gentlemen staying with us  
just now Sir Charles Anderson  
to another whose name I do  
not know. —



9<sup>th</sup> A dull morning was in the house all  
forenoon + note the John Lindsay has  
a stroll in the afternoon with Capt. W.  
along the sea shore by the Naval  
Hospitals - Saw Mr. Mr. - Harris - Mr.  
W. - He note you to Balaklava yet -  
Good afternoon - Evening as usual

10<sup>th</sup> Awakes at 6 the morning + everything  
looked beautiful + the sun bright -  
Ablet again + awake at 8 heavy rain  
+ wind - A great many vessels that  
went out the sea yesterday have  
just made the Beikos today, there  
is evidently a squall in the Black  
Sea - Day continued dull until  
Sunset, however we had a walk  
as on yesterday - What a  
miserable thing a wet day is -

11<sup>th</sup> After breakfast I paid my bill (£9.3)  
+ we all went down in the 10<sup>th</sup> steam  
intending to go to the opera together  
Sir C. Anderson had crossed from Belber  
to Coptahes together with his friend -  
My then went to the Secretary where I  
reported myself to Dr. Cumming who  
promised to send me to the Crimea  
as soon as he could get a passage -  
Some Taylor + Calder had a ride  
with Calder + they went to Pen  
clined at Misericordia. Sir C. Anderson  
not having made his arrangements  
we went to the opera without him  
Norman, very well performed. Had  
some grey + a sign + got to  
bed - A day of it.



12<sup>th</sup> Got up this morning at 7 1/2. Had  
breakfast & set off with the in-  
-tentions of going to Scentoria. Made  
some purchases (Coffee Mill &c) but  
as it came on to rain I did not  
know what to do, so I went back  
to the hotel & smoked all day -  
About 3 it cleared up & on my way  
to the steamer I bought a leather  
satchel. Got into the steamer met  
Mr. Donnan - got safe to Coolahua  
& took up my quarters with  
Dr. B. Corcoran - Donnan very kind -

13<sup>th</sup> Went again this morning, went  
to see Watson, who is coming to  
get the Chirapian - as it rained up  
in the afternoon I went  
up to the Chirapian with Watson -  
visited Mr. & Mrs. Lewis - simply  
left me & went to Coolahua - I  
remained all night & had  
a great rate dinner.

14<sup>th</sup> Off to Coolahua by 10 1/2 steamer  
Repacked myself to Dr. Humphrey  
who coolly told me I must now  
begin work & intended putting  
me in a few words - (Cool)  
Went on walk with Dr. Lewis &  
B. Corcoran to Kamdile - in the  
evening, ordered cargo from  
Scentoria for me to supply for my  
passage to the Cimmer as soon  
as possible which frustrated  
Dr. Humphrey's plans slightly.

Very very good  
Wednesday -



15<sup>th</sup> Intended to go to Scutari to-day, but Dr. Humphrey told me it was no use as my applications for a passage must be sent in in writing. I wrote a note & sent it off. Spent a walk on the hill with Sultan & Grant & Collyer about 6 P.M. I received an order to embark on board the Canadian screw steamer to night or tomorrow morning. Luck of packing &c. Clothes at the washing & just time must be kept returning to home on good sleep - Day fine -

16<sup>th</sup> Got up at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  - Had breakfast with Dr. Willcott & breakfast with one or other we both accompanied by Dr. Roman went to the Canadian which I found to be a large S.S. 1700 tons & taking up 420 men besides about 24 Officers - The main was very wet but it cleared up & towards evening we did not start till 11 & then we had a beautiful sail up the Bosphorus - Sam Dr. & Dr. Viceroy are our passengers & children - Got to the Bosphorus Sea about 2 P.M. our progress was much impeded by large boats which we were towing behind us - Felt some ague & went to bed at 8 P.M. - My bunk was above the Capt. J. Whelan a paymaster in the Turkish forces who had an asthmatic cough which troubled both him & me all night so long as I was on board -



17<sup>th</sup> When I awoke this morning I felt  
very sick, but I got up & attempted  
breakfast "no go" vomited some  
in the forenoon - in the afternoon I lay  
in my cabin & when the hour of a dinner  
came I was able to take a good  
one & was well all day after it.  
We are in a regular Black Sea fog  
I seem going slow as we do not get  
to much Balaklava before to-morrow.  
Had a tumbler of punch & then off to  
bed about 9 P.M.

18<sup>th</sup> When I got up this morning I found the  
fog clearing off & about 10 we could  
see the Coast. The Crimea about 17  
miles off we rounded it & then lay  
off the Mayhoun till afternoon - The  
Coast of the Crimea is very high &  
the entrance to Balaklava harbor  
cannot be seen until you are close  
to it - you enter by an opening in the  
rocks & immediately you are in a  
beautiful harbor where vessels of  
war can lie close to the rocks -  
The village is very ruinous but  
the English are making great  
changes in the modern parts & are  
living but up & something like what  
one is expecting - The railway winds  
thru the village & goes up to Camp  
New from Camp. Things in state  
quo" no effect from bombardment -  
Did not go on shore to-day -  
remained on board all night -  
Day good -



19<sup>th</sup> / Thursday / After breakfast I went  
on shore & had a search for Dr. Anderson  
P. O. at Balaklava but failed  
to find him until about 12 o'clock  
I reported my-self to him & was told  
to await for orders on board the  
Canadians - engaged in the  
afternoon in writing to my father.  
Nothing particular in the evening.

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Days of my little interest  
I remained on board & amused  
myself the best way I could, smoking  
& reading Sir Walter Scott's "Sergeant  
Langton" - Days fine -

22<sup>nd</sup> / Saturday / Still on board -  
in the afternoon I took a walk  
with Dr. Williams nearly as far as  
Kadikevi & got a small view  
of the Camp. Johnston got his  
orders & went off to-day at the 9<sup>th</sup> -  
should have liked to have been  
sent there as it is a highland  
camp - where will I be sent to  
I wonder - Fine warm weather -

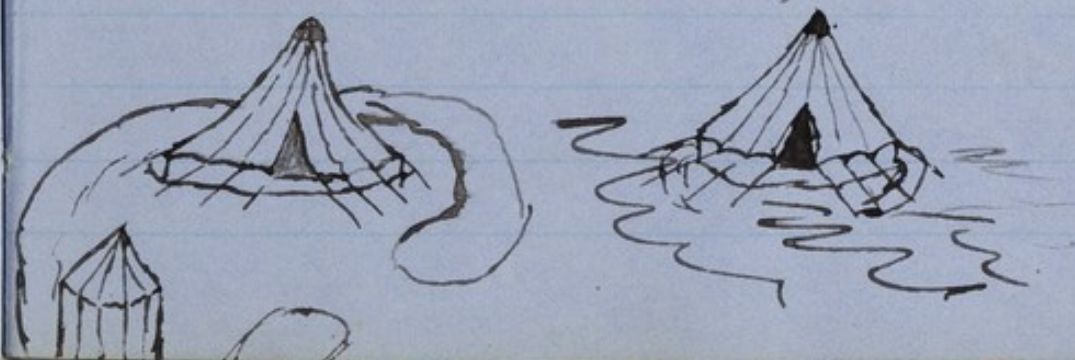
23<sup>rd</sup> / Took a walk with the Surgeon  
of the Canadians up to Camp to day.  
Visited R. Fenwick, who I found very  
well. Got a view of Sebastopol -  
& my first sight of gun firing in  
earnest - My friends on the Bal-  
kann roads - Got back to ship  
in time for dinner & found my



orders waiting for me (via) to join the  
17<sup>th</sup> Regt & do duty with it - Spent the  
evening on board much as usual -

(Camp) Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 1855

Got up at 8 A.M. & put my traps in  
order - Had breakfast & then went  
ashore - Got two horses from the land  
transport service - & putting my  
luggage on one & myself on the other  
I rode up to camp. I omg  
out the 4<sup>th</sup> Division & then the 17<sup>th</sup> -  
D. Limham Surgeon of the 17<sup>th</sup> near  
from home & I was conducted to  
the Asst. Surgeon Mr. Libbent who  
I found busy with a hen-house which  
he was making - I saw that I  
was to take D. J. B. Bon's place &  
he is going home on sick leave -  
Agreed to mess with Libbent - got a  
tent pitched for myself & put my  
bed up - & at dinner  
after a glass of grog I went to bed  
curious feeling lying in bed & hearing  
the balls whistling down & over - no  
danger however - Slept soundly.  
In the morning (8 & 9) 3 tents taken no. & will  
be my comfortable, one for each of us &  
one where our kit & mess &c.





May 1<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday) For the last six days  
I have been pretty busy &  
pretty so much taken up with  
my new situation that I have  
neglected my notes - Nothing however has  
occurred of importance & I like calm  
life - Dr. Bone left us on the 26<sup>th</sup> -  
lost a horse of Lieut. Dyers horse & had  
a ride with Lieut. - visited Lord  
Raglan's head quarters & then the  
Medical brigade - Saw Hamilton who  
came out with me & was told Arnott  
had gone home - Enjoyed the ride very  
much - at present the 17<sup>th</sup> Regt. is  
about 27 officers & 900 men strong -

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Nothing particular - Dr. Bone  
& the 90<sup>th</sup> dined with us to-day -  
Weather very fine -

3<sup>rd</sup> After breakfast & visit got Lieut.  
Fony & met at Balaklava & then  
I could get one but it was  
of no use - No letters at S.O. - visited  
Dr. Dyedale of the 79<sup>th</sup> who has had  
leave he is now better & has been  
ordered home, both of us glad to  
see each other - got home at my  
house again in time for dinner -  
from Kil: had got letters but none  
from me - Day very hot -

4<sup>th</sup> Very busy in the forenoon to-day - in  
the afternoon took a walk with Lieut.  
& landed on Is. Fermick - Kil: then  
to the shore on a sketch of Sebastopol -  
After dinner went to see Lieut. Dyer  
& spent the evening with him -



5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Nothing particular to-day -  
Lieutenant is out skirmish - in the afternoon  
Lieut. Semmick called & took dinner  
with me - Dyer dropped in & did the  
same - Very warm weather -  
6<sup>th</sup> Engaged the night of the day  
in writing to Dr. Sturges & Crockett -  
In a letter I heard from Dr. Sturges  
a few days he was anxious for  
me to come home & demonstrate  
for him during winter - but I have  
refused it I like the camp too  
much -

7<sup>th</sup> After visiting our patients to-day  
Lieutenant & I went on horse back  
to the Monastery of St. George  
which is between Belgrade &  
Scherstopol - a very pretty place  
- he took an sketch of it - got home  
about 4 P.M. very hungry -

8<sup>th</sup> Attended a flagging punishment  
for the first time to-day - Prisoner  
was sentenced to hang 25 lashes  
but the Colonel took him down  
after he had 10 -

Bought a horse from two friends  
Lohanes, a good looking fellow  
for £16.12 - Williams horse  
& mine seemed to agree to get  
very well at first but during  
the night both escaped & were  
found by my servant next  
morning -















# CALENDAR, MOON'S CHANGES, DUNDEE TIDE TABLE, &c.

## JANUARY—XXII Days.

New Moon, 7th, 17m. past 11 A.  
Second Quarter, 14th, 43m. past 3 A.  
Full Moon, 22d, 29m. past 2 A.  
Last Quarter, 29th, 35m. past 8 M.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Tu	Reptil. Act came into force 1855	8.49	9.21	1
2	W	Victoria Bridge, Glasg., op'd. 1854	9.45	10.24	2
3	Th	General Monk died 1692	10.54	11.25	3
4	F	West Indies discovered 1492	11.54	0.14	4
5	Sa	Duke of York died 1857	0.11	0.48	5
6	S	Lockhart's Orthopaedic opened 1855	1.15	1.55	6
7	S	Alan Ramsay died 1758	2.29	3.23	7
8	Th	Edinburgh. Lighthouse op'd. 1720	3.46	4.39	8
9	Fr	Trenchard at Scotland op'd. 1854	4.59	5.51	9
10	Sa	Lord Robertson died 1855	6.15	7.06	10
11	S	10 May. 3rd night died 1855	7.34	8.24	11
12	S	Queen Victoria died 1854	8.54	9.43	12
13	Th	Old New Year's Day	9.73	10.61	13
14	Fr	Dr Eckermann died 1855	10.93	11.80	14
15	Sa	Chart of Scotch's death	12.14	13.00	15
16	S	Battle of Cullinstown 1859	13.35	14.20	16
17	Th	Battle of Falkirk 1746	14.56	15.40	17
18	Fr	Green food at Newcastle 1854	16.17	17.00	18
19	Sa	James Watt born 1736	17.38	18.20	19
20	S	Parliament restored 1772	18.59	19.40	20
21	Th	Louis XVI. beheaded 1793	20.19	21.00	21
22	Fr	Imperial Parliament first met 1790	21.40	22.20	22
23	Sa	Parliament met 1855	22.61	23.40	23
24	S	23. Archdeacon. Hare died 1855	23.81	24.60	24
25	Th	Lord J. Russell resigned 1855	25.02	25.80	25
26	Fr	Lord Jeffrey died 1859	26.22	27.00	26
27	Sa	Duke of Sussex died 1778	27.43	28.20	27
28	S	Donaquise sailed from Edin 1815	28.63	29.40	28
29	Th	Mr. Lockhart's coffin carried 1855	29.84	30.60	29
30	Fr	Mr. Aberdeen's military resigned 1855	31.04	31.80	30
31	Sa	George IV. proclaimed 1800	32.25	33.00	31

## FEBRUARY—XXIX Days.

New Moon, 5th, 39m. past 10 M.  
Second Quarter, 13th, 12m. past 2 M.  
Full Moon, 20th, 46m. past 9 A.  
Last Quarter, 29th, 42m. past 1 M.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	F	Quebec Parliament House burnt	5.47	10.23	1
2	S	1. Silvio Pellico died 1854	6.67	11.43	2
3	S	1. Casimiro Terni	7.87	12.63	3
4	Th	Pair on the Thames 1814	9.07	13.83	4
5	Fr	Lord Palmerston Premier 1855	10.27	15.03	5
6	Sa	Lord Palmerston War Secretary 1855	11.47	16.23	6
7	S	Dundee New Infirmary op'd. 1855	12.67	17.43	7
8	Th	Sardinia joined Allied Powers 1855	13.87	18.63	8
9	Fr	Robert Peel passed 1852	15.07	19.83	9
10	Sa	First Sunday in Lent	16.27	21.03	10
11	S	1. Queen Victoria married 1840	17.47	22.23	11
12	Th	George Heriot died 1664	18.67	23.43	12
13	Fr	Earthquake at St. Lucia 1854	19.87	24.63	13
14	Sa	St. Valentine's Day	21.07	25.83	14
15	S	Twined net and red fishing opens	22.27	27.03	15
16	Th	Scottish first used 1819	23.47	28.23	16
17	Fr	Rumians defeated at Eupatoria	24.67	29.43	17
18	Sa	Luther died 1546	25.87	30.63	18
19	S	Shelton born 1794	27.07	31.83	19
20	Th	Joseph Hume died 1855, aged 78	28.27	33.03	20
21	Fr	James I. assassinated 1607	29.47	34.23	21
22	Sa	Derby Ministry formed 1855	30.67	35.43	22
23	S	Sir Joshua Reynolds died 1792	31.87	36.63	23
24	Th	Lord Philipps abdicated 1848	33.07	37.83	24
25	Fr	Lord Bagenal left England 1854	34.27	39.03	25
26	Sa	Derby Ministry formed 1855	35.47	40.23	26
27	S	Walter was closed 1853	36.67	41.43	27
28	Th	Old Fallowe abolished 1840	37.87	42.63	28
29	Fr	Gen. Pakenham died 1809	39.07	43.83	29
30	Sa	Gen. Pakenham died 1809	40.27	45.03	30
31	S	Gen. Pakenham died 1809	41.47	46.23	31

## MARCH—XXXI Days.

New Moon, 6th, 39m. past 8 A.  
Second Quarter, 13th, 30m. past 2 A.  
Full Moon, 21st, 5m. past 4 A.  
Last Quarter, 29th, 31m. past 2 A.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Sa	St. David's Day	5.23	9.35	1
2	S	St. David's Day	6.43	10.55	2
3	Th	St. David's Day	7.63	11.75	3
4	Fr	St. David's Day	8.83	12.95	4
5	Sa	St. David's Day	10.03	14.15	5
6	S	St. David's Day	11.23	15.35	6
7	Th	St. David's Day	12.43	16.55	7
8	Fr	St. David's Day	13.63	17.75	8
9	Sa	St. David's Day	14.83	18.95	9
10	S	St. David's Day	16.03	20.15	10
11	Th	St. David's Day	17.23	21.35	11
12	Fr	St. David's Day	18.43	22.55	12
13	Sa	St. David's Day	19.63	23.75	13
14	S	St. David's Day	20.83	24.95	14
15	Th	St. David's Day	22.03	26.15	15
16	Fr	St. David's Day	23.23	27.35	16
17	Sa	St. David's Day	24.43	28.55	17
18	S	St. David's Day	25.63	29.75	18
19	Th	St. David's Day	26.83	30.95	19
20	Fr	St. David's Day	28.03	32.15	20
21	Sa	St. David's Day	29.23	33.35	21
22	S	St. David's Day	30.43	34.55	22
23	Th	St. David's Day	31.63	35.75	23
24	Fr	St. David's Day	32.83	36.95	24
25	Sa	St. David's Day	34.03	38.15	25
26	S	St. David's Day	35.23	39.35	26
27	Th	St. David's Day	36.43	40.55	27
28	Fr	St. David's Day	37.63	41.75	28
29	Sa	St. David's Day	38.83	42.95	29
30	S	St. David's Day	40.03	44.15	30
31	Th	St. David's Day	41.23	45.35	31

