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ROBERT CARTER'S JOURNAL

BOOK 1

24th August, 1832 to 2nd October, 1833

Remarks made at Ferryland by Rob't Carter commencing 24th August 1832.

The passing events of this most extraordinary year cannot fail to excite in every person of observation, the most strange feelings of surprise at the wonderful changes wrought by the Almighty Hand on the face of nature; and in the workings of Nations and Governments, Time and Seasons, all working together towards the completion of some object; best hidden perhaps from the views of mortals.

The year of 1832 commenced with hard frost and strong gales of wind, and winter long held its rule over this ever varying uncertain climate; for until latter end of July, no Summer was visible to eye or feeling and fire was agreeable all day long, cold wet weather prevailing all June and July with few intermissions---

The Coast jammed with drift ice and all the Harbours in this side the Island filled up from beginning of May to 6th of June at which time a partial opening offered a passage to St. Johns, but the Coast was not clear of ice all July --Vessels were uncommon length of time blockaged into Port and many persons died for want of food to the Northward after having used all manner of stuff (otherwise uneatable) for Food. Many cows and horses died for want of Hay in May & June, no grass having grown at this time, vegetation hardly visible, to the latter end of June, potatoes were not over ground -

--Many Sealers failed of a good Trip some brought very heavy ones, several vessels lost and more lives than usually known --- The Brig Dido (Newmans & Co.) brought in 6,000 seals the longest trip ---Seals were taken late in-April and found to weigh much heavier than if taken at an earlier period -

Cholera Morbus raging in England, Ireland, Scotland and France as well as other parts of the Continent, found its way to Quebec, Montreal and United States; the two former suffered much whilst prevalent there -- the Reform Bill passed the British Parliament but the King did not give his assent in person -- House of Assembly granted for this Island this year not yet taking effect --old Acts continue to 1834 -

Capelin came in about 25th June plenty and so continued until 22 August. Bait Boat laid by on 24th crew discharged, yet small parcels of caplin to be procured - Fish plenty on the caplin, since it came, one-week they struck off but returned. Salt scarce throughout the Season so far price 7/6 to 21/per Hhd [ED: Hogshead]

1832 - AUGUST

Fri. 24 Fine weather, Wind SSW. Light Fog at times blowing across the Downs. Heard of the landing of Don Pedro on the Coast of Portugal near Oporto, not opposed by Don Miguel on landing - Accounts of a large Fire at Harbour Grace, said upwards 100 Houses - Boats all idle for want of bait, well it is so no Salt being to be procured at St. Johns at this time - Cannons &

Costelloes ill at Freshwater, supposed to be Typhus Fever. -- No new fish ready for shipping here yet, not a single vessel in the Port to load or any arrived in it this year except Mary JoAnn, Clift from Newport and one or two windbound from Halifax for St. Johns Harbour.

Sat. 25 Foggy and Rain; Wind S to SSW. Fanny returned last night from St. Johns brought 22 Hhds salt all could be got. -- Mackerel & Herrings making their appearance but not abundantly -- Fish, rather scarce.

Sun. 26 Fine Noon, Eve. Showers. Wind vble - Mr. Jennings arrived from St. Johns in his cutter, dined at Mr. Brown's with Preston and him ..also Morry and Richards -- Gregory came in last evening, Murphy left the Boat -- Henry Stabb came in [Cro__?] & Co.'s cutter.

Mon. 27 Wind inland to South, showery. Caught caplin this morning at Norris's stage. Boats went out but no fish taken by them in the Caplin. Meeting at the Court House of the Magistrates -- ordered Dr. Lynch to attend to Costello & others at Freshwater. Cholera - Books arrived - accounts that fish and caplin were most abundant at Trepassey last week and that they caught much fish. Matt Costelloe gave up the voyage in the Neptune, the Skipper being sick -- Sent off J. Shanahan to St. Johns for Salt.

Tue. 28 Calm nearly all day. Moderate and dull, no caplin caught-today, a few mackerel and herrings, no new fish shipped yet - little fish catching, committed Mr. Power (?) to gaol - Snipefish returned from St.

Johns - salt still scarce - Michael Costello still home sick -

Wed. 29 Wind S to SW. Nothing worthy particular notice. Caplin yet caught in small parcels, some few Qtls fish caught. Weather much inclined to Fog with little wind. Some curlews.

Thu. 30 Wind S to SW. Dull moderate and foggy - Bait scarce, a few caplin caught this day, some fish in it, a few herrings and mackerel.

Fri.31 Wind NE. Dull, moderate and foggy. Some herrings this day, no caplin, no squids caught yet. No potatoes yet grown, no peas or cabbages in the gardens, weather not warm.

1832 - SEPTEMBER

Sat. 1 Thick fog and showers, wind NE. Shanahan back from St. Johns, the Governor arrived there. Caplin quite gone and no squids, some herrings and mackerel caught and fish caught with them some boats 6 to 8 Quintals each that had plenty - Keel of new vessel quite ready to lay down on the blocks. Pricilla's sails etc. bought by C. Morisey. Salt now down to 12/6 at St. Johns, though last week up to 23/ and even 25/ per Hhd.

Sun. 2 Tremendous heavy and constant rain all day. Wind NE and foggy. No stirring out of doors - more in appearance like November than September.

Mon. 3 Wind NNE with showers and fog, Britannia belonging to Rennie, Stuart & Co. came in to land fish from St. Johns - blew hard towards night. No squids, no boats at sea, no fish catching.

Tue. 4 This day is the sale of the Hannah's wreck. Wind NW, tolerably fine but the sun looks weak. Some herrings caught today- caught 9 mackerel and 1 salmon in the mackerel net. Several vessels passing.

Wed. 5 Wind S. Thick fog. Foggy weather, no squid, few herrings and mackerel, fish to be had if bait. Some of Brazel's boats have 4 or 5 Qtls. None of JHC's out

today. (Ed. Note: James Howe Carter, author's Brothers).

Thu. 6 Foggy. Wind S & SW. moderate, few herrings and mackerel this day. Sent to Mr. Richards for to return the potatoes lent him, replied he had only a barrel and had promised Mr. Sweetland half them. Robert carried the note — no fish shipped or stored this day, the boats caught no fish or mackerel or herrings worth notice - several mackerels caught.

Fri. 7 Wind W. Tolerably fine day, no fish, no bait to speak of, not fitting for any fish, nor any fish stored yet in Ferry land.

Sat. 8 Dull, foggy weather Wind SW showers towards evening. Nothing particular has occurred this day.

Sun. 9 Wind NW & W. fine day for green fish, dull towards evening, one schooner passed along. Turned out the young calf on the Gaze.

Mon. 10 Fine day. Wind NW. Weighed off the first fish from the Room and Dealers for the season - loaded 2 boats for St. Johns -Lots from Trepassey of Fish and Bait, being plenty there - salt scarce there - Showers at evening, wind to Northward - at night Wind N.E. .

Tue. 11 Showery, wind SSW. Shanahan & Mountain left for St. Johns. Went into the woods, shot three partridges. No boats except Devereaux's fish, they catch some fish, only capelin caught at Lance Cove, Cape Broyle and some seen in Ferryland.

Wed. 12 Fine evening, morning dull, wind strong SW. Mr. Gregory came home well fished from Trepassey with split fish - caught on Lance - no vessels passing, fish not scarce when herrings or mackerel can be got but they are not plenty - all JHC's boats given up except the large ones.

Thu. 13 Strong Breese SW, showers - a heavy gale last night - showers and fog towards night. Gregory home.

Fri. 14 Wind SW dull, heavy and sultry, no drying hardly just a few Qtls dry fish oft - no green fish coming in by the small boats - stage not clear yet.

Sat. 15 Wind W. The Ann, Capt. Sanders, with Judge Brenton and Circuit Court arrived here from the Westward. Put out a mackerel net this day - Court opened and adjourned to Mon.

Sun. 16 Wind SE. Fine day and moderate - being Sunday no fish was spread to ship - boats returned from St. Johns, no particular news, fish 10/10/9/ in account, poor price.

