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**Ewens, John Reynolds, Diary of police trooper at Guichen Bay [Robe], Gawler Town, Port Elliot and Port Lincoln, 1853-62**

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*[inside front cover]*

H Ewens 1857

*[faintly in pencil]*

Harriet Ewens  
wife of John R Ewens  
married 19.2.1857  
at Trinity Church  
Adelaide  
died 3/12 1870

*[faint writing, repetition of the above?]*

Private Journal of John Reynolds Ewens 2<sup>nd</sup> son of William Ewens formerly of Chichester Sussex  
Arr<sup>d</sup> by "Prince Regent" 25/9/1839  
born 1835 died 1888.

Book N<sup>o</sup> 1. 1853 to March 1862  
Joined police 21 March 1853.

Died 28 Oct 1888

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\(Extract from my old) notes<sup>21</sup> /

~~Extract from my old~~ Journal beginning April the 4<sup>th</sup> 1853 – on which date [4<sup>th</sup> May 1853] I arrived in G<sup>n</sup> Bay.

Ap<sup>l</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Thomas arrived at Guichen Bay as Gov<sup>t</sup> Doctor

[1854]

Ap<sup>l</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> Geo Forster sent in his resignation as Trooper \[as from 31<sup>st</sup> May]/

19 I sold my colt Dick Swiveler for £20.

29 The Gov<sup>t</sup> schooner \[Jane & Emma]/ arrived from Adelaide

30<sup>th</sup> She left for Port Elliot

May 1<sup>st</sup> I brought the Adelaide Mail from Avenue Range & received a letter concerning the death of poor M<sup>r</sup> \[J.B]/ Ashton of H.M Goal at Adelaide [(a friend of his father)]

6<sup>th</sup> I was eleven stone seven pounds weight The contractors began to rise stone for the Guichen Bay jetty. My companion Forster out on duty for the last time

7<sup>th</sup> At home Inspector Scote arrived & inspected men & horses for the first time in the District

12<sup>th</sup> At home all alone expecting a new companion

[1854]

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<sup>1</sup> annotation by Leonard Ewens, his son

- 28 The Schooner Skyrocket arrived from Melbourne but no letters from William who[m] I had written to
- 29 At home Geo Forster left on his way to Adelaide to deliver up his kit
- June 7<sup>th</sup> I started to Penola on duty – arrived at the Avenue / [Range] Towers\

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[JRE In charge from 1<sup>st</sup> June – then from 25 Sep] Guichen Bay

- June 15<sup>th</sup> At home P.S Burrows arrived from Head Quarters
- 21<sup>st</sup> I rode for an express Mail on account of an Election
- July 1<sup>st</sup> At home with Burrows Saxton & Morrow a Great Election took place \[on 7<sup>th</sup>]/ Cap<sup>n</sup> Hart & R.R. Leak candidates I tasted freely of claret & repented it next day
- 5<sup>th</sup> At home Burrows started for an express Mail & got lost & remained in the bush all night
- 6<sup>th</sup> I left in search of Burrows & found him all right
- 14<sup>th</sup> [2<sup>nd</sup> August To HQ Adelaide with despatches]  
At home a great quantity of cribbage played at night  
[x 25 August Returned]
- Sep<sup>tr</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> At home P.S Burrows left on his way to Head Quarters to deliver up his kit. [26<sup>th</sup> JRE. took over station 25 Sep]
- Oc<sup>tr</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> I arrested two men at Lake Robe £3 each reward [Deserters from “Skyrocket”]
- Oct<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> I was in search of a lost man found his clothes and nothing else \[20<sup>th</sup>]/ – a tiresome job. Caught three fish & killed two snakes on the cliffs –

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Got blocked in a cave by the sea & had a hard job to get out

- Nov 1<sup>st</sup> In charge of the station drew a Police Cheque for the first time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The Schooner Skyrocket arrived with Tom / [brother aged nearly 15] in her from town
- 12<sup>th</sup> Attended the funeral of M<sup>r</sup> \[William]/ Vansitart [accidentally killed while riding near Robe]
- 17<sup>th</sup> [on 14/16<sup>th</sup>] Made a quick trip with the Adelaide Mail
- 18<sup>th</sup> [Police carried mail to meet Contractor from Penola]  
Out with Tom fishing caught 3 stingarees
- 19<sup>th</sup> Out courting being Sunday. (& took tea
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Had a bit of a spree being my \[19<sup>th</sup>]/ birthday
- Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> On a visit got my clothes torn by some new Churn Girls in larking in the home style  
Tom shot a lot of Ducks & nearly had them taken from him by the same parties

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Guichen Bay

- Dec<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Both at home I weighed & found myself eleven stone eleven pounds very sick
- 4<sup>th</sup> I sold my Musical Box to Go Wright making a note.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wolford left \for/ old nobby Brooks'es place at the lake [at the Lake]
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sold my watch to M<sup>rs</sup> Woodford for £7 -8
- 12<sup>th</sup> \[on 6<sup>th</sup> Dec]/ Great fire in the vicinity a great portion of the Police Paddock burned. I got a warming
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tom \[Brothers]/ & Wolford \[nearly 18]/ went out to Geo. Wrights on a pleasure trip  
happy Individuals
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tom left by the \[Steamer]/ Iron Prince to Adelaide

[1854]

- 25<sup>th</sup> I went with M<sup>r</sup> Glen to show him where M<sup>r</sup> Vansitart was killed. & sp<sup>e</sup>/nt my Christmas at Geo. Wrights [then with the Mail 30<sup>m</sup>]

26<sup>th</sup> Wolford \[from Reedy Creek to Hensleys]/ went with the last mail the Police were to carry. & returned in good time

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bringing back the same mail he took away  
28<sup>th</sup> [Dec] Not well shot plenty of Ducks got the old Gun put to rights a little M<sup>r</sup> \[G.B.]/ Scote offered me a change of Stations which I did not accept A few days back I was out with Captain Cadell sealing had some fine fun killing them killed two in a cove – – saw the effects of sand on them when wounded took out their ballast  
29<sup>th</sup> Wolford & myself at the Police Station

1855

Jan<sup>y</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> Wolford took a little too much Champagne  
[9<sup>th</sup> Took into Custody Joseph Smith]  
10<sup>th</sup> I had a turn in the cell with a fighting man \[Joseph Smith]/ who was locked up for bighting off his mates upper lip while fighting  
15<sup>th</sup> I started after Baldry an escaped convict and apprehended him Tilly \[M Thompson's Station]/ swamp while in Bed travelled 85 Miles in 9½ hours. killed an Emu on the way on the riding whip  
16<sup>th</sup> On my way to station with the prisoner had to wrap him in a sheet having no handcuffs at Tommy Woodses (Murrybinna.) choked him nearly during the night. Bugs about

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Guichen Bay

January 17<sup>th</sup> I arrived in the Bay with my prisoner all safe. got a five pound note out of the buttonhole of his coat. proceeds of sale of [... ...]  
23<sup>rd</sup> At home. prisoner in cell awaiting the prosecutor M<sup>r</sup> Pearson. The prisoner being a Tailor made me a Waistcoat and strapped some Trousers for Wolford  
24<sup>th</sup> \[Started]/ On the Road with the prisoner Baldry to Adelaide  
25<sup>th</sup> On the Road got some food [,] tinned the run of the country at Tilly's swamp Saltgunk hard as a brick  
26<sup>th</sup> on the Road gave the run of the country to King Tom a native. slept the night at Woods Wells Met Geo Burrw & Joseph Woods with horses  
27<sup>th</sup> on the Road camped on the plain on the Border of the Lake Alexandrina plenty moscuitos.  
28<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Wellington had a bit of fun with old \[Sergt.]/ Cusack about the prisoner Baldry he did not know him  
29<sup>th</sup> Tin pot or Bugleranges Baldry played the Flute

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[Cpl Hunt arrived Penola 4/2/55] [Took Charge Robe 20/4/55] [Bro William left for [...] 25/2/56]  
January 30<sup>th</sup> 1855

Arrived in Adelaide had great fun at the Goal with the prisoner & the keepers. M<sup>r</sup> Egan promised to get me five pounds for him from M<sup>r</sup> Hare Prisoner shammed blind of an eye &c on going in but they found him out

[1855 14 months interval]

[1854/1856]

1856

- April 1<sup>st</sup> I started for Penola to accompany Inspector \[George Bede Scott]/ Scott into Port Phillip country in search of the murderer Crawford who escaped from custody at Mount Gambier arrived at Lake Hawden. made an April fool of O.Keeffe \[Clerk of Court &c]/ The ships \[Cutter]/ Firefly & \[Schooner]/ Boomerang came into Harbour from Adelaide
- 2<sup>nd</sup> At Stockdales Lake Hawden hunting horses
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arrived at Powers Avenue. & remained the night
- 4<sup>th</sup> I arrived at Penola. also left with M<sup>r</sup> Scott to M<sup>r</sup> Watsons Stn & remained the night
- 5<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Robinsons [over the Border] on the Wando saw a fine Garden & plenty of apples. also the largest Pig I had ever seen. fell in the creek looking for fruit

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Guichen Bay

- April 6<sup>th</sup> [Sunday] Arrived at Hardens on the Wannan where the man Crawford was supposed to be. found the suspected party was an old mate at Compton. Peter Durdin
- 7<sup>th</sup> Arrived at Casterton on the Glenelg River on our way home to Penola
- 8<sup>th</sup> Arrived at M<sup>r</sup> Watson's near Penola & stop\p/ed the night
- 9<sup>th</sup> At Penola and remained till the 14<sup>th</sup> to take a prisoner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Started with Joseph Smith for housebreaking with two colts to ride to Stockdale
- 15<sup>th</sup> Got a spill on the Reedy Creek colt got away with saddle & Bridle
- 16<sup>th</sup> on the Road the prisoner in a Dray of M<sup>r</sup> Smith's
- 17<sup>th</sup> Arrived in the Bay all safe. H.H. not very well.
- 18<sup>th</sup> At home all right doing nothing

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- 21<sup>st</sup> [April 1856] Heard of a reduction having been made in the Police pay
- 23<sup>rd</sup> At home, Inspector \[Vic Pearson]/ come down from Adelaide \or Penola/ in the Young Australian steamer came in having been taken off the Beach near Cape Northumberland
- 24<sup>th</sup> [arr<sup>d</sup> Burra Burra 90 Chinese]
- I started with my prisoner to Adelaide in the Young Australian [(Steamer)] [Joseph Smith]
- 25<sup>th</sup> On the water saw the Boomerang \[Schooner]/ & spoke her saw Corp<sup>l</sup> Warren & Robert Welcome /[cousin]\ in her.
- 26<sup>th</sup> In Adelaide
- [27. Sunday]
- 28<sup>th</sup> Had a ride in the Port Railway for the first time in my life liked it very much. to Port and back In Town till the 30<sup>th</sup> very lame with bad Boots
- [Apl 29/30] May 1<sup>st</sup> I started back by the same steamer \[Young Australian]/ laden with 405 Chinamen one fell over when loading but got saved. from a good squeeze between the Ships

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Guichen Bay

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> On the water layed the night tossing about in Lacedepe Bay. a fine sight of human heads
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Arrived in G. Bay all safe with our living cargo
- 4<sup>th</sup> [Sunday] At home particularly all right H.H.
- 5<sup>th</sup> At home nothing particular. only courting
- 12<sup>th</sup> At home with a bad foot using costic for a corn
- 14<sup>th</sup> Was at a Pic nic at Stone Hut had a nice day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Preparing to start on patrol to salt creek [to M<sup>c</sup>Killip's Rankmer Station]
- 22 At home. Warren sent to salt creek

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- 24<sup>th</sup> Trying to get up a salute being the Queens birthday but no go. the old soldiers [...] buisy / [busy? beery?] \ [? OKeefe]
- 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday out walking of course leard M<sup>rs</sup> Adam'es misfortunes – throught the bite of a Dog. What a nice little Dog

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- May 26<sup>th</sup> At home weather very stormy, heard of Warrens being made Corp<sup>l</sup> again. & our pay being passed
- 29<sup>th</sup> I went on a visit to J. Hooper & spent the evening
- [31 White Swan arrived 275 Chinese]
- June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday out courting. read \in/ the paper that our pay was to be risen again to 7/6 also that Mother had been nearly killed in a mail cart in Adelaide / [In Unley post cart] \
- 2<sup>nd</sup> At home several hundred Chinamen left for the Diggings & lots more expected
- 4<sup>th</sup> Rather sick, M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan left for Adelaide [Burra Burra 285 Chinese]
- 5<sup>th</sup> Myself a little better. Poor Bessy died at M<sup>r</sup> Evans'es in aparent good health (a nice girl
- 6<sup>th</sup> At home s\c/hooner Boomerang \ [78 Chinese] / arrived from Adelaide / [+ 130 per Daphne] \
- 7<sup>th</sup> At home a great number of Chinamen arrived
- 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday a [the] day I never shall forget The day I [*word crossed out*] did it [proposed marriage] [Burra Burra 230 Chinese]

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Guichen Bay

June the 10<sup>th</sup> 1856

At home & rather queer taking old T.Y's \ [D<sup>r</sup> T.Y. Cotter] / physic for the liver complaint.

11<sup>th</sup>

At home, The Cutter Firefly ~~Fly~~ came in from Town

12<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T. Budd arrived from Penola but did not bring any money for the horse Curit [?Curate]

13<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer Havelah arrived with 80 Chinamen. heard that Corp<sup>l</sup> Melville was reduced

14<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular going on

15<sup>th</sup>

At home received a letter from Mother Informing me that they had left Unley \ [to Grenfell St] / & that William / [25/2/56 to Barracks] \ had gone to Melbourne with Fred [(brother)]

16<sup>th</sup>

[before [...] 26/8/56]

At home Old Buck \ [Master of "Fame"] / arrived with 104 Chinamen after a voyage of eleven days (poor wretches)

18<sup>th</sup>

Ordered out on patrol & not being in a fit state got old T.Y's certificate to that effect

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[Robert Buck June Master of Schooner Tame]

19<sup>th</sup>

At home, The Steamer Burra Burra arrived had a dance at Robertse's H H not there

20<sup>th</sup>

At home. Saw a Boat load of Chinamen capsised in the water Warren & I saving their goods amongst the Rocks

21<sup>st</sup>

Looking out for Chinamens goods on the Beach H.H. cleaning house & washing. M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan at home again. M<sup>r</sup> Truro making sleep shed [sheepshed]/ tTurner? Sunday Tims Sims Turn Truro Sims See 12/4/57 also]

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home waiting the arrival of the A<sup>e</sup> Mail Rob<sup>t</sup> Welcome awaiting the Adelaide Mail also having left Roberts the day before. & on the look out

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home Received orders from Inspector Scott to go to Portland Bay to show M<sup>r</sup> Todd the way overland for the purpose of laying out a line for a Telegraph from the Glenelg River at the Border of the colony to Adelaide

24<sup>th</sup>

At home making ready for a start to Portland

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Guichen Bay

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1856

I started with M<sup>r</sup> Todd for Mount Gambier on my way to Portland Bay

26<sup>th</sup> [100 Chinese per Burra Burra]

At Edward Stockdales Station Lake Hawden

27<sup>th</sup>

At M<sup>r</sup> D. Power's Avenue Station Reedy creek

28<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Mount Gambier. plenty oposum & kangaroo shooting for several days with A. M<sup>c</sup>Farlane

July 6<sup>th</sup>

At M<sup>t</sup> Gambier P.T. Saxton \[Saxon]/ arrived with a horse for M<sup>r</sup> Todd to ride on his journey I sent in my application to get married

12<sup>th</sup>

At the Mount thinking of returning but no go. very unwell and misserable

25<sup>th</sup>

At the Mount attended a meeting conerning the erection of a Mill in the old Police B.K.S

28<sup>th</sup>

Went Turkey shooting shot two the only ones to be found Went with poor Eardly P.T.

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[M<sup>t</sup> Gambier]

July 29<sup>th</sup> 1856

I went Kangaroo sho\o/ting with M<sup>r</sup> Allen M<sup>c</sup>Farlane shot "five one very large." near Mount Schank

30<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S had a feed of fat Turkey and Kangaroo soup which was vey firstrate

31<sup>st</sup>

Trying my hand at the Plough with my schoolmate James Cock [(later M.P. for the S East) Son of Robert Cock.]

August 1<sup>st</sup>

I went for a ride with P.T. Eardley to Compton

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home received news of my being promoted to first class Trooper. also that my application to get married was duly granted

4<sup>th</sup>

I went to an inquest on the Body of a man that was found dead in his bed at the Plain Hut a most dreadfull job the body being decomposed Poor /A.L.\ Gordon Wills <sup>[?]</sup> Man called old Phippy'

5<sup>th</sup>

At home saw the burial of the man above mentioned at the Gambier Cemetery

6<sup>th</sup>

over

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Guichen Bay

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1856

Received orders to start to Portland for M<sup>r</sup> Todd

7<sup>th</sup>

At Barracks \[M<sup>r</sup> Gambier]/ preparing to make a start

8<sup>th</sup>

I started for Portland and arrived at the Glenelg Punt. enjoyed an evening at Cribbage

9<sup>th</sup>

I arrived at Portland Bay & found that M<sup>r</sup> Todd had not arrived – took up my quarters with the P.P. Police \[P<sup>t</sup> Philip District of NSW]\

10<sup>th</sup>

At Portland saw M<sup>r</sup> George Ormerod from G. Bay

11<sup>th</sup>

At Portland saw professor Eagle perform slight of hand

12<sup>th</sup>

Having my harness repaired by a count\ryman

16<sup>th</sup>

I started again to Mount Gambier again with M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Ormerod being tired of waiting for M<sup>r</sup> Todd

17<sup>th</sup>

I arrived at Mount Gambier with M<sup>r</sup> Ormerod

18<sup>th</sup>

At Mount Gambier doing nothing (miserable)

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[M<sup>r</sup> Gambier]

August 19<sup>th</sup>

[W<sup>m</sup> rejoined police left for Barracks 25/2/56]

Received a letter from Inspector Scott and one from H.H.26<sup>th</sup> At the Mount heard that Major Warburton was on his way to the Mount & my brother William with him & that he was going to be stationed at G. Bay

27<sup>th</sup>

Expecting to have orders from Penola to be on the Road again

28<sup>th</sup>

At the Mount Expecting the Commissioner [Warburton] vey bad Weather Thunderstorms &c. &c

29<sup>th</sup>

Cleaning up my traps bought a pair of pistols from Eardley one loaded, The Commissioner arrived and my brother \[W<sup>m</sup>]/ with him

30<sup>th</sup>

I started again for Portland Bay arrived at the Glenelg

31<sup>st</sup> [Sunday]

I arrived at Portland all sarene \[serene]/ M<sup>r</sup> Todd was there

September 1<sup>st</sup>

In Portland with M<sup>r</sup> Todd preparing him for the road by buying him Whip & Spurs & giving \him/ a turn on the Beach on old Coppin found he could not ride – & the old horse did not like it

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Guichen Bay

September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1856

I started for the Mount with M<sup>r</sup> Todd had some fine fun with M<sup>r</sup> T – bad riding old coppin's bolting &c. arrived \at/ the Glenelg Punt & remained the night

3<sup>rd</sup>

We arrived all sfe at Mount Gambier Coppin bolted again past the Station – too much /spurs\

4<sup>th</sup>

We remained at the Mount studying the different Roads &c

[Sunday] 7<sup>th</sup>

Visited the caves with the young Cocks'es \[old school mates]/ had a shooting match at the Bats from the cave

8<sup>th</sup>

We started for Penola with a guide who promised a good road. but we found it a woster [?]

arrived at Penola and remained the night

9<sup>th</sup>

We left on our way back to the Mount & arrived there 10<sup>th</sup> [? 17<sup>th</sup>] Started towards Guichen Bay arrived at M<sup>r</sup> Glens

12<sup>th</sup>

Taking bearings of the Lakes Mounts &c &c shot a Wombat ~~for~~ to show M<sup>r</sup> Todd a very fine one. Gordon with me { poor A.L. Gordon

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September 13<sup>th</sup> 1856

We returned to Mount Gambier & remained the night

[Sunday] 14<sup>th</sup>

Returned to M<sup>r</sup> Glens Station again another Road

15<sup>th</sup>

We arrived at WoaRavine & remained the night

16<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at the Bay & felt very unwell

17<sup>th</sup>

Remained in the Bay to spell the horses – had a game of cricket, William left for Adelaide /[per Boomerang]\

18<sup>th</sup>

In the Bay very queer taking Physic

21<sup>st</sup>

All right Sunday at M<sup>r</sup> \Joseph/ Hoopers Butchery H H

22<sup>nd</sup>

We started again on the road for the Mouth of the Murray arrived at M<sup>r</sup> Cooks station near Maria Creek. M<sup>r</sup> T caught a severe cold – jumping up in his sleep against the shelves &c &c fine fun calling out who Coppin &c [whoa Coppin]

23<sup>rd</sup>

Arrived at Bradfords station very hungry & no person at home stoped at \Malachi/ Martin's. Mimi [Mi Mi = Shelter]

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Guichen Bay

Sep<sup>tr</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1856

Arrived at Magrath's Flat wrote back to G. Bay

25<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Lake Albert \[Meningie?]/ made arrangements about a boat to convey us to Goolwa horses tired

26<sup>th</sup>

Went down to examine Pelican Point

27<sup>th</sup>

Started for the Goolwa in the Boat \[Stevensons Gov<sup>t</sup> Survey W]/ but nearly got swamped & turned about to go round [the Lake] Boat cracked & leaking

28<sup>th</sup>

Started for Wellington by land & arrived – saw people dragging for the body of a man at the Ferry who was drowned by accident

29<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Langhorns Creek & from there to Stathalyn and remained the night

30<sup>th</sup>

Started for Goolwa & arrived all right

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

I left Goolwa for Port Elliot stayed there the night

2<sup>nd</sup>

Started for the square Waterhole & stayed the night

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October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856

Started for Town \[Via Willunga]/ \[(M<sup>r</sup> Todd & I)]/ and arrived at half past five P.M \[(See M<sup>r</sup> Todds Report)]

4<sup>th</sup>

At Barracks cleaning up my harness

5<sup>th</sup>

I obtained leave for several days

6<sup>th</sup>

I received an invitation to go to Peachy Belt

7<sup>th</sup>

\[Mother]/ Removing \[see 15 June previous]/ to Kensington from \[E Spillers? Underdowns?]/ Grenfell Street

8<sup>th</sup>

At Kensington taking it easy

9<sup>th</sup>

I went to Port Adelaide to see OKeefe and M<sup>r</sup> Hooper off by the ship to Guichen Bay

13<sup>th</sup> [S]

At home taking physic from old Doctor Wright

14<sup>th</sup>

I went into Town on business heard \[Telegraph Dept]/ M<sup>r</sup> Todds letters read concerning me & my abilities as a bushman & received great flattery from Major Warburton

15<sup>th</sup>

I went to see M<sup>r</sup> Todd to arrange about a drive out with M<sup>rs</sup> T & family – & fixed the day

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Guichen Bay

October 16<sup>th</sup> 1856

At Debneys at Burnside made a promise to visit

17<sup>th</sup>

At Kensington taking lessons on butchering Great coconut dance at Guichen Bay  
Grandmothers / [Spiller] \ Parrot died 14 years of age

18<sup>th</sup>

In Town visited D<sup>r</sup> Wright – & went to the Theatre

19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday walked to Kensington from Adelaide

20<sup>th</sup> [S]

I went on a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Todd spent the day riding out. and talking about our long trip overland

22<sup>nd</sup> [Aged 21]

Walking about preparing to start but no go –

23<sup>rd</sup>

Preparing to start Went to M<sup>r</sup> Todds to bid adue

24<sup>th</sup>

I started again for Guichen Bay. received a present from Grandmother \ [Spiller] Watch Chain &  
seal/ arrived at the Bugle Ranges