## APRIL—XXX Days.

New Moon, 5th, 53m. past 5 M.  
First Quarter, 12th, 53m. past 4 M.  
Full Moon, 20th, 14m. past 9 M.  
Last Quarter, 27th, 26m. past 11 A.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Th	All Fools Day	11.27	6	1
2	Fr	Victory at Copenhagen 1801	12.47	8	2
3	Sa	Professor Wilson died 1854	13.67	10	3
4	S	1st. Fict. died 1855	14.87	12	4
5	Th	Petrograd evacuated 1855	16.07	14	5
6	Fr	Second Sunday after Easter	17.27	16	6
7	Sa	Prince Leopold born 1853	18.47	18	7
8	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	19.67	20	8
9	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	20.87	22	9
10	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	22.07	24	10
11	Sa	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	23.27	26	11
12	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	24.47	28	12
13	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	25.67	30	13
14	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	26.87	32	14
15	Sa	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	28.07	34	15
16	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	29.27	36	16
17	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	30.47	38	17
18	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	31.67	40	18
19	Sa	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	32.87	42	19
20	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	34.07	44	20
21	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	35.27	46	21
22	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	36.47	48	22
23	Sa	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	37.67	50	23
24	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	38.87	52	24
25	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	40.07	54	25
26	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	41.27	56	26
27	Sa	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	42.47	58	27
28	S	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	43.67	60	28
29	Th	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	44.87	62	29
30	Fr	Benjamin Franklin died 1854	46.07	64	30

## MAY—XXXI Days.

New Moon, 4th, 42m. past 2 A.  
First Quarter, 11th, 45m. past 8 A.  
Full Moon, 19th, 57m. past 11 A.  
Last Quarter, 27th, 33m. past 5 M.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Th	Eruption of Vesuvius 1855	12.12	0.14	1
2	Fr	French success before Sebastopol	13.32	1.34	2
3	Sa	Thomas Hood died 1845 (opt 1855)	14.52	2.54	3
4	S	Scottish expedition sails 1855	15.72	3.74	4
5	Th	Napoleon I. died 1821	16.92	4.94	5
6	Fr	Kentish expedition recalled 1855	18.12	6.14	6
7	Sa	Hamburg burnt 1845	19.32	7.34	7
8	S	1st. Scriminaria arrived in Crimea	20.52	8.54	8
9	Th	Daniel O'Connell died 1847 (1855)	21.72	9.74	9
10	Fr	Battle of Lodi 1796 (time 1855)	22.92	10.94	10
11	Sa	Newspaper's Stamp Bill read third	24.12	12.14	11
12	S	Whit Sunday	25.32	13.34	12
13	Th	13. Mrs. Hemans died 1835	26.52	14.54	13
14	Fr	War medals distributed 1855	27.72	15.74	14
15	Sa	French Exhibition opened 1855	28.92	16.94	15
16	S	General Canrobert resigned 1855	30.12	18.14	16
17	Th	St. George's Day	31.32	19.34	17
18	Fr	St. George's Day	32.52	20.54	18
19	Sa	St. George's Day	33.72	21.74	19
20	S	St. George's Day	34.92	22.94	20
21	Th	St. George's Day	36.12	24.14	21
22	Fr	St. George's Day	37.32	25.34	22
23	Sa	St. George's Day	38.52	26.54	23
24	S	St. George's Day	39.72	27.74	24
25	Th	St. George's Day	40.92	28.94	25
26	Fr	St. George's Day	42.12	30.14	26
27	Sa	St. George's Day	43.32	31.34	27
28	S	St. George's Day	44.52	32.54	28
29	Th	St. George's Day	45.72	33.74	29
30	Fr	St. George's Day	46.92	34.94	30
31	Sa	St. George's Day	48.12	36.14	31

## JUNE—XXX Days.

New Moon, 2d, 40m. past 11 A.  
First Quarter, 10th, 50m. past 1 A.  
Full Moon, 18th, 52m. past 11 M.  
Last Quarter, 26th, 17m. past 10 M.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Sa	Battle of Brumford 1679	0.55	1.30	1
2	S	No Popery! Riots 1790	1.75	2.50	2
3	Th	Tageanor Bombarded 1855	2.95	3.70	3
4	Fr	Admiral Fox died 1855	3.75	4.50	4
5	Sa	Great Fire in Dundee 1855	4.55	5.30	5
6	S	5. Hango Mawere 1855	5.35	6.10	6
7	Th	The Mamelon carried 1855	6.15	6.90	7
8	Fr	Quarries at Seba. taken 1855	6.95	7.70	8
9	Sa	Dr. Carey, missionary, died 1854	7.75	8.50	9
10	S	Roger Henson died 1854	8.55	9.30	10
11	Th	Battle of Albuera 1808	9.35	10.10	11
12	Fr	1st. Douglas Stewart died 1818	10.15	10.90	12
13	Sa	Lord Hastings beheaded 1818	10.95	11.70	13
14	S	Magna Charta signed 1215	11.75	12.50	14
15	Th	St. John's Day	12.55	13.30	15
16	Fr	St. John's Day	13.35	14.10	16
17	Sa	St. John's Day	14.15	14.90	17
18	S	St. John's Day	14.95	15.70	18
19	Th	St. John's Day	15.75	16.50	19
20	Fr	St. John's Day	16.55	17.30	20
21	Sa	St. John's Day	17.35	18.10	21
22	S	St. John's Day	18.15	18.90	22
23	Th	St. John's Day	18.95	19.70	23
24	Fr	St. John's Day	19.75	20.50	24
25	Sa	St. John's Day	20.55	21.30	25
26	S	St. John's Day	21.35	22.10	26
27	Th	St. John's Day	22.15	22.90	27
28	Fr	St. John's Day	22.95	23.70	28
29	Sa	St. John's Day	23.75	24.50	29
30	S	St. John's Day	24.55	25.30	30

## JULY—XXXI Days.

New Moon, 2d, 30m. past 9 M.  
Second Quarter, 10th, 22m. past 7 M.  
Full Moon, 17th, 31m. past 9 A.  
Last Quarter, 24th, 2m. past 9 M.

D	W	Sundays and Remarkable Days.	High Water at Dundee.	Morn.	Even.
1	Th	Admiral Boscawen born 1731	1.35	2.10	1
2	F	Sir Robert Peel died 1850	2.35	3.10	2
3	Sa	Wars begin	3.35	4.10	3
4	F	Swatholm Fort destroyed 1855	3.44	4.19	4
5	Sa	Town of Lovisa destroyed 1845	3.52	4.27	5
6	Su	Edward VI. died 1553	4.02	4.37	6
7	M	Minasina defeated at Gibraltar	4.04	4.39	7
8	Th	Sir H. Boscawen died 1825	4.24	4.59	8
9	F	John Burke died 1797	4.36	5.11	9
10	Sa	Calvin born 1509	4.38	5.13	10
11	F	Admiral Nachinoff killed 1855	4.59	5.34	11
12	Sa	Alliance bet. France & Persia 1857	5.00	5.35	12
13	Su	James Watt's time 1850	5.07	5.42	13
14	M	Whigbombaraded 1853	11.07	0.00	14
15	Th	St. Basil's Day	0.27	0.00	15
16	F	Admiral Boscawen born 1731	1.10	0.00	16
17	Sa	Adam Smith died 1790	2.00	0.00	17
18	Su	19th of Session rises	2.53	0.00	18
19	M	John Howard died 1819	3.57	0.00	19
20	Th	John Howard died 1819	4.27	0.00	20
21	F	Robert Burns died 1796	5.00	0.00	21
22	Sa	Hedrick destroyed 1855	5.40	0.00	22
23	Su	Pilot English ship wrecked 1858	6.29	0.00	23
24	M	Dr Larinder died 1768	7.81	0.00	24
25	Th	"Jasper" gunboat wrecked 1855	8.44	0.00	25
26	F	Turkish loss of 25,000,000 Rs.	9.44	0.00	26
27	Sa	Revelation in Paris 1859	10.43	0.00	27
28	Su	Ignatius Loyola died 1556	11.48	0.00	28
29	M	Spanish Armada 1588	12.48	0.00	29
30	Th	First voyage 1768	1.29	0.00	30
31	F	Shuttle Snow at Ardross 1850	2.00	0.00	31

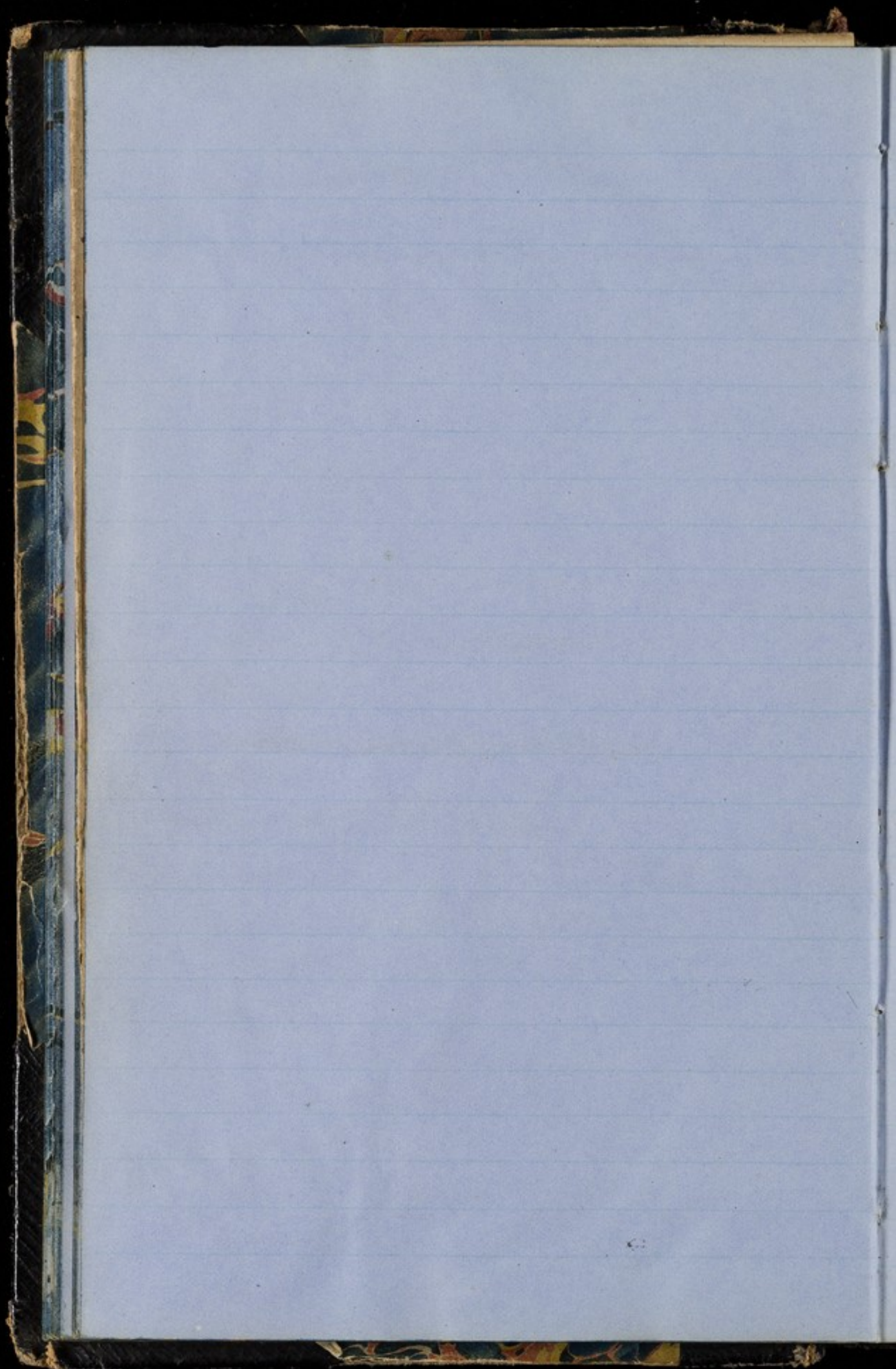


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— 1856 —

Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup> —

Why I came keeping my horse as when I came  
up to Camp? I do not know — It is  
rather a pity, as I have had a very  
curious time of it since & many important  
events have taken place, however  
it can't be helped now, so I have  
better begin again — The horse in  
my old shirt in the Crimea, detached for  
the 17<sup>th</sup> Regt since the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, &  
engaged in pathological pursuits in  
Camp, or, as "a member of the Pathologic  
bonds in Camp" — To-day I have nothing  
to do so I went over to the camp & spent the  
forenoon with Capt. Dyer — Dr. P. L. Brown  
called on me but had no news & did  
not stay long — We went down to  
Mr. Haffin Cowan & asked him to order  
a monument for Struthers, but  
he sends a request Sunday & making the  
excuse that he thought he had done  
so already, did not do it — Remained in  
my tent all evening very busy & doing house  
the fire — Day good — Roads soft &  
windy —



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January -

Had no work the day - Sat in my hut all day & amused myself reading & wrote to Dr. Crockett, had no great news to tell him - In the afternoon went on the steamer Johnston (68<sup>th</sup>) & heard that my two friends had been put safely on board the "Pittij", but when his servant was coming back he got drunk & was in consequence sent to his duty - No news going in Camp - It is disagreeable damp weather & wind on everything - Sat at home in the evening reading the "Romance of Ivan" - About 10 P.M. heard some heavy firing in the direction of the Schuyler - Wish I had something to do instead of dozing before the fire all night -

Very dull but no rain -



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan -

No work to-day yet - repaired the end  
of my sword in the morning - & read  
part of De Custine's "Rusie" -

Chat with Dyer & Bone who called  
on me - Rode on to Kuma & Mosfe-  
saw J. & C. & others & inspected  
as far as possible which the latter have  
received from the Scots I. Guards -  
Heard that the Russians had taken  
the four Sackville bridges again last  
night but were repulsed by the French  
& as the chance gave 300 taken from  
Christie's Chasseurs & heard that  
Austria had joined the Austrians  
from the east - On coming home  
heard that Gibault had arrived at  
Balachanas - During the evening  
I amused myself by reading "De  
Custine's" "Rusie" & "The Romance  
of War" - There has been very little  
firing to-day except from the North Gate of  
Sebastopol.

Wind as usual - Rain in the afternoon  
& night -




Tuesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> January -  
Had a dissection at the 49<sup>th</sup> Regt. today  
with Gordon, Horn - Calder & Hannan -  
Had a talk with Calder afterwards  
about things in general. When I came  
home I found Dr. Kilbuck had arrived  
with all his baggage, he is looking well &  
seems to be enjoying himself very much  
when away - After dinner we went over  
to Camp - called on Dr. Lee, Ward &  
spent a very merry evening with the all -  
In Ward's tent we met the parson  
(Mr. Southwell) a very jolly parson indeed.  
Ward & he are just a match - they  
played cards until about 11 1/2 when we  
came home & got to bed -

A dull kind of day with small  
rain during the forenoon & heavy rain  
in evening - roads like pools of water.  
it is not at all cold however but the  
air feels very pleasant -



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan'y -  
Great numbers of fawns & in fact some  
say that it is proclaimed - & a dis-  
section of Phthisis at the 5<sup>th</sup> today  
& a long talk with Griffin afterwards.  
Gilbert has already begun to improve the  
hut as has been working away at the  
wall all day - Dyer & Evans,  
followed by Mr. Knight & Mr. Thomson  
gave me a visit & engaged in the  
afternoon in arranging the hut which  
now looks comfortable. With the  
hut made however there is an  
spring found under our floor &  
every step we move the water springs  
up between the boards - while at  
the door it is all under water  
must say the hut is rather  
damp - "but" "n'importe" -  
Weather still wet & rain all  
day - In the evening sat  
reading the Roman of Waverley





Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January -

Had nothing to do to-day so after breakfast went to head-quarters with a note from Dr. Mann to Dr. Hall. It was a thick misty morning & I had some difficulty in finding my way. The road was deeper than I had ever seen it before.

When at head-quarters I heard that the men were almost certain & that the mail had come in. Went to Camp with Elmer & spent about 2 hours there. Put packing in my tent in the afternoon & just as we sat down to dinner Ward came in & joined us. After dinner blew a man with Pneumonia in St. Joseph.

Porter arrived & brought me 5 newspapers & letters from Mother. Dr. Pinn. Dr. Yang & Dr. Cramer all jolly enough.