Mon. 17 The Court open - in the usual forms, got judgment against [Harvey?] 11.3.9. Received letter 31 July from James. {Ed: his Brothers} -Poor weather for fish - cannot get forward at all with dry fish - Fanny took in 238 Qtls for Devereaux - Fury cleared from Reneuse.

Tue. 18 Court sitting today, no case of importance before it. Judge Brenton & daughter called - wind variable, NNE to NNW. Showers occasionally hard rain at night with thunder and lightning. The Britannia sailed with new fish, the first from this district.

Wed. 19 Fine morning. Wind NNE. Showers towards evening. Phoenix came in from Cadiz, 38 days passage. Brings bad accounts of fish market. Court closed this day

Thu. 20 Fine morning, showery towards evening Wind from NW to NE. Ann sailed for St. Johns and Mountain and Shanahan for St. Johns with fish - hail showers today and last night.

Fri. 21 Went as far as Aquaforte in consequence of a letter from Reneuse saying the Jolly Tar landed her crew in spite of Jackman and would have landed cattle - - very fine day, wind WNW. Fanny sailed for St. Johns - Osprey came in from the Banks 10 am

Sat. 22 A good day for green fish, not fit for dry. Wind SW to W clear - the Coquette came in from the Banks 11 [am or weight?]. Many vessels passing.

Sun. 23 Wind at SW a very fine day and remarkably warm for the time of year - Capt. Dolan of the ship Combatant left his papers and returned to Cape Broyle

Mon. 24 Wind at NW very fine day - held Court Sessions, the only case Rose v Sullivan - committed latter to gaol for contempt and liberated him at 4 o'clock - Rose sued for neglect and got payment 16/-. Advertised sale of Pricilla's materials for Friday next.

Tue. 25 Dull day moderate SSW good for green fish. Went to Cape Broyle in the Boat and returned at night. Combatant there, her crew discharging True Blue.

Wed. 26 Strong Breeze at WSW heavy gale in the night with hard rain, clear noon. W. Mountain came home from Trepassey well fished, fish & lance plenty there all last week - Governor's Yacht put into C Bay about 3 o'clock - did not land. Killed the pig.

Thu. 27 Fine day; wind NW; called on the Governor. Capt. Buchan, A. G. Simms & Col Sall called and lunched at my house - went to the landing place near Morris' house with them and returned with the Priest and took dinner with him - the Yacht sailed in the evening, Gregory home from the Westward - Mountain and Shanahan from St. Johns -Mr. Norris not returned with the Junk.

Fri. 28 Fine day. WNW. Sold the Pricilla materials according to advertisement, very fine day, put fish into store. P & W Mountain ready for Westward

Sat. 29 Fine day, wind WNW. Fanny came in from St. Johns, Shanahan left for St. Johns, Mountains' boats for the Westward

Sun. 30 Morning fine, Wind S & SW. dull at noon Rain at night. Wrote JHC via St. Johns, few vessels passed along, a schooner stood in for the Harbour working to the Southward

1832 - OCTOBER

Mon. 1 Wind South evening nearly calm & foggy with mizzling rain, brought down about 1 1/4 tons hay from southside fields - attended the Court House, passed several accounts to grant order licences for selling liquor, swore in returning officer (E. Stabb) and Poll clerk (W. Broderick) - no fish weather this day - -

Tue. 2 Strong breeze NE wind Fanny left for St. Mary's Bay Gregory for the Westward - several vessels passed to the Southward, no day for fish

Wed. 3 Attended Court - nothing of consequence - brought down 12 bales Hay from Pool suppose 7 Cwt & some wet - attended meeting at Court House about the member for House of Assembly, formed R. Carter's Ret. cause Wind SE slight showers & moderate all day.

Thu. 4 Thurs., Fri., Sat, 4,5,6 - Dull weather either rain or fog little doing no particular occurrence worthy notice through these days. Wind NE SE & South moderate

Sun. 7 Fine day walked out, wind W. Judge Carter asked all the family into his garden to eat fruit - first time since Mrs. Carter came out - called at R. Carter's

to return his visit of Friday last

Mon. 8 Employed at Court until late in the afternoon with cases principally for Bryand's doctoring accounts.

Lt. R Carter and his wife called at our House

Tue. 9 Wind NNE Showers in forenoon. Phoenix sailed - no day for dry fish - Hearn came home with 90 Qtls

Wed. 10 Wind NNW fine day as could be put in store a good deal of fish, called on Lt. Carter at Freshwater, was in court a short time Shanahan left for St. Johns

Thu. 11 Wind SSW dull with Rain - no fish day Old Mrs. Morry came to stay with us from Mrs. Stabb JH Carter's people employed in various ways. Rec'd £5 cash from her for my mother

Fri. 12 Wind SW showery but inclined to clear off this day I accomplish my 42nd year having passed in Newfland very nearly 29 years of that time in which time I have seen many changes but have observed the Trade to be of that nature as never to allow any one concerned in the Fishery to rise to affluence in any outport, unless to regret it as my property lays here & cannot be now realized

Sat. 13 A fine day for dry Fish, shipped per Fanny off the beach the Lugger and others left for St. Johns. Wind WNW, came to rain at Evening

Sun. 14 Dull and moderate wind N.W. Maria, Meagher, passed N.. Shanahan came from St. Johns Went to Caplin Bay after dinner rained hard when came home, strong Gale at night

Mon. 15 Strong Gale heavy Rain from SE to NNE the Fanny drove foul of the wharf and damaged it, drove her off again, Rain hard all day washed out Harris Fish last trip loss suffered 90 qntls — Mister Whelan absent from the Room since September sore knee

Tue. 16 Fine Day Wind WNW Spread a good deal of Fish, put some in store, landed about 90 Qntls from Acton and laid all the large Boats up

Wed. 17 Rain, strong Breese from Southward no particular occurrence to note this day

Thu. 18 Strong gale from SW & WSW with heavy squalls and Rain - the Loon from Halifax put into Caplin Bay went round her found her bound to St. Johns all well about & at Halifax when she left it on 13th inst.

Fri. 19 Wind N.-NNE & NE. several craft from St. Johns, fine morning, showers at noon, caught all the flakes covered with Fish in the Harbour--put on the first piece of [Binds?] on new vessel. Wrote JHC, Mrs. EHW, C. Hutchings, Mr [G- —?] Mrs. Carter R. Pearce, Mrs. Rendell

Sat. 20 Wind S. dull & heavy rain towards Evening Mr. Goodridge cleared out his schooner Theresa for Bristol to sail tomorrow forwarded letters by her to all friends

Sun. 21 Dull morning. Wind veered to NW, fine day & strong Breeze. No particular occurrence of note Mr. Ewan Stabb called today. Theresa sailed today

Mon. 22 Wind NNW strong breese sun showers and fine between put some fish in with difficulty Osprey came in from the Banks Examined some men for Noah Cliff gave him the Examinations

Tue. 23 Wind NW fine day put fish in then loaded the Fanny & Shanahan for St. Johns & sent them away with the wind SW at night.