25<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Lovegroves at Lake Alexandrina

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October 26<sup>th</sup> 1856

I arrived at Salt Creek met M<sup>r</sup> Allen M<sup>c</sup>Farlane

27<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Bradfords me[t] M<sup>r</sup> C. Reeve the mailman and went on to Cooks 28<sup>th</sup> at Maria Creek

28<sup>th</sup>

Left Maria Creek in company with Reeves \ [Mailman]/ & arrived at / [John] \ Loylors / [Lownes Hill] \  
heard that W<sup>m</sup> had left for Adelaide / [with prisoners (2) by Fame] \ as usual. arrived at the Bay

29<sup>th</sup>

At the Bay nothing paiticular transpired

31<sup>st</sup>

[Returned to Station leading horse Buffala, saddle & bridle] I shot some wild Ducks in the  
Lagoon

November 1<sup>st</sup>

In the Bay William in Adelaide Wolford in the bush [at Wrights]

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home Wolford arrived with George Wright

5<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing but caught nothing

6<sup>th</sup>

Wolford and I had a bathe on the West Coast

7<sup>th</sup>

Went out horse hunting Caught a young Turkey

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Guichen Bay [President of Marine Board Capt Douglas]

November 7<sup>th</sup> 1856

Corp<sup>l</sup> Warren started for Cape Northumberland The Gov<sup>t</sup> Schooner left the Harbor for Adelaide  
Expecting William back from Adelaide

11<sup>th</sup>

Preparing to start to Cape Northumberland with Captain Douglas to show him the road

12<sup>th</sup>

Started with Captain Douglas \[to Lighthouse]/ and M<sup>r</sup> [*word crossed out*] or Hyndman D.C.A. arrived ~~at~~ at M<sup>r</sup> Glens I shot one Kangaroo /\[W<sup>m</sup> arrived on horse Johnson]\

13<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Livingstones on the coast \[Deputy Colonial Architect]/

14<sup>th</sup>

Travelled along the beach to the Cape, found a nice seale /\[seal?]\ & used it for a pillow that night

15<sup>th</sup>

At the cape all night shot some quail

16<sup>th</sup>

Returned to M<sup>r</sup> Glens station

17<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at the Bay again Capt<sup>n</sup> D offered me charge of the Lighthouse at the Cape [Horse Coppin 208<sup>m</sup>]

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Nov<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>

Played a game of cricket and enjoyed it much

19<sup>th</sup>

In the Bay Wolford arrived gave M<sup>r</sup> Wright warning that he was about to leave him

20<sup>th</sup>

William and I practiced Ball cartridge with carbine

21<sup>st</sup>

William and I went fishing. Ruffled my Pistols

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home cleaning my firearms (21 years of age)

[25<sup>th</sup> Brassband of 5 performing in town]

26<sup>th</sup>

At home Hinkley's Land sale took place I bought four acres three with Warren. "a dirty job"

27<sup>th</sup>

At home making up a subscription Ball

28<sup>th</sup>

Cleaning the room and making it comfortable

29<sup>th</sup>

Grand Ball first rate turn out every body enjoyed themselves much & a good Band – 40 couple danced

31<sup>st</sup> [30<sup>th</sup>]

At home Mail brought the news of my promotion to corporal & my having to go to Town

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Guichen Bay

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1856

At home Band still here another Ball for their benefit – first rate turn out

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home, Wolford arrived. Great fire at M<sup>rs</sup> Bryans place & great alarm of a certain individual in charge of the premises at the time of the accident

5<sup>th</sup>

Myself Wolford & William at home together Williams failing \[jealously]/ appeared openly to us –

6<sup>th</sup>

At home awaiting my orders to start to H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> a Robbery took place at Robertses I took this coon found the property in the Wife's stocking – £1 /note\ [James Palmer]

7<sup>th</sup>

Hunting horses without success. Inspector \[GB]/ Scott arrived  
11<sup>th</sup>

I found the Horses after a ~~hard~~ weeks \hard/ hunting  
12<sup>th</sup> [Coppin & Buffalo]

Wolford & I started for Adelaide farewell \to/ G. Bay.

13<sup>th</sup> [with Coppin & Buffalo]

At Maria Creek horses walked 4 miles back.

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Adelaide Dec<sup>r</sup> 1856

proceeded to Bradfords & found there was no person at home went on to \Malachi/ Martin's & remained the night

14<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Magraths Flat in good time

15<sup>th</sup>

Going through the scrub very hot found a 2/s piece & a Belt – arrived at Wellington Insp D – &c  
[[...] – Denford]

16<sup>th</sup>

Both started for the Bugle Ranges and arrived

17<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in Town. Boomerang sailed for the Bay

20<sup>th</sup>

Started from Town out to Kensington [(Mothers)]

21<sup>st</sup>

Out visiting at M<sup>r</sup> Debneys. (plenty of Fruit)

22<sup>nd</sup> [(Burnside)]

Went into Town my leave being up had plenty Drill

24<sup>th</sup>

I got leave for the C\h/ristmas. I received a letter from the Bay stating it was not the place it used to be.

28<sup>th</sup>

I went to Church for a change – in uniform

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Adelaide Dec<sup>r</sup> 1856

29<sup>th</sup> [Dec<sup>r</sup> 1856]

Saw Ellen Turner for the first time. (in Town)

31

At Barracks plenty of Drill & inspection

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

At the Butchers Races in charge of Troopers Eardley Simpson & Bird – won 5/s from M<sup>r</sup> W Hughes went to the circus in the evening

4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday I went to Unley to see how the old place looked. met an old friend who gave us plenty of Fruit)

5<sup>th</sup>

Turned out at 4 a.m to Drill got plenty of it

7<sup>th</sup>

I got an introduction to a young lady of fortune who was smitten.

8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Port Adelaide saw Capt<sup>n</sup> Nicholson \[of Boomerang?]/ and made some arrangements about Fruit

9<sup>th</sup>

Despatched to Hope Valley at 5 minutes notice very unfortunate for the Fruit transaction

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Jan<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1857

At B.K.S Rode the bucking Horse Rutland / [Rutland\

11<sup>th</sup>

Went to Kensington very hot \[S']/ day (warm in Church

12

Out on duty called at Kensington on my way –

13<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S received the last letter from H.H. \[Harriet Ham]/ at G. Bay

16<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S great change in the weather cold & stormy P.T. Eardley rode off for Clare Station P.S. Simpson making ready to start for Mount Serle

17<sup>th</sup>

Mother was to take the Unly Inn again

18<sup>th</sup> [S]

Went to \[Trinity]/ church Plenty on the list for Matrimony His Excellency \[Gov MacDonnell]/ rode my horse, Coppin

20<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S My mother came into Town. got a letter from H.H. saying she was undesided about coming by the Ship. Heard a little about M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan's yarns to M<sup>rs</sup> Mitchell concerning me

21<sup>st</sup>

Took the seargents duty in the stables

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Adelaide Jan<sup>y</sup> 57

24<sup>th</sup>

Got disappointed having heard that a Schooner had arrived in which I expected a friend no go [25 Sunday]

26

Miss \[Charlotte]/ Welcome got married. myself down hearted [to CR Hussey]

27

Had a great run to a fire all hands but too late

29

I went to Bowden after a prisoner saw a Fruit [?] woman sure enough – (Venus & the moon close together

30<sup>th</sup>

I visited M<sup>rs</sup> Todd had a long yarn about our next trip)

31<sup>st</sup>

Grand inspection day. M<sup>r</sup> \[Geo Hamilton]/ Hamilton offered me the Mount Remarkable Station. Inspector Hohoyrn returned from Mount serle – Perry's promoted to Corp<sup>l</sup> Reid to drill

Seargeant

Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>

\[S]/ Very hot weather – went to Church – met mother in \Town/

4<sup>th</sup>

Attending a fire at Gov<sup>t</sup> Farm – very hot

7<sup>th</sup>

Got my first suit of Plaid finished bought [*word crossed out*] a Book for H M

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[Photo taken in 1857 When & where]

Feby 9<sup>th</sup>

Escort to prisoners from Goal to the Court House The paper surprised me rather early in the morning where I saw that my mate had arrived per "Boomerang" I went to the Port and took charge of the crates and come up to Town. got to late for the Buss to K[ensington] & had to walk which was the first of our troubles –

12<sup>th</sup>

Made arrangements with a carter who conveyed H Hs boxes to Kensington. I walked out in the evening. remained at K till one in the morning on buisness

[S] 15<sup>th</sup>

Myself Mother & H.H. went to church very hot. text taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Genesis & 16<sup>th</sup> verce. (he shall rule over her)

16<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S Corp<sup>l</sup> Melville came in from M<sup>f</sup> Remarkable suspended and likely to be discharged

18<sup>th</sup>

I got leave for fourteen days. to be destroyed –

19<sup>th</sup> [married Harriet Ham]

I got an end put to my single blessedness by Dean Farrell at trinity Church. on the sly and started for the sea side, remained the first night at Brighton. house quite full. (crockery appeard misteriously through the door –

[loose paper in folder] 31A

Loss of "Phaeton" at Robe

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W<sup>m</sup> Morrison /master\

Rg<sup>r</sup> 11/2/1857 p3<sup>c</sup>

14<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> from Hong Kong with papers &c /re China\

R. 12/2/57 p2<sup>9</sup>.

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February 20<sup>th</sup> 1857

Saw a female race on the Brighton Beach. after breakfast walked by the beach to Holdfast bay

21<sup>st</sup>

At Holdfast Bay bathing &c rather warm weather

24<sup>th</sup>

Returned to Kensington W<sup>m</sup> arrived from the Bay

25<sup>th</sup>

In Town with William on buisness W<sup>m</sup> started to G. Bay [(Debney Trust /or agent\ for W<sup>m</sup> Ewens dec<sup>d</sup>)]

26<sup>th</sup>

A party of us went to Debneys. /[An old Friend from R/Strat days]\ plenty of Fruit &c

27<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town to see M<sup>f</sup> Todd he spoke of getting me to start after my the pegging party –

March 1<sup>st</sup>

Making preperations for a start after the party

4<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Telegraph Office and left a message which was misunderstood by M<sup>f</sup> Todd & thought I would not go. he come to Unley after me –

5<sup>th</sup>

I started in company with M<sup>r</sup> Todd arrived at Square waterhole) M<sup>r</sup> T very cross with M<sup>r</sup> Cracknell about Posts

6<sup>th</sup>

Both started again and overtook the party at

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[6<sup>th</sup>] March [1857]

Middleton remained the night at Goolwa

7<sup>th</sup>

Returned to camp & pegged to Goolwa M<sup>r</sup> T returned to Town. after giving me all necessary orders

8<sup>th</sup>

Making enquiries about crossing &c at the Mouth

9<sup>th</sup>

All started for Pelican point and crossed the Mouth first late remained the night at Dodds

10<sup>th</sup>

Crossed the Coorong on to pelican point a long swim for the horses, & returned per Boat to Goolwa

11<sup>th</sup>

Crossed to Hindmarsh Island & pegged 5 miles

12<sup>th</sup>

Pegged to Guyders Ford. creamers Boat arrived and crossed us on to Mundoo island. I slept in Boat

13<sup>th</sup>

Started for Pelican Point in Boat got a head wind. arrived at the Point about 5 P.M plenty of Ducks ready for us to eat on arrival

14<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting shot one Turkey & plenty of other Fowl. M<sup>r</sup> Cracknell went back to Goolwa

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March 15<sup>th</sup> 1857

I went shooting shot a Black snake. Old Sam very frightened at its. plenty of rats & vermin in Tent)

17<sup>th</sup>

I shot another Turkey and a Wallabee –

18<sup>th</sup>

Went shooting again got plenty of all sorts

19<sup>th</sup>

at the Tent making all sorts of fun to pass away the time found a wild ducks nest 8 eggs

Twentyieth [/] a boat passed no news \[of\] ours –

21<sup>st</sup>

rather wet but no signs of our Boat

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

Windy and wet I shot one Turkey and a Wallabee

25<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Cracknell arrived in a boat. the pegs arrived in the evening I went to the Boat in Native canoe and rather surprised the man on board

26<sup>th</sup>

Started once more. cart got bogged in Pipe clay

27<sup>th</sup>

Pegged about 5 miles awfull work very rough night Tent blew down. thinking of leaving the Pegs

28<sup>th</sup>

Went to Gollands \[Gollan]/ to try to get some Bullocks

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April

but could not. made a Butchers strip on my horse wet nasty weather. lost the horses tracking \[ I.R.E

29<sup>th</sup>

Started by myself to M<sup>c</sup>Graths Flat to get a cart met M<sup>r</sup> Leach heard that William had gone to Adelaide caught a Kangaroo on the Road –

30<sup>th</sup>

I returned From the Flat and lost a letter on the road & found it again. very bad water at night

31<sup>st</sup>

Peged to M<sup>c</sup>Graths Flat pulled down M<sup>r</sup> Gollands Wire fence. William and Downey arrived \[from Adelaide]/ at the Flat same night

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Peged to the coconut wells W<sup>m</sup> & Downey with us the nights plenty of porage \[porridge]/ for supper.

2<sup>nd</sup>

Peged to Companys Wells W<sup>m</sup> & Downey left us

3<sup>rd</sup>

Arrived at the Salt creek heard that I should have to return to meet M<sup>r</sup> Todd. (did not like it)

4 & 5<sup>th</sup> At Salt creek met \M<sup>r</sup>/ Butcher[s] Boat arrived with more Pegs – discharged them on hedge of creek.

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April 6<sup>th</sup> 1857

Arrived at the Chinamans Wells – & camped

8<sup>th</sup>

We arrived at the old crossing place of the Coorong saw my old camping place in years gone by [1851/2] made up my mind that M<sup>r</sup> T should come on by himself as far as I was concerned –

9<sup>th</sup>

Peged ten miles Camped in one of Cooks of Huts

10<sup>th</sup>

Peged on towards Maria creek camped at an old camping place of mine. where I one spent a (wretched nights) lost the horses I had a long walk after them in the dark. made up our minds to go ahead of the party to the Bay in the morning.

11<sup>th</sup>

Peged two miles to the creek and then started for the Bay and arrived early \[Called at Station]/.

Met old Stockdale received a note from Wife through her mother M<sup>r</sup> Hooper spoke of the bespoke Wife &c

12<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Truro \[? Turner? Tuw Lurs Sms Sims]/ made me a present of a Bag to hold my clothes in and showed me some that he intended for my wife a [*words crossed out*]

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George Tims in 1862 M<sup>r</sup> Tims

Keeper of Robe Gaol 12/4/57

&c

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13<sup>th</sup>

We started back to the creek. M<sup>r</sup> Gifford and M<sup>r</sup> Stockdale in company M<sup>r</sup> Stockdale got a spill I sent a note to M<sup>r</sup> Todd

14<sup>th</sup>

Peged 5 miles & met my old native "Billy"

17<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Guichen Bay. lots of growl at the \Butchery/.

18<sup>th</sup>

Peged out as far as Dennings. took dinner with M<sup>rs</sup> Roberts & Tea with M<sup>r</sup> Hooper

19<sup>th</sup>

In the Bay got a letter from H.E. heard that M<sup>r</sup> Todd had left Town got my deeds of N<sup>o</sup> 9 – [(Land)]

20<sup>th</sup>

Peged to the Stone Huts Range and returned to the Bay expecting M<sup>r</sup> Todd. (no go)

21<sup>st</sup>

Started on our way to Mount Gambier took dinner with M<sup>r</sup> Bowden peged on a few miles and went to M<sup>r</sup> Stockdales for the night

22<sup>nd</sup>

Peged 7 miles & camped near Bursint [?] Flats

23<sup>rd</sup>

Camped in open Flat dug several wells for water

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April 24<sup>th</sup> 1857

Peged 10 miles camped close to Glens creek frightened of the rain coming on while we were on the Flat plenty of Wild Dogs – at night

25<sup>th</sup>

I had extra work on account of one of the men taking sick. had to walk all day in water near the place where M<sup>r</sup> Todd got bogged when Inspecting the line in the first place

26<sup>th</sup>

Camped close to the foot of Mount Burr split 600 pegs being Sunday, poor Cracknell frightened of the Trees at night. (if M<sup>rs</sup> C could \[see]/ him)

27<sup>th</sup>

Peged to the Bluff won a wager with Cracknell about distance. met one of Emigrant girls I had escorted to Mount Gambier. /in August 1855 –\ A marred woman

28<sup>th</sup>

Started again for the Mount saw another of the Girls in the same way & very comfortable

29<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Mount Gambier. found that I had guessed the distance from the Bay to one single peg. Took Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Cocks's place heard a little about Warren and a low

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[S. A Electric Telegraph]

fever he had had after being lost in the scrub

30<sup>th</sup>

Very wet weather lost the horses. found them again

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Still very wet. to Tea at M<sup>r</sup> Powers station

[Sunday] 3<sup>rd</sup> [(Mosquito?)]

Robert Welcome arrived from the Plains for Potatoes. spent the evening with him found he was in love. his tent rather cold –

5<sup>th</sup>

Two months from Adelaide M<sup>r</sup> T[odd] arrived from Portland sent a letter home a rum one  
7<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> T. M<sup>r</sup> C & myself shifted a few of our pegs I shot a fine eagle.

8<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> Todd started for Adelaide & we started for Portland pegged 11 miles trying to make the punt in two days Kangaroo shooting &c –

9<sup>th</sup>

We finished our weary job [...] the Boundry line of the Colony & found the old mould ?mound] erected in the first survey. put up a long pole & pegged S.A.E.T on the ground with spare pegs

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May 10<sup>th</sup> 1857

Myself & M<sup>r</sup> Cracknell started from the Punt for Portland. and arrived in Town at dark

11<sup>th</sup>

I started on way back from Portland to Adelaide met our Dray. I remained the night at a new eating house 30 miles from Portland

12<sup>th</sup>

I arrived at Mount Gambier for the night

13<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Powers Avenue, "no Blankets"

14<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at M<sup>r</sup> A Pearsons Reedy Creek

15<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Giffords eating house took dinner with Charley Smith at the old spot. & met M<sup>r</sup> Glen

16<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Bradfords saw the pegs on sand Drift \all right/

17<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at M<sup>c</sup>Graths Flat met M<sup>r</sup> Gifford

18<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Wellington had a game [...] with daddy \D/ /[P Denford]\

19<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Bugle Ranges met M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Farlane JP

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May 20<sup>th</sup>

I arrived in Adelaide found all in perfect health & spirits

22<sup>nd</sup>

On leave for three days. wried M<sup>r</sup> Todd concerning \my/ travelling Expenses. their not being passed by our departments (no go)

30<sup>th</sup>

At home went to see \[sister]/ Sarah off for Guichen Bay. M<sup>rs</sup> E come to Unley in a stylish manner. Cab (M<sup>r</sup> Giffords)

31<sup>st</sup>

Turned out my old horse Coppin & got "Stranger". Plenty of Drill both on foot and horseback  
June 1<sup>st</sup>

In Barracks sold my silver mounted whip

4<sup>th</sup>

Visited M<sup>r</sup> Jarvis \[at Unley]/ saw all sorts of English Birds (stuffed) Bought a fine Rifle from Crofton for £3.10 –

6<sup>th</sup>

Turned out my new horse Stranger unweel. Eagen P.T. told to resign. P.T. Booth about to be dismissed. P.Ts. Crofton and Morton left for South Eastern districts

8<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S. Heard that Soldiers were to be sent to Guichen Bay on account of the Chinamen landing there

11<sup>th</sup>

At B.K.S saw M<sup>r</sup> Clarke who son shot me in the throat reminded him of his kindness in the matter

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June 13<sup>th</sup> 1857

[Adelaide]

At B.K.S shot some parrots for M<sup>r</sup> Jarvis he gave me some instructions in stuffing & I bought M<sup>r</sup> Greens gold Albert. Prisoner "Fish" escaped from Gawler Station from Richards & Hitchcox

15<sup>th</sup>

Went to Gov<sup>t</sup> Farm with Serg<sup>t</sup> Major for horses saw a specimine of his bush riding over small creeks &c lost some of the horses in consequence

16<sup>th</sup>

I went again to the Farm by myself & brought in the horses. M<sup>rs</sup> E heard from the Bay. M<sup>r</sup> Hoopers horse Rocket poisoned at Lake Eliza

18<sup>th</sup>

Inspectors spoke of sending me to Gawler Town in Richard's place Richards come into H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup>

23<sup>rd</sup>

I started to Gawler to live. very wet day & cold

25<sup>th</sup>

Cleaning the dirty place. whitewashing &c &c

28<sup>th</sup>

Rather bothered with the returns – had a great many petty cases at court. noticed H.R. Murray S.M. was the man for the Gawler courts

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June 30/1857 Guichen Bay

Wreck

Konig Willem de Sweek

King William II 800T

4 miles on long beach

in ballast

Cap<sup>t</sup> Giesen remained /aboard & was saved later\

24 Crew 9 saved

Sold £225 Jacob Chambers

[*written vertically along LHS of page*] Robe Gaol

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July 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

[Gawler]

I went to a private pigeon match and was persuaded to take a chance. which turned out a cheap job having received plenty of Pigeons and two pounds for my trouble

5<sup>th</sup>

At home William Walker a schoolmate took dinner with us – and spent some pleasant hours together

7<sup>th</sup>

At home made two washing tubs, in the afternoon went shooting with M<sup>rs</sup> E shot plenty of swallows

10<sup>th</sup>

I went to One Tree Hill with a summons also to Peachy Belt. OShaughnessy drunk during my absence

14<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T. Vincent arrived from the Port after a deserter I heard from Sergeant Hooker about "Fish"

15<sup>th</sup>

I received information of a woman living under strange circumstances went & saw her the sight surprised me. (Emily Osborne

17<sup>th</sup>

At home. W<sup>m</sup> arrived in Town from Guichen Bay

20<sup>th</sup>

Bought six Fowls for 15/s a profitable investment being very fine ones

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July 21<sup>st</sup> 1857

At home William Mother and M<sup>r</sup> Green arrived to visit us and returned to Peachy Belt. We heard from the Bay that Lucy \[Ham]/ was coming up to us – [M<sup>rs</sup> E's sister] I went a short distance with W<sup>m</sup> & shot some Plovers

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home Bought a Double Gun from M<sup>r</sup> Gozzard for \£4/

August 4<sup>th</sup>

I went to Port Gawler took the Gun 1 Brace of Quail

10<sup>th</sup>

At home Lucy arrived from the Bay. heard of the death of Captain Munro of the Boomerang

17<sup>th</sup>

At home got a new Flutina. heard that Uncle A[lfred]

Spiller had been in Adelaide three weeks

26<sup>th</sup>

Uncle A Spiller came to see us & stay a while

27<sup>th</sup>

We went out shooting got 7½ brace of Quail 2 do Landrails Got into a bit of a scrape with M<sup>r</sup> Tonsly farmer

28<sup>th</sup>

Wolford came up on a visit. We all had a game \[(Cricket)]\

30<sup>th</sup>

A. Spiller returned to Adelaide Wolford remained

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not mentioned by J.R.E.