Our tent has been leaking like the duck to day - we had to raise a plank & dig a hole into which the water flows & from this hole it has to be cleared out every hour - rather damp -

Day - dull, misty & wet -



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January -

Sat writing up my cases in the morning  
→ at 11 1/2 went to the 68<sup>th</sup> & a case  
of Moreshead Cholera - went to the Burff  
to another case which was finished  
before I got there - Had a bath &  
some lunch with Dr. & some - Found  
Charmant in my hut when I came  
back - Read all my newspapers  
which were not very new after all -  
In the evening Kilant went over to  
Camp & I slept in my self  
-ing & writing - Wrote to Cullen &  
looked after my boy at Sentani -  
Between 11 & 12 I fell asleep in my  
chair & slept till 2 a.m. when Kil-  
ant came home - The hut is still  
very damp & we have to empty the  
hole every hour in case of being  
swamped - The roads are  
now deep in mud & we had  
rain towards evening -  
Very warm at midnight -



Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January -  
After breakfast sat writing up my cases  
until 11 6<sup>0</sup> when I went to the 46<sup>th</sup> & there  
a section there on a case of Cholera - & there  
a talk with Johnston 6<sup>0</sup> in passing &  
in the afternoon sat with Kilbuck before the  
fire reading - Dr. Bladen 55<sup>th</sup> calls  
to see Kilbuck & was spending as if  
Jenny was quite certain & I hope it  
is - After dinner read some of Dr. Cushing  
Purkin & then off to bed early -  
Our house has a beautiful day to-  
day, the sun bright & warm & an  
breeze blowing - but wind is as hot  
as ever - Our hut still looks  
more enlarged the hole to-day from  
which we have taken a great deal  
of water - the boards of the floor  
down seem quite dry - In last  
night's order Walker is going home  
to resign what he is to do I do  
not know - The winter is  
passing over my place with some  
an all my well pleased at the  
rumours of peace -



Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January -

This is the most beautiful day I have seen for a long time. The sun is as warm as in summer & will dry the roads - I have no work to-day. Had a talk with Dr. Home in the morning & while Gilchrist went to Sebastopol with two of his friends I sat in the tent & wrote up all my cases which were rather tedious - Gilchrist returns from Sebastopol with a Frenchman carrying an old "dolly man" frame for which he had given £1 - After dinner I called on Cham-mont about the missing Journal & had a chat & a tumbler of grog with him. Cham-mont does not believe in Jesus but the rumour are very strong as yet - After being at Cham-mont's church down to Camp the see Walker & sat smoking in his tent until 10 1/2 P.M. not very select conversation about things in general & Home's speech in particular. When I came down with Gilchrist, we found a splendid fine dinner & off to bed -



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January -

A beautiful morning again. About 10<sup>1/2</sup> AM  
started on housework & called on Dr. Home  
& then went to 77<sup>1/2</sup> Regt & had a dissection  
of a man who had been killed & whose  
his death had been mistaken by a putrefaction in  
hospital. - went to G. Batty at noon  
& had another dissection. - saw Dr. Elliott  
& called on Brown (R.B.) - went to Regt  
Rings then & had another dissection of a  
man with a fractured skull. - Then came  
home & wrote notes 4 P.M. when Walter  
came in & soon afterwards Brown. - We  
had dinner & sat talking about things  
in general & Walter going away in partic.  
Chamant dropped in at 6<sup>1/2</sup> & we had  
a grand evening. - Walter left between  
11 & 12 but Brown & Chamant sat  
talking about France & English  
until nearly 2 A.M. & notes I & Libet  
were quite tired of them both. - saw  
Garrigue then a good hint of going to  
bed & then they went home. -

Day very good. Rain then and being



Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January -

Nothing doing this day - sat in the best  
the most part of the day writing -

Rose called & had a chat - Horner  
& Walker called - would be expected to  
go home every day but cannot get  
a ship - after dinner Gilbert & I  
went over to the Camp - called on  
Ward & then went to Lundersay's  
but when what was going on -  
sat smoking & talking until 12  
when the party broke up & I & I  
came home - The night was  
very dark at present & it is  
difficult to find one's way  
home in the evening - Weather mild

Day damp & mist

Had a visit from the Deputy  
Judge Advocate about the  
man who died in the 77<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
& it seems he is the man you  
are as a witness about him -



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January -  
A better day than yesterday - after  
breakfast sat reading the life of  
Mary Queen of Scots until Wanda  
came when we went along & ex-  
amined a fellow's shoulder & I  
then started for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Hospital  
& examined a man who had  
died drunk - on coming back  
called on Home & sat with him  
making a table of Insanious  
Cases until 5 P.M. Went to  
dinner with Charmant & Willm  
after dinner, Sturges & Laurie  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> called & also some  
rifle officers, sat talking & laughing  
until 12 when I left them &  
came home found Gilbert in  
bed & the fire out - soon followed  
his example -

Day mild but some other  
very heavy -



Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January -

A cold & disagreeable day - Felt  
very much disinclined to do anything  
& although I had made an appointment  
with Chammant to go to the Medicine  
Society in the Guards' Camp I made up  
my mind not to go - Bone called in  
the forenoon & remained until 12 when  
Chammant came in & we set off for  
the Medical Society - Called on  
Johannson of the 9<sup>th</sup> who is busy with  
Mentricles - Dined very late -

Called on Bowen of the Coldstream  
went to the evening & heard a  
very good discussion on Cholera  
which lasted about 3 hours -  
Came home in time for dinner  
during the evening sat in the parlour -  
A letter from home & 3 newspapers  
came by the post this day -

Very dull - Cold towards  
evening -



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February -

Very cold during the night & this morning the ground is all covered with snows - Immediately after breakfast I started for head quarters to attend the Court. On the way I was detained there until 3 P.M. & then went to Balachawan where at head-quarters Dr. Franklyn told me that I was gazetted as S.A. I in a Jafar which arrives here last night - At Balachawan I went to the Pay Office & got my pay for October & November - also filed accounts for January - February & March - The pay list for December & January had not arrived yet - Instead of taking pay I took a bill for £20 - As my horse was at Balachawan - got him about 4 1/2 P.M. - Cottrell drove by - Kibbutz told me I am gazetted S.A.I. I set my trunk & free baggage after dinner & had soon the & off to bed -  
Day very cold & snow on the ground.



Saturday 27 February 1856-

Still very cold & ground covered with snow - Dr. Horn called soon after breakfast & got some cases, was rather annoyed at not having some prescriptions which he wished, but was obliged to shut up - Begon to show about 11 A.M. & continued during almost the whole of the day - Bone called in the forenoon & sat chatting a long time - Taylor (56<sup>th</sup>) called & after a short chat took me over to see Calder, who was found dead of one the Pleurostophora to see a Surg<sup>t</sup>'s wife who was ill there - so we came back again - morning hours & Kilant busy sawing a plank - remained in the hut all the evening & wrote up some cases - Johnston (68<sup>th</sup>) gave me a call before dinner, no news - remains of fever still very strong - off to bed at 10 P.M. - Roads soft, covered with snow - & snow falling during the greater part of the day -



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February -

Cold morning with snow on the ground -  
Have only had one dissection this month  
nothing to do to-day - expected Home to  
call but he did not - he gave a letter to  
Father after breakfast & was interrupted  
by Ward & B on making this afternoon  
had a smoke with Ward & as Gilbert  
had gone to Balachuan with sick  
I went on to Camp with them - saw my  
halves with Horritt & called on Coley  
but he was not in - When I came back  
Ramsden (b<sup>r</sup>) called on Gilbert who was  
out - Born & Mr. Knight then dropped  
in & after a long chat left as we were  
to have dinner - We had dinner to-  
day - Cottrell skinned & Smith inspected,  
a number of men belonging to Gil:  
lost & putting them & this together we  
blow them up for climbing it which have  
they done - In the evening finished the  
letter to Father & wrote one to Geo. Rodger.  
Day cold but not hard frost -  
snow & hail occasionally -



Monday - 4<sup>th</sup> February -

Still very cold - after breakfast went on  
to the Library - & visited with Dr. Adams &  
from there to the 77<sup>th</sup> Regt with Dr. Rose  
have a disputation at the 77<sup>th</sup> & the com-  
mon - as our man coming from our  
hands the French blow of Fort Nicolas is  
Sébastopol - Gilbert has pulled  
down the stable & is putting a new  
one - Rose & I have a long chat &  
some lunch together - Gilbert working  
away at the stable & I am reading  
De Custines Russian - Catherine got  
scrums again & we have a very  
so so dinner - Sent off a letter to  
Father & another to Geo. Rodger -  
Very cold at night & hard frost  
ground still covered with snow  
& quite hard -



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February -

After breakfast this morning went with  
Ston to the General Hospital. Put on  
leaves in for vaccination from a talk  
with Prof. Smith & Mr. Leach - came  
on with Ston again after calling at  
the 46<sup>th</sup> Hospital - found him & his  
very busy trying to repair the lock. I  
am instrument boy - Rode over to  
Brown & the Rifle & had a long  
talk with him & Cleary - Saw my  
name in the Gazette of the 18<sup>th</sup> day -  
came home & remained in my hut  
during the rest of the evening. Read  
two newspapers from Ston but  
there is nothing new - Writing up  
some cases - Reading De Custer  
Chase some gray & off to bed -  
Saw the in the grass - cold  
but pleasant day -



Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February -

Having nothing to do to-day again with  
Bon to leave a mile - went on to Camp  
for a short time & the Bon & I rode  
happily down the Call on J. L. Liams who  
is with on L. J. C. depot - Liams is nice,  
but does not seem to be very comfortable.  
Had a long chat with him & soon had  
met a Dr. Cruise then from whom I  
bought a Tonic & Case for £10 - Rode  
quietly home again - After dinner  
went on to Camp, visited Woods -

Called on Cole who was out - Had  
a long talk with Mr. Johnson & then  
went to Liams in Lindsaps but when  
I came, Mr. Bright, Mac, Bon, Waller  
& Lindsaps were all playing Loo - Amused  
myself mixing grog, making Cocoa  
& cooking arrowroot - Lindsaps' bit  
had jumps today 6 in number -

Came home about 3 1/2 A. M. -

Day beautiful & warm, snow  
still muddy - Wind frost at night  
snow still on the ground -



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February -

Snow nearly all off the ground in camp  
but it is still on the Mackenzie heights  
in plenty - Had a P.M. at the 17<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
to-day on a case of Dr. Bone's, was out  
at this until 1 P.M. when Dr. Bone came &  
gave me some more trouble by opening  
the spring - was, I must say, not very much  
pleased - There was a general inspection  
to-day & Bone & Gilchrist had to attend.  
Nothing doing in the afternoon - after dinner  
felt very sleepy & after reading for a  
while a book called "The Wild Life  
of London" I fell asleep & my  
room after went to bed -

Beautiful warm day - snow  
very heavy & thick -  
Sent down for the Luis to-day &  
got it up in safety - very much  
pleased with it -



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February -

Morning rather dull, snow very nearly all off the ground. - Spent the forenoon in writing & assisting Gilchrist to repair the stables. Recd a Death report from the 33<sup>rd</sup> R.F.W. & at 2 P.M. went over to that regiment, had a long talk with Matt (the Surgeon), about the newly appointed dispensary of medicine & agreed with him that they were of very little use. - This was a case of Pneumonia - Went Brown on my way across & when I came back I found him & Charmant at my tent. Gilchrist busy making a chain out of old barrel staves. - When we were at dinner Ward & Bone came in & we had great laughing, all trying on my turnic & Gilchrist. - After dinner Gilchrist went across to Lloyd at Condo, in camp, & I remained at home & finished a letter to Stewart Lithgow which I have begun about two months ago. - Went to bed about 11 P.M. - Recd 3 newspapers & a letter from Mother. Day pretty good - rather dull & rain at night.



Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February -

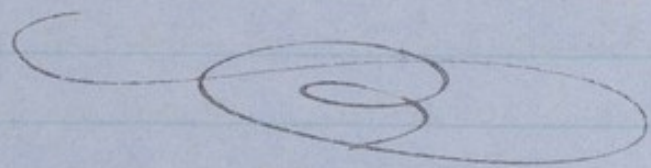
Was wakened this morning about 6 1/2 a.m. by  
Gileant coming home. He had been all night  
not home & Bon. T. in Lindsey's but  
playing at loo - seems very disquieted  
with himself & resolves not to go back to  
camp at night - Dickson called after  
breakfast & gave me a long report to write  
which I promised to do - Set off for Balaklava  
called on Chum at but found him on leave  
so I set off myself - made very dirty -  
went on board the Tartan at Balaklava  
& bought some Brandy & Sherry - called  
at the pay office & got a bill to send home  
also got my pay for Dec. & Jan. &  
found a few 2/6 & deducted an amount  
of promotion - Rode home again very  
quickly - Found L. & M. finished the train.  
Alden called - While at dinner Warden  
& Bon. called, they look very ready for  
being up all night - Gileant has been  
driven like us for some all day - off to  
bed at 10 o'clock -

Very dull & Rain now in evening -



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February -

Beautiful morning, sun shining brightly -  
after breakfast sat writing at the monthly report  
until midday, when I went across to Court  
with Wards - Saw Col. Cole, who was asking  
why I did not come to the regiment or at  
least apply for it - Will think about doing  
so - Called on Lindsay & saw the  
pups, which are progressing very well -  
visited the new Hospital with Wards  
& then the Cemetery on Cathcart's Hill, which  
now contains a great many tombs -  
Came home about 4 P.M. had dinner  
soon after & then sat all the evening  
writing the report - Had a thunder  
storm & rain & then into bed -





Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> February -  
after breakfast was engaged making &  
stable with Gilbert & was busy at  
this until near 12 when I had a letter  
on a patient of Dr Bonk - After the  
letter, working at the stable again  
& got the roof & then finished, until 3 P.M.  
when we both felt very tired & ended our  
operations - Gil: went to sleep &  
I to read - after dinner Gil: went  
across the camp & I sat at home  
writing - Sent off a note to my father  
enclosing an for I then at Littleton -  
I appended in general order to night  
as having been gazetted & entered  
to the 27<sup>th</sup> Octr 1855 instead of 1854  
wrote an official to Hall about  
the said mistake (dated it 12<sup>th</sup>) -  
Day good - rather cold -  
The mail did not come in to-  
day -



Tuesday - 12<sup>th</sup> February -

Kilmer was employed at the studies all day & is getting on very well with it - after breakfast wrote a little, but J. B. C. Rine (Rifles) having called I gave that up & accompanied him on a visit to Recale who is now stationed with the Army Works Corps in Ballast Hill. Had a long talk with Recale about surgery, on which subject he is to read a paper at the medical society in a week -

When I came back I found Bram & Chaumont in my tent. Bram gave me £1 from Binkerton to go to the Struth Monument - No one, mail not come in yet - In the evening Kilmer met me at the camp & I went with him to his writing - Kilmer having returned about 11<sup>1/2</sup> I had a short talk with him & then off to bed -

Day good - cold at night - Col: Cole sent in an application to get men gazetted to the 17<sup>th</sup> Regt -





Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February -

Sat at home & finish the report the day &  
very glad it is finished - 16 pages of footnot.  
Hunt - talk with Maria & B on in the  
forenoon - worked at the stable &  
sent Smith down the Select of the  
woods of which he brought up a  
good quantity - Maria (Monday's) can  
in in the afternoon - no letter, 3 news-  
papers - no news - still rumours  
of France - Gibaut says you had  
dinner making a rattle - after  
dinner went up to the Chamber &  
met a small party - Brown, John  
Lavin. Mr. Lee & Williams - sent  
talking, drinking & smoking until 12  
when I came off - heard them  
sing two songs - "our own country"  
& "that beats me" -

Day very good - roads dry -  
Did not take the Great Redun  
Did not return it's well & bright  
Did not see any more long speech  
John will Brit in dress of the great person  
when the money goes off hand transfer  
John Capt. John comes the Jones  
That beats me



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February -  
Nothing to do to-day - after breakfast  
sat reading "Alton Locke" for a while  
& then went over to Camp with Anne &  
Bones - had lunch at Dyer's - got  
the stable finished to-day & the pump  
put in - Mail came in to-day &  
I got two newspapers & two letters  
one from Anne & the other from S. L. Litzgen  
at the Cape of G. H. no news particular  
after dinner went to the theatre, this is  
the first night of the new theatre, it is  
large & roomy, very nicely got up -  
"John Dobbles" & "Going to the Sun" were  
performed & created great amusement.  
at the theatre met Anne. Cooney  
& V. V. - Immediately after the per-  
formances were over, came down  
when we found a good fire &  
after having a smoke he left it,  
thundered into bed -



ms.  
house

or



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February -

After breakfast this morning worked at my register for some time - Sam Horn did not go out all day - Wrote a letter to Sam - sent him a bill for £ 100 to my father - Johnston & Skelton called, wishing me to go to the theatre with them, I am now in receipt of a letter from Cullen at Portman - Received a letter from the War Office requesting me to pay back the £ 40 outfit money - at S.P.O. Lindsay - Ward - Bon - Thomas, & Barber came along & finished out to playing at 100 - I brewed, & gave them all & eat & drank to the music about 12, When finally dark I went to bed, leaving the company at cards, at which amusement they continue until 4 A.M. when we have some bread butter & some mackerel & the off to sleep - Day very good but cold.





Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February -  
Nothing to do today. So after breakfast I  
went to a Johnston (18<sup>th</sup>) & we started for  
Balachawan. Roads very good -  
Called at the Commissariat & Jim's  
broke the £40 - Then then started for  
the Nightingale camp but as it was  
very misty we thought we had  
better not go, so we started for  
home - Got home about 3 P.M. -  
Subsiding. Ward called in to  
stand to dinner with me - after  
dinner Ward & I left for a walk  
near 8 P.M. when they were round  
up by being informed that a patient  
in hospital had convulsions -  
after seeing a mild patient, came  
back & sat smoking until 12  
when I turned into bed -  
Day very good. with thick

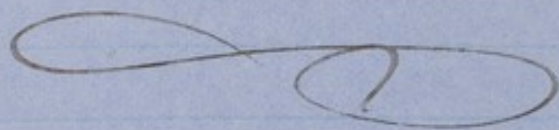




Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Nothing to do to-day - The morn - a beautiful  
sunday morning - Sat in my hut reading &  
writing - wrote to the Secy of War, about my  
outfit allowance enclosing receipt - wrote to  
Dr. Curran - Sat drawing a picture  
of the hut - James looked in & saw  
a chat - in the afternoon called on Robt  
Dg<sup>r</sup> who were out took a short walk  
& met him, went back with him &  
had some sherry - Home in time for  
dinner - after dinner went on the cart  
called on Mrs. - then on Mount  
then on Higham, and talking for  
a while & then came home about 11  
or 12. Was to go to a game early  
for a short time - but we went  
soon off to bed -

Day very good - some shower  
in afternoon & at night





Monday - 18<sup>th</sup> Febr.