Wed. 24 Wind South hard rain, strong breese-cleared up a little towards evening had the cellars cleaned out —Croquet put into Caplin Bay from the Banks

Thu. 25 Fine morning Wind at NW - a good day for the Fish all through - no particular occurrence

Fri. 26 Dull day, Wind WSW no fish day Began to dig the potatoes a very poor crop indeed
Sat. 27 Fine day Wind WNW good fish day all through a hard frosty morning with. sleet in the night the wind strong North all night, fine evening. The Sniper & Lugger returned from St. Johns
Sun. 28 Fine soft SW wind, rather dull, several Boats started for St. Johns a very fine time indeed, No particular occurrence this morning Dull and foggy in the evening with strong breeze NE - The Shanahan came home in the night
Mon. 29 Strong NE Wind (a gale) cold & hard weather - This day being appointed for the Election of a Member of House of Assembly was busily employed to secure the return of R Carter which was done without opposition except from Mr. Winser who withdrew, chaired the Member he being born on others' shoulders seated on two Chains fixed on poles & carried through the Harbour with colours flying etc all of which passed off without accident or unpleasant occurrence except a few harsh words between some parties at the Hustings which was held in the Court House, the returning officer Mr. Ewan Stabb - the Member pledged to support the wishes of his constituents, to consult their opinions & truly represent them, to support the Trade & Fisheries & Agriculture, to promote economy in expenditure of public monies & with all taxes that tend to depress or lay heavy on the Poor Man - not to accept a place whilst member for this District
Tue. 30 Wind NNE good Fish day nothing particular occurred this day
Wed. 31 Wind NE a tolerable day, nothing particular occurred this day worth notice

1832 - NOVEMBER

Thu. 1 Wind West, a very fine day, People all clear and no work done for want of help -
Fri. 2 Wind SW hazy otherwise fine very warm - got up the last of the Potatoes a poor crop - those in the Pool not worth digging at all — in all 12 Barrels nearly
Sat. 3 Dull heavy Weather Moderate Breezes SSW No fish done -agreed P. Connelly, P Furneaux for 12 m'th Jno Bow to 1st March and Leyman for 12 M'th at 70/
Sun. 4 Wind strong NE a Brig put into Aquaforte this evening - Fanny came home from St. Johns
Mon. 5 Wind NNE light airs-very dull & heavy, poor day for Fish - the Brig put out before I could get to Aquaforte to examine her - Wrote Mr. Winser in reply to his letter about the people boarding her -
Tue. 6 Wind North, Showers of Hail, fair towards evening - put some Fish into store, Frosty towards night
Wed. 7 Wind NE to South, dull put in a few Qtls Fish, spread a good deal of the green fish - shipped P. Conners for James to work on the new vessel to 2nd week in March for £14 and a gallon or two Rum — Snowing hard at Night, strong Breese from S or SE
Thu. 8 Nothing particular this day except Mr. Stabb's Banker driving on shore under the Court House wrecked totally - blowing hard NE in the morning - a vessel put into Aquaforte
Fri. 9 Wind NW & WNW, very fine day, hard frost got a good deal of Fish in store - the Vessel put out of Aquafort before I could reach it —not known

Sat. 10 Wind South & SW. dull, showery Weather, inclined to snow, at Night clear & frost, WNW
 Sun. 11 Wind S& WSW strong breeze & soft weather dirty underfoot, blew hard at Night
 Mon. 12 Wind W & NW to NNW, very fine day for Fish got into store a good deal - many vessels passing in all directions - smart frost towards Night
 Tue. 13 Dull day, Wind SW, no particular occurrence
 Wed. 14 Wind S & foggy cleared towards Noon, Ship at Cape Broyle cleared out for Liverpool, put the clamps in the Vessel at Southside - spoke to Mr. Power about his wages
 Thu. 15 Wind NW snow showers, no day for Fish, the men hauling up putting the Boats uprights & filling the oil - Jas Mountain Jr. not at work - Mr. Power left the schooner. putting the Beams in new Vessel
 Fri. 16 Fine Day Wind NNW. Went to Cape Broyle & back - put Fish in store - cold and frosty weather today
 Sat. 17 No day for Fish, people employed cleaning up the Room, taking up Boats anchors, etc. wind SW
 Sun. 18 Calm with heavy rain, Sanders left for St. Johns Mon 19 Wind NE Wet Weather - Nothing particular this day. dull & stupid as Ferryland always was in such weather
 Tue. 20 Foggy & Rain, moderate SW wind, dull weather
 Wed. 21 Strong Gale at WNW frosty and dry great part of the flake at South side blew down all Hands gathering it up from the pier
 Thu. 22 Dull Winds these days-North strong, NW moderate & West dull, strong
 Fri. 23 Fine - put oil on board the Fanny on Friday, Fish 160 per [Qt] today
 Sat. 24 Dull no particular occurrence these days worth notice
 Sun. 25 to Dec. 2 All this week very severe weather variable Winds with very strong gales from all quarter from NE with very heavy falls of snow & sharp frost -

1832 - DECEMBER

Sun. 2 This 2 Dec'r the upper gabel of the Roof of the crop store blew off, struck the chimney of the House, broke down the palisading, a skiff nearly knocked to pieces at the Wharfs head & the old stage Head much injured -could hardly keep the Fanny in the Pool with all her ropes out - Rositers Boat rode out the Gale at single Anchor off the Wharf - large piece from flakes blown down this week over the porch - dreadfully severe weather for the season of the year —Mr. T. Wood had services at the Church today at 3 pm
 Mon. 3 Fine Weather & moderate -Wind NE to NW Leyman & others employed repairing Roof of the store with what has been saved of the boards, etc joist yet on the room -have been waiting all this week for a time to go to St. Johns - all the Fish off the flakes
 Tue. 4 Left for St. Johns on the 4th Dec'r Weather mild but snow by land - had very severe weather whilst at St. Johns - was quite frozen up the people walking on the Harbour and carrying loads on it for many days - few vessels arriving -bread and flour so scarce that money would not purchase it untill some vessels work in with cargo from the States, Hamburg, etc. those provisions fill a cutter and could be bought at high prices, Flour 50/ to 51/6 Bread 27/ to 30/ Pork 80/ Butter (about) 10 % to 1/ Melases 1/ Rum 2/6 Fish & Oil no

demand for at 10/9/ in Fish and 7/10/Hw for Oil cash fish for cash 9/3 8/3 7/3 by Auction at 2 months remit - was long detained by severity of the weather got here 3 days before -put into Bay Bulls for a few hours Saturday night - weather quite winter since I returned and has continued so up to this day — [Mon.31] [Dec.] The last day of one of the most eventful years I ever remember and the most backward for all Trade & Business - Dan [Hanryan?] poor man departed this life one of cares and troubles to him lately on 26th Nov'r old Mrs. Kennedy same day Several persons at work in new vessel —hoping to have her to the ice - Capt Thornton rigging at £5 per [man?] D Slincy a couple at 20/ per calendar month in addition to those before agreed - Jane Pit William Austin married by Parson Wood while I was at St. Johns - Mary Connors had a son - a child died at Aquafort - [Wm] Sanders tried & failed launching his new vessel - Coquette preparing to take on fish for market - Pool frozen over - Vessels arriving at St. Johns after very long time at sea on their return from Market some 73 days out others with fair passages –

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1833 - JANUARY

Tue. 1 1833 commences mild with S.S.W. wind & moderate, thawing freely - Fannyat Cape series of years in our Family may he rest in Peace –
to 10 Mar From the above period to the 10th March without any interruption it has been one continued series of frost and snow the former very sharp and of the latter heavy and continuous falls - The Harbour frozen over to bear for a long while many weeks the Coquette was frozen up nearly two months had her fish on board here 1st Febr'y when the Harbour opened and permitted her to go to Cape Broyle to complete her cargo where she was frozen up untill yesterday when she sailed & put back, the whole ocean having frozen in the night and the wind at S.E.—The Suzanna was launched on 20 Febr'y a letter day of frost, snow & drifts but went out very well as far as the lolly would allow her to go - The weather has been so severe and so little of consequence during that time that my Journal has been quite interrupted thereby but if the weather should continue mild shall again resume it..

1833 - MARCH

Sun. 10 Sunday, 10th March the wind S. & foggy, a free thaw - snow appears going very fast - I wrote J H Carter and sent it to St. Johns by Mr. Garret two days since - No sealers started for the ice yet - John Sanders not back from St. Johns where his & Wm Sanders' boat have been frozen up the winter and prevented coming back here. No vessels can have approached the coast for many days about a fortnight since two schooners and a brig were off - one vessel lay 36 hours with lolly close to Bald Head, but no Boat could go to her assistance nor could man walk upon it - she drove to sea with a change of wind still jammed up - said with Coals from Sydney

Mon. 11 Fine mild morning, wind N.E. inclined to freeze, tolerably good day - lolly on the coast but not far off. Bo't a seals punt of M. Morry Jr., for £3

Tue. 12 Wind N.E. moderate frost dull weather lolly, still along the coast Angerona nearly ready for the ice - fine afternoon, wind same way

Wed. 13 Wind N.E. with rain -moderate, coast lined with lolly Harbour partly filled

with ice?