Wrecks – Chinese &c

Man Hou from HongKong. 114 days with 358 Chinese on shoal at Willunga 20 Aug 1857

Chinese all ashore in Camp &c (all for Victoria)

Portugese Owner not insured

Hoped to be recovered

See Newspapers

John Shaw police Trooper Reported –

Did the "Man Hou" escape from this mishap? Yes  
taken to Port Ad – Leprosy among Chinese at Willunga D<sup>r</sup> Jay's report in Oberver

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September 1<sup>st</sup> 1857

Wolford and I at home he bought some Tumbler Pigeons  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Wolford left for Adelaide I went to M<sup>r</sup> Edsons at Valley making Jury list for 1858.  
8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Peachy Belt & met Wolford there had some shooting shot 7½ brace of a Quail &  
returned home

10<sup>th</sup>

At home. Mein P.T. on his way to Mount Remarkable

11<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector Holroyd inspected the Station

12<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting by myself shot seven brace of Quail one do of Pluvers. & one do of Landrails  
19<sup>th</sup>

Wolford and John Underdown arrived on their way to Kapunda to look at some land went on as  
far as the Shea oak log. O.S. took old M<sup>r</sup> Webster into custody & had a fine job. he being so  
heavy \no walk/  
28<sup>th</sup>

At M<sup>r</sup> Duffields land sale – Gawler West some £4-10 per \foot/ thinking of buying a piece of land  
in Gawler but did not.

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Gawler Town ~~September~~ \October/ 1857

4<sup>th</sup>

At home saw in the paper N<sup>o</sup> 8 Robe Town for Sale

8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town about the land & paid £5 Deposit saw OKeeffe who was also after no – 8 –  
allotment

11<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T. Fox came in Birds place Bird left for Melbourne

13<sup>th</sup>

Heard from Guichen Bay that M<sup>rs</sup> Ham was not well. I wrote to M<sup>r</sup> Brooks G. Bay

19<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>iss</sup> E. Turner came. & made a convenience of us I started in the dark with but had to  
sight about

21<sup>st</sup>

At home heard that Wolford was coming up to Gawler

23<sup>rd</sup>

I went to Salisbury with summonses called at J Underdowns but he was not at home. played  
Fox Draughts

25<sup>th</sup> [Saturday]

Went to the Terminus to see the Railway arrive &c was disappointed as it was all behind time

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October and November

26<sup>th</sup>

Wolford came to Gawler & remained

27<sup>th</sup>

Harriet and Lucy left for Adelaide by the Train

28<sup>th</sup>

Both at home Young Baldock took tea with us –

30<sup>th</sup>

I went to One Tree Hill called at Peachy Belt got very wet

November 2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to M<sup>r</sup> Edsons to breakfast got some Gooseberrys for Puddings. Wolford left for Town

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home heard from M<sup>r</sup> Brooks G. Bay

5<sup>th</sup>

At home Serg<sup>t</sup> Major & Wauhop came in search of some things stolen from Wauhop, coat in the Police Paddock. Heard that Warren had offered £10 more than me for N<sup>o</sup> 8 Robe Town offered same \amount/

6<sup>th</sup>

I searched a house with Serg<sup>t</sup> Major & he left for Town

8<sup>th</sup>

At home eight prisoners in cells (Sunday)

9<sup>th</sup>

Hot day. great fire at Port Adelaide saw it at Gawler

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Gawler town November 57

10<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather nothing particular

12<sup>th</sup>

I went to Salisbury & called at M<sup>r</sup> Underdowns & stayed the night M<sup>r</sup> U suffering from B – r

13<sup>th</sup>

I went Bird catching in the morning with John U \[Underdown son]/ & caught 4 shell & 4 cockatoo parrots. & ret<sup>d</sup> home

16<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town in search of Peter Shanks the Baker found him and arrested him

17<sup>th</sup>

In Town concerning the above case. heard of Corp<sup>ls</sup> Poynter & Lowe being reduced to the Ranks

18<sup>th</sup>

Ret<sup>d</sup> to Gawler got some Polland \[Poland]/ Fowl eggs from Srg<sup>t</sup> Major. heard that M<sup>r</sup> Warren had made the offer of £60 for N<sup>o</sup> 8

19<sup>th</sup>

At home shot two water hens that came amongst the Fowls very stormy weather. Reported P.T OShaughnessy's for bad conduct

20<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T Green arrived & releaved O.Shaughnessy

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[Nov] 21<sup>st</sup>

OShaughnessy left, & Green went to the Burra with a prisoner. P.T. Bird to the River Light to gain inform<sup>n</sup> concerning the destruction of a garden

22<sup>nd</sup>

Went to Salisbury and arrested Jack Jones and spent the evening with Corporal Lowe

23<sup>rd</sup>

Got Jones committed & went to Town in evening

25<sup>th</sup>

At home Bird in Adelaide. O.S discharged

27<sup>th</sup>

At home heard that Major Wa\erton had gone to P<sup>t</sup> Augusta by water

29<sup>th</sup>

At home An attempt at murder &c took place at Cockatoo Valley. I slept at M<sup>r</sup> Edsons

30<sup>th</sup>

I went to Gumeracha and started Bently

December 1<sup>st</sup>

I returned home from Mount Pleasant wrote a stinging letter to Geo – Hamilton assisted by H.D.M. \[Murray\] S.M. \[Henry D Murray/ S.M. of Turretfield in 1848

2<sup>nd</sup> over

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Gawler Town Dec<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1857

I Started with a special con\s/table slept at Tanunda

3<sup>rd</sup>

Searching about Angas Park and Bagots old Station slept the night at Kapunda

4<sup>th</sup>

Returned home no luck (fine weather)

5<sup>th</sup>

Corp<sup>l</sup> Richards arrived with a flea in his ear to look for the man again under my orders. I arrested two men for stealing Boards & spades Sarah/[staying with William at Robe] come from the Bay

7<sup>th</sup>

At home the above mentioned men were committed

8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Lyndock Valley with Telegram for Bently

10<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town with 3 prisoners \[Brother\] (“Tom”) Come out –

11<sup>th</sup>

I Reported Corp<sup>l</sup> Richards for not opening despatches Got a shell parrots nest with six young ones

12<sup>th</sup>

I went to Lyndock Valley to arrest a man on whom considerable suspicion rested G.H. no go

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13<sup>th</sup>

German Chemist took poison at Lyndock Valley

14<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector Holroyd come on his way to H<sup>d</sup>. Q<sup>rs</sup> left his horse at the Station. Green P.T. to Clare Des<sup>tch</sup>

17<sup>th</sup>

At home 14 horses at Station. Govenor \[MacDonnell.\] come down from the north. Tom left for Town. rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton respecting \[intestate\] intest property. referring me to a general order many years back for information

18<sup>th</sup>

At home sent him an answer informing him that no such order was to be found at Station

19<sup>th</sup>

At home got an offer of 8/s a pair for my young Ducks. Richards Reduced

21<sup>st</sup>

At home ex Corp<sup>l</sup> Richards come up with a Desp<sup>h</sup> for Dundas & over-slept himself  
[(?H.D.Murray) SM]

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Cracknell come to see me took lunch with him. had a letter from Town to report the  
useless state of the fence round the Station

24

Cleaning up and preparing for Exmas / [Xmas] \ – Killed a Wild

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Gawler Town Dec<sup>r</sup> 1857

Duck with a stone in the River P.T Blake a tame one by mistake)

25<sup>th</sup>

At home had a capital Dinner quite select

26<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> E. Spiller and family come to visit us also M<sup>rs</sup> A. Spiller. got disappointed and had to  
stay the night with us – left next day

27<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town by the last train –

28<sup>th</sup>

Aniversary of the Colony (on leave) Myself W<sup>d</sup> & Tom walked to the Bay early in the morning got  
disappointed at cricket also of Ball throwing, very wet walked part way back W<sup>m</sup> at home did not  
care to go with us –

29<sup>th</sup>

William left per “Ant” Steamer Mother & I to the Port to see him off, I also ret<sup>d</sup> to Gawler 30<sup>th</sup>

At home bought 11 Ducks for fattening got a fine lot of apricots from Town

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*[loose paper in folder]*

*[cutting from Register 28/12/1924*

*South Australia's Majority*

*An interesting Relic*

*A ‘Page’ from the past]*

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January 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

At home weather rather hot plenty apricots

4<sup>th</sup>

I opened an account with the S.A. Bank Gawler by putting £100 in it

[Cap<sup>t</sup> Munro of the Sky Rocket]

8<sup>th</sup>

At home, heard that Bently was promoted. Wren discharged. also went to Town with a Lunatic  
saw M<sup>r</sup> Underdown in the Train. M<sup>rs</sup> & M<sup>s</sup> Butcher at Unley, played Daws the Butcher cribbage  
& beat him/

10<sup>th</sup>

Returned home found Warburton P.T at the Station

11<sup>th</sup>

At home great fun with Green some person sent him a Box of rubbish (F Grundy)

[(Newspaper?)]

12<sup>th</sup>

At home Major Warburton come & took us by surprise examined the Books, threatned P.T  
Forbs and left again he looked a little seedy



14<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. Expecting to hear of the great changes in the Force, & how many Lance Corporals there were made Expecting to go to Clare with the horses left by Major Warburton –

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Gawler Town Jan<sup>y</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home Inspector Hamilton come & expressed himself pleased with the state of things. he bought six colts at the Sale at Williston for Police horses

17<sup>th</sup>

I started to Clare with two led horses. (very hot)

20<sup>th</sup>

Returned home, found one of my Cocks Fows gone

21<sup>st</sup>

At home heard of Beasley & Dundas being made Lance corporals – Coward full corporal.

Inspector H returned from Angaston

24<sup>th</sup>

At home Blake lost £2 & a Railway ticket I was thinking of having a Poultry Establishment put  
\up/

25<sup>th</sup>

At home Wolford come by train. took a walk down to Lanes garden – Young M<sup>r</sup> Chance with us

26<sup>th</sup>

At home the hottest day I ever felt Wolford left Rec<sup>d</sup> two papers from M<sup>r</sup> A.P. Bird Melbourne

27<sup>th</sup>

At home very hot. (Six Children buried in Gawler). Fruit beginning to come in

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28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>

At home very hot. Blakes horse got under the rail in the Stable – Had a Water Melon red rag  
Green & Blake. Corp<sup>l</sup> Dalton of the Foot Police struck dead by the sun

31<sup>st</sup>

All at home a great change in the weather

Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>

[1/2/58 Wolford joined police]

All at home. P.T Blake promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home Rec<sup>d</sup> a Telegram from Major Warburton looking out for a man at the Railway Station

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home Richards come up with a search warrant & left himself open to my fire again by not reporting himself & duty. Had an evening at the (Medical Hall) dancing surgery &c &c

4<sup>th</sup>

All at home beautiful weather. no pay sheets – \no pay/

5<sup>th</sup>

At home whitewashed the rear of the Station heard of Birds marriage – D<sup>r</sup> Mahony died)

9<sup>th</sup>

At home, coming warm again – Arrested a man for Larceny. two botles of sh\&r/ry who tried to escape and got a burster on the ground

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Feb<sup>y</sup> 58

Heard of Wolfords having joined the Force \[on 1<sup>st</sup>]/

10<sup>th</sup>

At home. heard from W<sup>m</sup> that Warren was doing well as Bailiff & that R<sup>t</sup> Welcome had come to Town

11<sup>th</sup>

I went with summonses to Virginia & the Belt got wet to the skin stayed the night at Underdowns

12<sup>th</sup>

Returned home by the south parra called at M<sup>r</sup> Gameu's place nasty road

13<sup>th</sup>

At home. heard that M<sup>rs</sup> Ham was coming from the Bay. Took "Generic Machine" for Embezzlement & got him committed for trial

15<sup>th</sup>

I went into Town with the above named prisoner Saw R<sup>t</sup> Welcome and Corporal Hunt – 16<sup>th</sup>

I returned in company with Inspector Hamilton on his way up the River

17<sup>th</sup>

At home all hands rather warm. Heard that Robert Welcome had left by the Steamer for Guichen Bay

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– Feb<sup>y</sup> 1858 – Gawler Town

17<sup>th</sup>

Plenty of business heard of my prisoner, being a Swan River man General order about Reward Fund came but no money

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Shea Oak log and took a Sailor £4 Reward

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to the port with him & got the Reward &c and ret<sup>d</sup> saw cap<sup>tn</sup> Drew of the Hannah Maria very wet day P.T. Blake came home without his prisoner. Saw R. Fuller

20<sup>th</sup>

At home. M<sup>rs</sup> Ham arrived from Guichen Bay. Heard that William was rather thin and looked poorly –

21<sup>st</sup>

In Town went to Unley felt the effects of eating Grapes

24<sup>th</sup>

Returned to Gawler on my young charger Inkerman Green goi/ng to Report Blake about the Bones.

25<sup>th</sup>

Inspecting Public Houses &c

26<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector Hamilton Returned from the River

27

At home. Engine Ran into one of the Gates & nearly killed the Driver. (Blake to Gum Flat)

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– Gawler Town March 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home Greens resignation came to me for explanation

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went to Peachy Belt & Salisbury called at Underdowns stoped the night at the Plough & Harrow. Played cribbage with Rowland. Bought two Cochin china Fowls 10/-

4<sup>th</sup>

At home Greens discharge came, to his surprise

5<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T Hammond came to Release Green

6<sup>th</sup>

I went opossum shooting with M<sup>r</sup> [E.L.] Grundy, [(later of the Bunyip)]/ shot a lot, Bought a Mare & Foal for £36.10.

10<sup>th</sup>

I started to Foresters to obtain some information required by the Comm<sup>r</sup> of Police. Wolford called on his way to Kapunda.

11<sup>th</sup>

I went into Town about the information above mentioned saw M<sup>rs</sup> W. Ewers [(Maria Underdown sister of John S Underdown of Peachy Belt)] who had ~~whæ~~ come up from the Bay

12<sup>th</sup>

At home Hammond & me whitewashing station [(Emamel)]

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March 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home Blake arrested a man on suspition I shot 9 Dogs

17<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Murray returned from Port Lincoln

19<sup>th</sup>

Searching for a lost child in the Scrub. Hammond got a fall against a tree. (I shall never forget)

20<sup>th</sup>

At home resd \[[rec'd]]/ Information of a coffin being found above ground in the cemetry. Clarke come from M<sup>r</sup> Remarkable spoke of the Comm<sup>r</sup> & the spiced Beef.

21<sup>st</sup>

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home rec<sup>d</sup> General order about Besleys and Saxons reduction Dated March 15<sup>th</sup>/58

24<sup>th</sup>

Went to Peachy Belt. lamed \[Lamed]/ my colt on the way, stoped at John \[JS Underdown]/s the night. left my horse at the Pub. saw Sarah & Maria [M<sup>rs</sup> W<sup>m</sup> E]

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town to posecute Staunton for Forgery & reported Strutton on behalf of P T Blake Saw E. Wright Jun<sup>r</sup> about all<sup>t</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 8 Robe Town

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Gawler Town March 27<sup>th</sup> 1858

In Town played cribbage with corp<sup>l</sup> Burt & W Thomas at the Young Queen

28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday come home from Town. Williams arrd \[arrived]/ from the Bay. P.T. Blake at an Inquest on a German who shot himself by accident while opossum shooting

29<sup>th</sup>

At home. Blake to H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> Strutton dismissed heard that W<sup>m</sup> was after a prisoner came as far as Salisbury with Blake

31<sup>st</sup>

At home cleaning up my traps, heard from Mother that she had let the house [(Unley Inn)]

– April 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

At home April Fool P.T. Hammond. Did not see William. Could not make up my mind to go to Unley to play cricket Unley against Mitcham

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home Wolford on his way from Kapunda

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home Wolford left. Heard of the Pigeon Match at craces. thought of going to it

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Gawler Town 4<sup>th</sup> April 1858

At home took a walk to Ganes \[Lanes?]/ garden &c

5<sup>th</sup>

Rode my colt for the first time since the accident. he bucked a little

6<sup>th</sup>

At home P. Warburton P.T. arrived with German Jack made himself acquainted with M<sup>rs</sup> Ham.  
(Grampound

8<sup>th</sup>

Went to Pigeon match at the Rams head \[Crace's]/ did very well

10<sup>th</sup>

Went to Lanes Garden for a walk. Rec<sup>d</sup> information that a man was found dead. went to the  
place found that he was killed by his dray going over him. (~~Beef steaks in his Pockets~~

11<sup>th</sup>

Went to hold an inquest on the body. verdict accidental death

12<sup>th</sup>

At home bad news from the Bay about Joseph Hams \[brother to M<sup>rs</sup> E]/ Illness. M<sup>rs</sup> Ham left per  
Railway for Adelaide

14<sup>th</sup>

At home expecting an increase Mother came up. had a long yarn about D<sup>r</sup> Lewises Brother ship  
mates /[on Prince Regent]\ &c I arrested M<sup>rs</sup> Grumpes & M<sup>rs</sup> Osbourne

15

[Easter]

over

Page 62

Gawler Town Ap<sup>l</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

D<sup>r</sup> Lewis gave M<sup>rs</sup> G & M<sup>rs</sup> O one month each. I went to town with the prisoners

16<sup>th</sup> [Good Friday]

I went to the Races for the Commissioners horse good races (Young Harry Born 10½ a m)  
\[Henry Brooks Ewers]/

[Sat] 17<sup>th</sup>

I came home & saw the increse all doing well

20<sup>th</sup> [Tuesday]

At home Blake went to Town to apply for his old station Port Augusta. (Circus arrived)

21<sup>st</sup>

At home Blake came back having got leave to go

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home Wolford came to be stationed. Cloudy weather

25

Sunday went to Lyndock Valley to attend an Inquest on a German killed by a fall from His horse.  
(Hunch back)

26

At home Got letters from Guichen Bay one from M<sup>rs</sup> Bryan about her things & one from W<sup>m</sup>  
talking of coming up. poor Joey \[Ham]/ much worse

27<sup>th</sup>

At home Wolford to Peachy Belt (wet weather,

30

At home Wolford served a lot of civil summonses

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May 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

At home had a letter brought to me directed to Edwards the Runaway from Cockatoo Valley

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Adelaide about the letter to try to go after him poor Joseph Ham died [at Robe] / [Stone in Cemetery] \ [M<sup>rs</sup> E brother aged 17]

3<sup>rd</sup>

Returned home Mother left for Town (Wolford out

4<sup>th</sup>

At home got a molling \ [mauling] / by three fellows trying to rescue a prisoner from \me/. I got the prisoner & them too

5<sup>th</sup>

At court made the men pay dear for their fun

6<sup>th</sup>

At home William come up from the Bay. also a Melbourne Trooper with a prisoner

9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at home heard that Bently, I, had got the sack and that Richards had sent in his resignation

11<sup>th</sup>

I went into town saw W<sup>m</sup> went to Unly with him in a cab

12

Attending the Supreme Court.

13<sup>th</sup>

I returned – Wolford went to Town with a cart & Grundy

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Gawler May 15<sup>th</sup> 1858

All at home. country looking beautiful & Green.

16<sup>th</sup>

At home. talking of going to England Mother promised £10 towards my passage money. William came up at 5 P.M

17<sup>th</sup>

At home William left. went down to Lanes garden

18<sup>th</sup>

At home Mother left for town. Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from M<sup>rs</sup> Ham speaking of Mays being forgotten

19<sup>th</sup>

At home Wolford went to Peachy Belt

22<sup>nd</sup>

Myself Wolford & Grundy went to Peachy Belt

24<sup>th</sup>

At the Pigeon match won it by two birds good [...]

27<sup>th</sup>

I went to Peachy Belt shot a lot of Parrots

29<sup>th</sup>

All at home M<sup>rs</sup> E talking of disposing of her lodgers. May Ann sick with bile on the stomach

31<sup>st</sup>

At home very wet weather Edwards concert took place

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– June 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

At home refused to go to the Oddfellows dinner Tassell beat me cribbage. Ragged school children \came/

5<sup>th</sup>

At home Bought a Poney for £18- sold it for £22-

7<sup>th</sup>

At home heard from the Bay that Charley Roberts was killed by a kick from a horse

8<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Anderson from G. Bay came to see us Tried the Poney in a cart down at Lanes (first rate

15<sup>th</sup>

Sale of horses at Willaston had a letter from E. Spiller about the death of A Spiller s eldest Son

21<sup>st</sup>

At home. I shot 28 starlings at one Shot \in a Tree/ in the River

23<sup>rd</sup>

Wolford & I went out shooting to Edrons shot 5 Pigeons & about 100 Parrots, I got a curlew

26<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens had D<sup>r</sup> Nugent not being very well Wolford went to Town with prisoner Edwards

27

At home Wolford returned home

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Gawler June 30<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home. Great many horses dieing from an unknown disease 6 in one stable. M<sup>r</sup> Clements – July 1<sup>st</sup> –

Found D<sup>r</sup> Newgents \[D<sup>r</sup> Nugent]/ brass plate in the River. he sent in his bill for attendance on M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens –

3<sup>rd</sup>

Wolford & I went to the Shea Oak log to make enquiry about a mare. Heard about the natives spearing 2 whites near Mount Searle

6<sup>th</sup>

At home. heard from the Bay that M<sup>r</sup> Ham was not very well. and wishing Harriet down. Took up an old man for the third time. A man killed on \[Gawler]/ G<sup>r</sup> Road found Beef steaks in his Pockets (nasty & warm),

7<sup>th</sup>

Attended the Inquest on the Body of ~~Stephen Sheviller~~ Wolford in Town with prisoner, verdicts of the above that he was killed by his cart passing over him

9<sup>th</sup>

Went to town with prisoner M<sup>rs</sup> Grills. saw ex Insp<sup>r</sup> Strong

10<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector Strong \[of Victorian Police]/ s brother \P T / came on his way to the Overland corner told us a yarn about the way he used the prisoner in Melbourne

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– July 11<sup>th</sup> 1858 –

At home nice weather a little rain, Had a form Ret<sup>d</sup>

14<sup>th</sup>

At home Hammond applied to be removed Thinking of going Wallabee shooting in the scrub

15<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T Greir arrived to release Hammond

16<sup>th</sup>

At home heard of Gregory's party coming overland from Morton Bay. Also heard of poor Coulthards remains having been found by Babbage \[North of P<sup>t</sup> Augusta]/

18<sup>th</sup>

Wolford & I went wallabee shooting in the scrub shots \[shot]/ 3 Wallabee & a magpie one of the wallabee & a ~~the~~ magpie with a ball from my little Rifle & long distance

20<sup>th</sup>

At home more news from the Bay. heard that Miss Brewer was to be married to Dunlap

21<sup>st</sup>

Wolford & I in pursuit of Phil Dixon for Robbery W went to Kapunda I went to Angaston

22<sup>nd</sup>

Left Angaston sold my Rifle to Warburton Wolford arrested Phil Dixon at Templers

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W Coulthard Remains

found 22/6/1857

by Babbage

see diary 16/7/1858 & Aug 1863

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Gawler July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1868

I went to Town with Phil Dixon. \[A Swan River man]/ \[Newspaper long paragraph]\ took tea with the Serg<sup>t</sup> Major. spoke to Badman about Dixon \[Goodson false pretenses]\

24<sup>th</sup>

I come home to Gawler. Wolford & Greir at home

25<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. wrote William

27<sup>th</sup>

At home went to M<sup>r</sup> Moir's sale bought a money Box for the children (no key) Plenty of wild ducks about

29 & 30<sup>th</sup>

Shot a lot of dogs. ORiley come from M<sup>t</sup> Barker in search of one Holloway. Read in the paper from the G. Bay correspondents about an arrest on the Jetty &c very dry weather. Played Handy cribbage

31<sup>st</sup>

At home shot a Teal in the River. Recieved a letter about a Robbery at Echunga (Gold Rings &c

[*loose paper*]                      68A

1.