Nothing to do to-day - weather changes  
+ it has been very cold during the night.  
This morning there was no snow as it  
was snowing & as cold as blazes -  
Remained in tent all forenoon, in  
afternoon went to call on Black in the  
5<sup>5<sup>th</sup></sup> who was out - went to 12<sup>th</sup> & the  
to 17<sup>th</sup> have a chat with Lewis &  
then came home - finding it so cold  
that it was impossible to walk.  
Had dinner & after dinner Dyer  
called & sat chatting, smoking &  
drinking grog until 11 when he left.  
Sent off a letter to D. Curran &  
another about my outfit allowance.  
Day has been clear but very cold,  
thermometer must have been below  
Zero at night.  
No mail to-day -



night - 16°



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feby -

Very cold all night - weather from the morning - Sat before the fire all forenoon - Bon called - about 13 hrs -  
- I tried to go out for a walk -  
- Started for Greenhills - Wind bitter cold - Bon turned & went back to camp - He walked on & came to the entrance of road & from that visited Ridge of the 91<sup>st</sup> - Bon had a hand dropped in & stayed in the dinner with me - after dinner we had a professional debate & then went over to camp - Sat with Dyer from one hour to two - Went for Keith who was in Lindey's but I had some stuff & then home and went -  
Night not so cold as the wind had ceased -

Day fine clear & cold  
Thurs. at night 16° -



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July -

Bruck milder this morning - after  
breakfast as Libant was to inspect the  
fire-places I left for the day - went  
to General Hospital with Dr. Honey  
saw Pope & had a chat with him -  
Called on Chammant but found him  
out - Went on to Brown's where I found  
Chammant & Williams - came home  
with them - Called on Sullivan (41<sup>st</sup>)  
& then we all went over to the French  
Barracks, remained there for some time  
inspecting all we could see -  
Chammant & Williams accompanied  
me home - found the fireplace finished  
& much improved but the chimney has  
come down - Remained at home  
all the evening & wrote a letter to  
Sam Young -

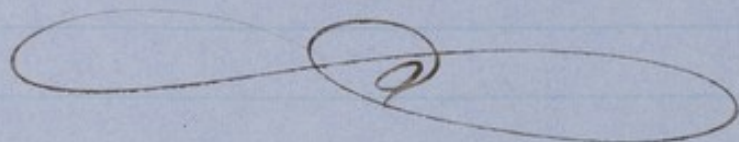
Day fine, clear & cool -

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Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July -

Nothing to do yet - 17<sup>th</sup> Hospital is  
removing to-day - occupied all fore-  
noon in building a chimney which I  
got finished to my heart's content about  
12½ P.M. - Channant called &  
after changing my clothes accompa-  
nied him to the medicine society-  
Hall in the Chain - Paper of Ottensson  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> on removal of the jaw - not  
much of a paper & very little to  
say about it - After coming home  
called on Johnston 68<sup>th</sup> thought of  
going to the theatre with him but  
did not - Remained at home all  
the evening - Mail came in, had  
a letter from Mother & D. Conroy - &  
from newspapers - all well at home -  
Day fine & warm -





Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

No work yet - after breakfast called  
on Charmant who I found taking breakfast  
with Williams - Took a ride to the  
Inventors & got our Patent for Clasp.

Roads still heavy & a strong warm  
wind blowing - Came straight home  
& immediately on arriving Brown (13<sup>th</sup>).

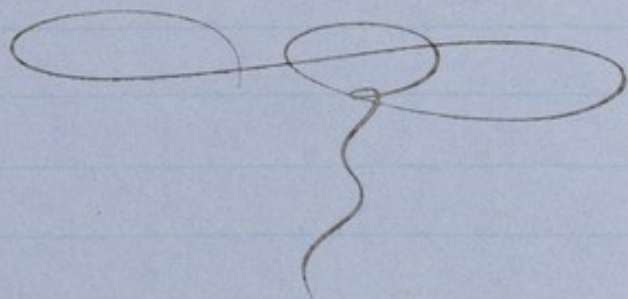
called - Smith & Dyer called in -

After they all left commenced myself  
by writing to John Alexander -

Sent off a letter to J. A. & another to  
Lon Young - Sat reading Rufus

History of the War until 9<sup>1/2</sup> P. M.  
when feeling sleepy I went off to bed.

Day good - strong breeze  
evening & rain at night -





Saturday - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
Blowing my house during the whole  
of last night - rain occasionally -  
winds rather damaged the roof  
of my stable - left breakfast went on  
to general hospital visit Dr. Horn - Call on  
Mr. Roper & asked him to dinner - Called on  
Payson but could not find him - met  
Grant & asked him to the Theatre to night.  
Went to Camp - met Ward & heard us  
long walk to Greenhill with him, but  
as it came on to rain we returned -  
Had a talk with Horritt & Ward in the  
tent of the latter - came home -  
Roper dropped in at 1 for dinner - Grant  
came about 7 & at 8 we went to the  
Theatre - "A Pharaoh in a Smoke Jacket"  
& "Going to the Derby" were acted - Came  
home about 10 heard some fireworks & sat  
talking till 12 when our visitor left &  
we went to bed -

Day dull - Strong S.W. wind blowing -  
some rain about midday -





Sunday. 24<sup>th</sup> February -

Clear cold day - There was a review  
of the whole army the day before  
Codrington - after church service - The camp  
seemed deserted & it indeed looked  
like a Sunday - Had a dissection  
to-day in the 55<sup>th</sup> - After the dissection  
had lunch with Horne & Corcoran  
Saw Gordon the newly made C. B.  
When I came back the troops have  
come back also & I found Gil,  
trying hard to light a fire -

Spent at home all the evening & read  
"Russell on the War" & some of "Butler's  
Analogies" - Felt sleepy & off to bed  
at 10 P. M. -

Day good - Cold -





Monday - 25<sup>th</sup> February -

after breakfast to-day. wrote writing yesterday's  
case & reading until 12 noon when I  
went to dissect a case of Puerperia  
at the Barby of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division. Then  
went to another at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fusiliers  
Called on Brown & had a long talk  
with him. He had some very young  
patients which I did justice to -  
Came home, & then called on John-  
son & Mary. Remained in Johnston's  
house until 6 o'clock & then home to  
dinner. After: went to Wolsley's (20<sup>th</sup>)  
to see Whist & I remained at his  
writing cases -

Beautiful morning - rather cold -  
Snow in the evening -



Tuesday - 26<sup>th</sup> February -

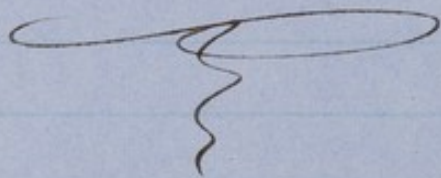
Sat in the hut writing cards until 1.30 when  
the mail came in, ~~no~~ letters & newspapers.  
Started with Bill: for a walk down the  
Worms off road - hill sides covered with  
snow drops in flower - went as far as  
the creek & then came home by the ravine  
on the south side of Green hill - It was  
snowing slightly as we came near the  
camps but we enjoyed our walk very  
much - Sat in the house all the evening  
as it was snowing heavily - Drove &  
left before the fire & then off to bed -  
after having read some of D. Antonio  
which I like very much.

Very good - Snow at night -



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February —  
About 2 ft of snow all over the Camp  
not very cold however (34°) — After  
breakfast sat reading & finished Doctor  
Antonio who is a very pretty tale — Went  
to the 23<sup>rd</sup> R. W. F. & directed a case  
of Typhoid fever & then with G. Young to  
a case of erysipelas from Chancery —  
Remained all afternoon at my desk.  
When I came home found Ward in  
the Post. He stayed to dinner & then  
left: & he went over to correct the fly  
cards, while I remained at home  
writing cases — Off to bed about  
12 — Awoke from at 4 A.M. On

Snow all over the Camp a foot in  
depth — not very cold —





Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July -

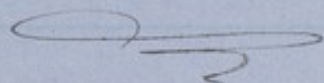
Beautiful clear warm morning &  
the sun shining very peacefully -  
Sut is the last visiting until 12 noon - when  
Woods came along to go to the Medical society.

Mail came in in the morning - letter from  
home & some newspapers - went to the  
society with O'Leary & Mrs. Anderson, heard  
a paper read by Dr. Maurice (3<sup>rd</sup> class 11/10)  
on computations - very good paper -

Came home, had dinner, Brown R.B.  
& Wale (38<sup>th</sup>) came to go to the Theatre -  
"John Doherty" & "Going to the Sun" -  
James - Cadrington was present -

After the Theatre Brown, Johnston (9<sup>th</sup>) & I  
called on Charnett who our friend has  
gone to bed - I saw a short chat &  
left soon after - I saw & he here -

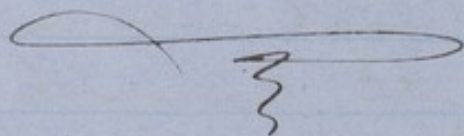
Day very warm - frost at night -





Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July -

Had two dissections to-day - one  
in the 46<sup>th</sup> human abscess / + the  
other in the 77<sup>th</sup> (Jenny) - The first one  
was a very tedious one - In the  
afternoon wrote to Dr Pirie but not  
much more to tell him but managed  
a letter & sent it off with the mail  
to-night - After dinner sat down  
to write verses but did not write  
very long when I felt sleepy - So  
I gave up, had a smoke &  
off to bed -



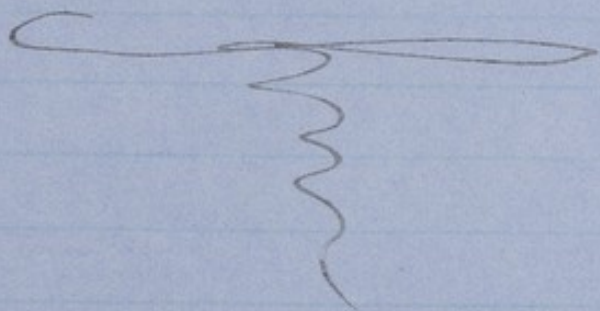
Day disagreeable damp &  
windy - Frost at night with  
rain -



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March -

Still very dull & roads very  
muddy - after breakfast went  
for a short time - Count 20"/calum  
to copy 2 cases - Went to the 46  
& 77 about yesterday's cases -  
Saw Johnston, Hillitt & Corbett  
(68<sup>5</sup>) in coming back - Writing all  
day - Made call on & also  
Ward - Ward & Gib. have great  
plans going for a party. Ward wants  
£20. but will take for £16. Ward  
came down to £18 & the bargain  
was struck for £16 & a pair of trousers  
Ward remains the dinner - after  
dinner felt sleepy so lay down on the  
top of my bed & fell asleep -  
off the bed at 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> -

Day quite warm at midday -  
thermometer - 41. 40. 32 -





Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March -

Beautiful fine day - There was  
a meeting of of Genals at Truckee  
Bridge yesterday & I believe con-  
cludes a kind of armistice - This  
morning Ribaut & I went to Balach  
I a Ward's horse - Balach was  
very quiet & it indeed looked like  
Sunday - Called at the Parcel Pk  
& found my long lost box which I  
was to have up from over there, came  
home about 5 P.M. - Had dinner  
read a short time & then off  
to bed -

Forenoon very good - Cold &  
damp towards night -

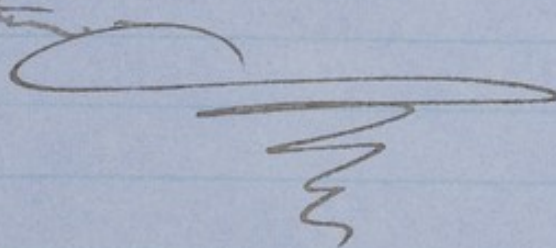
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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March -

Dull disagreeable, muddy day -  
Remained in bed until noon, then  
went over to the 88<sup>th</sup> Regt. to a cake  
of "drumbe" - When I came back  
found a letter from D. A. Rogers  
with newspapers - Etc. Had put  
a window in the door - Snow at  
midday - Sat down to write a letter  
to my father but was interrupted first  
by Williams & Channet R. B., then by  
Downes R. A. & then Johnston 68<sup>th</sup>.  
The latter was messenger & he brought  
me my long lost box - It is a fine one  
Cullen (4<sup>th</sup> St. St. St.) - The box was opened  
& all contents found good - ginger-  
bread in a beautiful state of pres-  
ervation - everything good -

Day dull - night cold, snow  
& sleet - Sent a short letter to  
Father





Tuesday - 4<sup>th</sup> March -

Day very clear - snow & sleet the whole day - the chimney smoking like blazes so that we could keep no fires - in the forenoon went over to 17<sup>th</sup> Regt & continued as on other - came back about 12 with Ward, Dyer, Lees, & Downes to lunch found Brown in the hut - gave pipes to all - sat reading & tried to get up a fire, but was glad when we got it put out again. it smoked so much - both went to beds - & I followed my room after -

Cold - snow & sleet all day  
Heavy fall of snow in the evening  
& all night -

38. 35. 25 -



Wednesday - 5<sup>th</sup> March

Two feet of snow on the ground  
this morning - the snow of the last has  
blown off during the night & snow  
in the last also - Remained in the  
last the whole day - as it was  
almost impossible to make what

14. Last. Mr. Thorne called in the after-  
-noon - Looking & reading -  
Wrote the Brief as. Time & then  
Saw for the present of the lesson given  
Wrote part of a letter to the brother  
Went to bed early -  
Snow during the most part  
of the day -

Snow storm all day -

15 - 26. 18 -



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March -

Ground still covered chiefly with  
snow - some snow in the fore-  
noon - At noon went with Gilman  
to Williams' (rifles) & then on to the  
rifles in Lt Division - Had lunch  
with Brad & Finley - some Brown  
& got some books from him -

Clear all day but cold west  
wind blowing - came home very  
tired - Rain & thaw at night -  
off to bed soon - cold night -  
No news - nothing doing -

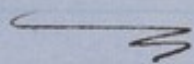
Snow & sleet during the day  
Rain at night -

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Friday - 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Heavy fall of snow all day  
very cold morning - Frost & wind -  
Snow soon again - remained  
at home all day - Writing & reading  
tho no news whatever - Mail not  
yet come in - as it was very  
cold went soon to bed -

Day Cold - Snow - 22. 22. 20



Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March -  
Still very cold - writing all forenoon  
at Mildred's & Dyer's calls - But before  
the fire & smokers - went for a walk  
to Dorney Woods but soon came back  
again it was so cold - Dyer  
remained to dinner & we spent a  
very pleasant evening - Off to bed  
at 11 P.M. -

Day very cold & clear -  
18. 20. 16 -

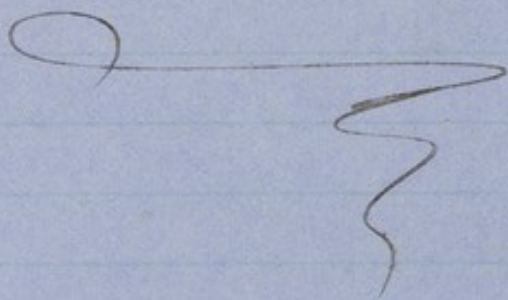


Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Left for North A. dy. & 3 o'clock

Beautiful clear day, bright sun  
at midday - went on to Court in  
the forenoon - had lunch with Mr. D.  
Went with Pilant & W. to the  
Interment & the course. There  
was much pleasure with an walk  
some some show pieces & with  
superior skeletons, the remains of  
Interment - returned at 6  
had dinner - & went to bed  
at 10 o'clock -

Day fine - warm at midday -

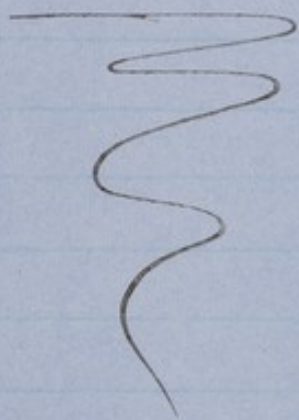




Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March -

Writing in the morning & forenoon -  
Went over the Camp at 11 1/2 a.m. The  
about 1 started with me for  
Libarstofee & went through all  
the French side of the town - visits  
the batteries & Fort Alexandre  
Fort Brisolus &c. which are now  
all in ruins - arrived in camp  
about 6 P.M. - sent home my horse  
& remained with Almond to dinner  
came home about 9 P.M. & soon  
after that went to bed -

Day very fine - warm -





Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March -

Post came in the day - 2 newspapers  
but no news - Writing last news-  
report all morning & forenoon -  
Sat in the tent all day - Dr. Currie's  
brother (Capt. of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dragoon) called  
to day & had a long chat -

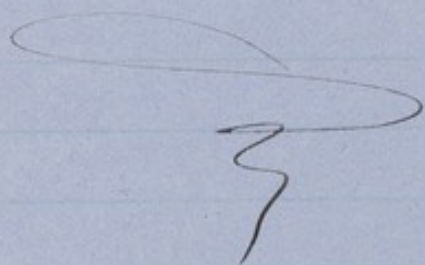
After dinner went over to Evans to  
ask if he wished a dissection of  
Lieut. Seymour who had died in  
Camp of Pomeroy - Called on  
Dyer & Lees had a long chat  
& came home about 11 P.M.  
Off to bed -



Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March —  
After breakfast went over to the  
General Hospital to correct some  
errors in last month's report —  
Called on Eakin who was with  
Sam Hawkins — called on  
Chambers who was also with —  
Came home after being in camp  
seeing Horvitt who invited me to  
dinner on Saturday — After dinner  
went with Lil. to see Johnston &  
Kellie when we remained till  
noon 12 debating our reserve —  
Home with the horse —