Thu. 14 Moderate & foggy wind south froze very little during the night - Rec'd letters last evening from John Sanders over land from La Manche where he left his boat bound home from St. Johns Pelter sailed for the ice. Coquette for Portugal - wind still SW fine even'g Wind at NW at night with frost

Fri. 15 Moderate very fine morning J. Sanders boat came home from St. Johns absent 9 weeks a very fine day indeed Crew of the Angerona went out of the House to eat onboard the vessel - Angerona ready for sea this evening

Sat. 16 Wind Southwest moderate Angerona sailed frosty night, Harbour caught over strongly Ro Dullaney left in his boat for St. Johns - discharged G Dalton - Leyman and Waterman at work on the Fanny commenced today - snow towards evening

Sun. 17 Wind NNW very fine morning cloudy at times during the day - moderate - a schooner off trying Northward, a boat passed south supposed for Renew's - moderately cold - 8 or 9 vessels passed southward The Surprise and [Frenchoild?] among them

Mon. 18 Thomas Waterman drunk today, not at work - Wind west fine day Smart frost - Harbour caught over Batcock sent up [oars] did not secure them -

Tue. 19 Wind S moderate, mild some snow Pendergast and H. Whelan about Brigus Room - ordered to get Matt Bryan's holdings - a vessel passed Northward Thos Waterman at work again.

Wed. 20 Fine morning Wind NE frost in the night but not severe - dull towards evening, moderat

Thu. 21 Fine morning frosty during night. Calm-light breezes from Westward, fine day thawed in the sun froze in the shade-

Fri. 22 Fine morning - rain towards noon, calm-silver thaw during last night-

Sat. 23 Mild, moderate & Hazy-wind SSW thawing freely - gave Mr. Winser the [bond?] [sent via] Sanders [—]Brig Sept. 19.

Sun. 24 Fair day. Wind NW slight frost & some snow during the night a vessel passed North - a Brig Norval passed towards noon

Mon. 25 Wind NW fair breeze fine day had out some fish on the flakes, employed John Whelan & Solm'n Sweeney - Weighed off Sisk & Co.'s fish.

Tue. 26 Wind from South to ENE towards evening a strong breeze with silver thaw - removed the Fanny to the point of beach - every appearance of a gale of wind.

Wed. 27 Wind SE all night, a strong gale, a heavy sea came home towards morning and the wind died away the sea broke up the ice on the rocks which coming into the Harbour injured nearly all the waterside premises in the place - D. Callahan's stage all gone - Morrison's partly, Wrights and Norris's platform - J H Carter's waterside flake - Cummins's flake - Wright's boat sank in the mouth of the Pool - wind veered to NW & drove nearly all the wreck out to sea - a drift knocked in piers? at JHC's stage on the beach -Hard gale W with snow at night.

Thu. 28 Wind at W strong breezes with snow a rough day after a rougher night, freesing but not very hard- nothing stirring in this dull place

Fri. 29 Wind W fine & moderate

Sat. 30 Wind moderate from NW to NNW. Rich'd Dullanty came home from St. Johns frosty but fine day. crew of McGill's Maria came from Trepassey

Sun. 31 Wind NNW Snow & frost during night. Seaman belonging to McGill's

Maria applied for relief to go to St. Johns This vessel was lost on Biscay Bay some days since

1833 - APRIL

Mon. 1 Fair morning, strong breeze NE cloudy at times-afternoon and evening fine A schooner went into Caplin Bay

Tue. 2 Wind NE went to Cape Broyle & back - boarded the Rapid W Warren from Dartmouth - 6 weeks passage Rec'd letters from James by her she bro't blocks and cement there at Cape Broyle - fair day-mild, strong breeze

Wed. 3 Wind Nrth - changed during the day from SE to West fair day all through a good deal of sea on the shore

Thu. 4 Wind west-a fair day. Sent for hay up Caplin Bay, J. Whelan, J Sweeney, E [Freman?] J Gorman, Tho'r Row & R'd Prowse's man, R'd Dullanty & J Sanders' boats went to St. Johns. Phoenix arrived from Lisbon in 5 weeks' passage

Fri. 5 Wind SW dull, mild and moderate nothing particular [happened] this day

Sat. 6 Wind S, hazy with smart rain & free thaw but moderate breezes-cleared up in the evening

Sun. 7 Wind.NE snow during last night, moderate weather & a light frost-a schooner with colors up standing in towards Caplin Bay - the Louisa -Huxtable from [Trepassi?], with salt

Mon. 8 Easter Day. Calm - wind inbound from Southward - Louisa put out for St. Johns several vessels in sight - forwarded my qu'r Court Returns per Louisa - very fine all day, thawing freely

Tue. 9 Fine, wind ENE. several vessels in sight moderate all day free thaw, foggy towards evening not fitting for any fish

Wed. 10 Foggy, moderate NE wind in the morning changed to South at night foggy with rain Sydney of Sydney, Culliton Master at Fermeuse

Thu. 11 Wind S to SW Vble-moderate-Rain in the morning-wind W at night and dry - dined at the Priest's-J.W. Martin there

Fri. 12 Fine day Wind NE strong breeze- had out a good deal of fish - dried considerably -the boats returned from St. Johns, J Lunsen N Harris and R'd Dullanty reports of several sealers being in laden with seals

Sat. 13 Wet foggy weather light airs from NE rain occasionally during the day

Sun. 14 Wind SW moderate mild and rather cloudy but appears inclined to clear up towards noon

Mon. 15 Wind West strong gale rain in the morning clear towards noon -fine evening

Tue. 16 Wind NW very fine day, spread a deal of fish - Hearn at work fitting out Fanny began to rig her several men employed at southside about fish

Wed. 17 Wind South - fine morning- snow towards noon, had Latimer employed about the fish 3/4 day-put on board the Phoenix 50 Qtls - strong breeze & snow towards night

Thu. 18 Wind all round the compass - dull part of the day clear at times - shipped 123 Qtls per Phoenix today -Sweeney and Whelan employed about it all day -

Fri. 19 Wind N fine day - Phoenix sailed for [Market?] Labourers employed at dry fish - fine day

Sat. 20 Fair day - wind vble from N to W & SW at night snow at night wind inland to NE —Labourers at work about fish Fanny took in fish from the beach

Sun. 21 Fine morning Wind NW frosty & fair all day

Mon. 22 Dull morning Wind SE snow in the day mild towards night [—] full of snow and silver thaw
Tue. 23 Strong gale from NE and N with frost and snow very severe day all through until evg when it died
Wed. 24 Wind NW mild & moderate put fish on board the Fanny - dull morning, clear at night -
Thu. 25 Wind NE fine day moderate Angerona came in reported 2100 seals -had a few friends to spend the evening being anniversary of wedding day. Waterman went to Angerona
Fri. 26 Fine day wind NW Angerona left for St. Johns Fanny to leave tonight
Sat. 27 Wind NE moderate Fanny put back R'd Dullanty arrived from St. Johns H'y Pinsen came in [--] also a box of clothes from [—]
Sun. 28 Strong gale from NE with heavy sea & dull weather - party on Sealer belonging to Greens Pond put into Caplin Bay few seals - others partly [-]
Mon. 29 Wind NE strong breeze - dull with showers-calm towards evening dry over Head
Tue. 30 Wind WSW fine day -Fanny sailed for St. Johns - Pelter hove in sight about 6 o'clock evening 400 seals