Newspaper per

Meeting at Goolwa at Varcoes

re Railway Route &

Geo Mayfield app<sup>d</sup> to Cttee

27.7.1858

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Gawler August 1<sup>st</sup> 1858

At home shot a black duck in the River (fine weather

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home Wolford to Lyndock Valley. I got a letter from M<sup>rs</sup> Anderson offering £50 for N<sup>o</sup> 93 – Robe

3<sup>rd</sup>

At Lyndock Valley and Victoria Creek with Greir

4<sup>th</sup>

At home Wolford at a Ploughing match L.[yndoch] Valley

5<sup>th</sup>

At home Saw a memorial in the paper for a Tramway from Mount Gambier to the Bay

6<sup>th</sup>

I went down to Port Gawler Wolford at home

8<sup>th</sup>

At home heard of Major Warburtons unexpected arrival at the Port from Port Lincoln

9<sup>th</sup>

At home got a letter from M<sup>r</sup> Holden about a birth. [...] & the failure of his employers [J A Holden (H W Frost)]

11<sup>th</sup>

I went down to Port Gawler with a summons

13<sup>th</sup>

At home visited by Miss Yeo /[Yeo]\ and M<sup>r</sup> Grundy

[*loose paper*]                      69A

C.C. Crace

1859 Rams Head Licence

Evanston

n<sup>r</sup> Gawler

3/8/1858.

J R E Didwell

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Gawler August 14<sup>th</sup> 1858

I went for a Ride to the new line of Railway [to Kapunda]

16<sup>th</sup>

At home Serg<sup>t</sup> Hooker & Serg<sup>t</sup> Major \[? (Hamilton)]/ at this place

17<sup>th</sup>

At home heard that Serg<sup>t</sup> Eyre was to leave Port L[incoln] and I was advised to apply for his place

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to Town to get more \[police]/ [...], heard that I was to have two every Saturday night sent out –

21<sup>st</sup>

I went & took Saxon to the She oak log. stayed the night plenty of Rowdy coons there [Railway works in progress]

23<sup>rd</sup>

I took W<sup>m</sup> Day for an assault & laid information against the other 3 Brothers

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to Lyndock Valley about hay. Expecting to be removed to P<sup>t</sup> Elliot or some other place

29<sup>th</sup>

I went to Peachy Belt Saw L \[Lycurgus]/ Underdown & Family

30<sup>th</sup>

At home rather wet weather. Went to see a M<sup>rs</sup> Woodeifield who had attempted self destruction by hanging or choking herself

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Gawler September 1<sup>st</sup> 1858



All at home pay day. bought a Gold watch £4

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home heard that William had come up from the Bay. sold my Gold Watch again to M<sup>rs</sup> Tully  
Expecting Wauhop to take charge but he did not come

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went down to Salisbury had a talk with M<sup>r</sup> Poynter \[...]/

4<sup>th</sup>

I visited the monthly sale & bought a Draught horse for £30. Corp<sup>l</sup> Lowe arrived on his way to P<sup>t</sup>  
Lincoln to take charge. W<sup>m</sup> wrote me to come to Town

7<sup>th</sup>

I went down to Salisbury saw the foundation of the new Police Station and court house

9<sup>th</sup>

I went to Greenock creek to inspect a new Pub and [...] Went down to M<sup>r</sup> Laws in the evening

11<sup>th</sup>

At home heard that Wauhop was coming up. Heard from M<sup>r</sup> Holdin about the boys good lungs  
&c

16<sup>th</sup>

At home sent \[sent]/ a Telegraph message to W<sup>m</sup> which cost 4/- fifteen words about allotment  
N<sup>o</sup> 8 – Robe

[*loose paper*] 71A

Telegraph to Willunga [...]

17<sup>th</sup> Sep 1858

to P<sup>t</sup> Elliot – 185 JRE

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Gawler Sept<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1858

At Rec<sup>d</sup> an answer from W<sup>m</sup> saying the lot was worth £150. I went to town & bought the ground  
18<sup>th</sup>

I come home, by the first train. (nice weather

21

At home saw old Geharty, reports of Port Lincoln country in the paper [3 Columns with much  
detail]

25<sup>th</sup>

At home. Comm<sup>r</sup> left for Port Augusta to fetch M<sup>r</sup> Babbage back. Scarfe was brought from Town  
[Babbage Reports in newspapers]

28<sup>th</sup>

At home Mother come to see us & brought \[young brother Freddy aged 11]/ Freddy with her.  
Inspector Holroyd came from the Murray on his way to Head Q<sup>rs</sup> inspected the Station. M<sup>r</sup> Lucas  
with him

– October 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

At home. People leaving for Port Curtis diggings

Sarah went out to M<sup>r</sup> Edsons

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

At home Mother and Harriet talking of taking a trip to the Bay & me talking of England [Went in  
1878]

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Peachy Belt to a Pigeon Match. had bad [...] \trap/ no when I come home found  
Wauhop in charge of place

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Gawler October 6<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home making ready to start. went down to M<sup>r</sup> Lanes  
8<sup>th</sup>

I left Gawler for Port Elliot, got in town in good time

9

On leave cleaning up my Kit & rambling about

10<sup>th</sup>

At Unley had dinner with M<sup>r</sup> Jarvis & M<sup>r</sup> Hayter \[Hayter]/, (saw a Gun

12<sup>th</sup>

In town doing buisness paid £100 into the SA.B also paid for N<sup>o</sup> 8 – [Robe] saw oKeeffe \[of  
Robe]/ in town

13<sup>th</sup>

I left town for P<sup>t</sup> Elliot got to Willunga, Bought a Polland \[Poland]/ Fowl from the Serg<sup>t</sup> Majors  
brother inlaw 5/-

14<sup>th</sup>

[(1<sup>st</sup> oct18560 6/2/57]

I arrived at P<sup>t</sup> Elliot, with my Fowl in my hand

18<sup>th</sup>

At the Station doing it up a little in doors & outs

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to Middleton with two shipmates \[on the Prince Regent]\ Mayfield & Bottomly

21<sup>st</sup>

[Mayfield S<sup>r</sup> had a large family] I went Quail shooting with \[John?]/ Mayfield & G.B. Smith Snr  
22<sup>nd</sup>

I went on the Island shot plenty birds & lost my shot belt out of the Boat, played G.B. Smith  
cribbage

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Port Elliot October 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home expecting M<sup>rs</sup> Ewers by the conveyance (no go)

28<sup>th</sup>

I went to Abbots bridge to meet M<sup>rs</sup> Ewers & met her in the mail cart all right

29<sup>th</sup>

At home plenty of people admired my Fowls and bespoke Eggs

– November 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

At home pay day nothing particular

4<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Island shot plenty of birds got 3 Doz eggs. Gun went off[f] in my hands. bad of Gun

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay on a fishing excursion went out to the Bluff & had bad luck no fish

7<sup>th</sup>

At home. Steamer in harbour waiting to go in the Murray Mouth

9<sup>th</sup>

At home curing my Pointer of the distemper gave him salt & senna,

10

I went to Encounter Bay. Caught some fish had a good [...]

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Port Elliot Nov<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home Mayfields horse bolted with his carts I went to get on \[horse]/ Inkerman in a hurry a[nd]  
got a sp\i/ll. I lost my Powder Flask, for the Rifle

12<sup>th</sup>

At home plenty of thunder & rain got some nice fish from the natives (Mullett) saw them fish

13<sup>th</sup>

Found my powder Flask again. Rec<sup>d</sup> a General order from H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> about a Serg<sup>t</sup> allowing a Trooper to get drunk & not reporting the facts –

14<sup>th</sup>

Went to Mayfields place \[Inman Valley ? Currency Creek?]/ was much surprised at its comfortable appearance. & good garden. Was thinking of writing o'Keeffe about my land at Robe saw by the paper M<sup>rs</sup> Reeves es house & land \[Robe]/ for sale

16<sup>th</sup>

Met some shipmates \[Prince Regent ? Lovelock & Mayfield]/ at Dodds had a dance with them &c

17<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Hindmarsh River saw James Browns old station, where M<sup>r</sup> Hale committed suicide I got a message from M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton by Telegraph about my going with Captain Crawford on the [River] Darling expedition, and answered it. Mayfields talking of going at once to the Diggin[gs] up the River

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Port Elliot November 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

At home all day, fine weather. bought some tools

19

At home played the harbour master Bagatelle [?Laurel ?Saunders] sold my first seven Polish Eggs for 7/- to M<sup>r</sup> Barton

20<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing saw ~~about~~ a shoal of Pauposes [Porpoises] covering about 80 acres of water, Had a fine fall out of bed in night time

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home bathed twice & enjoyed myself. (very hot day \[Hiram]/ Mildred, G.B. Smith /[SM]\ & Mayfield gambling at Bagatelle

23

I went to Rosetta Head with a summons for the Cap<sup>tn</sup> of the Lochinvar. Had a row with Nation about our dogs &c. Great meeting at Middleton about the Tramway – [Extension from Strathalbyn]

27<sup>th</sup>

I went for a walk to T. Mayfields. talked a deal about Bees.very wet night. O.Connor at Goolwa

28<sup>th</sup>

At home saw by the paper that Corp<sup>l</sup> Hunt \[of Robe?]/ was coming to Town, & that he had a witness killed on the Road. Saw also that Major Warburton and M<sup>r</sup> Babbage were on their way to Town

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Nov<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1858 & Dec<sup>r</sup>

I went to Currency Creek [P>T} Rickaby come \[from Goolwa]/ with 3 prisoners one that I had once at Gawler. very wet looking weather for the time of year. sold 12 Eggs 12/-

30<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa, had a long talk about Grandfather with M<sup>r</sup> Wilcox. \[Asia Hotelkeeper OW Willcock?]/ Got a letter from the Bay miserable \as usual/

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1858 –

2<sup>nd</sup>

We all went to Goolwa attended M<sup>r</sup> Cottons sale & bought three articles of furniture. Saw Inspector Scotts brother /[ie EB Scott]\

5<sup>th</sup>

At home read some news from the Portland Guardian relative to Guichen Bay taking away their trade

6<sup>th</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup> information at midnight about a cow being shot at Encounter Bay. & the informants had given the suspected parties notice of his intention

7<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay & rode to the top of Rosetta head

8<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Bay again saw a dead Paupos on the beach

11<sup>th</sup>

Inspecting hoy \[hay]/ . Registered my dogs –

[*loose paper*] 77A

Sam<sup>l</sup> Payne dec<sup>d</sup> Family

Arthur Henry James Emma Elizabeth Mary – Infants under 21

Robert M Lowe next find Ann Payne Defended

formerly c/o [...] Mart Tavern 12/4/1850 GG 274

Intestate 2 notices

[*on reverse of loose paper*]

JRE 1858/9

[*loose paper*] 77B

late of A. Mart Hotel & Payneham

S Payne's family

[*word crossed out*] Ann Payne widow

Arthur – Henry Augustus James Emma Edyla

Elizabeth Ann Mary Agnes – Infants under 21

GG p290. 12/4/50

25/4/50

Robert Mayor Lowe their friend

[*vertically along lower LH side of page*] JRE Diary

[*on reverse of loose paper*]

Map of Hundred

of Noarlunga

re OHalloran Hill

& Land Owners

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Port Elliot Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1858

OConnor & I went to Inman Bald hills. saw an old friend. had a long talk with M<sup>rs</sup> Kelly

/[Kelly]about old times

13<sup>th</sup>

At home made up my mind for a trip up the Coorong borrowed a Rifle

15<sup>th</sup>

Started with \[P.T.]/ Rickaby \[of Goolwa]/ up the Coorong shot one fine Pelican at 200 yards with the Rifle & at dark 22 brace of teal, slept the night at a well known

spot examined the natives body protruding from the bank that I had seen before P.T. Rice  
Rubys first night camping out

16<sup>th</sup>

Ret<sup>d</sup> home stiff Breeze & cranky boat

18<sup>th</sup>

I went out shooting no sport, Dreadful night – wind & a great fall of rain

20<sup>th</sup>

All at home dreadful windy blew down natives chimney

24<sup>th</sup>

At home in a Raffle for a large cake. Saw M<sup>r</sup> Tripps Whaling geer for the first time

25<sup>th</sup>

All at home beautiful weather had a game Cricket

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Port Elliot Dec<sup>r</sup> 1858

Won a wayl throwing the cricket Ball won by 25 yards A great row with the natives drunk  
arrested two a job

27

At home Blacks committed to 14 days. Plenty Races \on the Beach/

28<sup>th</sup>

At home OC to Town. Rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Mother saying W<sup>m</sup> had been at [*word crossed out*] \the/  
station at <sup>the</sup> [...] Plains

31<sup>st</sup>

I went fishing caught a schnapper saw a fine salmon caught by a native. Had 2 swims very \hot/  
– Police affairs –

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1853 I joined the Mounted Police

April \[May]/ 4<sup>th</sup> 1853 Arrived at Guichen Bay to be stationed

June 27<sup>th</sup> 1856 promoted to first class Trooper

Oct<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1856 Promoted to Corporal

Dec<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1856 Removed from Guichen Bay for good

June 24<sup>th</sup> 1857 Arrived at Gawler Town to Stay \struck between these dates on Telegraph duty/

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1857 Rec<sup>d</sup> – the first extra penny per diem

" " 1858 Rec<sup>d</sup> the second " " " "

Oct<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1858 Arrived at Port Elliot to stay \Wolford joined 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1858/

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1860 Left Port Elliot for P<sup>t</sup> Lincoln \Two pennies per day between these dates/

" 19<sup>th</sup> 1860 arrived at Port Lincoln to stay

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1861 Received the fifth extra penny per diem

March 21<sup>st</sup> 1862 – Received the sixth do do do

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1863

Tho<sup>s</sup> Ewens joined about /1<sup>st</sup> of May 1860 [See 27/5/60]\

March 21<sup>st</sup> \1863/ /7<sup>d</sup> per day extra pay

~~June~~ \May/ 31<sup>st</sup> My duty ceased in Police force 1864

Rejoined the Force Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1865

Got to my station at Salisbury 10<sup>th</sup> Jany 1865

Arrived at Blanchetown to be stationed March 1 – 1865

Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1869. Received a~~n~~ \first/ extra penny  
per day again

Jany – 6<sup>th</sup> 1870 another penny

Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1871 Do Do

Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1872 Do Do

Jany 6<sup>th</sup> 1873 Do Do  
" 6<sup>th</sup> 1874 Do Do  
" 6<sup>th</sup> 1875 Do Do  
" 6<sup>th</sup> 1876 Do Do  
" 6<sup>th</sup> 1877 Do Do  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 1877 Promoted to Lance Corp<sup>l</sup>  
Jany 6<sup>th</sup> another penny for good service  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> /I think\ 1878 Full Corporal again

Jany 6 1879 Another penny

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continued January 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

1<sup>st</sup>

At home very hot weather. Family went bathing

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay with a summons & from thence to the Tiers got a little out of the track stoped the night at M<sup>r</sup> Kelly's found M<sup>rs</sup> K knew Grandfather many years ago /[where? ?Ewens or possibly Spiller]\ [Rob<sup>t</sup> Kelly & M<sup>rs</sup> Mary Ann Kelly of Cornhill Farm Bald Hills.]

4<sup>th</sup>

I went into the Tiers to Attrils saw the finest crop of potatoes I had ever seen

7<sup>th</sup>

I went to Hindmarsh \[Valley]/ Road shot lots of Parrots

11<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton come from H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup>. Heard from W<sup>m</sup> £85 offered for N<sup>o</sup> 8 M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton left for Goolwa

12<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> H come from Goolwa & stoped the night at M<sup>r</sup> Laurie's

13<sup>th</sup>

I started with M<sup>r</sup> H. to Yankalilla had breakfast at Encounter Bay. Saw an ex Inspector then remained the night at Yankalilla.

14<sup>th</sup>

I returned home very hot day for a long ride

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January 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

I went fishing caught a large Stingaree & lots of sweep very windy. Bennett /[Hotelkeeper]\ from Plough & Harrow called

17<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay had a pull in a Whale boat saw some large copper bolts got out of a wreck 21 years under water. The natives dived for the bolts called at Rabbit or Granite Island & shot 3 Rabbits [South Australian & Solway. Wrecked Dec<sup>r</sup> 1837]

19<sup>th</sup>

I & OConnor went on Granite Island to shoot Rabbit had a nice day & bagged 15 nice ones. ret<sup>d</sup> home 9 P.m

21<sup>st</sup>

I went to Goolwa saw G.B Smith in his new occupation wrote W<sup>m</sup> that I was inclined to accept £85 for N<sup>o</sup> 8

24<sup>th</sup>

I went to Hindmarsh Valley, got a lot of Peacock feathers given me. got an order for a lot of my Fowl eggs /(hot weather)\

26<sup>th</sup>

At home weather changed in the night & become very wet. caught some natives stealing wood

—

27<sup>th</sup>

At home John Mayfield a shipmate \[Prince Regent]/ got married Got some Chichester papers given me

29<sup>th</sup>

At home a Gentleman lost his Clothes & boots on the Rocks by the water

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January 31

I went to M<sup>r</sup> Gilberts to pick fruit. had a great treat

February 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home very warm weather. M<sup>rs</sup> E & I had a walk to Gilberts heard from \[brother]/ Wolford \[P.T]/ that he had been orderly to the Governor \[MacDonnell]

4<sup>th</sup>

Went to M<sup>r</sup> Lauries (very hot, & calm weather

6

The dreadful Sunday of the great fires had a dreadful day of it. myself & OConnor. Saved Engeles house &c

7<sup>th</sup>

On patrol on the borders of the fire ~~some~~ \saw/ some of the destruction it had committed

10<sup>th</sup>

I & OConnor went to the inquest concerning the fire and had to make a speach in own defence, against [...]

12<sup>th</sup>

At home Change in the weather from Heat to cold —

13<sup>th</sup>

Went to Encounter Bay. Saw a small cutter the ‘Elizabeth’ fishing there for Crafish

14<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa threw a cricket ball for a wager 117 yards — for ½ Doz of Wine — with D<sup>r</sup> Hill

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February 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

I went to Encounter Bay. Cutter Elizabeth still there

18<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing on the rocks caught 15 schnapper The Governor \[Macdonnell]/ come in the “Blanch”. on the quiet & came to the station for an orderly and a horse for himself \[Horse]/ Inkerman was inclined to get rid of his burden [“Gov<sup>r</sup> a very tall man”]

19<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing in the morning caught 4 schnapper & then went to Goolwa & had a short game cricket

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home got a letter from W<sup>m</sup> & one from Lowe with £10 in it recomended \[29/11/59] Dodge to go to Guichen Bay

24<sup>th</sup>

At home saw my old ~~mate~~ \friend/ M<sup>r</sup> Todd \[Todd]/ who come to open the new \[Telegraph]/ station nice weather

25<sup>th</sup>

At home saw the first message come by Telegraph & it was from M<sup>r</sup> Thring Middleton

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay with a summons for M<sup>r</sup> Schuyler had plenty of Grapes at the Mill & more at M<sup>r</sup> Schuylers

28<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>rs</sup> Kelly come to see us Telegraphed to Anderson to make me an offer for N<sup>o</sup> 8 \[Robe]/ – & got an answer

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March 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

I & OC went to Encounter Bay had plenty of Grapes at the mill I Telegraphed again to M<sup>r</sup> Anderson

3<sup>rd</sup>

I and OC watched M<sup>r</sup> Wardles stockyard for some hours

4<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa to the circus with Corporal Birell

5<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing with the Clown Yeamans & got him a nice wetting at the Breakwater. M<sup>rs</sup> E & I went to Goolwa to the circus

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Waitpinga to collect a jury and hold an inquest on the Body of a woman that was found dead in her hut. saw her opened by D<sup>r</sup> Hill

11<sup>th</sup>

I went to M<sup>r</sup> Gilberts & loaded myself some wood

12<sup>th</sup>

At home James Brown from Avenue Range at P<sup>t</sup> Elliot expecting that W<sup>m</sup> had arrived at Salisbury station \[Salisbury]/ accepted Andersons offer of £85 for N<sup>o</sup> 8 – saw by the paper an account of a Row at Penola with the Police which puts me in mind of old times. Chalwin R.C.V.S married & distributing his wedding cards – & Chichester bird a bad one

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Port Elliot March 13<sup>th</sup> 1859

Sunday went to see M<sup>r</sup> Gilberts new farm. had plenty of Grapes at Jonesis garden & treated the old lady in charge of the Garden to some of them

15<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay. saw a fine spar on the beach. had plenty of Grapes at the mill. Heard of M<sup>r</sup> Robinsons sale being on the 19<sup>th</sup>

19<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing caught plenty of schnapper & 1 shark

20<sup>th</sup>

At home some rowdy Irish men in the township Thinking of writing Uncle Tom in London

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home heard of a stolen bullock of Gilberts being in Kennedy's team. my horse got a swelling \[swelling]\

24<sup>th</sup>

At home Major W come to Goolwa in the "Melbourne" & bought a boat for the police £11

25<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa to see Major W but he was gone to Strathalbion OConnor arrested old Kennedy

26 to 28<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular worth mentioning

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March 29<sup>th</sup> 1859

I & OC went to Encounter Bay to Robinsons sale & made some purchases of household furniture &c &c

– April 1<sup>st</sup> 1859 –

I went to Encounter Bay & arrested M<sup>r</sup> Schuyler for debts. found him a good hand at all games

4<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector Holroyd & his sister come from Yankalilla

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa with M<sup>r</sup> Holroyds horse "Patch"

6<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd wrote to say he was going on an excursion with the Governor (OConnor advised the bench)

9<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing caught two fine shark, good fun,

10<sup>th</sup>

I started to Strathalbyn with the horses got a great wetting a dreadful day of it. met Nixon

11<sup>th</sup>

I come home very cold day met OConnor

13<sup>th</sup>

I & OC to Goolwa to attend Kennedys case (dismissed

15<sup>th</sup>

I went to Hindmarsh Valley (nice weather

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> nothing particular (at home

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Port Elliot April 18<sup>th</sup> 1859

At home fine weather. Large number of rowdy men in the town. Mail cart got smashed by an old Police Horse. Locked up two of the rowdy coons. who tore up the blanket & tried to smash the door

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay to see M<sup>r</sup> Schuyler about purchasing some of his household ware Hunt promoted & Serg<sup>t</sup> Wauhop corporal Field L corp<sup>l</sup> Rickaby first class Eyre reduced

20<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa to a Pigeon match shot for P.T. Rickaby very near winning killed 5 birds out of

6 –

21<sup>st</sup>

At a match shooting pigeons Mayfield & Attril I loaded for Mayfield who won it. (Challenger for

£20

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay to shoot some birds for a pie shot plenty Blue Mountains &c off of Inkerman

24<sup>th</sup>

At home beautiful weather, had tooth ache very bad

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to E. Bay swa James Long \[Jim Long – whaler\] \[...\] charge of fishery heard from W<sup>m</sup> about the Death of his youngest Boy

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April 28<sup>th</sup> 1859

I went to Inman Valley beautiful weather for riding  
30<sup>th</sup>

At home paid for flour at the rate of £1.18. per bag  
– May 1<sup>st</sup> 1859 –

I went out in search of a dead bullock to Inman Valley  
reported to be shot. the property of J Brown Avenue Range  
3<sup>rd</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay. paid Schuyler for the desk &c  
M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens got a letter informing that her brother was at the Port \J. Ham/ /[Joe Ham]\  
7<sup>th</sup>

At home heard from P.T. Blake from P<sup>t</sup> Augusta a  
little news, weather inclined to be wet  
10<sup>th</sup>

At home I heard from Anderson he sent 29..10. in a letter  
Police Station began to be repaired by M<sup>r</sup> Hanstey [?Anstey]  
12<sup>th</sup>

At home. OC Seized M<sup>r</sup> Thrings furniture. I wrote Uncle Tom /[in London]\  
Wild Geese passing over all night close to the house top  
13<sup>th</sup>

At home looking out for Geese at night but no go  
14<sup>th</sup>

Acting as auctioneer at M<sup>r</sup> Thrings Middleton sold £40 worth \[£40 worth] I bought a box of  
knives & forks (Plenty Geese passing

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Port Elliot May 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

At home very wet day nothing particular  
16<sup>th</sup>

At home very rough weather & high tide. [P.T.] Warburton \[22.7.1858]/ sent my money. heard  
that a Pub was opened at Lacepede Bay & M<sup>r</sup> Butcher \[Hotel Keeper Goolwa]/\[(Butcher's  
Kinston farmers &c)]\ was the Landlord  
18<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa to see about the Police Boat it being lost. saw Rickaby, application to get  
married  
20<sup>th</sup>

At home Mayfield beat Attril shooting. they both shot badly. I got some birds. had a little  
cribbage Rickaby come with two natives for murder  
21<sup>st</sup>

At home heard of M<sup>r</sup> Ellis being appointed Bailiff  
23<sup>rd</sup>

I went to Goolwa about the boat again water to high saw the wreck of the Emu on the  
beach/[near Middleton lost 1853]\ (my old ship to P<sup>t</sup> L  
24<sup>th</sup>

At home laid information against Tripp & Sach  
27

At home Rickaby come up to ask for leave to get married Heard that W<sup>m</sup> was still in town  
28<sup>th</sup>

\[Sach of Chichester]/ At home M<sup>r</sup> Sach fathers schoolmate took dinner

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June 1859

with me told me a deal about my fathers younger days in Chichester

1<sup>st</sup>

At home Tripp & Sach were fined 10/ each under town acts &c

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home getting wood from Mayfields paddock Tripp laid an information against me for "Pers" the Dog

4<sup>th</sup>

I was fined 10/ & costs & soon got it back again Great work amongst the Whaler natives beat the whites

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay to see Rickaby & the bride & stoped the day

7<sup>th</sup>

At home called into court. when M<sup>r</sup> Tripp represented a great mistake to the Magistrate but was willing the case should drop if I would pay expenses but no go

9<sup>th</sup>

I started for Adelaide for to see about the job took in Kangaroo Jack the native for Robbery

10<sup>th</sup>

I got into town my native got tired on the road

12<sup>th</sup>

I went to Gawler to see Wolford & Lord saw M<sup>rs</sup> S who was stout

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Port Elliot June 13<sup>th</sup> 1859

In town Old Bolus [5/2/60] suspended by Downeys complaints

14<sup>th</sup>

I arrived at Willunga met Bottomly & M<sup>r</sup> Poole

15<sup>th</sup>

Started home and arrived at 5 p.m

16<sup>th</sup>

At home \[sister]/ Sarah arrived here from town

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to Gilberts to make arrangements about a garden

20<sup>th</sup>

At home sent in an answer to \[DM Mackie see 31 July]/ Mackies memorial

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Goolwa & got a lot of scrub for fencing

24<sup>th</sup>

At home B.F.L. \[?Lawrie Sach Laurie probably Buxton F. Laurie]/ left for Town to get a drilling Tripp shot Dodds goose. Mayfield got the Memorial ~~to take~~ \round/

27

At home home saw the memorial in Dodds possession well signed. fine weather

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Port Elliot July 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

At home fine weather. Looking out for Whales

4<sup>th</sup>

At home Rec<sup>d</sup> information about a mare of M<sup>r</sup> Higgins being shot. On the look out all day

6<sup>th</sup>

I was at court and fined again for the same dog

7<sup>th</sup>

I went to Inman Valley and E. Bay shot a fine wood Duck

11<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather I walked to Middleton.