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Remain at home all day  
at 1 o'clock to Chalmers to visit  
having some Social & B. - went  
to the Medical Society where we  
heard a paper read by Dr. Scham-  
- on the diseases in the Sardinian  
Army - came back with Dr  
More Anderson 5<sup>th</sup> - Post came  
in letter from home & papers from  
Colin - Remain in the hut for  
the rest of the day - reading &c.  
Fine warm day -  
82° 81° 36° -





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Scorbutus	1
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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Writing in the forenoon to D. Emily  
went to as sister at 6.8 on a man  
who had drift down down - Here  
as that & another with Johnstone &  
had a piece of bone which means  
my family on my S<sup>r</sup> - Finished a  
letter to D. E. & as long one to Mother  
sent off both letters in the evening  
including a picture of the hut  
to Mother - Nothing more going  
on so far as seems certain -  
From being as fine warm day  
yesterday the wind has now  
changed to NE & it is very cold  
& snowing -

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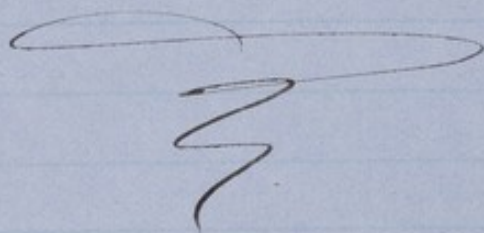


Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March -

Had a picnic on an L.I.C. mountain  
to day - Picnic - Had a long  
chat with Corbett & Johnston, the  
latter came down with me &  
had a smoke - Chummet &  
Williams called in afternoon - at  
5 P.M. had a short walk on  
the top of the hill & then went to  
Hornet's to dinner - had a very  
good dinner - Dyer & Lee came  
in, in the evening & we sat talking  
until 10 P.M. when Kate & I  
came home & off to bed -

Clear cold day -

22. 30. 20





Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March -

As the more or general for -  
the day - Kils. got up early & was  
off by 8 a.m. - Fine day but cold.  
Sat writing in the hut all the forenoon  
at 12 went to General Hospital &  
thence to 56 Regt. saw Tully here  
a sister (Felix C. C.) brother with Tully  
& the next & saw Grant - Came  
home & put Kils. & Dan - Had  
a call from Mr. O'Leary an Acting  
Man - Remains at home all  
evening -



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March -

Very cold day - Remained in  
the tent the whole day - writing even  
as reading "My Novel" - There are  
calls as if the day very quiet  
Mavis did not come in, the same -

Tuesday - 18<sup>th</sup> March -

Mail came in today - 2 rough -  
Had a section at the 20<sup>th</sup>, have  
another at the same hospital -  
Went over to Camp & attended a  
sale (St. Leonards) bought a book  
or a pair of shoes - Some to dinner  
after dinner visited Griffin (JF)  
came here at 8 & wrote even  
all night after -



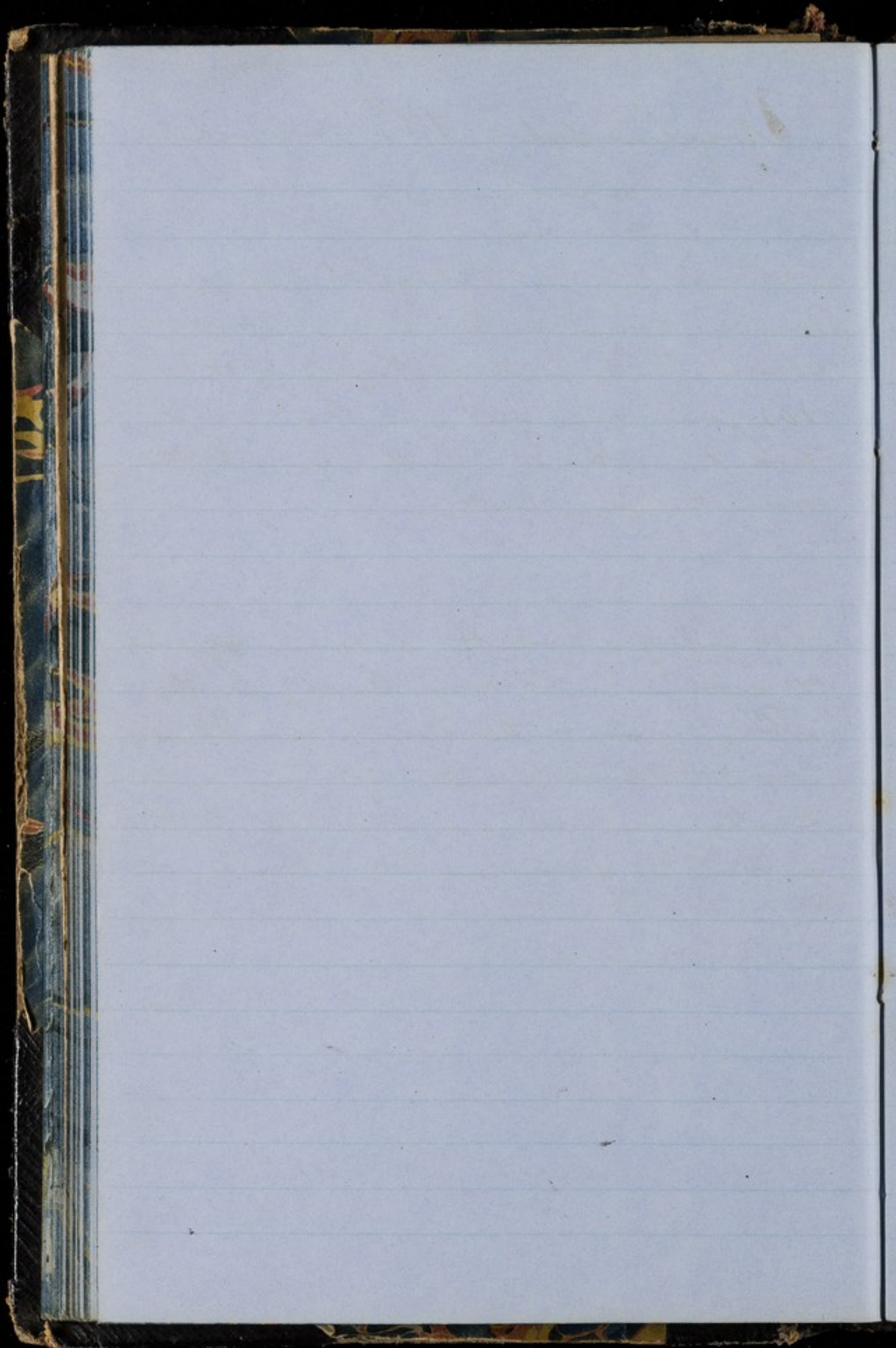
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March -

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Sunday - 23<sup>rd</sup> March. (Easter)  
Mail came in to-day & brought  
news of the birth of Napoleon - IV.  
101 years now since in honor of the  
event - Had a letter from Father  
& another from Mother -

Monday - Weather is now very good  
& warm - Rained to-day & the  
Thames & the camp empty -  
Went to camp in the afternoon - Had  
to dine - remained at home in the  
evening & finished "My House" -







Travels from Sebastopol to  
England.

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After serving 20 months in the East & nearly 15 mos. in the Crimea I at last got an order to embark in H.M.S. Resistance, as the said ship was taking in a cargo of munitions & shot at Sebastopol we were in no hurry to embark & remained several days in our quarters which were at that time at the Head Quarters of the L.T.C. near Balaklava - My companions at the time were Dr. Horn 1<sup>st</sup> Corp Staff & Act. Asst. Surg. Folliott our room located in a very nice hut at the top of a hill overlooking Hadadrai & a more beautiful place I could not well have chosen - On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June we sent down Dr. Folliott with some baggage & to send us word when he had to be on board - On Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup> July) we sent down our baggage & received word that we



now to sail next afternoon & that  
we had better come on board as  
soon as possible - according to  
this information I spent my last  
night in shore in the Crimea &  
on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1866 Mrs  
(Dr. Home & I) went down to the ship  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Got up about 6 A.M.  
packed up my bed, got breakfast  
& started about 9<sup>1/2</sup> A.M. for the ship - The  
day was very hot, but as Dr. Taylor  
had kindly lent Dr. Home a horse  
by riding in turns we got on very  
well indeed & reached Sebastopol  
at 2 P.M. 12 - My coat driven by the  
servants took down the baggage.

The assistance is a very nice vessel  
of - (I do not know how many tons) but  
when we got on board she was in  
a great state of bustle - people coming  
with mud on their faces & shoes  
were still being put on board -  
I was very glad to find I had got  
a very nice cabin along with Folliott  
I set the cabin to rights & arranged



myself until dinner time (3 P.M.) was  
the next action with Capt. Russell &  
have a last stroll through Sebastopol.

The place was a mass of ruins &  
I had seen it so often that I took  
very little interest in it indeed -  
after returning on board I first felt  
the fact of being on board a man of  
war, in being permitted to smoke  
after 9 in the evening - however I  
managed to ~~smoke~~ do without it, but  
I must say this is the first step of  
returning to civilised life, from the  
freedom of the camp - My cabin  
is a very nice one with a large  
window & when this is open there is  
plenty of air & sunshine - The  
company on board is  
of a rather motley description &  
all the passengers are 22 in number  
consisting of L.T.C. officers - Medical  
officers & D. A. C. G's of the Artillery. Not  
to mention some Veterinary Surgeons  
who are "qui generis" - Rather a  
rough lot altogether - Now I



may sleep subsequently I do not know  
but my first night on board I  
slept like a top & never awoke till  
the morning, when as usual a great  
row commenced & I had to get  
up.

Thursday 25 July - The great row this  
morning was caused by ~~the~~ getting  
up the anchor & getting out of Sel-  
astopol Harbour - We were towed  
by the "Desperate" a fine large steam  
corvette of 10 guns - We cleared  
the Harbour before 8 AM & made  
for Karsatch where we had got  
to take in some things - The  
view of Sebastopol from the  
harbour is the finest you can  
have, the whole town is stretched  
out before you on the slope of the  
hills on which this great fort-  
-works were erected, & even in  
its ruined state it does look  
beautiful in the morning sun.  
I must say I was not at  
all sorry to take a last



view of the place as we sailed out  
of the harbor passing between the  
Great Forts which had kept the  
fleets of Great Britain & France  
at bay so long - It was a beautiful  
morning & the <sup>short</sup> sail along the coast  
was very pleasant - We ran into  
Kasatel Bay about 9 A.M. & cast  
anchor near the ordnance stores.

The Capt. went on board the Flag ship  
for his orders & soon returned & informed  
us that we would remain in our present  
position for about 2 days & that we  
were to ship 8000 flanks for Malta  
& also get on board 3 officers & 100 men  
of the L.I.C. - He brought no news  
except that Admiral Lyons had  
been made a peer - After dinner  
Dr. Horn, Dr. Folliott & I went on  
shore & had a last stroll through  
Kornetich. This town is almost  
deserted now & we hear that all  
the French troops are to leave on  
Saturday. After having some lemonade  
& making some purchases we



returned to the ship. Last come difficulty  
in getting on board but at last  
managed thro' the kindness of an  
officer of the "Royal George". They gave  
many blankets have been taken  
in to-day - Polliott & I changed  
our Cabin & are now in a very  
nice one (ladies cabin) next to the stern  
(So much for knowing the Capt.)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Last night, having  
got a hair mattress to my bed, I  
think I slept on the softest & most  
comfortable bed I have had  
since I left England, in fact I  
was so well pleased with my bed  
& slept so sound, that although  
we had a gale of wind during  
the night I never awoke - I am  
rather well pleased that the ship  
did not start so soon as I expected  
as I am getting accustomed to the  
peculiar smell & row which is  
always going on <sup>in</sup> ship-board & will  
have no chance of escaping sea-



- sickness when we do get into the  
black sea - In the morning it  
looked dull & we had a smart  
shower of rain so I contented  
myself to remain in my cabin to  
read, my cabin being as most  
comfortable one - It soon cleared  
up & a beautiful day followed -  
about 12 we had in all our cargo  
& in the afternoon 50 P.T.C & 30 M.I.C  
came on board - There was a  
great deal of bustle & row in  
getting up the anchor, but by  
7 P.M. we had started towards  
by the Desperado - When we  
passed the Algerians (91) the  
hand on board her struck up  
"Home Sweet Home" In which  
we returned them 3 Cheers, They  
cheered us as much as to say  
"Good luck to you, adieu you  
glad you are out of the Crimea"  
we cheered again & then the  
band played "O! Charles"  
but my heart gives me up D.



which of course requires another  
churn & we went on our way  
sighing. Evening soon set in & when  
it got dark we could only see the  
lighthouse on the point of Karsak  
Bay & a fishing or long pole to  
the Crimea we all went below the  
deck. It came on to blow slightly &  
in case my stomach should show  
symptoms of rebellion I thought it  
safest to go <sup>early</sup> to bed when I  
was soon fast asleep -

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July - When I awoke  
this morning we were going beautifully  
along in a calm sea, with only breeze  
enough to keep us cool. We were  
going in a S.W. direction at 7½ knots  
an hour. I was not in the least  
sick & I enjoyed the morning very  
much. Day equally beautiful  
& night the same. We are going  
steadily along & expect to be  
at Constantinople tomorrow  
morning -



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July - When I got up  
this morning the coast of Asia Minor  
was in sight & between 8 & 9 we  
entered the Bosphorus. The scenery  
we of course admired very much  
& I took a good hard look at  
Thrace & Scutaria. We came  
to anchor about 10<sup>1/2</sup>, a little below  
Seraaglio Point, the most of the  
officers went ashore to Constanti-  
nople, but Dr. Home & Dr. Follivott  
& I went with the Captain to  
Scutaria. When while Dr. Home  
was looking after some baggage  
I visited Dr. A. Struth's graves,  
& called on Mr. & Mrs. Rice who  
were both from home. We re-  
turned to the ship in time for dinner  
& after dinner I again went with  
the Capt. as far as Galata. Follivott  
& I went to Pera where I  
called on Miss Walsh & found  
that Miss Scott had & had been  
down there before. Had some  
Ice Cream at Dorman's &



thought of returning to the ship  
which after some difficulty I  
managed to do in a Carriage, &  
was more lucky than some who  
had to remain on shore all night.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Strong breeze  
blowing from the N this morning, I did  
not intend going ashore to-day but as  
our boat was going I went & visited the  
four fountains Daran in Stambul &  
invested largely in Turkish shippers.  
after walking about the Daran outside  
I was tired, went & had a Turkish  
bath near S: Sophia - (not good)  
got on board the ship again about  
4 P.M., & at 6-20 P.M. was  
weighed anchor & setting sail our  
march down the sea of Marmara  
in beautiful style -

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July -  
Beautiful morning, very little wind  
sea as calm as we could wish & the  
ship running close along the coast shore



of the Island of Rhodus, the whole  
day was passed very quietly &  
about 5 P.M. we passed Kalipoli  
& entered the Dardanelles. As we  
had no wind, about 8½ P.M. the  
ship was anchored in a small bay  
behind Cape Tschini a little above  
Alydor - where we remained all  
night - beautiful moonlight night.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July -

Unpleasant weather about 4½ this morning  
but as there was very little wind  
the morning was along & day in but this  
7 & when I went on deck the ship  
was passing between Sestos &  
Alydor (the celebrated ruin of  
Lord Byron) The country on each  
side of the Dardanelles is rough  
& barren except where the villages  
appear which are numerous &  
situated in beautiful spots. The  
shores of the Sea of Rhodan are  
very rich & the hill sides are covered  
with cultivation (corn & vines).



We cleared the Dardanelles about noon & then we found the Despute made her appearance & took me in tow. The day was fine with a cool breeze & in passing between the islands, <sup>9th archipelago</sup> nothing could be more beautiful. Immediately after leaving the Dardanelles we sighted Lemnos & sailed along the Thracian shore, passing this Besika Bay & between Tenedos & the mainland. Mount Ida was seen very distinctly & Mount Athos indistinctly. The sea was as calm as a pond & all on board as jolly as could be. We passed between the mainland & Tenedos & when the evening closed in we were between the islands of Mytilene & Strati. Beautiful moonlight night & still towers by the Despute.

Thursday. 10<sup>th</sup> July - When I came on deck this morning our view between Skyros, Psaro & Cape Doro as usual we had a beautiful



day, & about midday we passed  
thru' the straits of Daro. In the  
afternoon we passed between the  
Islands of Lea & Mandai, we  
had a view of Cape Colonna &  
saw the remains of Primrose's temple  
there. In the evening we were on  
the South Coast of St George, where  
a band of Bush Pirates were  
captured a few years ago.  
Whatever may be the internal  
character of all these islands  
their coasts look very bleak &  
barren, but it is one of the most  
beautiful sights you can well  
imagine to sail in a calm sea  
amongst them. In the afternoon we  
had some rifle practice at  
a bottle which was thrown  
behind the ship, & which I saw  
the man I was hitting with my only  
shot. In the evening the sailors  
were singing at a great rate  
& making the voyage quite  
romantic.