1833 - MAY

Wed. 1 Wind NNW very fine day - not one in service today besides Leyman – Gorman & Row remain at work James Sisk & Ro't [Fetching?] to deal & have their fish cured at 2/9 per Qtl - a St. Johns sealer came in leaky no seals
Thu. 2 Dull moderate wind West - enclosed Winsor's letter etc from the Governor - towards evening South — Mr. Sander's boat came home from St. Johns Mr. Richards in her -snowing fast at nightfall
Fri. 3 Wind NE moderate with rain & sleet
Sat. 4 Wind NE cold N towards evening - Angerona came home from St. Johns during last night, commenced landing her casks etc
Sun. 5 Fine day vble wind from NE to SE moderate a sealer came in with loss of sails, punts etc & two men Fanny of Carbonear - lent her a sail & Gaff-
Mon. 6 Wind at West. S. West, dull good breeze - Norris, Deveraux & R'd Dullanty left for St. Johns Bennett & Co Sealer also - many vessels passed along Wrote to R. Carter MP - per Noms also JM Rendell
Tue. 7 Wind NE to S vble fine warm day moderate measured the board bro't by J Sanders it contains 279 feet instead of 500 ft Angerona laid up- first fresh fish caught today
Wed. 8 Dull heavy SW wind strong breeze damp weather Grice? & Bow at the garden after breakfast-strong breeze towards night & showers-wind west
Thu. 9 Wind SW moderate It rain-no particular occurrence this day evening rather finer Wind W several frsh fish caught
Fri. 10 Wind NE strong breeze snow in the morning cleared off find day towards noon Brazel's boat came home from St. Johns Fanny came home at night
Sat. 11 Wind moderate at East, fine Mr. Stabb and Mr. Wright came in the Fanny last night - a sailor for the Angerona also - Pat Feneseey & Pat Connelly came home last night - at work this day - discharged the Fanny - Connelly not at work
Sun. 12 Wind SW misling rain - moderate breeze - mild weather fine towards evening wind NW - Large portion of the flake at the southside fell down this morning
Mon. 13 Hearn discharged & Fanny's crew Wind S rain smart all day-Leyman Ryan

at the Angerona Garret & Jas Mountain Sr also at the Angerona this day for 3/4 day-Jas Gorman came into service per Fanny - Rec'd [-] plants from St. Johns per R'd Dullanty

Tue. 14 Wind SE to ESE moderate dull with fog rising out of the ground the first I have run for this spring - no boats on the fishery yet - Norris & Saunders home from St. Johns

Wed. 15 Wind SW dull & foggy - moderate - sowed turnips-radishes-carrots & celery - NE towards night and hard rain - a good many fish caught in punts, no boats else out -People not inclined to settle on shares, no one inclined to ship men - Angerona's man work 1/2 day

Thu. 16 Strong gale from NNE with sleet and hard rain accompanied by a very heavy sea - towards noon more moderate

Fri. 17 Variable wind - fine morning wind NW veered to NE with rain - moderate - set potatoes today - scimitar peas, the last now dry, rest soaked, 6 rows in all - Mich'l Sliney came in service for the Fanny - the rest of the upper bed next the gate set with Imperial blue peas - set dry- evening snow, ground covered.

Sat. 18 Wind South, fair, ground covered with snow but going fast before the sun - moderate -Sliney and four men to Cape Broyle with bulk, but back last evening. Active's crew in service today Moses Murphy left for St. Johns sent letters per him Set Sage, Thyme, Kidney & broad beans & Sasiflax. Active launched this evening - boat returned from Cape Broyle - set the lower garden in potatoes, 7-1/2 bunches- Dalton & Mountain at the Neptune, Mr. Sanders left for St. Johns & the Pelter for Portugal. Snow all gone that fell yesterday and last night but this evening cold with sleet Bought anchors of Mr. Stabb for 3-1/4 pds -7 of them. Received some spars from E. Stabb 2/6 ea also some board & line 5/- a Waterpot 6/-payable in fish or oil.

Sun. 19 Calm morning, snowing ground covered with snow 2 or 3 inches deep, cleared a little towards noon now going away wet and unpleasant underfoot - snow gone at evening - frost at night

Mon. 20 Wind NE good breeze fine rather frosty morning 1 vessel off bound Northw'd. John Stabb at work in the Angerona today - commenced loading the Fanny, launched the Minerva - wind south in the afternoon NE again at night cold fog -

Tue. 21 Wind NW fair morning several craft passing to the Northward - I priced Hearn's fish & put it onboard the Fanny - Norris's small boat left for the Westward , the large one last evening - launched the Neptune -very fine all day.

Wed. 22 Wind south moderate with light rain -shipped Mr Mackey for treasury £15.10.0 -Rain towards night -agreed with W Mountain & others for the Lively in various ways per fishery [scheme?].

Thu. 23 Wind SW dull morning prepared to go to St. Johns per Fanny agreed [Burry?] for £7 wages -Jn Shanahan 1/2 fish clear - paid Ed [Burrows?] 2 dollars on a/c of Wm Lahy charged in the books before to Lahy & James Kelley. C came in service - left for St. Johns per Fanny.

{ED: one week spent in St. John's.}

1833 - JUNE

Sat. 1 Fine day, wind NW returned from St. Johns per Fanny left it on Thursday .

evening and came in here at 6 o'clock at night

Sun. 2 Wind NW fine warm day wind varied from NW to S and SW. Several vessels passing to St. Johns

Mon. 3 Wind NE hard rain all day began at the Fanny to unload was obliged to desist being too wet. Little doing in Fish today.

Tue. 4 Wind NE strong breeze with rain and very cold No boats out could not work at the Fanny to discharge her - Lively to go to the Westward this evening - Lively sailed.

Wed. 5 Strong breeze NE dry overhead but dull vessel to the Northward towards evening. Leyman & Waterman at the Sylph 1/2 day today

Thu. 6 Dry day wind variable Mr. Gregory went fishing today caught a qtl or so of fish did not land it - Leyman & Waterman at work at Sylph also Garnet & J Mountain Sen'r -set second crop of peas - first crop above ground

Fri. 7 Fine dry wind from South to SW Fanny sailed for St. Johns boats at sea - Leyman and Waterman at work at Sylph evening wind at SW very dull & moderate little fish brought in by the boats that have been out - many vessels passing to the Northward

Sat. 8 Wind SW fine day dull towards evening Snipefish returned from St. Johns - passengers E Stabb, B G Garret, Wm Richards and others. Letters from Shaldon & from J H Carter by them. Launched the Sylph this evening-Norris's boat, Sanders, Martin home from the Westward with split fish said to be 50 Qtls. No shore fish

Sun. 9 Wet morning - wind SSW hard rain moderate evening calm with heavy fog. Dull heavy weather. Called at Freshwater, Robert Carter having returned from St. Johns. Weather cold for the time of year.

Mon. 10 Light airs from the Southward, dull & hazy with a very heavy sea on the shore - the boats made no hand of fishing this day - evening clouds off fine - wind at West Waterman at work for the Sylph, Leyman the Brig - Shoreman in after rhinds all day

Tue. 11 Wind S to SW heavy sea fair morning. Rain towards night Boats no fish this evening Tho's Waterman at work and will finish this day I expect. Shoremen rhinding -have now 28 bundles of 12 each.

Wed. 12 Wind from S to W strong breeze heavy sea rain all night with wind E & NE Boats brought but little fish from the offing - Coquette sailed for the Banks Waterman returned to his work on the Angerona All the boats afloat except one and she quite ready Shoremen all in after rhinding - Mike Bryan died today

Thu. 13 Wind strong from S W with smart showers rather chilly but no frost, strong breezes. Fanny returned from St. Johns - boats all in from sea blowing so hard -Mr. Stabb embarking for St. Johns in Snipefish.

Fri. 14 Wind North fine strong breeze Boats do no good this day - Fanny unloading - Snipefish detained - wrote to Mrs. Woolcombe rec'd letters from England - Cutter Prickle Newman & Co. Mr. Thos Hunt and Miss Thom on board her - Fanny discharged nearly - calm at night dull

Sat. 15 Hard rain all night wind SSW veered with thick fog to NE. This morning came home from the Westward Prickle Cutter could not get out - Gregory & Shanahan bro't in first fish worth notice from the offing 6 Qtls ea - Pat Connelly sick - Fanny discharged cucumbers up 2 plants -cleared off at night Wind at W

Sun. 16 Wind NNW fine moderate Mr Stabb's family left in the Snipe for St. Johns. Prickle left for St. Johns - many vessels passed both ways today - don't think Mr. Stabb could have got into St. Johns tonight

Mon. 17 Calm & dull wind inclined out - NE towards noon & heavy strong breeze at night with hard rain - Sylph went out first time to fish

Tue. 18 Moderate NE with fog & rain boats all at sea some fish brought in last night by small ones, the large ones remained out - continued wet until night. R. Carter, M. Morry Jr. T. Brown & S Waigle dined with me today, so cold as to require a fire in the parlour - most of the boats caught to leeward Bait crew bringing home stuff from Caplin Bay - Shoremen repairing the flakes - Cooper at the cauk and G Dalton caulking some pouts and skiffs daily getting ready for caplin - but no first signs, the weather cold - caught no lobsters yet.