14<sup>th</sup>

I went for a walk to John Mayfields shot a Bluemountain parrot at a long distance. wrote reports about the Dog case proceedings against B.F.L [~~?Larch/Lush-Laurie~~]

16<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. W<sup>m</sup> left H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> for Salisbury

19<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather Whale seen but no go.

20<sup>th</sup>

At home heard of new discoveries in the far north by my old chum J.M. Stuart

22<sup>nd</sup>

Both at home fine weather. little boy born 20<sup>th</sup> George

23

Heard that the Governor was going to visit Stuarts country

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Port Elliot 25<sup>th</sup> July 1859

At home fine weather. fine chase after a Whale at 7 P.m I saw it spout several times (no catch him)

31<sup>st</sup>

I went to the Murray Mouth Robinson \[?Signal Station]/ not at home had a nice dinner of fish at Creamers

– August 1<sup>st</sup> –

At home saw a nice sight two Whales fastened to [...] once by the boats of Robinson & Tripp Robinsons got away

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay & saw the Whale to cut up saw a large shark killed at it. a sea shark [*sketch of shark*]

4<sup>th</sup>

I went to Hindmarsh Valley & got some honey

6<sup>th</sup>

At home saw another Whale towed in by Jim Long

13<sup>th</sup>

I went to Inman Scrub to look after Young Graham who was killing there. rather suspicious but no go

15<sup>th</sup>

At home Laid an information against Graham Sold three of my Fowls for £3. OConnor left for H<sup>d</sup> Q<sup>rs</sup> with Faulkner. Heard that 22 persons was saved from the wreck of the Admella

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Port Elliot August 19<sup>th</sup>

At home windy weather making Pig stie

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Goolwa fine weather. Pig come

25<sup>th</sup>

I went to Gilberts & Ludlows \[&]/ OC\[onnor]/ to Encounter Bay

26<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather Ball at Dodds \[Hotel]/. sold plenty of eggs

29

At home Dodd Baker laid an information ag<sup>st</sup> D.M Mackie

30<sup>th</sup>

At home Great work chasing Whales but no go Saw by the paper a man named Ham /[M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens Brother?]/went to the Bay (our Sim

31<sup>st</sup>

At home dreadful weather wet & windy registered the baby George Reynolds Ewens \[(born 22.7.1859)]/. at D.M. Mackies

September 1<sup>st</sup> 59 –

I went to a ride to Middleton. Heard that \[Harbor Master]/ Nation had given D.M Mackie a thrashing

4<sup>th</sup>

I went out with the Whalers fishing caught a fine lot of fish of various sorts & sizes

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay. Saw an old Crow cover an egg out of my sight. found a sand piper's nest

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September 11<sup>th</sup> 1859

I went to Police \[P Victor]\ points & returned home in the evening. (wet

13<sup>th</sup>

(Entered Building society 12 Sept<sup>r</sup> 59 At home saw a \[octopus]/ sea devil killed by \the/ young Dents a fine creature rather larger than some I killed at G. Bay

14<sup>th</sup>

Heard from W<sup>m</sup> that Mother was not likely to live long I was thinking of going sealing to the "Pages" with Clark

16<sup>th</sup>

At home Sarah left for home. I sent W<sup>m</sup> 12 P<sup>a</sup> eggs by her

21<sup>st</sup>

At home OC in town & paid £55 into S.A.B for me

23<sup>rd</sup>

I went out shooting shot 6 brace of Quail nice day

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa. my horse turned over coming home

29<sup>th</sup>

At home received a letter from Mother \[died June 1860]/ saying she had settled all her affairs &c & wished me to buy the cottage

30<sup>th</sup>

I went to Inman Valley got a roasting with the hot wind. cought a Jackass. saw plenty of parrots M<sup>r</sup> Rust's house blew down

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Port Elliot October 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

At home very hot weather. expecting ex Corp<sup>l</sup> Perry

4<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting shot 10 brace of Quail. OC got a fall in the morning from his horse & I got one in the evening

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa saw P.T. Fulch \[Foelhse]/ there in search of a man for cattle stealing. Rickaby & him left in boats

6<sup>th</sup>

At home saw M<sup>r</sup> Robinson & party going up the River shooting & hunting made up my mind to go too

7<sup>th</sup>

OC & myself started to the Murry Mouth I went in the boat & OC returned with my horse. We got on the Peninsula on an old spot I knew well I shot plenty of native Hares & Wild Ducks. saw Varcoes Boat

8<sup>th</sup>

Walking through the Scrub shot a nice Doe saw a fine old man. \[Kangaroo]/ formed a bad opinion of Robinson, young dogs shot some more ducks

9<sup>th</sup>

Shifting our quarters a little further up the River I shot 4 Wallabee one Toolache & one water Rat

10<sup>th</sup>

We returned to Goolwa in fine style saw M<sup>r</sup> A /Welcome at Dodds\ \[(Dodd's Hotel)]

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Port Elliot October 11<sup>th</sup> 59

At home moist weather. spent a few hours with an old schoolmate Anther Payne. played him Cribbage

12<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting with M<sup>r</sup> Gowan shot 4 brace of Quail one brace at one shot rather moist. \P.T/ Miltir's /\[Meltons] \ [...]

14<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Rocks & got 3 Doz of eggs. fine weather went in the shooting Dingy. a nice boat

16<sup>th</sup>

I spent the Day with M<sup>r</sup> Poyne \[see 27<sup>th</sup>]/ he spoke of entering the Murray mouth on the next day

17

At home. Wheat fell ~~from~~ in price from 16/s to 8/ per bushel. Captn Barker married at P<sup>t</sup> Elliot I went sealing with A. Poyne caught 2 fish

18<sup>th</sup>

At home played a little cricket with A Poyne & others Heard from E. Spiller that he had taken out 2 building shares for one payment commencing from Oct<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Heard that Woford was thinking of going to M<sup>t</sup> Serle

19<sup>th</sup>

At a shooting match between Poyne & Mayfield at Quail Poyne beat Mayfield I shot four brace bad shooting on both sides

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October 20<sup>th</sup> 59

I went to Goolwa saw a snake on the Tramway did not kill it. Bought Meltons Gun £11 –

25<sup>th</sup>

At home heard from G. Bay that James Ham was at home

26<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay. Saw A. Welcome with Murdock

27<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa shot some Quail for Rickaby. The cutter "Coquette" \[?a Poyne]/ entered the Murry mouth. Storm come on a man struck with lightning at Wilcoxe's /\[Willcock Australian Hotel]\

28<sup>th</sup>

At home Goolwa challenged P<sup>t</sup> Elliot at cricket

31<sup>st</sup>

I went to Currency Creek. shot four Pigeons four Jays & one cockatoo. had a long ride over creeks &c

November 1<sup>st</sup>

At home practised cricket a little, fine weather

5<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather played cricket for practice very good

7<sup>th</sup>

Played the Goolwa men cricket & beat them. I got 50 in my two innings.

8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa. accepted a challenge to throw a stone but the young man did not come to the scrat\c/h –

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Port Elliot November 9<sup>th</sup> 1959

I went to Encounter Bay had a race on the beach with O.C Heard that the cutter Jem \[Gem?]/ was ashore at Lacedpede Bay

11

I went to Gilberts picked some Peas. saw some land rails

14<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa and got beaten at cricket

16<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa \[Ship]/ “Melbourne” struck /\[passing out?]/ at the M. Mouth

17<sup>th</sup>

I & oC went to the wreck of the Melbourne

18<sup>th</sup>

At home Melton come from Willunga to the wreck a Robbery took place & \[at]/ Nations & a fire

21

At home had a little cricket. fight at Dodds

23<sup>rd</sup>

I left for Adelaide with prisoner Tho<sup>s</sup> Bell warm weather

24<sup>th</sup>

Arrived in town per Buss I found every body sick M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd very civil

25<sup>th</sup>

I got back to Willunga ex P.T. Hill & Corp<sup>l</sup> Wheal also

26<sup>th</sup>

I got home brought a young cockatoo home

*[loose paper]* 100A

Loss of St<sup>r</sup> Melbourne

Observer 26/11/1859. p7 [...]

Capt Barker

Sailed 16<sup>th</sup> from Goolwa

Stationman Creamer at

at Mouth

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November 27<sup>th</sup>

At home windy weather. John Smith killed a seal on the Island

29<sup>th</sup>

At home beautiful weather. M<sup>r</sup> Barnett rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Dodge giving a good chRACTIC of the Bay December 1<sup>st</sup> 1859

At home nothing particular. fine weather

4<sup>th</sup>

At home very hot weather heard that we was [were] to have a five foot fence round the station

6<sup>th</sup>

At home Wolford at Strathalbion \[M<sup>t</sup> Barker]/ in Charge

7<sup>th</sup>

At home I found M<sup>rs</sup> E's ring that had been lost some \time/

8<sup>th</sup>

At Encounter Bay had an evening amongst the schnapper

9

I went to Goolwa. beautiful weather

11<sup>th</sup>

At home. M<sup>r</sup> Swift set our clock going

14<sup>th</sup>

I went to E. Bay had some fishing caught two ~~ehark~~ sharks one a carpet shark. beautiful creature & twenty schnapper

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Port Elliot Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1859

At home played cricket in the afternoon got my finger split with the ball. very bad all night

17<sup>th</sup>

At home Inspector \[G.B./ Scott called to see us had a long yarn with him [(re S.E. days)]

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa bought Wi~~n~~\[s]/doms Pointer bitch & sold her to Inspector Scott. & sold him a Hen also for £8

21<sup>st</sup>

At home Inspector Scott left per mail Dog & [...]

24<sup>th</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay about cricketing. caught some schnapper & whiting. Wolford came to see us from M<sup>r</sup> Barker

25<sup>th</sup>

I & Wolford to E. Bay & the fishery & back to dinner

26<sup>th</sup>

Went to Currency Creek with Wolford on his way home Great races at Port Elliot. Ball & fight at Dodds

28<sup>th</sup>

I went to E. Bay & took dinner with Robinson & others

29<sup>th</sup>

Had a game of cricket amongst ourselves. very good Fowls die\[/y]/ing from the Gapes

30<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather nothing particular

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January 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

At home OConnor in the Dingy gets swamped

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Encounter Bay Races. spent a nice day –

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Goolwa. rec<sup>d</sup> a letter from Davie to send more fowls

6<sup>th</sup>

At home sent some fowls & Ducks to Davie /[\?Wentworth]\ Darling Junction

11<sup>th</sup>

At home fire at Nations house. Inspector Holroyd arrived to investigate our griev~~o~~ances. saw M<sup>r</sup> Tripps journal against OC. & Major Warburton Chracter of me

12<sup>th</sup>

I accompanied M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd to M<sup>r</sup> \[j.b./ Laurie's \[SM/ & M<sup>r</sup> Crawford's went to the Goolwa also. and returned



13<sup>th</sup>

I went to M<sup>r</sup> Gilberts & did some gardening

14<sup>th</sup>

At home. OC had a row with Tripp & Scrafe. coole weather

17<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing caught two fine fish

18<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing for crafish caught plenty got 20 Doz eggs off the Island. Wheat 7/s at the Port  
Expecting to make money of mine

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Port Elliot Jany 19<sup>th</sup> 1860

At home fine weather went to M<sup>r</sup> Joneses garden for fruit

20<sup>th</sup>

I went to Inman Valley spent the day at Humberstones stayed the night at Justice Guynes place  
with M<sup>r</sup> Duck

21<sup>st</sup>

Still at Guynes had plenty fruit. dreadful hot

22<sup>nd</sup>

Come home felt the heat very much. sudden change from heat to cold

– 24<sup>th</sup> –

At home saw by the paper the death of A. Spillers child b\o/ught 250 lb of Wheat at 6/6 from M<sup>r</sup>  
Smith

25<sup>th</sup>

I went to Middleton saw a Bullock sold for 2/6

27<sup>th</sup>

I went to M<sup>r</sup> Gilberts & colled at M<sup>r</sup> Abbots who showed me a wound on his head the largest I  
ever saw on a living man. Wheat 7/1 at the Port Received a letter from Sarah about poor mother

28<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather nothing particular

31<sup>st</sup>

At home I sent a telegram to Guichen Bay & Anderson about the Land [Hbmaster] Nation  
sounding Murry mouth

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February 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

At home full court M<sup>r</sup> Tripp fined £1- he come to the Station to ask a question & I started him  
quick I went to Bashams sale at Hindmarsh Valley and when I returned got a dispatch asking  
me if I would go to Port Lincoln to take charge of the District

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Goolwa. called at M<sup>r</sup> Crawfords on my way

4<sup>th</sup>

At home Mr T Mayfield brought an infernal machine which he found in his paddock for the  
purpose of burning it

5<sup>th</sup>

At home Serg<sup>t</sup> Major arrived to give instructions about M<sup>a</sup>i/litia duty, Heard that Bolus had gone  
[Bolus dismissed]

8<sup>th</sup>

Sent a telegram to M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton about the Militia duty

9<sup>th</sup>

At home L. Corp<sup>l</sup> Nixon & P.T. Mein come to relieve us to my surprise. I began serving M<sup>a</sup>i/litia  
notices

10<sup>th</sup>

I went to Waitpinga and back to Encounter Bay

11<sup>th</sup>

Served notices about the Bay and returned home

12

I went accompanied by Nixon to meet Birrell at Inman Valley & returned

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Port Elliot Febry 13<sup>th</sup> 1860

I served Inman Valley & bald hills & stoped & [t] Ducks \place/ / [Ducks (Guynnes)]\

14<sup>th</sup>

In the Tiers & returned home for the night

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

Served Port Elliot & the Goolwa & vicinity and stayed the night at ex Corp<sup>l</sup> Perrys \[H. Island]/ – the night

17 & 18<sup>th</sup>

On the some duty and returned to P<sup>t</sup> Elliot

19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday went to Goolwa with \[P.T.]/ Rickabys horse

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home got plenty Militia forms by post

24<sup>th</sup>

At home commenced selling some things

25<sup>th</sup>

At home great works at court Clark cut his arm in the cell. a dreadful job with him

26<sup>th</sup>

At home amongst the Militia papers

27<sup>th</sup>

At home heard that OC was on his way to the S.E District

28 & 29<sup>th</sup>

At the papers night & day. beautiful weather

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March 1<sup>st</sup> 1860 [P<sup>t</sup> Elliot]

At home desired to report on infernal machine

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home sent in the desired report. fine weather

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home Heard that Tho<sup>s</sup> Coward was reduced to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>

Writing Malitia notices in drovs all the day

6<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>rs</sup> E made up her mind to start on the \Road to Town/ 9<sup>th</sup>. Saw by the paper M<sup>rs</sup> Holden had arrived at the Bay Heard that Tho<sup>s</sup> Coward was sacked

7<sup>th</sup>

Telegraphed to know whether I was to start or not

9<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> E left per mail cart for Adelaide I went a little \[little]/way

11<sup>th</sup>

Sunday I dined at Dodds \[Hotel]/ very wet day

12<sup>th</sup>

At home making ready for a start to Town

13<sup>th</sup>

I started for town got to Willunga nice weather

14<sup>th</sup>

I arrived in town all safe did not know the children they looked so unwell [(Mother very ill at this time)]

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Port Lincoln March 1860

19<sup>th</sup>

I arrived at Port Lincoln per Marion. Steamer the 3 missing days was spent in town. the 15 – 16 – 17 (18 on voyage)

20<sup>th</sup>

At home cleaning up &c very nice weather

21<sup>st</sup>

At home went fishing caught a few with Perrys rod

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went and had a look at some old premises all covered with sand where I used to live many years previous

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home bought ex Corp<sup>l</sup> Lows furniture, nice weather

24<sup>th</sup>

Steamer left & M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd in her

25<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing to Curtain point caught 5 Schnapper 1 Whiting 1 Salmon & 2 Rock cod

26<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing no luck. Robbery took place at M<sup>r</sup> Murrays \[A.J. Murray Landholder]/

27<sup>th</sup>

In search of the robbers tracking &c found a clue to the men

29<sup>th</sup>

At home Dann \[P.T. Dann]/ found the Stolen goods planted in the sand all complete. & covered the place up for a surprise

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March & April 1860

30

On the look out at Curtain point for Brashrs \[Brasher]/ Boat Killed a large snake near Hawsons \[Hawsons]\ grave

31<sup>st</sup>

At home waiting for the Boat saw her arrive, watched the place all night but no go. M<sup>r</sup> Redpaths fault

April 1<sup>st</sup>

Arrested the man W<sup>m</sup> Aurnand who turned out to be a discharged convict, took him at 4½ a.m

april fool

2<sup>nd</sup>

Brought him \Aurnand/ before the Beak & got him committed

5<sup>th</sup>

At home all day went W<sup>m</sup> Murrays to tea & had some night shooting shot \3 Rats/ enjoyed myself very much

6<sup>th</sup>

At home writing all day reported Provis for disobedience or orders

9<sup>th</sup>

I went for a ride to [...] had a fine view of the Islands outside \[outside]\ the Harbour &c

11<sup>th</sup>

At home built a lobby at the back door of the house I caught some fine Salmon off the jetty

13

At home did some Bailiff duty. (fine weather

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[*loose paper: part of a Map shewing Lines of Railways in South Australia May 1908. The section is of Eyre Peninsula*]

[signed L.J. Ewens

Places added: Fowler Bay, Franklin Hbr, Wedge Island.

Places underlined: Streaky Bay, L Newland, Wedge HS, Lake Hamilton HS, Port Lincoln, Boston Is]

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Page 110 Port Lincoln April 15<sup>th</sup> 1860

At home Steamer came. P.T. Tims come in her to the leave Provis

16<sup>th</sup>

At home got letters from M<sup>rs</sup> E no signs of coming home

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to Poonindee recognized old buildings that I saw on a visit years before. \[1848]/ (Saw M<sup>r</sup> Haigh)

21<sup>st</sup>

At home Provis left for Town. I wrote M<sup>rs</sup> E a letter that would fetch her home

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home very wet and windy. nothing particular

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home thinking about going with \[P.T.]/ Eyre to the West \[Fowlers Bay?]/ very wet and windy. Eyre on duty at B.K.S

25<sup>th</sup>

I went for a ride to the proper [?] & took my Gun fired off my horse shot two brace of Ducks & two do Pluvers

29<sup>th</sup>

Myself Perry & Tims \[Tims? Sims]/ attended Church in the old Style

30<sup>th</sup>

Steamer come in got letters from M<sup>rs</sup> E & others on[e] from Martin about my Reward find money

[? G. Tims Keeper of Gaol M<sup>t</sup> Gambier 1877]

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May 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

I went out shooting Kangaroo Rats at night shot only one & a crow. fine weather

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home Geharity arrived, did not remember me at all., also M<sup>iss</sup> Geharity to get married

5<sup>th</sup>

At home fine showery weather, \[Marion?]/ Steamer left Cap<sup>tn</sup> Wards last trip in her as he was going home for another Steamer [?Lubra]

6<sup>th</sup>

I started for Franklin Harbour \[(?with my native boy Tommy)]/ my native Boy tommy stoped the night at Yellana cold night in blankets

7<sup>th</sup>

On the Road saw four turkeys 3 Wild Dogs & 9 Kangaroos camped at Mokamia saw a great many Wallabee

8<sup>th</sup>

[P. Horse Highflyer]

All day in scrub saw three Pheasants & 2 Nest's found water & had breakfast plenty of Wild dog & Emu tracks at water. Highflyer thought of going on without me. dined with D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kechnie talked a little law to him about natives &c, arrived at P Station / [F Hbr]

9<sup>th</sup>

At the Station spelling our horses. fine weather

11<sup>th</sup>

Started back again. Called on the D<sup>r</sup> Saw Two Emu & made a long stage to Carrow Rock water

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May 11<sup>th</sup> 1860

Made a good days stage back to Yelluna shot & Crow with the Revolver, spent a better night than before

12<sup>th</sup>

Got home again in good time. P.T. Tims had just ret<sup>d</sup> from bailiff duty which he had no right to do

13<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather Steamer \[Marion]/ arrived but late in the day M<sup>c</sup>Coy Master, rather disappointed no M<sup>rs</sup> E

14<sup>th</sup>

At home began a garden behind the Stable Corp<sup>l</sup> OS. \[haughnessy]/ come in with reports of Mount joy murder \John Jones killed [by blacks]/

18<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer come. \[? from up Gulf]/ I did a little gardening & fencing

20<sup>th</sup>

At home nice day but dreadful night. P.T. Tims left with spare horse to assist at the West M<sup>r</sup> A. Tennant reported another attempt at murder

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went out in search of horses saw a fine Kangaroo & a fine mob of Ducks but could not get at them But coming home shot a fine turkey 15 lbs just got home in time great storm come on sowed some Raddish seeds in garden

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Port Lincoln

24<sup>th</sup> [24<sup>th</sup> May].