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - We have been  
going in a S.W. direction ever since  
we left the Crimea but to-day  
we expect to get round Cape  
Mentafon & then we proceed in  
westerly direction - When I went on  
deck this morning it was blowing  
what I would term a gale from  
the West - the wind was very warm  
(thermometer 84 in shade) as we were  
under the cover of the land it was  
comparatively calm - In the fore-  
noon we rounded Cape Mentafon  
& then it became very rough I  
lay in bed until dinner time &  
then made strong efforts to beat  
it out, it was "no go" however  
& to say the least I felt "decidedly  
squeamish" & have the severe attack  
in the middle of dinner, followed by  
two or three others - We were attempting  
to beat thro' the Straits of Cerigo  
against a head wind, & although  
our "Desperate" friend had four  
boilers going, about 6 P.M. we



Lead to give it up & take shelter  
in Vatican Bay, a beautiful  
little bay surrounded by high  
hills on the coast of the Island  
of Serris, where we had calm  
water & where we anchored for  
the night. I was very much  
pleased at this as my Regiment  
was immediately landed off.  
In the forenoon the men were  
all drilled at great gun  
exercise which was very  
amusing to me. They were  
singing again in the evening -  
like blaring like fury all  
night -

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July - About 6 this morning  
we left Vatican Bay & went along  
very well until we came near Cape  
Pinatapan when the Despatch left  
us & we have to make sail &  
do the best we can. The wind  
was right ahead & all we  
could do was to dodge off & on



Cape Matapan all day - It was  
miserable work & I was so  
very squeamish that I had to  
remain in bed all day & get my  
servant to bring my food to me -  
Very rough night -

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Going along  
somewhat better & out of sight of  
Cape Matapan - still very sick  
& of course I remained in bed all  
day - I was not sick but very  
near it, if I attempted to go  
on deck, it was more than I  
could do; but so long as I  
remained in bed I was quite  
well & amused myself reading,  
Hail before towards the  
evening -

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Sea much  
calmer to-day & we are going on  
very at the rate of 4 knots per hour.  
To-day I am not so sea sick  
but I have got a very dirty



Wagner & I found it is a bilious  
attack - took some blue pills &  
by evening felt much better so that  
I could go on deck & smoke which  
was a great thing - Nothing further  
to-day. Spent most of the day in  
my cabin reading - At 12 noon  
to-day we were 250 miles from  
Malta which we all wish was  
over at -

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - This has  
been a most beautiful calm  
day & with the assistance of  
Sodan & B. I was enabled to  
take some breakfast & continue  
quite well all day - It was  
almost a dead calm & the  
ship was going at the rate  
of between 1 & 3 knots N by E -  
In the evening we were to the S. of  
Italy & 195 miles from Malta -  
It was a most beautiful  
night & the moon nearly full -  
The sailors were all singing &



one of our passengers (Mr. Day) gave  
me some advice on the corner when  
rounded suddenly across the  
calm moonlit water, among  
others "When the sun allows some do  
fly" & "Slide so gently over ones  
stealing" with the best - I  
have no objection to the calm  
weather but the want of a  
sailing vessel is, that you  
cannot have calm weather  
& get along quickly at the  
same time - However we hope  
for the best & expect to be  
at Malta in 2 or 3 days more.

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

Very calm day again. nothing to be  
seen but water on all sides, very  
little doing - day very hot - still  
going in a northerly direction - at  
midday we were 190 miles from  
Malta - beautiful moonlight  
night -



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last  
night our changed our course &  
went in a westerly direction wh  
was some consolation as that  
is on or in the direction of Malta  
then our chance has going as yet  
& at midnight we were 15-9 miles  
from that place. Our expectation  
to have had a breeze to-day  
but we had a dead calm &  
not so much wind even as to  
fill our sails. Were it not for  
our anxiety to get home nothing  
could be more beautiful than  
the Mediterranean at this season  
The sea calm & a warm day  
with a beautiful sky overhead  
in the evening the sun sets in an  
haze, a cool breeze springs  
up from the direction of Italy.  
At night the full moon rises.  
Nothing is to be seen but a  
swallow which has been  
flying round the ship for the last  
3 days. To-day it came the way



calm wind and putting out my hand  
to catch it, it left its tail with me.  
In the evening we have some beautiful  
singing in the fore-castle, some of  
the men are very good singers &  
the choruses are grand -

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Dead calm  
again - (Ben exercises at yards  
to-day, which if not amusing to them  
is very much so to us - at 12  
noon we were 146 miles from Port  
2 or 3 vessels were in sight to-day &  
the "Sea-horse" mortar vessel, ex-  
changes signals with us - In the  
evening a slight breeze sprang up  
& we went on our way rejoicing.  
Music to moonlight in the evening  
as usual -

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Beautiful  
breeze this morning - ship going  
N.W. at the rate of 3 or 4 knots -  
the crew - some swell on but  
I am not in the least sick.



In the evening the busser freshened up  
+ our meat along at a very fine  
place includes with boxes of vegetables  
On Malta soon —

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Wind strong  
in the morning but fell about 9 A.M.  
+ our men almost became seasick but  
stayed - In my ground success sailing  
At noon a steam tug came from  
Malta seeking for H. M. S. Seahorse  
+ as she could not be found  
our men taken in tow - We had  
church service on board in the  
morning which was very nice -  
Came into Valetta Harbour  
about 9 P.M. + got safely moored  
Very glad to get into Harbour men  
on deck - Harbour in a bustle  
+ quite fine —

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July - In the morning  
went ashore + after breakfast had  
a stroll thro' the town - called on  
Simpson, made some purchases



had us &c. - Out Griffin - Came  
on board in time for dinner - &  
remained on board all evening -  
H. M. S. Persimmon going out this  
morning ran ashore close to where  
we were, when she remained -  
Heard of the loss of the Stanton -  
Before going to bed had my  
puff on J. J. & Mellor -

Tuesday - 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Got  
on ashore on board yesterday  
no mood to leave yet - Had  
a stroll thro' the town & out Griffin  
again, came on board & having  
lunch, went to Badalla barracks  
where J. Waller & I had a smoke  
called at the Stiburnia on my way  
back, was late for dinner but  
got some colds - Found my  
little dog had got pups -



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Last night  
about 10 or 11 went ashore with Craig,  
D.A.C. & to smoke & as it was a  
nice night had a stroll thro' the  
town - remained about 1/2 hr or  
goose while & then when we were  
coming on board, discovered the  
gate shut & that we were en-  
closed in the town for the night.  
so we had to make the best  
of it we could, strolling about  
the streets, examining the fortifi-  
cations & & until 9 am - then  
after having some coffee at an  
early coffee shop, we were  
very glad to get on board again  
as a consequence slept till  
forenoon, took some dinner, &  
immediately after this Griffin  
called & I went with him to  
Madalla ~~Maraka~~ where  
I remained to dinner & had  
a very good one - Came on  
board at 11 1/2 & off to bed -



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Dr. Home went  
off this morning via Italy - Remained  
on board all forenoon - Had a  
slight stroll in the town in the  
afternoon but being tormented with  
toothache did not enjoy myself  
much - In the evening took  
a boat & had a row about  
the harbour -

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July - Was awoken  
this morning at 5 A.M. by a salute  
of 21 guns being fired in honour of  
the arrival of Pelissier - He  
landed at 9 A.M. when another  
salute was fired & he was  
received by a guard of honour  
& music - Went in the forenoon  
to bath & had a beautiful  
swim - Nothing particular going  
on - Some words of going off  
tomorrow -



Saturday - 26<sup>th</sup> July - Had my  
beautiful bath this morning  
at 8 a.m. along with Day & Craig,  
back to breakfast at 9 - Spent  
the forenoon in my cabin reading &  
at noon we received orders to  
sail at 2 - We tossed out of  
Valetta harbour between 2 &  
3 & were very soon flung by  
the waves on our "own backs"  
once more again - Very rough  
in the evening but I slept well.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July - Wind from  
the north & the island of Gozo in  
sight - Had review on board  
followed by a general inspection  
of the troops - Day as usual very  
fine, in fact we have had no  
rain since we left the Crimea.  
Towards afternoon it came on  
to blow & got very rough. I was  
- aged dinner but it was all I  
could do & threw it up after I  
had got it down - Day in bed,



all the evening - During the night  
it was very rough & every thing  
was rolling about the cabin  
making a great noise -

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Still very  
rough & of course I kept my  
bed all day - in the evening it  
got quite calm & I was able  
to eat some sandwiches for  
supper & slept well after them

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Much calmer  
to day - we are going in a westerly  
direction against a NW wind  
about mildly we came in sight  
of the Island of Pantellaria (which  
is the convict prison of Italy) &  
in the evening were 4 or 5 miles to the  
south of it - I say very good  
& I was able to take all  
my food in the mess room  
which is a great thing to do.  
A good deal of lightening seen  
over the coast of Sicily at night.



Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July - Steady  
breeze from the North & we are  
going along at a beautiful pace  
in the morning we saw the NW  
of the Island of Portellaria  
in the evening we were close to  
Cape Bon on the North coast of  
Africa, we could not reach  
it however & at 8 P.M. we  
turned to the North - There  
is a great deal of business  
on hand - every day sails &  
no change -

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July - This morning  
we were to the NE of Cape Bon  
& 20 miles from it in sight also  
of the small island of Lembr  
we are now on our fair  
course running to the westward  
& should the wind continue  
we may expect a good  
passage to Gibraltar - The wind  
has however fallen a little -  
In the evening we were to the westward



of the Corrie rocks & had a good  
view of the wreck of the "Shantam"  
which was high & dry. This vessel  
left Balaklava about a fortnight  
before us, it had a cargo of  
gun powder on board & 600 S.P.C.  
a very fine steam vessel 700 tons.  
About 7 am tracked & ran again  
to the N.E. - About 9 P.M. when it  
was nearly dark, a large buoy  
appeared ahead of us, & as  
she rounded us & showed one  
light, our director drew attention  
to us. by firing a gun, when  
she immediately ran up light.  
I must have been thinking all was  
safe, when I was astonished  
by the cry of "all hands" & "Clear  
the main Deck" we all rushed  
on deck & found the ship just  
running into us, after a good  
deal of talking & manning  
she just passed us, but it  
was a very narrow chance,  
& had she run into us she



would have got the most of it - This was a source of some excitement, which pleased us very much -

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1856, Friday  
Just beautiful morning,  
very little wind - Men exercised  
at great game today - "Bout  
Ship" at 11 A.M. & we again pro-  
ceeded Westward again once  
more - In the morning we were  
about 30 miles to the N of the  
Carr rocks - running in a N.W. direction  
with a light wind which in-  
creased during the day - a  
good many vessels were in sight  
& at 3 P.M. as we were passing  
a hanger she made signals  
that she wished a Surgeon  
on board - Dr. Dobin R. N. & two  
of our fellows went on board  
& found that the mate had  
got something wrong with his  
limb - the capt's story was



that they were "200 tons burden,  
had 300 tons of coal on board,  
was 62 days out from Newcastle  
the crew consisted of Capt.  
Mate & 5 men - nothing on board  
but salt meat & biscuit, no  
spirits of any kind as the owners  
were religious kind of folks.  
Had a medicine chest on  
board & also a book, but  
although he had read this  
all the book he did not know  
what to do - was bound for  
Constantinople" - The D. gave  
him directions & we sent some  
food & fresh provisions & wine  
on board - The name was  
the "Antilles of London" -

Beautiful night & almost a  
calm - No moon but lots of  
stars -

August 2<sup>nd</sup> 1756 - Saturday -  
Beautiful morning as usual  
we have a fair wind for the



first time only very little of it.  
All sail set but we are only  
going about 3 miles per hour.  
At noon today we were 18  
miles to the north of the island  
of "Goulletta" & 682 from Sili:  
= Brattin - The wind freshened to a  
moderate night & we went along  
at the rate of 5 miles per hour.  
Beautiful night →

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1856 -  
Fine morning & light fair wind  
from the west, no land in sight  
but two or three vessels seen.  
At noon to-day we were to the  
north of Cape Boeyarvoni &  
568 miles from Sibrattin -  
Service as usual, nothing new  
during the day →

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1856 -  
Beautiful day - very little  
winds - About 500 miles  
from Sili: at noon -



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1856 -

Fine day - very warm - sea like  
a mill-pond - no wind - things  
going on as usual at midday  
we had a little excitement,  
a turtle having been seen ashore  
or basking on the surface of the  
water a boat was lowered  
& succeeded in taking him  
very easily. He was not very large  
(about 30<sup>lbs</sup>) - At noon to-day we  
were 452 miles from Gibraltar.  
It is all very nice this sort of  
sailing but still we all wish  
for a breeze & a fair one if  
possible - In the afternoon we  
caught two more turtles & might  
have had a third had not  
a fellow find at it - Beautiful  
night - moon up once more &  
we were singing at night -

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> 1856 -

Beautiful day - as hot as blazes  
& a dead calm still we



are slipping quietly along &  
at noon to day were about  
280 miles from Gibraltar -  
Singing at night again & day  
favoured us with a few  
classical songs -

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1856 -  
about 6 this morning a fine  
breeze sprang up, but unfortunately  
it was from the W.  
so we had to run to the N -  
about midday, it fell & at  
3 P.M. it sprang up again  
from the S.E. - which was jolly  
to us all hope it will con-  
-tinue - Nothing new on board  
& there is heavy on our hands -  
Breeze fell again at 9 P.M. -

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1856 -  
Calm to day again - at noon  
we were 295 miles from Gibraltar -  
in the afternoon we got a nice  
breeze & we went along at



a great pace - in the evening it  
went down again -

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856 -  
Strong gale from the E. by day  
in the morning the coast of  
Spain were visible <sup>at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$</sup>   
A. M. we passed Cape de Gate <sup>168 miles</sup>  
at the rate of 12 knots per hour  
all in high spirits & expect  
to pass Gibraltar to-morrow.  
About 5 P. M. when we were  
going 6 knots the wind fell  
& we lay all night in what  
the sailors call "the doldrums"  
ship rolling like fun  
& making no way - In the  
forenoon saw some flying fish.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856  
Quiet morning, no wind, heavy  
swell - about 10 a light breeze  
sprang up & continued - ~~Chase~~  
~~service~~ as usual - Little  
or no wind during the day - at



noon we were 62 miles from Gibraltar  
Land (Coast of Spain) dimly saw  
some vessels & Spanish boats  
seen also

Monday - 11<sup>th</sup> August -

Went very little during the  
night - in forenoon we were  
going slowly along under a  
North wind - Gibraltar not in sight  
yet - At noon we were 40 miles  
from it - Saw some dolphins  
in the afternoon the most  
beautiful fish I ever saw -  
good breeze in the afternoon  
but none all night -

Tuesday - Light breeze in  
the forenoon - at noon we  
were about 16 miles from Gibraltar  
& we could see the hills -  
nothing doing & all wishing  
we were out of this - When we  
were at dinner we heard a great  
noise & saw going in dark for the



we had reached the rocks, my  
made signals for a steam-try  
but did not get one, so we  
went slowly along & came to  
anchor in the Bay about 11 P.M.  
very near to the Prussian vessel  
which a few days before had  
got on cutting up from the moon!

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1856

Had an early breakfast & day  
& then we went on shore to  
visit Gibraltar. I went with  
Dory & after going to the Post-  
office we agreed to ascend the  
rock. It was a very hot day  
with very little wind & it took  
no little exertion to get to the  
top - by mistake we took a  
difficult way & went up  
a long wall called I believe  
the "Queen's Steps" - My resolution  
nearly failed me two or three  
times but at last we got to  
the flagstaff & stood



1301 feet above the sea - then  
we 1 Surg<sup>t</sup> & 2 men R. A. up  
him with their knives & as very  
nice place they have, neat  
clean houses &c - In coming  
down we visited the caves  
which are not much - When  
we got down we had some  
beer then a stroll about the  
town & then a hand the  
Resistance by 3½ P.M. - It  
was very hot during the day  
& when we were at the top of  
the rocks the thermometer was  
79° in the shade - Gih: is a  
beautiful place - very strong  
to is all one could wish -  
we sailed at 4½ in town  
of a smaller tug but as we  
shall rather be fair wind  
we went on our own way  
at a great pace with  
a good breeze - Gih: is  
982 miles from England.



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856

Beautiful day - we are now  
fairly on the Atlantic - we passed  
Trafalgar on last night & day  
singing "I was in Trafalgar's Bay"  
So day we have as calm & we  
are going very slowly along  
nothing new - all expect to get  
to England in about 10 days.  
Beautiful full moon & calm  
night -

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856.

Fine day as usual, a good  
swell on but not in the least  
sick - Nothing new. Fine breeze  
sprang up in the evening from the  
North West -

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Nothing new -  
good stiff breeze & we are  
steaming with a heavy swell  
nothing of any importance ex-  
-cept a large shark which  
followed us for a while.



Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856  
Dull in the morning & some  
rain, we now know a difference  
in the atmosphere, we have  
much colder nights & clouds  
often obscure the sky - Heavy  
smell on the day but I am  
not in the least sick, I  
suppose I am getting accus-  
tomed to it now, or perhaps  
the smell of the Atlantic is  
different from the short run  
of the Mediterranean - at  
noon to-day we were exactly  
55 miles to the westward of  
Cape St. Vincent, the wind is  
from the N.W. & at present (2 P.M.)  
we are going due W - for  
night as usual -

Monday - 18<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856 -  
Wind light or fresh - a very  
heavy shower - we are still  
going to the W - strange to say  
I am not in the least sick -



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup>

Very heavy swell & no wind in the forenoon. Ship rolling like fury -  
after noon the wind changes & calm from the west & we were standing to the N at the rate of 8 knots - nothing new -

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup> -

Calm in the forenoon & the ship going at a good pace - in the afternoon very rough - no news -

Thursday - 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>th</sup>

Wind freshened from the N.N.W. last night & after a very rough night we have a very rough sea and are still holding on our course well & going very well. I was not at all sick but it was with the greatest difficulty we could take our meals. Plates & glasses &c. had to be held firm & it was nothing extraordinary the



find the contents of your  
plate on your benches, while  
jettisoned, using a bottle  
& salt holder, must come  
-ing about the table on their  
own account. Many sailors  
were flooded this morning,  
& in my cabin their trunks  
& the basin stowed away  
having it all their own  
way - a ~~strong~~ rough day  
but some hope of getting  
to England by Wednesday  
first -

Friday 22. Aug<sup>th</sup>  
Very rough night last night &  
very few slept. I slept well  
& got up this morning all right  
little wind to-day but a very  
heavy swell on so much so  
that the dead light beam the sea  
kept down. in the evening no  
wind & as much calmer, we  
are now 50 miles W from Cape  
Friston.