Wed. 19 Cold NE wind strong breeze but dry -moderate towards evening - no fish caught

Thu. 20 Wind NE in the morning, very fine veered to the southward at noon and continued fine - boats all at sea- Snipefish ret'd from St. Johns - Fanny left for Cape Broyle - many strange boats from the north part of the district put in yesterday & left today.

Fri. 21 Wind S. fine morning Snipe coming from the Bay - barked salmon & mackerel netts, sold capelin seine - calm at night - Active coming in from the Westward -paid old Mr. Morry his balance by cash and order.

Sat. 22 Wind SSW foggy - Snipe sailed for St. Johns gardens do not come on very well yet but the weather is warmer than last season [Heaney?] 90 Qtls, No caplin yet. Fine towards night but little fish brought in by any of the boats tonight.

Sun. 23 Foggy with light rain - wind NE light wind in the morning -The Fanny left for Cape Broyle on Thursday expect her home today - No caplin yet but likely to be in with rise of tides, very little fish caught all last week in the offing - the boats from the Westward bring favourable accounts of fish about Cape St. Mary's and the Bay - Jn Sanders home full about 100 qtls. A row at Southside this evening. E. Gregory and J. [—?] fighting.

Mon. 24 Foggy, wind NE moderate, washed out the Active's fish a few caplin caught by Wm. Costello this morning several bait skiffs from North and South looking round for caplin. Mr. Jno Skinner arrived here at Mr. A.H. Carter's, son to Col. Thomas Skinner - Hearn ready for the Westward, some fish caplin of no consequence caught this day.

Tue. 25 Foggy, wind NE moderate - Hearn left in the night - Lively came in pretty well fished - Norris's boat home bring accounts of fish being very plenty at the Westward and that caplin have been caught at St. Mary's - not any caplin here yet. Fanny returned from Cape Broyle Mr. Gregory brought some fish from the offing- landed Mr. [B—'s —?].

Wed. 26 Foggy. Wind SE moderate with very heavy sea on the shore all the boats obliged to turn back from the narrows could not get out too much sea to try again caplin at the back - Sylph gone. William 4th ascended the throne.

Thu. 27 Clear - wind S.W. fine - began fitting out the Fanny for codseining - Lively's crew and Angerona's joined, 7 shares for vessel & sean, three for Angerona, four for Lively. Fanny left in the night, Lively in the afternoon a few caplin caught at Aquaforte this day —

Fri. 28 Win S. Moderate thick fog a good deal of caplin caught this morning. Boats

out with a tub each? caught in Freshwater -some boats made good catches this day

Sat. 29 Calm, inclined to Southward, fine but not bright -St. Peter & St. Paul s day - Bait skiff did not get bait untill 10 o'clock in the day - no boats out - and Moran and Shanahan told they would be held accountable for the loss of not going out. All the boats in the harbour laying in, and caplin in the back of the Beach - fish at the back this morning. Advertised the sale of Hutchings' property by auction for Monday 8th July next—a good deal of fish at the back few caplin among them - caplin in the harbour Sanders hauled some fish in his caplin seine - the skiffs that went out caught a good deal of fish, fine afternoon, variable winds.

Sun. 30 South, dull, inclined to be foggy - moderate- noon very fine wind N.W. bait skiff went to C. Ray and returned & went off to Aquaforte suppose bait not in plenty -Northern bait boats sailed from CBay with bait sent off letters c/o Mary Walsh for the advertising C. H. Hutchings property. Plenty caplin this evening.

1833 - JULY

Mon. 1 Wind S.S.W, moderate with rain-cleared off at noon-fine evening. Moon rose eclipsed and the eclipse increased untill the moon was hid by a cloud - full moon-caplin plenty - the boats nearly all loaded tonight. Sniper Fish in from St. Johns.

Tue. 2 Calm morning Wind Vble all day from S to NW - Shoremen done in the stage about 10 o'clock. Showed Mr. Sweetland the letter to the magistrates with the Nuisance Act in it - set a salmon nett at Isle au Bois - caplin plenty - fish scarce in the morning - only two boats in this evening, chief part of the day calm.

Wed. 3 Wind S with showers & foggy set a salmon net last evening nothing in it to day salmon scarce - Wind veered to West - strong with showers -cleared Boats all well fished this evening caplin plenty.

Thu. 4 Fine morning - wind N.W- Stuart & [Rennie's?] Banker in Caplin Bay for Bait - went to Fermeuse in the boat & back at evening rain with the wind to the S.W. & fog. caught salmon in the net - But not a great catch today too calm - all day a little off the land.

Fri. 5 Wind at West fine - Wrote Mrs. Carter - Graham & Taylor requesting early reply - Evening showery - Banker went out of CBay Snipe left for St. Johns - Mrs. Garrett's family went in her not to return here a good riddance to the place - Wind NW.

Sat. 6 Wind WNW fine day moderate breeze no fish or salmon in the net -capelin do not appear to be in on the coast here at all plenty yet - Betty [Rositer?] reports 50 [-s] on shore this day -Coquette came in wind came up NE in a flurry -Active came home.

Sun. 7 Wind NE moderate -dull, cleared away towards afternoon - the Leah passed Northward with the wind for the Southward calm at night - caplin under the Downs.

Mon. 8 Wind at West, fine boats all at sea with plenty of caplin taken under the Downs, not plenty elsewhere - a Man of War passed to the Northward all in sail - sale of Mr. Hutchings' remains this day at ten o'clock fish plenty, caplin rather scarce, Fanny put into Aquaforte not heard from her yet - boats

generally well fished many landed -Active ready for [seine?].

Tue. 9 Calm with rain -unwell with rheumatism in the back -Coquette reported 4 or 5000 fish only very [leaky?]- Sent Leyman to Mr Sanders today to work - the boats pretty well fished tonight in some instances & others poorly, capelin appear to be very shy every place, none north of Brigus it is said - have hard Rheumatism across my back several days. Winds all round the compass today with much rain.

Wed. 10 Wind SWS good breeze, hazy & sultry not all the boats in the Harbour out cannot find for certain that the Fanny is in Aquaforte -no caplin in Caplin today Bait Boat got none -plenty at the Back of the Beach - Coquette sailed bait brought across for the Bait skiff by her crew - Dwyer & Co. have about 50~ or 60~ (Qs?) fish plenty - Wm Saunders haul'd at the back in the codseine a good haul - the boats did not load as all would today had the skiff not missed the bait in the morning - salt getting very low.

Thu. 11 Wind strong from West fine at times clouds heavy plenty of caplin for the day taken at the back of the beach last evening - a great many fish gaff'd on shore at the Back very large fish indeed -Snipefish home from St. Johns & Sch'r to RC called the Wellington -salt, etc. Plenty fish and bait also plenty.

Fri. 12 Wind south, foggy moderate Phoenix in from Gibraltar with salt in 28 days - relieved her on examination finding all well onboard-a clean Bill of Health & Capt reporting all well at Gibraltar - Bo't 100 Hhd salt from the Phoenix deliverable at the wharf for 12/p Hhd pble {ED: hogshead payable} in fish or cash then St. Johns price 1/2 payable in first fish when he has a vessel landing - 1/2 in September.

Sat. 13 Wind SW hazy damp strong breeze, boats all at sea, caplin caught at Aquaforte & at Caplin Bay - some boats who took their own bait out late - Sent to Fermeuse for letters ordering salt from J.S. & Co. and to countermand that order - about 2 pm a heavy storm of thunder & lightning with hard showers came on very suddenly, wind round to NW & changed away in the evening -little fish among the boats - Mr. Richards was this day applied to by Mr. John Skinner for the key of the church which was refused to him -1 wrote him a note summoning him to send it to Mr. S. - an application was made to me for the use of the Court House for Divine Service tomorrow which of course I granted.