At home Parry went to put up the flag in honor of the Queen & broke \the/ [H]alliards

25<sup>th</sup>

Went out horse hunting Could not find the right ones Had a nice dinner of roast turkey bottled ale & Porter &c

26<sup>th</sup>

Went to Murry's Peninsula to visit the Wallabee, shot four. saw a Pheasant. tried my thorough bred bitch Victoria & she showed well & killed a wounded wallabee, I got a good wetting

27<sup>th</sup>

At home expecting M<sup>rs</sup> E by the Steamer but no go took tea with Captain M<sup>c</sup>Coy on board the Ship Got permission from Cap<sup>tn</sup> Bishop to sho\o/t Goats \[on Boston Island]/ Dann come home by the Steamer. Heard that Tho<sup>s</sup> Ewens had joined the Force at last. Gave the Captain a Wallabee for soup

29<sup>th</sup>

I went in search of horses. shot a Pheasant for the first in my life, a fine bird at 90 yards Green  
Cartridge N<sup>o</sup> 4 shot/

31<sup>st</sup>

Visited the Wallabee again but did not get any saw several Pheasant but too far off

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June 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

At home Steamer come from P<sup>t</sup> Augusta I heard she had been on the Stones. made up my  
mind to buy N<sup>o</sup> 3 Sec

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went for a walk to Curtain point & Salt creek got very wet it rained all day & all night

7<sup>th</sup>

Dann & I left in a Dingy for Boston Island got on all safe & stayed the night

8<sup>th</sup>

Had a go at the Goats shot 3 came home in the evening Found Timms on the beach shouting  
the prisoner had escaped from him

9<sup>th</sup>

At home alone & the men away after prisoners

12<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer came & brought M<sup>rs</sup> E. and Inspector Holroyd. to take charge /of Western  
District] & act as S.M. Heard of s reduction in the force

13<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> H & I went in search of horses & killed a nice kangaroo. I did a little tracking to find it

15<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> H & I went to the Wallabee ground I shot 2 Wet weather

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Port Lincoln

18<sup>th</sup> [June /60]

M<sup>r</sup> H & I started for the West went as far as the Big Swamp 10 miles & stayed the night at  
Hughes'es

19<sup>th</sup>

Got to Warrow shot two Magpies at one shot with a ball/

20<sup>th</sup>

Got to Lake Hamilton shot 3 Ducks

21<sup>st</sup>

At Tungatta & went in search of two Police horses an extra 20 miles.

Our poor Mother died

[born 26 Sep 1812]

22<sup>nd</sup>

In search of the horses again to do a good turn for a poor trooper who had foolishly lost them

23<sup>rd</sup>

To Bramfield spent the evening with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Whitford

24<sup>th</sup>

Got to Cherreroo found P.T. Parry comfortable

25<sup>th</sup>

Got to Calka spent a funny night (old woman)

26<sup>th</sup>

Got to Streaky Bay shot two ducks near the hut

27

Looking for a site for a new station shot an Eagle & three Ducks

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[*loose paper written in ball point on the back of Savings Bank of South Australia form 96 used in the 1930s*]

They sailed out through N entrance the following morning but never were heard of again nor any sign of the Ada It was soon after that I resigned from the Police Force; but at the request of the Gov<sup>r</sup> remained as a special magistrate until a Successor was appointed When this was accomplished I was free at last 44<sup>C</sup> from the trammells and anxieties of red tape note (Well Well What a finish) No Why or when or How

P45 H settled at Direk Parish with about 1200 acres of pastoral land and 50,000 grazing on Gov<sup>t</sup> lease Built Cottage on bank of lake – made a garden – No paddocks fenced in those days

written 1907 about wool sales &c

pp45/50 are general Rem<sup>r</sup> & rather poor stuff.

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[*loose paper*]

Henry Holroyd Insp<sup>r</sup> of M. Police Police letter Index arr<sup>d</sup> 1849

App<sup>d</sup> 6.1.1854 GG Asked for promotion

Reports of Inspections of P. Stations Morphett Vale Willunga Normanville P<sup>t</sup> Elliot & Goolwa – 6.4.1859

Report on Site of Station for Blanchetown 18.7.1859

Insp<sup>r</sup> P<sup>t</sup> Elliot & Goolwa 11/13 june 1860

At P<sup>t</sup> Lincoln 1860 or earlier

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June 28<sup>th</sup> 1860

Got to \[Returning]/ Gibsons “Mycotaping”. nice day  
29<sup>th</sup>

Got to Cherreroo shot a fine turkey at Thomsons well  
30<sup>th</sup>

Got to Lake Newland spent a queer evening in a crowded \[crowded]/ hut  
July 1<sup>st</sup>

To Mount Wedge shot two ducks. saw a turkey but \no go/  
2<sup>nd</sup>

To Tungatta shot another fine turkey, dull weather  
3<sup>rd</sup>

To Lake Hamilton shot a fine turkey  
4<sup>th</sup>

Warrow shot two Turkeys one 19 lbs. nice day  
5<sup>th</sup>

[(Holroyd & Ewens)] Got to P<sup>t</sup> Lincoln shot 6 ducks near Larkins’es  
7 8 & 9<sup>th</sup>

At home cleaning up &c very nice weather  
12<sup>th</sup>

At home eat part of one of the turkeys very nice  
15<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather took a walk to curtain point

16<sup>th</sup>

I went to Green patch shot 5 Mountain Duck met an old friend of my fathers Ackroyd

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Port Lincoln

July

18<sup>th</sup>

I and Dann went to Boston Island got there by sunrise we shot several Goats two of them wethers one 61 lbs

19<sup>th</sup>

I went to Duck ponds with M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd shot some Pluvers saw 5 Turkeys but all too wild to get at

21<sup>st</sup>

At home young wild native stole the damper.

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home Steamer arrived & P.T. Poynter Heard that the Major's \[Warburton]/ salary was docked £100. Saw by the papers that the New Zealanders had been doing great deeds

26<sup>th</sup>

At home attended Durstons sale. & made some purchases

27<sup>th</sup>

I & M<sup>r</sup> H went hunting took breakfast at the proper had several runs after kangaroo but did not get any. I had several shots at them but no luck

28<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer left had a great many young Geese on board

30<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Duck ponds shot a lot of kangaroo rats had a good shot at a Wombat but no go

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August 1860

[P Lincoln]

1<sup>st</sup> [August]

At home \the/ runaway Pangalla \[?native police]/ was brought back tried an explanation about M<sup>r</sup> H being cross &c Capt<sup>n</sup> Bishop refused to sell M<sup>r</sup> H his boat

4<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting wallabee shot one. \[native "Karuth"?]/ Karuth caught it & broke his gun.

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Poonindee beach to meet M<sup>r</sup> H. & returned saw the Lord Bishop. M<sup>r</sup> Stirling & others on their way to the Walleroo Mine. Martin the Butcher with them

7<sup>th</sup>

I went fishing caught one schnapper

9

At home Bisset came with the celebrated \[native?]/ Nepulta

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> & 15

At home very bad at home with sore eyes &c

16

At home Cutter Star \["Star"]/ brought in a lot of Geese \[(?Cape Baron Geese)]/

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to Salt Creek net fishing. caught 18 Whiting

19<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer come & brought the Boat "Alice" \[(Police boat for M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd)/ OS. returned bringing news of Mangatta being sentenced /to death\



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August

and brought my clock & fishing Rod.

22<sup>nd</sup>

Went out in the Boat \["Alice"]/ for first time with Dann and put her gunwale under being without bal\[/ast run into the Salt creek & left her till further orders

24<sup>th</sup>

At home sent for half ton of flour. Steamer came plenty of Geese on board. ordered a new mast for boat

25<sup>th</sup>

I & Dann went to Salt creek & took the boat to the Brothers \[Islands]/ & returned all right

28<sup>th</sup>

I & Dann sailed the boat Karuth \[Karuth (native police?)]/ rather timid

29

At home Parry & Poynter come in with Y Chungartic Poynter reported having shot & otherwise wounded his prisoner

31<sup>st</sup>

I Dann & M<sup>r</sup> H went in the Boat to Grampton Island and ret<sup>d</sup> in the evening. no sheep the Boat acted very well. we spent a nice day. beautiful weather

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September 1860

1<sup>st</sup>

At home nothing particular fine weather

2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular fine weather

4<sup>th</sup>

I M<sup>r</sup> H & Dann went to Boston Island also [...] young M<sup>r</sup> Cook to shoot Goats &c killed one \only/ Cook broke his rifle. had a nice sail fine day –

5<sup>th</sup>

At home caught some whiting off the jetty

6<sup>th</sup>

Went to Curtain point & caught 28 schnapper, got hold of a large shark but did not kill it

7<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. I speared 6 squids one Dog fish & a Fiddler. also caught 12 whiting & one Salmon Steamer come in. with 100 more young Geese on board

8<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather sent a half ton of \[(Ration)]/ flour back

10<sup>th</sup>

Started on a trip to the West stoped at Coomonga the night

11<sup>th</sup>

Through the scrub and camped at Eagles nest saw a wild Dog & two Emu & Kangaro out of number

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12<sup>th</sup> September

Scrub all day & good country at night. found a smal Lake fresh water)

13<sup>th</sup>

Got to Tungatta. the Corporal \[Mudge?]/ not at home

14<sup>th</sup>

Camped at the Tea tree rough night plenty mosquitos

15<sup>th</sup>

Got to Cherreroo. queer weather

16<sup>th</sup>

Still at Cherreroo Corp<sup>l</sup> oS \[OShanahan]/ arrived with two prisoners

17<sup>th</sup>

Got to Mycotapinge. all alone Gibson shearing at S<sup>y</sup> Bay

18<sup>th</sup>

Got to Streaky Bay M<sup>rs</sup> Eyre had a baby [?(P.T. Eyre in charge of P Station)]

19<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Harbour & to M<sup>r</sup> Crawfords, a nice place

20<sup>th</sup>

Got back to Mycotapinge. tried Adamse's beer (very good

21<sup>st</sup>

To Mount Cooper & camped met old Geharty there

22<sup>nd</sup>

Got to Paldinnie in the scrub. shot plenty of Pigeons & got plenty of Pheasant eggs . & Wallabee Plenty Wild dogs all night

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September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1860

Got to Mount Wedge Police Station no person at home found \[native]/ Coonbittie in the wurley who gave us the key

24<sup>th</sup>

Called at Mount Wedge tried my hand at shearing & went on to Bramfield. heard that Major Warburtons horses had gone up for the expedition to Fowlers Bay Came to Tungatta to hear the news from Mudge & Poynter \there/

25<sup>th</sup>

Got to Lake Hamilton found the folks swify met M<sup>r</sup> Hoskin. shot a Turkey & caught he young one

26<sup>th</sup>

Got to Warrow shot 4 Ducks 1 Red bill 1 Pluver & one oposum

27<sup>th</sup>

Got home by Locks country Dogs killed a Kangaroo

29<sup>th</sup>

Went to Prutis Waterhole to look for Pigeons (got none

30<sup>th</sup>

At home stormy weather & a little wet. no steamer

October 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

At home wet & windy. thinking about starting to Franklin Harbour

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home steamer came

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Port Lincoln October 5<sup>th</sup>

Started for Franklin Harbour. Camped the night near Mount Gawler. shot a Black Duck. Caught young ones, lost gun case. \[at Tod River\]

6<sup>th</sup>

Called at Coppio. Killed a black snake camped near the Devils peak. saw plenty of Ducks & Kangaroo (wet night

7<sup>th</sup>

Called at the peak. Came on very misty killed two old men Kangaroo one very large in waterhole. I shot a turkey met M<sup>r</sup> Tennant & Forty stoped the night with them at salt creek. I admired M<sup>r</sup> Tennants cleanlyness

8<sup>th</sup>

Camped at overland comp. I found a turkeys egg plenty of wild dog music all night. not much feed

9<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Yabmanna in good time. Bissel reported a murder

10<sup>th</sup>

I went out with [native]/ Peathy to sho\o/t Wallabee got none, got one Pigeon & 5 sh\e/ll parrots. started in pursuit of the murderers & arrested one, Bissel the other

11<sup>th</sup>

At the Station \[Yabmana]/ in charge of the prisoners Bissel away M<sup>r</sup> H to D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>o</sup>Kechnie's about an inquest on the body &c very nice weather

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12<sup>th</sup>

Went to Carpa & held the Inquest found the body rather good. got a little wet coming home

13<sup>th</sup>

Started with the prisoners towards Port Lincoln. camped at Mokarnia. caught 3 young Hawks saw a fine owl. but could not get a shot at him. Killed three fine wallabee for the natives. (Bisset slept)

14<sup>th</sup>

Got to salt creek I shot a Turkey. Dogs killed a Kangaroo

15<sup>th</sup>

Got home shot two nice Pigeons. Steamer left

17<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Todd River to try & find my gun case but could not. shot three Ducks & caught 7 young ones. & brought them home

20<sup>th</sup>

Left for Adelaide in steamer took Borthwicks wool saw a boat load turned over in the water

21<sup>st</sup>

Arrived at the Port at 2 P.m. saw "Billy" & "Minatta" in the Goal also M<sup>rs</sup> Kibby

22<sup>nd</sup>

In town got leave for the week. gave M<sup>r</sup> Hamilton 2 Pheasant eggs.

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[(Adelaide)]

23<sup>rd</sup>

[October 1860]

I started to Mount Barker got up in good time. W [Wolford]/ at home

24<sup>th</sup>

Played a little cricket in the morning & got down to M<sup>r</sup> Robinsons /[Hotel?]\ for the night. Got the loan of Dog "Chase"

25<sup>th</sup>

Went into town & took dog Chase. Bought M<sup>rs</sup> E [...] Church service £1.1

27<sup>th</sup>

Started in Steamer for P<sup>t</sup> Lincoln nasty looking night

28<sup>th</sup>

Fine weather arrived 2 P.m. having called at the Wedge

29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

At home fine weather nothing particular

November 1<sup>st</sup>

I went to the Duckponds done \[did]/ a little shearing, got 6 young Parrots shot a Wombat a fine one, also a lot of Rats and an OPosum

2<sup>nd</sup>

Went out & killed a kangaroo & returned by 7 a.m. Dog Chase's first taste of kangaroo meat

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home sent the Wombat skin & kangaroo to the Governor /\[Macdonnell]\ by the Steamer

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November 4<sup>th</sup> 1860

I started with the Western Mail Dogs Nelly & Lizzard followed me & killed a young man \[kangaroo]/ near long Gully I stayed at M<sup>r</sup> Locks the night. to leave the Dogs

5<sup>th</sup>

Went for a hunt in the morning. killed a fine old man \[kangaroo]/ but not before he gave me a loveing hug I got to Mount Drummond in good time having caught a young Emu out of about 30 others

6<sup>th</sup>

Returned as far as M<sup>r</sup> Locks caught a Joey. nice day

7<sup>th</sup>

Went for a hunt early in the morning caught four Kangaroo Lizzard killed her first. I got home 3 P.m

8<sup>th</sup>

I went shooting in the evening shot 3 Pigeons / Rats & a curlew. hot day. found a large hawk nest

10<sup>th</sup>

Went for a walk to Winters Hill killed two oposums

12<sup>th</sup>

At home shot three Pigeons & one Rat

13<sup>th</sup>

At home \[Ships]/ Yallala & Marion come in. M<sup>r</sup> Bagot \[?M.P.s]/ & M<sup>r</sup> Reynolds. I went to Ponindie with these two gents. spoke of N<sup>o</sup> 2 section

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14<sup>th</sup>

I went to Pruits Waterhole shot 2 Pigeons & two Rats

15<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Fountain & camped for the purpose of a hunt in the morning

16<sup>th</sup>

Started to hunt Caught four \[(Kangaroo)]/ two old men & two women sold my joey to [...] for £1

20<sup>th</sup>

At home "Omeo" come in with sheep for D<sup>r</sup> Brown & left

21<sup>st</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> Holroyds Boat \[Alice?]/ come ashore & smashed

22<sup>nd</sup> [Nov<sup>r</sup>]

At home, birthday M<sup>r</sup> H gave me a pair of spurs

24<sup>th</sup> [Aged 25]

M<sup>r</sup> H & I went out hunting. caught several but only got two one old man & one young one.

26

I went to Lake Wangaree & ret'd to the Fountain & camped with Stephenson from Salisbury (great fun)

27

I came home early. Great shark caught by the "Omio" man fell off the jetty landing it

30<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> H went out at day break with the dogs for a hunt to get tails but only got a joey M<sup>r</sup> H also left for Adelaide by the "Omio"

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December 1<sup>st</sup> 1860

& 2<sup>nd</sup>

At home fine weather nothing particular

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went out to the cobbler & caught an old man [K]

8<sup>th</sup>

I started for Coffin Bay with summons for Tennant camped the night at Kelledy, Plenty Rats

9<sup>th</sup>

I went to Uley had a nasty day & no road. found a cock fowl on the Road near one tree hill

Steamer lost a horse overboard

10<sup>th</sup>

At home heard from W<sup>d</sup> [Wolford]/ Met a Cop<sup>l</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Greggor

11<sup>th</sup>

I went out horse hunting caught 5 kangaroo saw some quiet Turkeys had no gun Karuth threatened me with the broom

14<sup>th</sup>

I went out for a tail for M<sup>r</sup> H accompanied by his brother Ben caught 3 & only found two. one old man

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to Curtain point caught 4 Rock cod

20

I went out to try & get a Turkey for [Xmas]/ Exmas got four & 2 /Kangaroo\

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P<sup>t</sup> Lincoln

21

I went fishing to curtain point caught 6 schnapper

23<sup>rd</sup>

Steamer came. [/?Sheriff]\ Shriff on board, & [miners]/ miners for Piedlo

24<sup>th</sup>

Got plenty of letters. heard that [Cpl]/ Warren was releaved from the [Guichen]\ Bay by Woodcock. M<sup>r</sup> H still in Town

25

[Xmas Day]

All at home had a nice ~~feed~~ dinner/ of Turkey &c &c &c

27<sup>th</sup>

All at a Picnic at Salt creek nice day

29<sup>th</sup>

At an inquest on the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> Hammond [(Rev OHammond C of E) PL & [...]] who was found drowned under strange circumstances

31<sup>st</sup>

At home. OS. PT laid an information ag<sup>st</sup> two Malays for supplying natives with drink & got them fined

The end of 1860

[JK Bishop married Miss Hammond later + again a Miss Hammond I think see 31 May '61]

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January 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H.s new Dingy to Curtain point & took the family. came on very wet all day had to make a wurley & camp. and not get wet

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went out with Dann & killed two kangaroo

6<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer came M<sup>r</sup> H in her. Heard that Warren had resigned & left town. M<sup>r</sup> H spoke of the Majors bad humour towards him

7<sup>th</sup>

At home went to M<sup>r</sup> Hs to see him unpack furniture &c

8<sup>th</sup>

Out in the new Dingy brought some stones from the Point

9<sup>th</sup>

Out near M<sup>r</sup> H after Reptiles caught a lot

11<sup>th</sup>

At home. Had a row with Karuth about Hobbles &c. sent my [...] Exp<sup>s</sup> back corrected about the night at the Fountain

12<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer left taking old M<sup>r</sup> Borthwick for New Zealand. he offered £4 for dog Chase. I sent up three [3] expedition horses. Karuth left with my currycomb

13 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular nice cool weather

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16<sup>th</sup> Jany –

At home made a well bucket for M<sup>r</sup> H. paid 10/ to get Dowse out of Goal. P.T. Morris got wet trying the Dingy

17<sup>th</sup> Killed a steer for Owen 18<sup>th</sup> at home 19<sup>th</sup> Carting Gravel for [...] M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd

20<sup>th</sup>

Steamer come & M<sup>iss</sup> Holroyd & Freddy \[Cousin]/ Welcome in her heard about Karuth

21<sup>st</sup>

At home got £2 from Morgan Solicitor on M<sup>r</sup> Murrays Acc \for bait/

22<sup>nd</sup>

Looking for horses shot a Turkey near the township. Chase killed a kangaroo by himself near Coomonga

24<sup>th</sup>

I & M<sup>r</sup> H to big Swamp found the Surveyors. nearly got bogged –

26<sup>th</sup>

I & Welcome out before daylight after Kangaroo to send tails by the Steamer. caught two, Chase one Fly the other. got another joey for \the bottle/ \[re Birth of Kangaroo see [...]]/

27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular nice cool weather

30<sup>th</sup>

At home Entire "York" taken up to be trained. (plenty \of/ rain)

31<sup>st</sup>

I went to "Curtain" point fishing Caught 1 Dog Salmon & a Fiddler some large fish broke my hooks. Afterwards went to the Race course with Welcome /[Horse Rider (Cousin)] to try horse "York". Found he could go very well

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February 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

At home cold weather. Welcome rode \backed/ the colt "Frank Bills"

2<sup>nd</sup>

Out for a short ride saw a wombat out feeding

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home steamer come in. heard of Durstons death

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to the little Swamp & took a native for [...]

6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular only Dutch ship in Harbour

9<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Racecourse Dog Lizzard killed after a Wallabee

10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12

Riding each day in search of horses & training

13<sup>th</sup> 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>

Riding a little nothing particular

16<sup>th</sup>

Went with Inspector Morris \[Land Department?]/ to show M<sup>r</sup> Hs Run to him, to value or class

Killed 3 Kangaroos

18<sup>th</sup>

Had a Ride to the Course with M<sup>rs</sup> H. Saw I was appointed Census Collector. Got a letter from OKeefe [Robe]

19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Rode to the course each day nice weather [Races]

21<sup>st</sup>

Started ~~in traps with the family~~ to the Races spent a nice day. with the exception of Welcomes falls at the starts. good Raceing. Camped the night on the course.

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Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>

On the course spent another nice day & returned home

24<sup>th</sup>

I went to Lacks place \with M<sup>r</sup> H/ to take delivery of the Sheep \for the Governor \[(Gov<sup>r</sup> Macdonnell)]/ I killed two kangaroos. M<sup>r</sup> H very poorly in temper.

27<sup>th</sup>

At home making ready for census duty. nice weather

28<sup>th</sup>

On the above mentioned duty in the town. hot day

March 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 –

At home making up returns being pay day &c

2<sup>nd</sup>

With the notices to the [...]. Saw M<sup>r</sup> B<sup>n</sup> Hs \[Ben Holroyds]/ new house

4<sup>th</sup>

At home no news about Reward fund. I caught 3 parrots

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to Koomonga shot 4 Turkeys 1 kangaroo 1 Wombat & a curlew. delivered the \census/ Papers to M<sup>r</sup> Hughes

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Gerdobie. killed 1 kangaroo.

7<sup>th</sup>

At home making nets to catch parrots ["Pero"]

8<sup>th</sup>

Hunting Owens Poney. Caught 2 parrots. Day Pero killed by the Truck on jetty

9<sup>th</sup>

Steamer left Captain M<sup>c</sup>Coy much annoyed about the information being laid against the wood cutters

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March 10<sup>th</sup> 1861

I went to Gerdobie watering place called at Coomonga

11<sup>th</sup>

Started to the Fountain but did not go. went to D<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kechnie's old station shot a lot of Pluvers at happy valley Dreadful hot day. Plenty of bush fires

12<sup>th</sup>

Went in afternoon [*words crossed out*] to "Gerdobie"

13<sup>th</sup>

At home made a Parots Cage. Caught four

16<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Fountain & camped the night

17<sup>th</sup>

I found 150 of Governors sheep. Killed 4 kangaroos. [Gov Macdonnells Run at Strawberry Hill?]