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856  
Fine calm morning. Little or no  
wind - at noon some air having  
made 11 miles in the last 24  
hours - good wind in the evening

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>  
Dead calm in the forenoon -  
church service as usual -  
very hot during the day but cold  
at night - a breeze springing up  
in the night & we went along  
somewhat but not much -

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>  
Cool breeze in the forenoon but  
unfortunately it blew in the  
wrong direction & we have to  
go on a NW course - all very  
tired of the voyage & wondering  
if we will get home this month.  
In the evening a good breeze sprang  
up but it was in the wrong direction  
we made some way however -  
some rain at night -



Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> -

We have never seen land since leaving the straits of Gib: we now see lots of vessels however - very little wind to-day & that from the N.E. - at noon to-day we were 130 miles from Cape Finistere & 390 from the Lizard -

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup>

This morning we were able to hold on our course & we continued running well all day. The breeze began about 10 A.M. when we were about 394 miles from the Lizard. Nothing new on board but all in good spirits in the hope of a speedy termination to our voyage -



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>

Dull raining on morning but  
wind still continues fair & it  
is a great thing we are making  
at the rate of 4, 5 or 6 knots &  
at noon the day run 276  
miles from the Lizard -  
Wind freshened in the evening & all  
were in very high spirits & great  
sailing was going on.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1856 -

We have made a better run  
during the last 24 hours than  
we have done before - at  
noon we were 120 miles from the  
Lizard & to the W of Ushant -

The wind fell at midday but  
got up again in the evening -  
In the evening were playing  
chess with Mr. Levy in the  
Sunnroom - very heavy rain  
during the night ship rolling  
like fury & very few could  
sleep on board -



Capt. Nelson  
L.T.C.

Capt. Dauchin  
(L.T.C.) L.T.C.

Mr. Clynge  
D.A.C. - F.T.

Mr. Craig  
D.A.C. - F.T.

Dr. Beatty  
S.A.S.

Mr. Fenner  
V.S.

Mr. Ritchie  
Lt. L.T.C.

Dr. Folliott  
A.A.S.

Mr. Alexander  
Lt. L.T.C.

Dr. Jenkins  
A.A.S.

Mr. Smith  
Pvt. L.T.C.

Mr. Kettles  
Lt. L.T.C.

Dr. Greig  
S.A.S.

Mr. Day  
D.A.C. - F.T.

Dr. Stephens  
A.A.S.

Mr. Robertson  
A.A.S.

Mr. Leslie  
A.A.S.

Mr. Brock  
V.S.

Mr. Cooper  
V.S.

Mr. Rutledge  
Lt. L.T.C.

Mr. Scott  
(46<sup>th</sup>) L.T.C.

Capt. Henry  
L.T.C.

Prof. G. L. S. Resistant

Mr. Bond  
Lt. L.T.C.



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>.

Our own running up Channel with  
a fair wind, but in a thick  
fog - expect to see England  
at midday - Very hard  
day - the fog cleared off at  
midday & we got a sight of  
the island - Put all hands  
playing whist with Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Nelson & Launchin & again  
in the evening when we had  
a jollification - all in high  
spirits -

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>.

Beautiful day - service as  
usual - Had all the ship  
officers to dinner today - very  
little wind - saw a great  
many vessels & also the  
coast of Devon - in the evening  
we were off the Bill of Portland  
going quietly along -



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
This morning we went off Ventnor  
Isle of Wight. at noon we landed  
(Band & I) in the pilot boat.  
for which we paid £3 - have  
a beautiful ride to Ryde  
& across the Portsmouth at  
6 P.M. - had dinner & put up  
for the night at 6 Middle St.  
Southsea -

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Reported  
myself to Dr. Bell D.I. B. & have  
with my surprise detained me  
for duty in Portsmouth and  
to my disgust - but promised  
to see me the following as  
soon as he could - put up at  
the Dulce Hotel for the night.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Began  
duty in the Garrison House  
& took lodgings at 27  
St. George's Lane Portsea. spent  
most of the day & the evening  
with the officers -

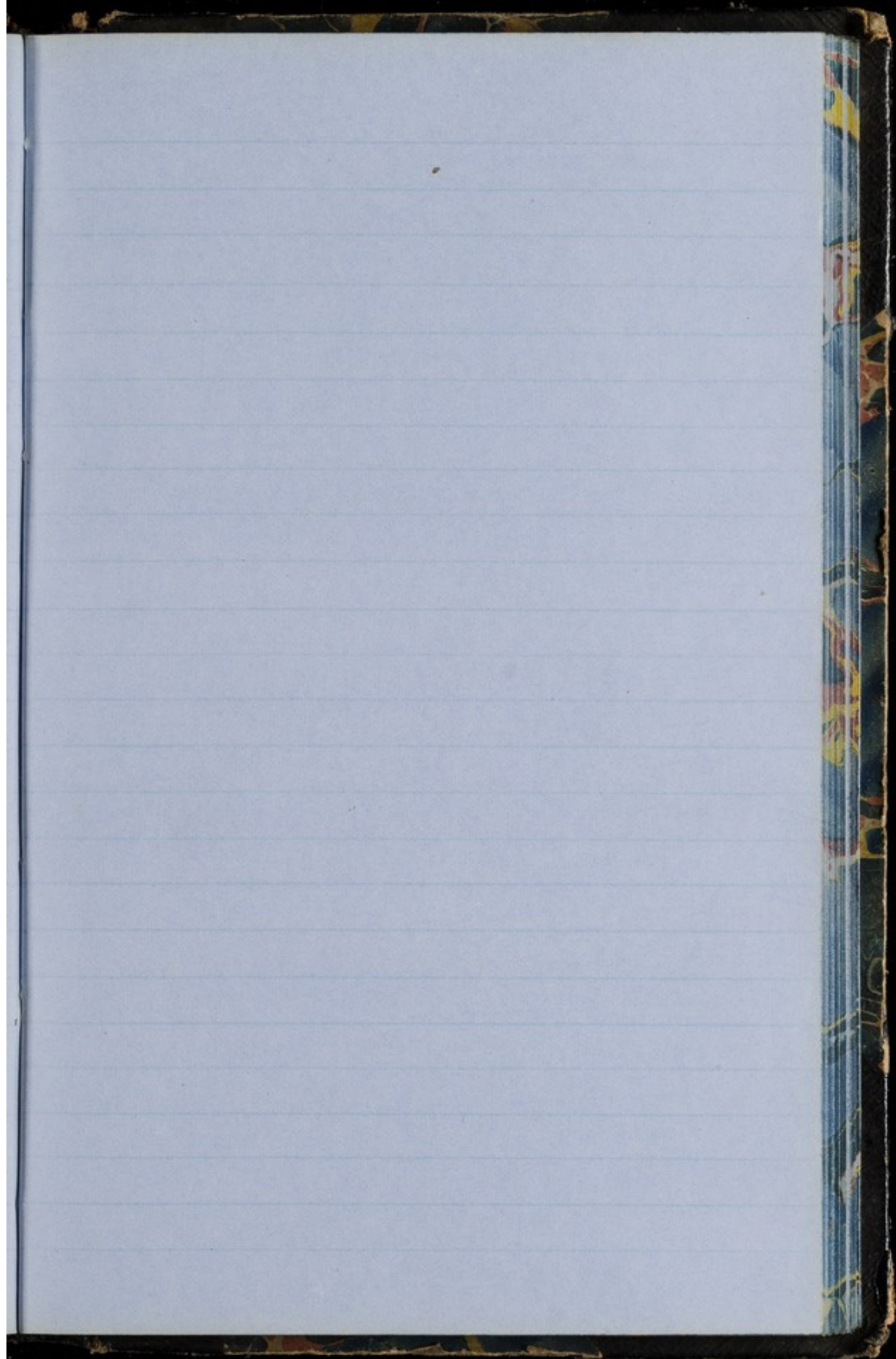


Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1856

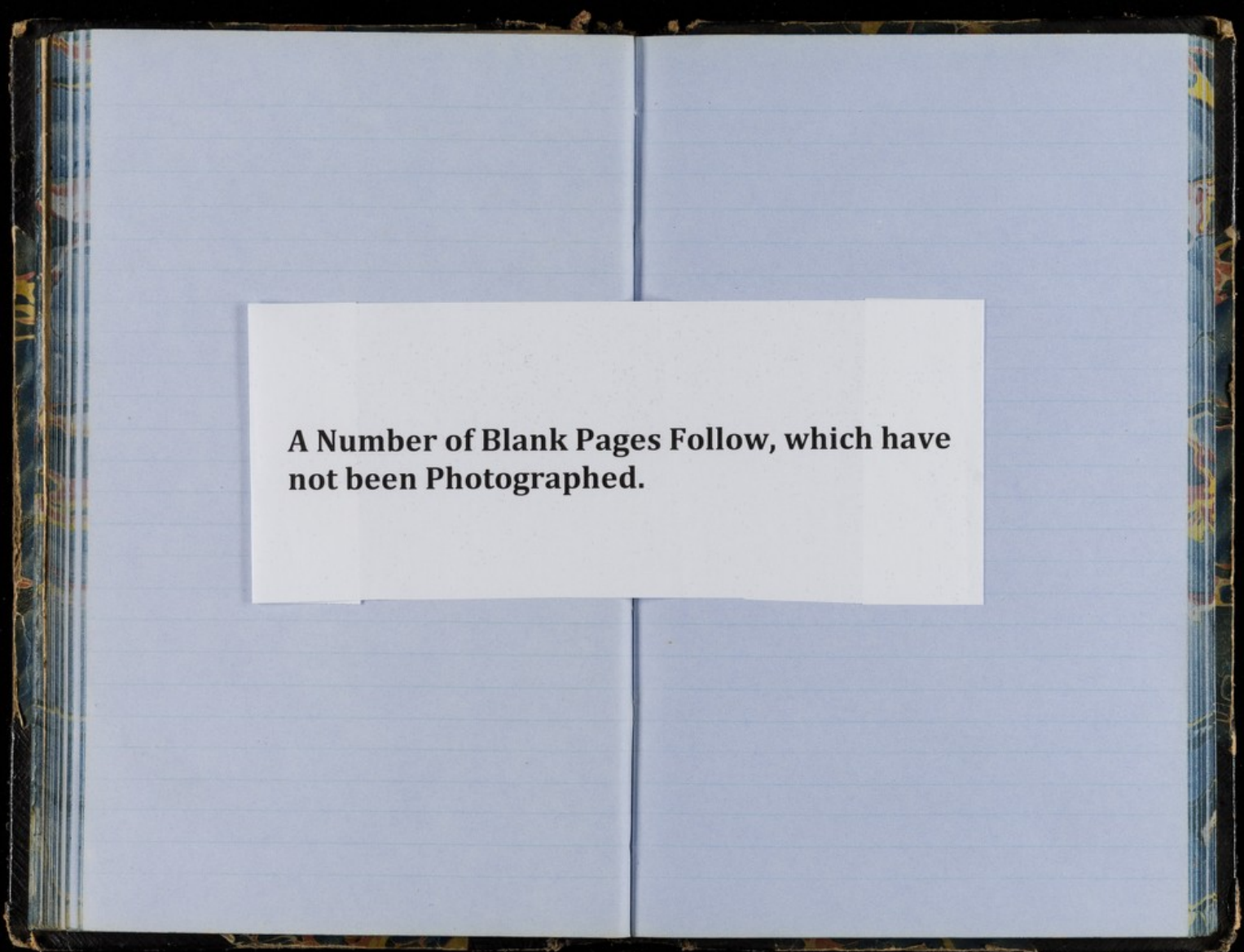
Went to study in the morning & remained  
at the hospital until noon -

Went to the Britannia to see  
Dr. Reynolds with Liza -  
Dinner with Scott at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  -







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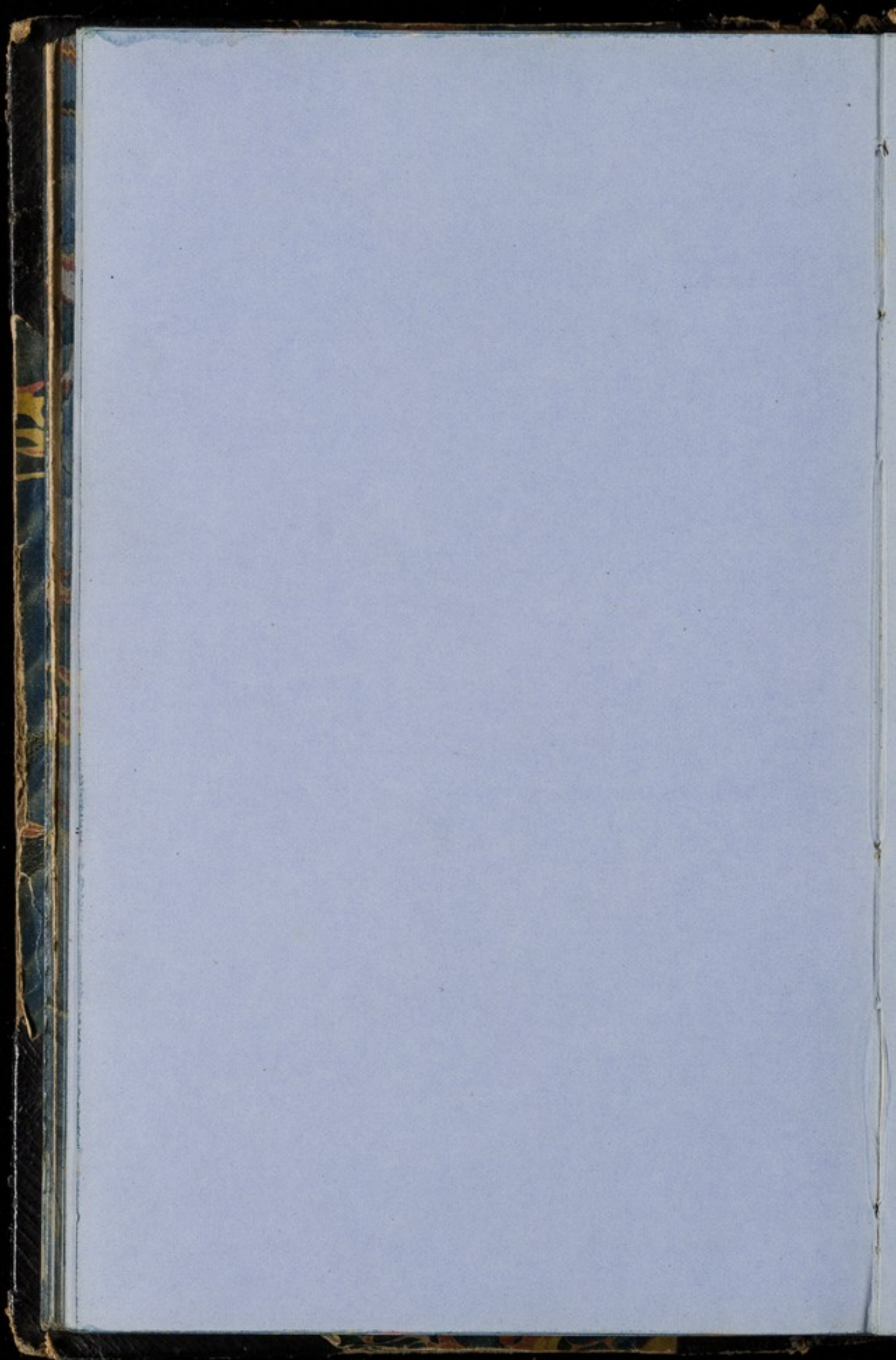
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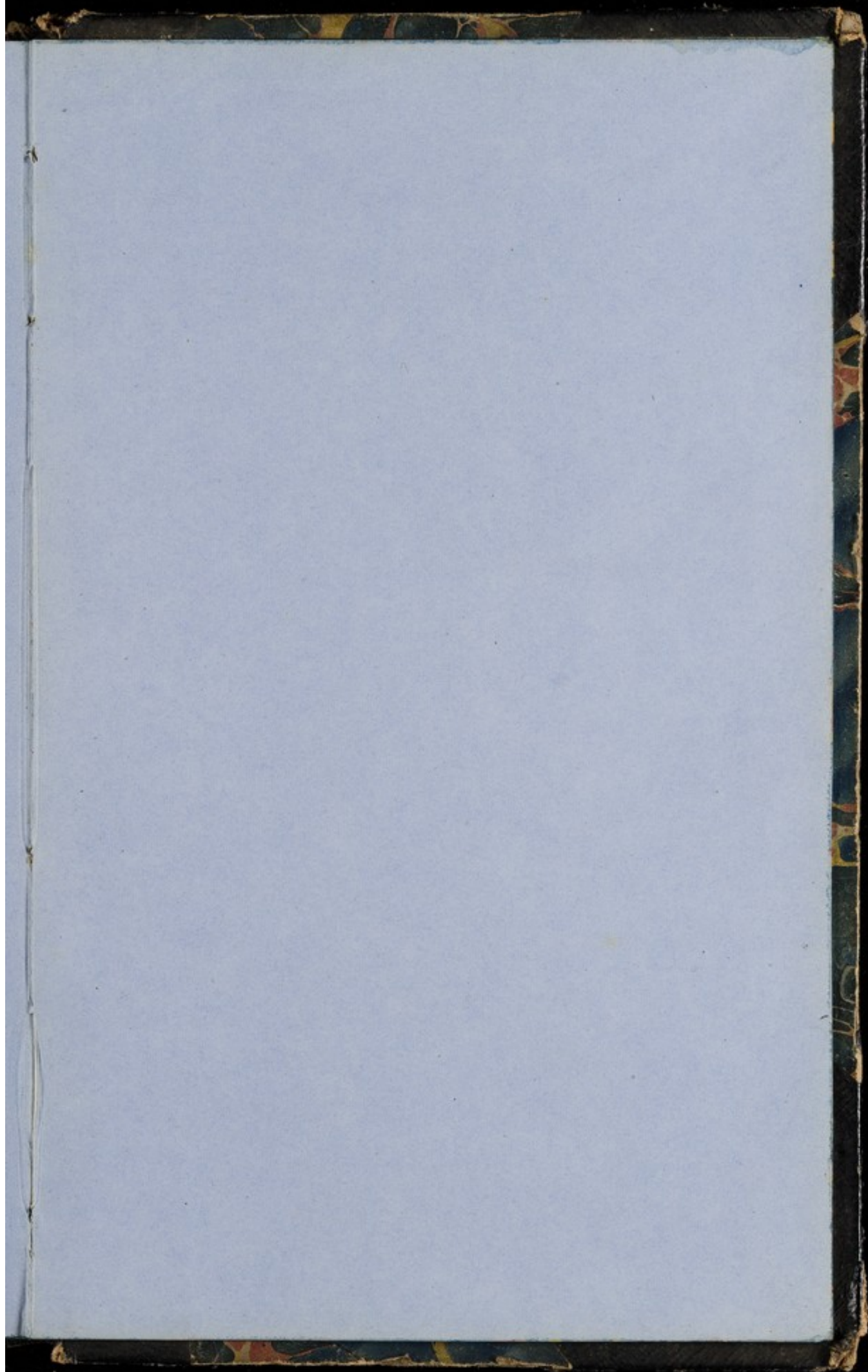
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Wm. S. S.