Sun. 14 Wind North fine moderate -strong breeze towards noon & after-three Nova Scotia vessels came in this evening & one with salt from St. Johns in this morning - two lumber from Bay Vert & one cattle - Many vessels in sight to day passing N & S.

Mon. 15 Wind NE veered SE moderate, dull - took out the salt from the Phoenix 100 Hhds - Vessel from Antigonish with cattle for St. Johns - The Glasgow - sent Nuisance Act to B. Sweetland to write of 9 & 10 sections for the Public guidance - wind SE in the evening with rain the boats catch of fish very partial - Fanny in sight from St. Mary's Bay -

Tue. 16 Wind SW moderate - the Nova Scotia vessels left for St. Johns in fair time - some fish hauled with codsein at the back of the Beach - Caplin rather scarce today - Norris's & Brazel's boats not out till late cleared up fair towards evening - landed sails etc from the Fanny -not much fish coming in by the boats - Wellington sailed for Sydney.

Wed. 17 Moderate-no salmon or any other fish in the net to day saw a large curlew

yesterday- caplin more plentiful than for some days -Boats fished as yesterday not plenty though some boats have caught a good deal -1 saw a large curlew again to day Herrings made their appearance to day - Issued a summons for Thos [F—ing?] to appear at Court.

Thu. 18 Wind S to SW fine day -washed out Fanny's fish Active came home with loss of punt - Caplin plenty, little fish caught with lines - Went to Caplin Bay to Tea in the boat. Mrs. Carter, Emily, Self and boys. Lights out in the stages at 10 o'clock - bad sign.

Fri. 19 Wind NE foggy-moderate-very little fish to be had, reported to be plenty on the bottom but not to be caught-gave Hearn another Punt & some cordage to replace his loss - crew out in a punt fishing this day. -Mr. Wright hauled some fish on Crow Island rock in his codsein

Sat. 20 Wind at E fog & rain- moderate, fish scarce on the lines, but plenty seen on the bottom -little catching in the codseines & the accounts from the Westward that no fish at all is to be had there lately - the Boats better off than at this time last year but the prospects of a catch unfavourable at present - caplin now plenty at Caplin Bay

Sun. 21 Vble wind fair day -Mr. Skinner read prayers at the church this day for the second time, think he improves much -few persons attended the church - nothing now stirring in the place - Walked to the Downs the evening being very fine - Mary Morry dined here

Mon. 22 Wind SW dull -Hard rain nearly all day- fish small & scarce - caplin plenty - several salmon caught back of the Beach - our net not out

Tue. 23 Phoenix sailed for Sydney - Wrote Mr. Smith by her that this place would take a cargo of coals annually of 3 to 400Hhds likely to fetch 6/per Hhd - Wind NNW very fine day - set the salmon net - Hard showers towards evening caught the fish - caught 4 salmon. A vessel from Sydney put in this evening.

Wed. 24 Strong breeze - several vessels passing - caught 12 salmon - gave 1 to Mr. Wright 1 -to Judge's folks -1 to Southside House - Sydney Vessel sailed this morning - spread a good deal of fish - caplin rather scarce the Bait Skiff gave the Boats none this day The fish caught by the Boats uncommon small & soft before split - shoremen all night in the stages for only a few Quintals of fish. Wind NNW very fine - strong breeze at night - heavy and misty.

Thu. 25 A remarkable fine day, strong breeze from WNW fish and caplin rather scarce, dogfish very plenty - very few salmon - Wrote Mr. Rich'ds requesting him to take his sheep from Little Ship Island.

Fri. 26 Very fine day, wind at W. Live/y came home with about 60 Qtls fish - reports fish plenty at Trepassey & scarce at St. Mary's Bay - Caplin yet at Trepassey Beach - Some fish at the Back to night - J. Jillard & Wm Mountain's crew put the Seine across - No bait from the Bait Boat this day - Caplin in small loads and scarce - caught 2 salmon this evening.

Sat. 27 Strong gale at WNW good catch of fish in the morning - rather dull - caplin at Aquaforte - Live/y washed out her fish - some of the boats caught a good deal of fish at the Head to day - more fish in shore now than last year this time - quite plenty of Haddocks & Dogfish -Richards's sheep still on Ship Island

Sun. 28 Wind South, foggy - killed the Pictou cow's calf yesterday - this day ends with smart rain - went to church twice - Mr. Skinner read prayers, etc.

Mon. 29 Fine morning - with showers during the day - wind NNW to NW. Fish plenty,

not much caplin at the Bay or Aquaforte, plenty at Cape Broyle - John Stabb drunk this day - a cutter at Caplin Bay supposed from St. Johns. W. Sweetland at the Courthouse.

Tue.30 Pelter left for St. Johns Bait Boat got caplin up the Bay gave it to the Boats & went to Cape Broyle - fish pretty plenty if caplin are plenty - fine weather to forward the fish - fair dry wind WNW Eliza went in Pelter. Sent court house papers by Eliza.

Wed.31 Wind SSE with very heavy rain & dull towards 9 am a heavy gale of wind, boats all driven in from sea - destroyed the plots in front of the House - and looked just like a winter day - expect the moon was full last night, the night was fine, moderate & clear - Circuit Court vessel put in to this Harbour last night on its passage southward and escaped a good breeze by doing so - The Rein Deer belonging to Perchard Bing & Co: gale moderate towards evening & weather cleared dup wind veered to SW.

1833 - AUGUST

Thu. 1 Fair day - Rein Deer still at Anchor - called on Judge H Wm. DesBarres - wind W to South moderate - Wm. Sweetland & Mr. [Hood?] dined with me to day - left early for the Bay - Bait boat home from Cape Broyle with caplin -fish very scarce to day.

Fri. 2 Fair day. wind SW to W. Put aboard 91 Blocks at Capelin Bay on Wm. Sweetland's Abut for Mr. Rendell, also 1 salmon. Wrote Eliza and others - Bait boat with caplin from Cape Broyle, 16 piles of fish made.

Sat. 3 Fair weather for fish, moderate, SW & W wind. Rein Deer sailed again in her circuit with the officers thereof - the Cutter Abut left Cape Broyle for St. Johns, John Skinner in her. Had Philip Bryan on Ryan's Warrant at the Court House & bound him to appear at S C Court - Bait skiff home from Cape Broyle very few caplin there - Boats not much fish - Sylph home report to have 50 Qtls - expect not so much -

Sun. 4 Fine morning - moderate, approaching a calm - Went to Caplin Bay after dinner with Mrs. Carter & children in our boat, staid to Tea, sent our cards into Mrs. Sweetland - directed to Miss J. Keating by Mrs. Wm Morry's girl - calm at night no caplin this evening some Herrings caught by Deveraux in his net this morning —

Mon. 5 Fine day caught 6 salmon - no caplin - those who had Herrings on hand caught a good deal of fish - fish playing in at the back of the Beach to night - Mackerel seen some few caught in a net putting out - Boats all in for want of Bait - were at Cape Broyle all night the only place any caplin have been of late - Deveraux haul'd lance in Caplin bay. Heard of JHC's arrival at St. Johns, sent 3 salmon to St. Johns - Mr. Rendell-1, J. Rendell,1 - Mr. Hoyles 1, per Jn Shanahan sent off in Shanahan's junk.

Tue. 6 Herrings plenty to day upwards 100 for a Net & a few mackerel also taken - Whelan out with herrings caught 6 salmon this day - caught five tubs lance at Caplin Bay - fish in lance not scarce - Deveraux's boats had a good deal of fish to night.

Wed. 7 Calm nearly all day-fog & fine at intervals D Donovan nicely lined on Lance - J Whelan newly landed last night on herrings- these boats made the best hand of it among our boats - put out nets for new haul - Caught 14 salmon, sent one to Miss Carter - great many mackerel & herrings beaching outside

the Gaps -bait crew sailing back for seins

Thu. 8 Wind S to SW foggy at times, fair afternoon- hove down the Angerona - T. Rositer at work this day, the 2nd day - gave up bait boat discharged the crew caplin on the shore about Cape Race plenty -fish also there in abundance - Islands of ice in sight to day & have to this day all thro' summer - Active home quite full of split fish - some few squids taken in the nets last night.