18<sup>th</sup>

At home Got a letter about N<sup>o</sup> 2 section from C.L. Office (Daphne in \harbour/

19<sup>th</sup> Cutter Daphne I went to Green Patch. met M<sup>r</sup> Ackroyd & his brother

21<sup>st</sup>

At home. eight years in the force

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home [*words crossed out*]. – Great fall of Rain in the night. M<sup>r</sup> H killed an old man kangaroo

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home steamer left M<sup>rs</sup> Forty went away & M<sup>iss</sup> Owen M<sup>r</sup> H sent the old mans tail to M<sup>r</sup> Spence

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March 25<sup>th</sup>

Started in Locks Boat for the Islands. fished a short time at Carcas Rock & got to Taylors Island sprained my Arm. We caught 12 Schnapper besides other fish Could not see any Rabbits. very low water

26<sup>th</sup>

On the Island half the day shot 1 Eagle & 3 [...]we sailed with a head wind for Snake Island got there in good time. I got 3 Geese & 10 Mutton birds also a fish out of a well known place.

27<sup>th</sup>

Got 130 Mutton Birds & salted them down. Killed 10 snakes, two large ones shot 5 Geese

28<sup>th</sup>

Got a few more Mutton Birds & shot two more Geese. Got some mutton fish & sea weed and started away at 1 P.m called at ""Garden" Island shot 2 more Geese but they both floated away with the tide Got in the harbour at moon rise & camped Low water \again/

29<sup>th</sup>



We went on the schnapper ground & caught 131 of them besides Salmon Rock cod Tailors stingaree & Fiddlers saw some large sharks but caught none. but not for want of (bites) came home in nice time with a good breeze. – (30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> at home nice weather

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April 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

At home heard from Wolford that he had left Mount Barker for good, / [See 26 May] \ & that Sarah had left Salisbury also

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home fine weather writing all the day

5<sup>th</sup>

Went out to Locks country to see the Governors sheep caught one kangaroo & trained Dog "Nelly" shot a fine Turkey.

6<sup>th</sup>

Steamer left M<sup>rs</sup> Dann went to Town. Myself at home

8<sup>th</sup>

Went out to Sawyers & took my parrot net caught 4 to show the lad how to manange them

9<sup>th</sup>

At home bought a mare & foal for £30

11<sup>th</sup>

Went out to Sawyers Caught 4 parrots. fine weather

12<sup>th</sup>

At home P.T. OS came with report of a murder at Fowlers Bay by the natives again. 1 Dog

chase away 3 dogs

13<sup>th</sup>

At home moist weather. Men left after the natives for the murder. Expecting the Yallalu / ["Yatala" ?Yallata] \ with His Excellency

14<sup>th</sup>

Yattala come with the Governor \ [Macdonnell] / at 7 a.m. Myself at home all day

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April

44<sup>th</sup> - [15<sup>th</sup> ?]

I went out with Governor & party. shot one Turkey \75 yards/ & two ducks. Caught one kangaroo with the horses. Governor had a shot out of my Gun and admired it Camped at the belt of gums.

very wet night

16<sup>th</sup>

Started towards Lake Wongarry down the creek caught on kangaroo & a wild Boar Killed him in fine style. Called at the Lake to dinner, & got home in good time. The Governor bought the turkey & ducks

18<sup>th</sup>

\ I got two turns over in horse "sweep" / I went to Tooka with M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H. shot 3 Pluvers Owen fined for giving drink to natives

19<sup>th</sup>

At home wrote Wolford about sending him Parrots

20<sup>th</sup>

At home sent my kangaroo specimens up to the Observer office. also 20 Parrots to Wolford.

21 & 22<sup>nd</sup>

Rainy weather. M<sup>r</sup> H in search of lost sheep

23<sup>rd</sup>

I went out on Crown lands duty shot 3 Turkeys & two Black ducks [*words crossed out*]

26<sup>th</sup>

At home caught plenty of fish off the jetty. M<sup>r</sup> H sick sent me a memo

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Port Lincoln April 27<sup>th</sup> 1861

27

I went out roaming about shot two Turkeys saw a great many 7 in one mob. great row with M<sup>r</sup> H in evening I poke of leaving

28<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer came in "Lloyd" & "Varcoe" on board on their way to the Lipsons cove mine

29<sup>th</sup>

At home got a warrant from the S<sup>me</sup> Court to arrest M<sup>r</sup> Shepperd. Heard Sarah was at E. Spilers

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

\At/ Fine showery weather. M<sup>rs</sup> E rode out a little

May 1<sup>st</sup>

At home surveyors in the town laying out Gov<sup>t</sup> Reserve for court house. rainy weather

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went to Green Patch with a Summons "Needle" Born about this time

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home went with surveyors to N<sup>o</sup> 2. M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H started on \a/ trip

4<sup>th</sup>

I started caught them up at C<sup>e</sup> Yallala stoped the night at Coppio

5<sup>th</sup>

All started for Norow \[Warrant]/ killed two kangaroo had a nice run after 2 Emu but "Nelly"

would not kill them

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May 6<sup>th</sup>

We went to Mount Greenly & met OS. P.T who reported another murder \[Impey]/ at Mount Wedge. I came back to Warrow with Miss H & M<sup>r</sup> H went on to hold an inquest &c I shot 1 Turkey

7<sup>th</sup>

We returned home by marble range. killed 2 kangaroo A great quantity of stinging flies about

8<sup>th</sup>

I went to Larkin'es \[Larkin's]/ with a summons. Heard that a man was lost at Uley \[Uley]/.

Came home to send a man out

9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

At home fine growing weather

11<sup>th</sup>

Went out on foot for the mare got a great wetting saw two turkeys in section N<sup>o</sup> 3. Great flood at M<sup>r</sup> Holroyds. Flys /[bitch "Fly"]\ pups washed away.

13<sup>th</sup>

At home saw the account of my kangaroos \[see cutting]/ in the paper. Got a pair of cord Pants down

15<sup>th</sup>

I went in search of Turkeys got 3 two large ones one small one 8 lbs. saw three fine old men kangaroos,

16

Went to Curtain point with M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H caught 10 Schnapper [*words crossed out*]

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May 17<sup>th</sup> 1861

I went out for a ride found the horse Lucifer saw no game. very nice weather

18

At home M<sup>iss</sup> Holroyd left in steamer, also Poynter & Corp<sup>l</sup> OS with the natives for the Fowlers Bay murder I paid M<sup>r</sup> Stevenson £150 to buy land

19<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> H left by himself to the Governors run big swamp.

20<sup>th</sup>

I went to Curtain Point fishing took M.A.E. and the children. caught 4 nice schnapper. Cutters taking M<sup>r</sup> Locks sheep to the Islands

21<sup>st</sup>

A fine day at home. went for a short ride with M<sup>rs</sup> E to get my horse. saw two kangaroo

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went to the Racecourse & Coomonga saw a great many Turkeys shot two. one 16 lbs one 15½. took a large Guanna out of the Gizzard one one of them 6 inches long. (stormy weather

23<sup>rd</sup>

I started at 2 A.M to the big swamp for M<sup>r</sup> H got there before daylight. returned home by the Cobblee caught one small kangaroo wet & windy weather

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May 24<sup>th</sup> 1861

At home wet weather nothing particular

25<sup>th</sup>

At home went fishing windy & wet. had a long pull caught one schnapper near Happy Valley.

26<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer came in about 5 P.M Wolford on board to be stationed at Port Lincoln

27<sup>th</sup>

Went in search of horses. saw 3 Turkeys got none heard from Hunter Stevenson \[& Co]/ about the land. N<sup>o</sup> 2 & 8

28<sup>th</sup>

Went for a ride to Duck ponds & Larkines had a shot at some ducks. caught a Wallabee. fine day Dog Fly drowned in Kosminsky" well

29<sup>th</sup>

Went out [*words crossed out*] with Wolford. Caught nothing went down the well after poor Fly. & took her to the M<sup>r</sup> H's/ garden & buried her)

30<sup>th</sup>

At home beautiful weather M<sup>rs</sup> E out for a ride. Caught a Shark off the jetty

31<sup>st</sup>

I & Wolford went to Poonindee to see M<sup>r</sup> Evans about the Land shot a Turkey. & a Diver. the latter in the Duck pond where M<sup>iss</sup> Hammond committed suicide /[see prev Strange Circumstance]\

June 1<sup>st</sup> over

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June 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

At home fine weather had a short ride with M<sup>rs</sup> E shot a Turkey but did not get it saw 2 kangaroo

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home fine weather. M<sup>r</sup> H went to Warrow without me

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went for a short ride saw several turkeys but had no luck

4<sup>th</sup>

At home all day caught a few fish off the jetty

5<sup>th</sup>

At home court day Rosminsky \[see 28<sup>th</sup> May]/ lost the case concerning the Dog. great work in the court house

6<sup>th</sup>

I went to Coffin's Bay Peninsula with a.c<sup>l</sup> summons and stoped the night in a tent with 7 others plenty of wild dogs about the stations. lambs killed &c

7<sup>th</sup>

Came home in company part of the journey with M<sup>r</sup> A. Tennant Caught 2 kangaroo. both had young joeys in their pouches took one for the bottle shot one black duck long shot. nice weather

8<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. nothing particular

9

Sunday Steamer came in Gloag & White Troopers

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come down for the Wedge Station. Heard of the death of Inspector Reed

10<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. bought a Dog for £1- Sold my Revolver for £4-

11<sup>th</sup>

I went to Tallala to M<sup>r</sup> Shepperds fine weather met Morris & Bisset with a native for the murder of M<sup>r</sup> Impit.

12<sup>th</sup>

At home preparing the new hands for the Road Gloag & White. Sold kangaroo bitch for £2. & my Revolver for £4.2.6. & cloak for £1.12. fine weather

13<sup>th</sup>

At home Gloag & White [*words crossed out*] \and/ Morris left

14<sup>th</sup>

At home Bisset left taking the young kangaroo bitch

15<sup>th</sup>

I went for a short ride with M<sup>r</sup> H I shot a kangaroo with a nice joey also a fine Turkey making the 60<sup>th</sup> Captn M<sup>c</sup>Coy took away the 4 kangaroo pups. "Nelly" killed a Roo but could not find it

16<sup>th</sup>

I went with Wolford to the Salt Creek wet weather

17<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

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18<sup>th</sup>

At home wet weather and very rough

19<sup>th</sup>

At home very stormy & wet

20<sup>th</sup>

I went for a short ride ~~shot~~ shot two Turkeys & had a shot at a kangaroo (no go)

21<sup>st</sup>

At home attended court showery weather

22<sup>nd</sup>

Went out to the Cobbler with Wolford very rainy day saw but few kangaroo & did not catch any Saw his bitch run for the first time. shot one Roo \& afterwards/ found by a native

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home Steamer did not arrive wet weather all day and night

24<sup>th</sup>

At home flooding rain all day. no Steamer

25<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer came in Rainy weather saw one of Eggie's dogs. Geharty came & OShanahan Saw by Gazzette OShanahans promotion to Sergeant. Serg<sup>t</sup> Major to Inspector Field to Corp<sup>l</sup> &c.

26<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather nothing particular

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27

At home wet weather heard that the Duck ponds was filling, went over to see them & was surprised at the water & great many oposums & Wombats \&c/ turned out of their holes

28<sup>th</sup>

Went out with Wolford & M<sup>f</sup> H kangarooing Caught 3 very boggy & disagreeable riding. Wolfords bitch killed her first.

29<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer left, Dann in her with the murderers of M<sup>rs</sup> Empil. rough weather

30<sup>th</sup>

At home windy day. A strange cutter in Harbour

July 1<sup>st</sup>

I started for Lipsons cove mine stoped the night at Harvey's Tumbay. rainy weather

2<sup>nd</sup>

Got to the mine. shot 3 Ducks & had a good shot at some Turkeys but got none.

3<sup>rd</sup>

Returned to Whites river stoped the night with M<sup>f</sup> Anderson rainy weather

4<sup>th</sup>

I come home by the River Todd. shot 3 ducks

5<sup>th</sup>

At home nice weather. nothing particular

6

At home. nothing particular. P.T. Mudge in /town\

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7<sup>th</sup>

At home rather wet. Two Whales in the Bay \[Steamer]/ Marion come in not much news. Dann returned

8<sup>th</sup>

At home wet & windy. Heard that marrying was stoped in the Force by General order

9<sup>th</sup>

I went for a ride to the Duck ponds & took the mare with me & left her with "York"

10

At home with me ~~had~~ hand in a sling moist weather

11<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day. Wolford & I caught salmon off the jetty

12<sup>th</sup>

At home my hand very bad. wet weather

13

At home Steamer /Marion? see 21<sup>st</sup>\ left for her last trip for a time

14

At home nothing particular (wet weather

15

I went to Big Swamp & the Cobbler with M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd. saw plenty of duck at Larkin ses. very wet weather

[*written diagonally across the above entry*]

M<sup>rs</sup> E kept us up expecting an [...] [Infant born 5 Aug]

16<sup>th</sup>

At home serving summonses.

17

At home fine day. Boat arrived from the Thistle [Island] thinking about going on the Little swamp in the Dingy

18<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>r</sup> H Wolford & I went with the Dingy to the Swamp got two Musk Ducks a Swan 1 Duck 5 Coots & five parrots & returned in the evening bringing home our mare.

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At home nothing particular. fine weather

19<sup>th</sup>

At home. great talk about the Steamer Labra coming in. Fine weather

20

At home nothing particular

21

At home Steamer Labra came in

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home fine weather

23

At home mildish weather

24<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

25<sup>th</sup>

I went to Tallala with summonses

26

Went out for a Turkey but could not see one Caught 2 kangaroos (one man & one Doe with Joey) Damp weather

27.

Went to the Duck ponds with the mare to find York found him. killed a kangaroo with "Nelly" & sot 4 Ducks. cold dull weather

28<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

29<sup>th</sup>

As above

30

As above

31

Went out for a short ride by North side hill had a shot at an old man kangaroo & had a run after two others but no luck, saw 5 Turkeys got a Pluver. nice weather. Wolford bought the pup "stockings" back from Dobie

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August 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

1<sup>st</sup>

Went to the Duck ponds & Little Swamp had a pull in the Dingy got one Swan one Musk Duck. 6 coots & two Teal. also took the Boat down to the Duck Ponds Creek

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home. fine weather

3<sup>rd</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H in search of horse York could not find him Killed one kangaroo Nelly cut her leg & bled very much

4<sup>th</sup>

[S] At home Steamer come fine weather Woford left with the western mail

5<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day heard of my having got sections No. 2 & 3. N<sup>o</sup> @ £71.5.0 N<sup>o</sup> 3 £80.0.0 (Baby born Woford) 10 P.m. Fine weather

6<sup>th</sup>

At home. Fair weather nothing particular

7<sup>th</sup>

Attended court. Turner produced skin & head of Ettridges horse. supposed to be poisoned (fine weather

8

At home gloomy weather. I went for a walk

9

At home Gehary OShanahan & Morris on their way to the sessions awaiting the Steamer

10

At home no steamer come. fine weather

11

[S] At home Steamer come [Lubra from Pt Augusta] & a dead man on board. OShanahan Morris & Geharty left [for Adelaide]

12

at home fine weather

13

went Kangarooing with Woford

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[M<sup>r</sup> Holroyd]

14

Left with M<sup>r</sup> H[olroyd] en route for Franklin Harbour stopped at Yellena. wet day

15<sup>th</sup>

Called at the mine. & camped the night at Currow. met "Peathe". [the native?] wet night

16<sup>th</sup>

Arrived at Yabmunna having called at "Arno" & saw a fine Whale from the Cliff

17<sup>th</sup>

At the Station all day. dull weather

[4 following entries linked by vertical line]

18

Started for the Scrub & "Cordlinne" country camped in the scrub about 30 miles

19<sup>th</sup>

Got to Cordlinne at dark & camped

20<sup>th</sup>

Started through the scrub for Mount Wedge on the Western Coast Camped at at Rock water

21<sup>st</sup>

Got into Hoskin & Bryant country & stopped in one of their Huts. wet night

22<sup>nd</sup>

Got in to the Wedge found the Police Station found 3 native prisoners awaiting our arrival for trial. I shot first Turkey

23<sup>rd</sup>

At the Station all day saw great numbers of Turkeys. dull day

24

Got to Cherreroo shot two Turkeys met P.T. Eyre at at [*word crossed out*] "Talia"

25

Got to Gibsons station having called at Thompsons – (no dinner) fine day

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August 26<sup>th</sup> 1861

[(E & H together)]

Got to Streaky Bay found Mudge at home all right made us very comfortable

27<sup>th</sup>

Started on our way home again got to M<sup>r</sup> Gibsons station

28

Got back to Cherreroo. fine weather

29<sup>th</sup>

Got to "Tungatta" shot a fine Turkey

30<sup>th</sup>

Got to Lake Hamilton. fine day

31<sup>st</sup>

Got to Warrow shot a "Turkey" & a kangaroo

September 1<sup>st</sup>

Got into Port Lincoln found Major Warburton \[S]/ had arrived same day I met him at the gate

2<sup>nd</sup>

At home nothing particular only had the Major ~~about~~ \here/ all day, & he left in evening for Port Augusta. [*words crossed out*]

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home fine weather. nothing particular

4<sup>th</sup>

At home. Woford started to the west for the sheriff

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to "Yallala" met Joseph Provis. had a yarn about Eyres cows at M<sup>r</sup> Whites. Saw a water fowl & brood of young ones Caught one Plenty of young Ducks & Birds of all kinds about had an interview with D<sup>r</sup> ODrummond

6<sup>th</sup>

At home the Major returned by the Steamer [from Pt Augusta] and went for a ride to Duck Ponds

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7<sup>th</sup>

At home Major Warburton left by the Steamer for

7<sup>th</sup>

Adelaide fine day and fair wind. I & M<sup>r</sup> H went to the Duck Ponds & took my mare saw Plenty of young & old Ducks. killed two kangaroos tried the New Dog "Saunders" did not form an opinion had a great load home on both horses. Saw a fine sight with a hawk & a Turkey. I caught the young one & left it afterwards

8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday at home in charge of prisoner rough day

9<sup>th</sup>

At home wet the greater part of the day. M<sup>r</sup> H told me that Woford would have to go to the Harbour to release Bisset. Woodcutters came about fencing



10

At home greater part of day. very hard showers of rain. I went out to Lower Duck ponds and saw several Turkeys but no luck

11

I & M<sup>r</sup> H. went in search of horses. found my mare with horse York. I shot 7 ducks one a "Pinkerry" & one "Coothole" the rest "Perner's" saw several broods of young ones.

12<sup>th</sup>

I started well sinking on my section / [2 or 8] \ got down 12 feet. fine weather

13<sup>th</sup>

At home [*words crossed out*] fine day No person to be got to fence the Section

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14<sup>th</sup>

At home did a little in the well sinking way on the Section. showery day

15<sup>th</sup>

[S] At home fine day steamer came in at 1 P.M. very few passengers on board

16<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. no news by ship got my land grants from Hunter Stevenson & Co

17<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

18<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Duck Ponds & then to the heath & caught a kangaroo a young man Nelly could not run. New Dog showed scheming &c

19<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day nohting particular

20<sup>th</sup>

I went out in search of a turkey to send to M<sup>r</sup> Lucas a got one also a brace of teal Swans laying in little swamp J. M<sup>c</sup>Dougal Stuart arrivd per "Lubra" I saw a Teal s nest in a hollow tree

21<sup>st</sup>

At home spoke to Stuart who was very friendly disposed towards one a remembered old times as well as I did. promised me a Rifle. (Wolford came home

22<sup>nd</sup>

/[S] \ I went to Salt creek with a summons for M<sup>r</sup> Turner got there in good time

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September

showery day. did not see any game

23<sup>rd</sup>

I came home in good time. fine day

24

Went to the Section & got water at 14 feet – only midlin water

25

Did more to the well & finished at it. fine day M<sup>r</sup> Dann & \M<sup>r</sup>/ Owen making hay

26

I went with Wolford to the cobbler heath and caught five Emus by shouting at them they all broke a leg each & dropped down. (hot day

27<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day. doing nothing

28

At home most of the day. went to the Duck Ponds. saw my mare. ~~she~~ was improving

29<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Steamer came in good time

30

At home nothing particular. (windy night

October 1<sup>st</sup>

1<sup>st</sup>

At home nothing particular. windy weather

2<sup>nd</sup>

I & Wolford went to lower Duck Ponds and shot seven brace of ducks & caught some young ones. fine weather

3<sup>rd</sup>

Started to the Fountain but turned back owing to the rough weather. killed a large Guarro. & saw a dead Wombat

4<sup>th</sup>

Out in Locks boat with M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Fan rough day not much pleasure – Wolford left with mail to the west

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5<sup>th</sup>

At home mowing my hay & picking Peas – Steamer left Dobie in her. sent for side saddle

6

Sunday at home rough day. wet at night

7<sup>th</sup>

Monday at home rough weather Wolford came home

8<sup>th</sup>

Riding after horses in the vicinity M<sup>r</sup> H. sick speaking about having his horse groomed & fed at his own place & c & c. I made the Doctor an offer for his dray & Bulllocks/

9

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H to the Duck ponds I shot 4 brace of ducks & caught one young coothole also a mountain duck at Murrays lagoon (Young ducks some full grown).

10<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Fountain caught 1 kangaroo found dog Saunders very fast but having strange ways. Went to kill duffs & saw an Eagles nest. (Cloudy weather) Plenty ducks at Big swamp & nests

11

At home windy weather

12<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Proper with a summons

13<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at home nice day steamer come in good time very few passengers

14<sup>th</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H to the duckponds for my mare shot three ducks & brought home the mare windy weather from the north

15

I went to shoot a Wallabee got two. had some fun crossing the creek with my native got a little wet. saw two Pheasants nest but nothing in them. Billy got 5 eggs from near same place

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hot winds in the morning & cold in the evening

16

At home nothing particular

17<sup>th</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H to Lake Wangaree. warm day I shot one duck. killed one young man kangaroo & had a long run after a fine Emu but no go. I caught a joey. I got a small kick from the young man in the arm. I had a shot at an old man. we got \home / at 11 P.m very cold night my horse Rory omore very lame

18<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer came in. M<sup>r</sup> Varcoe came from the mine I sold him the joey for £1- nice day [George] Tumbly very [word crossed out] \bad/ with a swelling behind the ear

19<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at home all day came on to blow hard Dann got a hit on the face from Winstanly

21<sup>st</sup>

At home nothing particular

22<sup>nd</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H to the Big swamp hut shot 3 brace of Ducks, saw hundreds. got some strange sorts of eggs out of a tree. got short of shot Found the town mob for horses at the Duck Ponds.