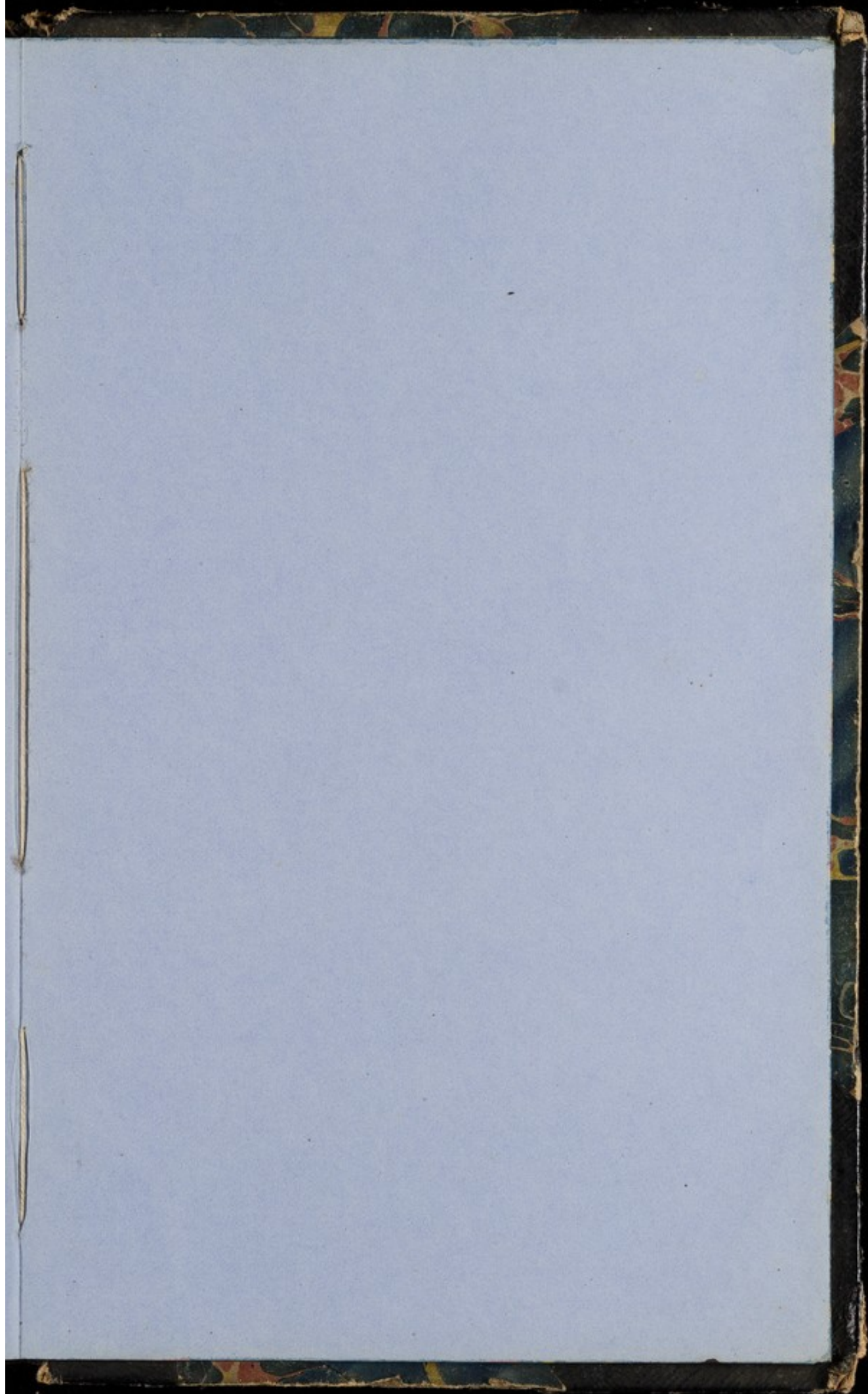








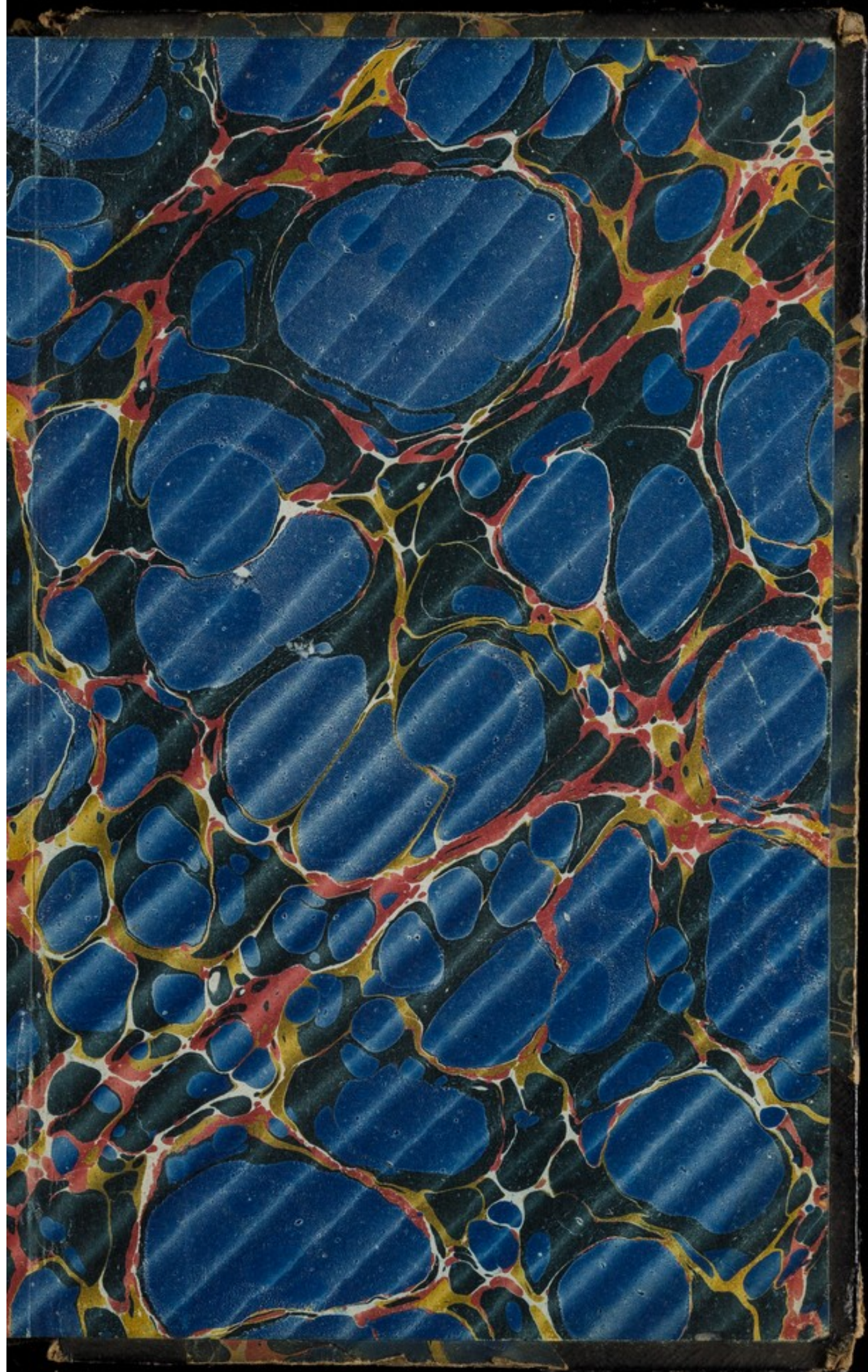




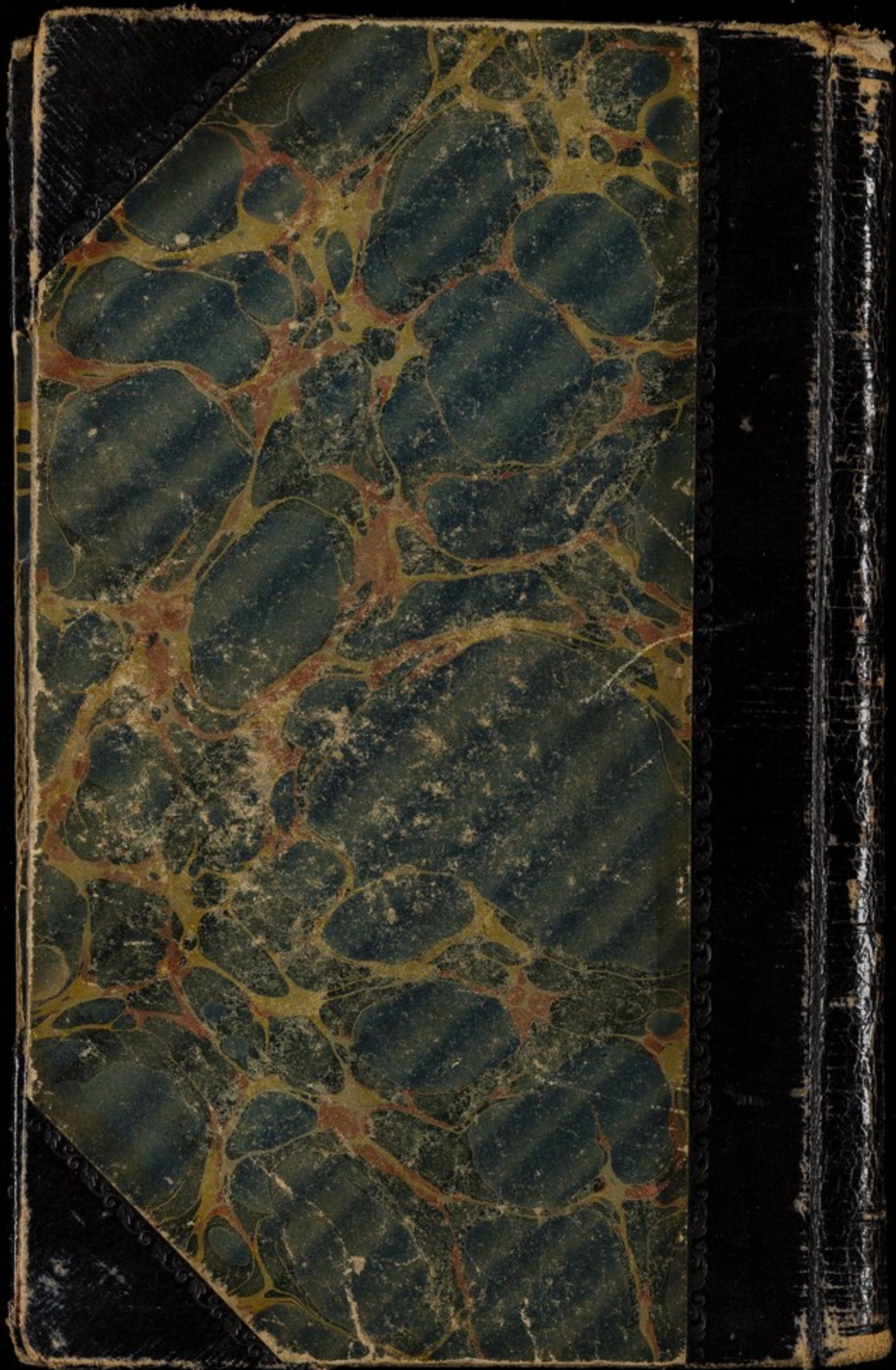














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LONDON, S. W. 1.

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28th April, 1956

*My dear Mrs Greig,*

Through the good offices of Dr. T. E. Kinnear I have been lent a copy of David Greig's Crimea letters. They are truly remarkable and the most inspiring letters on life in the Army Medical Services that I have been privileged to read. His pictures of Service life are as true today as when he wrote them 100 years ago. As you well know he was one of the few who protests against Florence Nightingale's severe criticisms of the Medical Services. We must acknowledge that she did a tremendous amount of good but unfortunately used the Army Medical Services as a whipping boy.

You will remember that David Greig speaks of Dr. Home, the Inspecting Officer who made him the pathologist of the Sebastopol area. Later, in the Indian Mutiny Home won the V.C. at Lucknow, his daughter has just presented to the officers of the R.A.M.C. his diary which is a most interesting record of the Indian Mutiny. In it he describes how he recommended three regimental orderlies for the Victoria Cross, all of whom were later awarded this most Enviably Order. His pictures of Army life, however, are not so intimate as those of David Greig.

Of further interest is the letter, a copy of which I am sending to you of Surgeon Hale (an M.D. of St. Andrews) who was awarded his V.C. for gallantry at the Redan 1855. David Greig's regiment was fighting quite close to Hale at the time. Hale's letter home to his people, describing the attack at the Redan, in which he was awarded the V.C. was written a year before the institution of the Victoria Cross. It is of interest to note that the V.C. was given for acts of gallantry before the decoration was actually instituted. This letter was presented to the officers of the R.A.M.C. a few months ago by his grand nephew.

Mrs. Greig,  
Lindean, Perth Road, DUNDEE.



Referring back to the David Greig letters, John Kinnear and I wondered why Greig did not write about the use of chloroform. You will remember that he took out some bottles of chloroform from Simpson of Edinburgh. However, he did not mention the use of chloroform although he introduced the Symes amputation of the foot to the Army and must in the course of his operations have used chloroform. The mystery is solved. The Inspector General of Hospitals, Dr. Hall had warned all against the use of chloroform. I have marked Hall's quotation in the correspondence of Assistant Surgeon Hall. It was more than Greig's commission was worth to have mentioned it.

I find that at Scutari and Selima there was a surgical instrument maker, a Mr. Henry Griebel who worked with David Greig. In fact I bought his Crimean medal to present to the officers of the Medical Officers of the Army, at Glendenning's recent sale of medals.

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, General Sir Gerald Templer, was most interested in what I told him especially in Greig's phrase "why, because he was an ass". Like myself he is convinced that if you know the right way you can get anything you wish for your patients. The C.I.G.S. told me to go very thoroughly through the papers as he was sure that I would find a great deal of interest in them.

Last night I was dining with Sir Gordon Gordon Taylor, an Aberdonian who is the last of the classical General Surgeons. He has been asked to give an oration in Edinburgh at the end of the year. After telling him the story of David Greig he asked if I could obtain your permission to include in his address extracts from the letters. I hope you could see your way to do this as any oration from Gordon Taylor will have world wide publicity.

/And now



And now Mrs. Greig may I make a request on behalf of the Medical Services of the Army.

(a) Would you kindly lend David Greig's original letters for the V.C. celebrations?.

(b) May I take a photographic copy of David Greig's remarks about the writer of a letter to The Times. "He says he could not get drinking cups, water, food, splints etc. Why?, because he was an ass, and did not know where to get them as he should have done. I have never yet applied in vain for anything which would be of use to my patients even to calf's foot jelly, soups, turtle soup or even champagne. Everything can be got if you go rightly about it". I would like to have David Greig's note printed in the handbook which every officer of the R.A.M.C. is given.

(c) Would you allow the Medical Services of the Army to edit and publish David Greig's letters. Being in the War Office I have, fortunately, access to a number of relevant papers which would help in building up the picture of the Crimean War as David Greig saw it.

(d) Finally would it be possible to consider lending on permanent loan the original letters to the Officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps. You will appreciate that they are most inspiring. They would be seen by all officers of the Medical Services, not only of those in Great Britain, but also of those officers and men from the Commonwealth who are posted for courses to the Royal Army Medical College, London,

I would assure you that if you did lend the letters they would be kept in our special Muniment Room and would be a most fitting memorial to David Greig.

Mrs James Greig  
Sept 1894  
Park Road Dundee

Yours sincerely  
Alfred Drummond