23<sup>rd</sup>

I went out for a short ride to find the horses & got them at Pruits Waterhole. shot 5 Teal & one pluver at Lower Duckponds. saw some young Parrots out

24<sup>th</sup>

At home rode out mare to try her found her very free \&c/ I caught two Diamond sparrows & got 4 young ones – on my section M<sup>iss</sup> Owen s mare missing saddle & bridle

25<sup>th</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H. up the River Todd nice day found a pigeons nest & a parrot & two nice young ones which the Dog killed shot 3 ducks 1 Water hen

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October

one Pigeon & one Quail had a nasty dip in the Gawler pond in getting the ducks out (a very deep hole) saw some young waterfowl. M<sup>r</sup> H. rode 50 miles [note] (Note the best \time/ for getting Birds eggs & young ones is September & October

26<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular

27<sup>th</sup>

/[S]\ At home steamer came in. heard of the Death of Corp<sup>l</sup> Nixon & of Inspector Hall's lunacy

28

At home. rough wet weather steamer did not leave in consequence. a ton of Hart's flour cost me by this steamer £13-17-8 Freight &c &c included – the Flour itself £12- – I bought a grey mare off M<sup>r</sup> Owen for £20. Heard from E. Spiller about my receipt &c at Herfords the lawyers [see 18/11/61]

29<sup>th</sup>

Went to the Duck Ponds with M<sup>r</sup> H. shot two ducks one off the back of the black mare. I exchanged the Grey mare with Bishop for a fine horse \running/ at the Duck ponds I saw him in my ride he looked well but a little lame. had a tiff with M<sup>r</sup> H. about \duty affairs/

30<sup>th</sup>

At home. took a walk in evening with M<sup>rs</sup> E. on the sections. saw all the horses on N<sup>o</sup> 2 & a fine [Sections 2 & 3] Turkey settle down on N<sup>o</sup> 3. (rough wet weather)

31<sup>st</sup>

At home all the morning. Prosecuted M<sup>r</sup> Haigh & M<sup>r</sup> Myers for depasturing in the hundred of Lincoln

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Harry Owen got in a colt to break in. I went out after dinner to try and get some young Parrots went to the Gum flats & killed a young man kangaroo. he showed himself to be able to fight and active gave \[dog]/ Juno a cut under the chest. found a great many young ducks in the water at the Gum flats shot five. got home after dark bringing home all the kangaroo & c Wet rough weather. Harry \[aged 4]/ attacked with diptheria had to get the Doctor to him in a hurry

Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>

At I went out in search of parrots on the mare found 13 brought home 9 & sold them for £1.10. found a black Cockatoo s nest. also caught a Goat-sucker on her nest. saw two Turkeys wet & windy day. Called at Geedobie

2<sup>nd</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H. to Warrow crossing the Govenors run caught 6 Roos one fine old man I caught a joey also. Nice day saw some shell parrot nests. met Hays at the Govenors Hut.

3<sup>rd</sup>

I came home by the Woolshed met M<sup>r</sup> M<sup>c</sup>Kay there who gave me some parrots & came on the way a short distance with us to see a run the first small Roos started my horse came down & nearly broke his neck. We left him at Lake Wangaree. Killed the one kangaroo. (fine day)

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4<sup>th</sup>

I went to the Duck Ponds for the colt. [*word crossed out*] got him in & caught him without Roping & led him home fine day. He got away with the rope on in the evening by tearing up the tufts of Grass. which he was fastened.

5<sup>th</sup>

I went to the duck ponds in search of the colt found that he had gone there. & missed the horses. found him after a days search. tied up in the bush. Saw 3 kangaroos. one an old man the quietest I ever saw

6<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day M<sup>r</sup> H up early in the morning took Bishops horse in a mistake for mine. Killed the pig, M<sup>r</sup> Hs birth day I took dinner with him Heard that a man had poisoned himself at Uley

7<sup>th</sup>

I went to Uley & examined the body of James Miller who had taken poison. found him all alive although dead. I saw a great many nice kangaroo on my way.

8<sup>th</sup>

Went again to Uley with a jury & held an Inquest. had a row with M<sup>r</sup> H. & promised to leave him rode Wolfords young horse found him a nice easy one. warm day Boston Island set on fire by accident

9<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day. M<sup>r</sup> H tried to make up the row but I would not. He sent a memo/. (Sweep to be visited)

10<sup>th</sup>

At home fine morning expecting news by the Steamer

11<sup>th</sup>

Went to Little Swamp to make enquiry about a missing man. on Wolfords colt. fine day

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heard that the steamer Lubra was in Coffins Bay & that horse Sweep was dead

12<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather Wolford came in with a native from the Harbour & brought the Govenors mare

13<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day. Made matters a little square with M<sup>r</sup> H. he gave me leave to have a hunt with Wolford

14

I went out with Wolford. I shot a nice Turkey making the (70<sup>th</sup>). We killed a fine old man Roo near the Gum Flat one that had been taken too by the \some/ Dogs before & mastered them. I killed 10 Ducks also a Death Adder. & got four young Parrots. Found my lost Powderflask at Larkins es showed him the way. to shot at long distance. I put six \N<sup>o</sup> 1/ shot in a small rail used for Clothes lines a 77 yards & won a wager. Larkins would not try his Gun at \it/

15<sup>th</sup>

Wolford ready to start but M<sup>r</sup> H told him he could stop till the steamer came in went fishing in the evening caught a nice lot of fish Hot day with many changes of wind. M<sup>r</sup> Warland told me about the news in the paper that came by the lubra concerning Burk \[Burke & Wills/ the Explorer

16<sup>th</sup>

At home went fishing in the morning but caught nothing. Went again in the evening on the jetty & caught some fine whiting Ruffs &c. Wondering if the steamer would come [*written beside the above*] Wolford promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> class

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17<sup>th</sup>

At home Keeping a look out for the steamer but she did not arrive. warm weather

18<sup>th</sup>

/[S] At home got the news the ship having arrived during the night. saw the particulars about poor Burke. got my writing s from Herford the lawyer by paying £1.13.6 heard that Pettinger was made Inspector. vice Hall

19<sup>th</sup>

I & Wolford started also Mary Ann as far as Poonindie. W. on his way to his station

20<sup>th</sup>

At home nasty windy changing weather

21<sup>st</sup>

I went for a ride with M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens to North side Hill & vicinity. nice afternoon (72) I shot two fine Turkeys & disposed of them

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home steamer did not come in fine day

23<sup>rd</sup>

I went with M<sup>r</sup> H. to Duckponds for his Filly also called on Larkins for my Powder flask

24<sup>th</sup>

At home Sunday fine day steamer came in with something wrong with her engine. Great jawing \[words]/ between Haigh & Ward \[Capt H Ward?]/ about Wool

25<sup>th</sup>

Steamer left strong breeze. (swa\p/ped my joey for two parrots. one for M<sup>r</sup> Rush

26<sup>th</sup>

M<sup>rs</sup> E & I went for a ride to Larkins es met M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H Ret<sup>d</sup> by the Duck Ponds

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Nov<sup>r</sup> & Dec<sup>r</sup>

27<sup>th</sup>

Got my Gun case back from a man that had found it where I lost it. fine cool weather

28<sup>th</sup>

I went to the proper & Lower Duckponds in search of M<sup>r</sup> Dann's mare found her & brought her home & branded the Foal for him. fine day Found a bullock of Capt<sup>n</sup> Bishops dieing  
29<sup>th</sup>

At home hot or warm day burned the bullock of M<sup>r</sup> Bishop that I found it having been reported that he died of the bad disease now raging in Melbourne & Sydney. Nearly burned too much grass. M<sup>r</sup> H to "Coppio".  
30<sup>th</sup>

At home went fishing to the Point got three Rock cod no schnapper. warm day.  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 1861

At home steamer came in very slow. fine day nothing strange in the way of news  
2<sup>nd</sup> [S]

At home winday day I caught some nic Ruff off the jetty. Got ½ chest of tea & Bag of sugar down /[by ship]\ Heard that Hall was better but that Pettinger was appointed on the 8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>  
3<sup>rd</sup>

I went to the Duck ponds with M<sup>r</sup> H. & caught an old man kangaroo. "Nelly" set him up – 4 Pups with /us\ Needle showed well

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4<sup>th</sup>

At home at Court the greater part of the day & went for a ride with M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens in evening beautiful weather Cold in evening (Flour £10 per ton

5

At home morning went in afternoon to Curtain Point and round the vicinity in search of a Turkey but no go. I got 1 Pigeon

6<sup>th</sup>

I went out in M<sup>r</sup> Pollitts boat to Spaulding Cove to try & get some schnapper but no go plenty of wind & rough water in the Proper.

7<sup>th</sup>

At home in morning, in afternoon went to look at sections on Winters Hill with M<sup>r</sup> H went to a Parrots nest near Larkins es & found only one bird in it got sore hands making a hole to see it & got a hit in the mouth by accident found another B. cocatoos nest – nice day P.T. Mudge in town from West. he agreed to go halves in a section with me on the Hill

8<sup>th</sup>

Steamer left. fine day I went for a walk to look at some of the land – wrote Hunter Stevenson & Co to buy one of 3 sections for me & M

9<sup>th</sup>

[S]/ At home fine weather

10<sup>th</sup>

Went with M<sup>r</sup> H to the Govenors Station killed two fine Roos. & Got two nests of shell Parrots 7 in one & 5 in the other

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11<sup>th</sup>

At home nothing particular. P.T. Eyre came in & was sent out again with a flea in his ear thundy weather caught some nice Mullet at jetty

12<sup>th</sup>

At home – went to the Duckponds after M<sup>r</sup> H s horses supposed by him to have been let out of his stable by some person &c took M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens for a ride to the Proper

13<sup>th</sup>

I & Mary Ann went a short distance with Mudge on his way & looked at Sec No 76 M<sup>r</sup> H summonsed for wages by Killduff came on very wet in night

14<sup>th</sup>

At home great day at the Court M<sup>r</sup> H lost the case above refered to – (windy day, & wet

15<sup>th</sup>

At home no steamer in windy day & wet

16<sup>th</sup>

[S] At home winday & wet again

17<sup>th</sup>

At home windy still a little ~~She~~

18

I went to Gum Patch to Killduff got my Parrot out on my way home. fine day. Steamer came in at 5 P.M with two horses for us. Heard that Major Warburton was away to Swan River on a [*word crossed out*] \leave/ trip. I heard that I had purchased section N<sup>o</sup> 76 – 101 acres

19<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather steamer left

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20<sup>th</sup>

I went to Charleton with M<sup>r</sup> H & M<sup>r</sup> Scott the new superintendant for the Govenor. fine day caught Two kangaroo & one fine Emu \[George fell in the horse Tub]/ I got a very small joey out of one of the Roos. w\h\ich lived a great many hours in [...] in my pocket

21<sup>st</sup>

At home fine day nothing particular

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home winday day expecting to horse to go or send to Town a cranky man

23<sup>rd</sup>

At home went for a short ride in search of the two new horses found none at all Cloudy weather & a little rain in evening steamer expected to go from hour to hour

24<sup>th</sup>

At home cool weather. I sent a receipt for £5 to Guichen Bay for deposit on land N<sup>o</sup> 9

25

At home nice cool day dull, Xmas no fun

26<sup>th</sup>

\Had a few shots with Military Rifle for first time with Bishop/ Went with M<sup>r</sup> H for a hunt near the Duck Ponds caught one Roo with disease in its Lungs to a great extent

27

At home great part of day. Could not find the horses in the morning. Whitewashed the house. Cloudy weather threatening rain all day but did not

28<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day – nothing particular Expecting Jno Spiller /[cousin] J.R. Spiller\ by steamer

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29<sup>th</sup>

At home Steamer came in in good time Jno Spiller on board. also the Govenor in a great hurry & started for his station

30<sup>th</sup>

Went out with J. Spiller in search of the horses killed two Roos & a wild cat. (domestic \cat/) saw two Turkeys but dogs would not give me a chase Fine weather could not find the horses

31<sup>st</sup>

Went with Spiller to Kirton Point to fish did not catch any but caught two crafish which is the first ever caught in Port Lincoln to the knowledge of the oldest residents. Got some fine sea Eggs. made some good shots with rifle

January 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 –

At home Spiller shot a Gull with the Rifle. I was at the court. M<sup>f</sup> H lost the case with Killduff  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Spiller went to Boston Island in a boat & shot some G rats got back at night. I went in search of the horses & shot three kangaroo with (shot) one old man at 55 yards

3<sup>rd</sup>

I & Spiller went out & caught 3 Roos two old men & one joey had a nice day. spiller shot some birds Went fishing on the jetty at night Caught 13 fish Wolford came in from the harbour for a fresh horse

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4<sup>th</sup>

At home Govenor & Dann returned. Wolford left to the west with the mail. fine warm day. \H H shown the door by the Govenor see 20<sup>th</sup>/ I gave an old man a pull for debt – & became great friends

5<sup>th</sup>

Steamer \[Lubra]/ left Spiller & the Govenor in her spiller took up 5 Roo tails

6<sup>th</sup>

/[S\ I went curtain point & caught one schnapper & a Doz fish. hot weather & out of sorts

7<sup>th</sup>

I went for a ride to the Racecourse to see some horses tried and came home early – went to Kirton point with \[JK W<sup>m</sup>]/ Bishop fishing caught some Dog fish. Bishop wanted the teeth & cut off the heads & one of the heads was alive a Quarter of an hour after & bit Bishop thumb severly, which made me laugh heartily. Wolford came home

8<sup>th</sup>

Looking for horses & got His Honor for Wolford

9<sup>th</sup>

Went to Murrays for a horse to take my family out for a ride

10<sup>th</sup>

Went to the end of the proper & spent the day – on the beach

11<sup>th</sup>

at home Wolford left for the Harbour I went out with M<sup>f</sup> H<sup>d</sup> found one mare & killed one kangaroo. King & Pounce \[nogo]/ killed & land belonging to Bishop – p<sup>d</sup> 10/-

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12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday at home. Dined with M<sup>f</sup> H

13<sup>th</sup>

Looking for horses. but could not find them

14<sup>th</sup>

Went and found the mare & brought her home Dreadful hot day. saw kangaroo very quiet could have shot them with small shot

15<sup>th</sup>

Went in search of Danns mare. no go

16<sup>th</sup>

I & Harriet \[wife]/ went to Green Patch & returned fine cool weather. Met M<sup>f</sup> H & Miss H going to Hawsons



17<sup>th</sup>

At home fine cool weather. M<sup>r</sup> H & I had a yarn about the bad maize. Looked up J.H. Larkin

18<sup>th</sup>

At home steamer came in 8 a.m. His Excellency the Governor & 12 members of the Legislative on board Heard from E. M<sup>c</sup>Ellister M.P. that Williams wife Maria was dead which took us by surprise I was hunting horses for hours without success Governor left with Dann as orderly

19<sup>th</sup>

At home got in a cow for M<sup>rs</sup> Dann fine day Yallata in the harbour. M<sup>r</sup> H killed a kangaroo with \Props/ two

20

At home the Gov<sup>r</sup> returned & left 9 p.m. (+ on this day /I am not sure\

21

At home nothing particular. mild weather

22<sup>nd</sup>

At home beautiful weather Serg<sup>t</sup> OS came in town Flour by the papers £12-10 per ton paper dated Jan<sup>y</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 62. Plenty of stingaree about the jetty night time

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23<sup>rd</sup>

At home Steamer came in in the evening no fresh news got a paper from Melbourne containing a photograph of the all England Eleven

24

At home Steamer left I began to expect to have to go to town with a prisoner

25<sup>th</sup>

At home Caught a few reptiles. very hot day

26<sup>th</sup>

At home Sunday scorching hot day

27<sup>th</sup>

At home expecting to leave for Adelaide no steamer in

28<sup>th</sup>

I left at 2 a.m. in the steamer for Adelaide with Tho<sup>s</sup> Dicks a dangerous lunatic & W<sup>m</sup> Muctaw for attempting to shoot &c got to the Port in good time in the evening. stoped at M<sup>r</sup> Jaqueses place

29<sup>th</sup>

Went to town & took to business. Uncle A sick

30<sup>th</sup>

In town business again no pleasure bought Harriet a Gold Watch for £20 –

February 1<sup>st</sup>

Started again at 5 p.m. for home & got along nicely. fine night

2<sup>nd</sup>

Sunday got home at 11 a.m nice day

3<sup>rd</sup>

At home fine day. had a look at the Plan of our new building. I saw my old mate in town George Forster [(Guichen Bay)]

4<sup>th</sup>

At home in morning went out in afternoon caught two kangaroos saw first bush fire

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5<sup>th</sup>

I started to Lake Hamilton got to Warrow in good time. saw plenty of kangaroo very quiet had no Dogs with me saw one Emu. called at M<sup>r</sup> Scotts

6<sup>th</sup>

Got to the Lake in good time had a little rain did my buisness with M<sup>r</sup> Wiltshire in good style

7<sup>th</sup>

Started back got to Warow had some fun with a snake on the road.

8<sup>th</sup>

Got home called at Lake Wangara Saw M<sup>r</sup> Hawsons Race horses , had company home. saw M<sup>r</sup> Danns horses at the fountain. saw 6 Turkeys

9<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day. nothing particular

10<sup>th</sup>

At home M<sup>r</sup> H disappointed me in going out for my horse. by going himself to Tallala went fishing on the jetty but none to be got

11<sup>th</sup>

At home nice weather. found Horse Highflyer

12<sup>th</sup>

I went in search of my mare & found her at Byrnes (73) hut near the cobbler. killed 1 kangaroo & shot one Turkey /Brought home M<sup>rs</sup> Es mare\ Saw some of the horses training on the Race course

13<sup>th</sup>

At home. fine day Wolford come in from the Harbour & brought his colt

14<sup>th</sup>

At home fine weather. nothing particular

15<sup>th</sup>

At home. Wolford in search of horses & found them

16<sup>th</sup>

At home fine day steamer came in. Heard of the murder of Inspector Pettinger at Gov<sup>t</sup> House

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16<sup>th</sup> Cont Also heard that T. Reynolds had resigned from the ministry on account of the verdict in a libel case, Serg<sup>t</sup> Major Searcy supposed to be the next for the Inspectorship, & Reid to Serg<sup>t</sup> Major

17<sup>th</sup> At home greater part of day. Went for short ride with M<sup>rs</sup> E in evening saw one kangaroo M<sup>r</sup> Smith paid for Dog King £10- paid for races 10/6

18<sup>th</sup> At home making ready for the races. had some nice cribbage in evening. fine weather

19 Went with M<sup>rs</sup> Ewens to the races & enjoyed myself very much all my expectations were realizes in the horses I bet upon, saw the two Miss Yeo's. Mudge & Shanon got a spill each

20<sup>th</sup> Went with Mary Ann spent a pleasant day saw one or two nasty falls over the hurdles

21<sup>st</sup> At home fine day had a game of ~~coits~~ \Quoits/

22<sup>nd</sup> At home had plenty ~~coits~~ \Quoits/ with Mudge. Plenty of Locking up business

23<sup>rd</sup> At home a good many bush fires burning in the distance. M<sup>r</sup> A.J. Murray came about them

24<sup>th</sup> I started with Wolford as far as salt creek, saw plenty of Turkeys near Tunby. slept the night at salt creek on 4 sheep skins got a severe bite from some reptile or other on my eyelid

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- 25<sup>th</sup> At \Got/ home after a dreary ride. left Wolford at the creek. called on M<sup>rs</sup> Thorpe & heard a little yarning
- 26<sup>th</sup> At home. moping about all day –
- 27<sup>th</sup> Started with H.H. his sister & Miss Bishop to Slefer Bay got there at five in the evening killed 2 kangaroo & saw great numbers. lost 4 of our best dogs, was much taken by the wild appearance of the Whale fishing. No grass for the horses.
- 28<sup>th</sup> In the morning found one horse gone with rope started with extra baggage on Horse “Lowflies”. caught one more kangaroo. & saw a great many – very unpleasant reception when I got home. nice weather
2. March 1<sup>st</sup> 1862
- At home sultry weather. went for a short ride in evening with M<sup>rs</sup> E to lower Duckponds, got a nice present of Grapes from M<sup>rs</sup> Bishop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> At home Steamer came in. heard of the death of Prince Albert & the like probability of war with America. Hot sultry weather very disagreeable
- 3<sup>rd</sup> At home Got a box of fruit from an unknown friend by W. Scott Esq. Major Warburton had a son [...] the paper. No news about Pettingers case saw that ~~the~~ \his/ murderer was condemn\ed to be hung Heard that M<sup>r</sup> Murray had sent a letter to the paper about the Police & &c for [...] black

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- 4<sup>th</sup> At home nothing particular. weather changed in the evening showing great signs of wet & storm Mary Ann got a spill. I mad up my mind to leave Lincoln whether removed or not
- 5<sup>th</sup> Went to D<sup>r</sup> Lawson in the morning about a pain in my side. Went again in evening & rode over north side Hill with M<sup>rs</sup> E. saw some kangaroo & (74) shot one Turkey a very nice one flying – weather looked bad & comenced raining but did not continue.
- 6<sup>th</sup> At home Dann took M<sup>r</sup> & Miss H. to Boston Island also Miss Bishop. fine day
- 7<sup>th</sup> At home caught a great quantity of fish off to Steamer. saw a large stingaree. some good showers of rain
- 8<sup>th</sup> Steamer left in good time. M<sup>rs</sup> Shanon passenger The Horse Cossack on board for Adelaide. nice day Went in search of horses to Duck Ponds. but no go – caught one kangaroo
- 9<sup>th</sup> At home showery day. Turkey for dinner
- 10<sup>th</sup> At home Dann left for the Islands with Lock I cut some wood on my section & got Black to cut it
- 11<sup>th</sup> At home in charge of prisoner. fine day
- 12<sup>th</sup> At home caught great numbers of fish off the jetty. fastened to a large stingaree but he broke away when near dead

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- 13 At home part of day. fine weather Caught plenty of fish off the jetty saw another large Stingaree \At/ M<sup>r</sup> Hs in the evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> At home fine day – Caught plenty of Fish again off the jetty
- 15<sup>th</sup> Went in search of the Duck pond horses for the purpose of bringing a colt for M<sup>r</sup> H brought the colt home – & found my mare with the horses & brought her also expecting great news by the Steamer Told M<sup>r</sup> H on my intention to leave the district. A little rain in evening and every appearance of a rough night.–

J.R.E  
Port Lincoln  
Saturday night 8 p.m.  
1862

End of Book N° 1 –

Commencing April 4<sup>th</sup> 1853 & ending March the  
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173A

1<sup>st</sup> Class Trooper J. R EWENS

23.6.1856 Ordered by Inspector Scott to Portland Bay to show M<sup>r</sup> Todd overlay for purpose of  
laying out a line for telegraph Glenelg River border of SA to Adelaide

28.6.1856 Arrived Mt Gambier to await Todd

6.7.1856 Trooper Saxton arrived Mt G with a horse for Todd

6.8.1856 Ordered to Portland for r'vou with Mr Todd

9.8.1856 Mr T had not arrived Portland so J.R.E. quartered himself in the Police Station.

16.8.56 Returned to Mt G with Mr Geo Ormerod

30.8.56 New rendezvous fixed – Portland

31.8.56 Met Mr Todd at Portland

1.9.56 Storing etc with Mr Todd whose horse was playing up

2-3.9.56 Both riding to Mt G

4-6.9.56 Studying tracks together around Mt G

7.9 Both visited caves :both took part in a shooting match

8 -9. Both rode to Penola: bad road

9 -9 " returned Penola to Mt G

10-11 " one way to Guichen Bay

12.9 Taking bearings of lakes etc

Shot a big fine wombat for Mr T

13.9 Spent the day at mt G

14-16 Both took different track to Guichen

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17.9.1856 Spelled Horses at Guichen

Minor activities 18-19-20-21

22.9.1856 Both started for the Murray Mouth: Mr Todd caught a cold & became delirious at  
night

23-4 Both travelled to McGrath's Flat

25.9 Travelled on to Lake Albert

26 Examined Pelican Point

27.9 Started for Goolwa by boat: – swamped – leaked so put back

28.9 Both by track to Wellington

29.9 Both via Langhorn's Creek to Strathalbyn

30.9 Started Both via Road to Goolwa

1.10.56 Both to Pt. Elliott

2.10.56 Both to Square Waterhole

3.10.56 Both to Adelaide: arrived evening

14.10.56 In Adelaide and heard part of Mr Todd's report

15.10 Visited Mr Todd: done well

Mrs T & family

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20-23 Fixed day of departure  
24 -10 Both preparing: Todd gave orders  
25-29 " JRE on way to Guichen

Apparently Todd finished his report: on ground formerly for the SA Electric Telegraph Line [...] published SA G.G 23.10.56: plan referred to [... ...] but not published. X

Apparently they were together again – probably company notes 28 – 11 – 56 at X  
Guichen Bay X J.R.E 21 on 22/11/56  
30-1-57 Visited Mrs Todd about preparatory for next journey 22-2-57

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