Fri. 9 Foggy, wind South caught 1 salmon extraord'y large -& herring 20 inches long from nose to tail. 5 inches deep at deepest part 2/2 inches thick across the back & weighed three lbs - it had every appearance & shape of a herring, scales & color exactly, and in no way could I discover the slightest dissimilarity - no squids today - Rositer at work on the Brig -Mr. Crooks at work on the Fanny 2/6 a day, this 1st day at work -

Sat. 10 Wind S. Foggy. Caught 2 salmon this morning - plenty of herrings in some of the nets last night - fish scarce boats that went out all returned in again - came on a very strong breeze from South - Lively came home well fished - Rositer at work, obliged to let up the Angerona -looks well now for a windy fall I think & perhaps an early winter, little summer weather up to this time as yet - Peas & beans in blossom now - a regular rainy day -

Sun. 11 A mild looking morning, the sun peeping out between the heavy clouds that are sailing along in the air - a strong breeze from SSW dull & heavy at intervals pretty much sea outside the Heads. Cut first cabbage today, from English plants, I believe the first in Ferry land - have had turnips twice or thrice very fine ones - garden a good deal injured by the wind.

Mon. 12 Wind WNW fine day - Rob't Fitzharris drunk drove him away from the Room - Mr. Kerney came to work on the Angerona - a brig passed South today with Ensign at Peak another same & blue at fore under red pennant the latter black with a Head - no salmon this day Shannahan came back from St. Johns, JH Carter passenger in her from St. Johns and England.

Tue. 13 Fine day, nothing particular occurred this day. Boats all in wanting Bait - herring & mackerel scarce no salmon.

Wed. 14 Foggy, Wind SW -Phoenix arrived from Sydney 4 days passage dull evening with fog. Nothing doing in the fishery, most boats cleaning - Judge Carter returned from St. Johns in [Sam?] Jennings schooner

Thu. 15 Dull foggy day wind South moderate - had a party to Tea - Mr & Mrs. Morry, Mary and Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Wright & J H Carter. Miss J. Keating invited but did not come, spent a pleasant evening. Wrote Mr. Rendell per [Ridg—?] It is said squids have been caught at Aquaforte to day little bait little fish this day - Ryan to mow grass today - Wrote [Nason/Nunan?]'s lawyer a letter - also to Morry. - Entered the Phoenix with coals - no salmon to day took in one net - transplanted celery plants - rain, moderate.

Fri. 16 Dull, foggy weather nothing of note on this day squids taken at Aquaforte yesterday 100 per a boat little fish or bait wind NE towards noon, rain, moderate -

Sat. 17 Foggy. NE wind. moderate with much swell some few squids caught in the Harbour few mackerel & nice few herrings, fish by the boats that have bait. Coquette in with 13,000 fish -out a long time - Phoenix discharging coals no particular occurrence this day besides -

Sun. 18 Dull with fog, sun shining through it - The Judge, Miss Carter, R.C./RN and

Mrs. A. H. Carter called today for first time, ever.. Win ENE nearly calm - wet towards evening - Morry and his son Thomas, & JHC dined with me. Mr. Jno Skinner read the service in the church twice this day - 29 attended there.

Mon. 19 Dull & foggy, rather wet little wind from South, very bad weather for the fish expect some will be spoiled Mr. Crooks not at work - Ro't Wallace not at work - Fanny hove down - much rain this day.

Tue. 20 Wind NW fine day - sold a [House/horse?] of C. Hutchings at [Iris?] Cove - to W. Batcock for 10/- [Cow?] to be taken away by him - No squids today few herrings L. [Gearing?] in boat for St. Johns - Spent the evening at Capelin Bay at M. Morry Jr.'s gave Tho Morry on order of Wm. Sanders on Rennie, Stuart & Co. to get the [brig?] & send me by someone - squids very scarce.

Wed. 21 Wind NNW tolerably fine day, caught 1 mackerel no salmon. Entered in from St. Johns the Dolphin Capt Dollard - Mr. Congdon from Fermeuse came here, he dined with me and returned to Fermeuse -

Thu. 22 Wind light airs from the Southward fair morning bait scarce except herrings but appears to be plenty in some places but others scarce. Fish said to be plenty at the harbour edge.

Fri. 23 Wind NW very fine morning - Fanny sailed for St. Johns in ballast- James went in her, & Thos Morry - left about 'A-past 6 in the morning - towards evening the wind came up fast NE very warm all day bait scarce fish plenty when bait can be got with squids or herrings - Went over to Capelin Bay to look at JHC's [-?] fish - had to row home being nearly calm. NE, rain at night.

Sat. 24 Strong gale NE wind and heavy rain - large flights of curlew but not many killed it being so wet - few herring or mackerel in -very little fish today it blew too hard for the boats to make much head of it.

Sun. 25 Very fine day. wind at west -several vessels passing northward, one Brig with Am'n ensign at foretop [--?] mast. Lieut Carter & J. Skinner drank Tea with me - Prayers morning and evening by J. Skinner at church. Dwyer came home from Westward

Mon. 26 Wind, west. Rain - sent a warrant for W. Shelley on the complaint of Mr. Delahunty for assault & Battery, some herrings caught to day, but very little fish.

Tue. 27 Dull and heavy, light air from the Westward & from Southward towards evening, showers occasionally, herrings scarce little doing with fish -Walter Shelley appeared in Court this day bound him to keep the peace for two months - plover and curlew flying in pretty large flocks - took in the nets & moorings no salmon lately.

Wed. 28 Moderate - dull & damp weather [— Genning?] came in from St. Johns bring reports of the taking of Lisbon by the Pedro-ites under Admiral Napier in shape of marines and sailors - Fanny in from St. Johns at 4 p.m. excessive hard rain so much as to flood every place in less than two hours.

Thu. 29 Wind from South to NE fog & rain all day towards evening hard rain - boats doing little herrings & mackerel scarce no squids the present a most remarkably rainy month -

Fri. 30 This day commences with very strong SSW wind with excessive hard rain - the past night has been one of very great rain as much I think as I ever recollect - some showers - evening moderate and dry but still heavy & foggy - Angerona ready for St. Johns & will sail to night or tomorrow morning early-

Sat. 31 Wind NW fair morning Angerona left for St. Johns to look for a charter - Snipe fish ret'nd from St. Johns at noon wind more westerly a very fine day for fish & much wanted -Active home well fished breeze favorable accounts from the westward as to fish & bait.

1833 - SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1 This day has all the appearance of winter's approach - strong breeze from SSW heavy sea outside, hard rain and cool air, and quite a dreary look. How happy are those persons or rather how happy ought they to be whose lot it is to live in a more congenial climate. Mr. Skinner read morning service to 7 persons.

Mon. 2 Strong breeze all day - this morning looks mild but rather less wet than yesterday, excessive torrents of rain all night & strong gale from SW - fish & hay will be much injured by the weather I fear Val Keefe's 2 pigs that were seized under Nuisance Act were sold by auction this day - evening a little drier than morning - no particular occurrence this day worthy notice.

Tue. 3 Fine day - wind NW moderate -began to put fish into store first for the season

Wed. 4 Fine day - wind West. Jemima went up to Aquaforte went part way in my boat but obliged to return being too much wind went by land expecting Eliza & James, neither of them there - stored fish this day being fine day for it.

Thu. 5 Fine day. Vble wind, moderate, first vessel the [—?] from C. Broyle for Naples cleared out -Cleared out the Dolphin for Naples - Wrote notices to W. Shelley to pay Mr. Hutchings's yr & to Island Room people in Brigus demanding CH's rent for this year. Sent the former by Mr. Lilly, the latter by Samson [Lekie?]

Fri. 6 Dull, moderate, SE wind - issued warrants this day for Bryan, Meaney & Curran - for breach of the peace & assault & battery - Committed Curran to jail - fish plenty, bait rather scarce - small rain towards night & fog with little wind about E.

Sat. 7 Wind N to NE dull with shower - Bryan not yet taken - Curran yet in jail - Wm. Meaney in a weak state - those three appear to have suffered most from the row of Thursday night it appears to me to have been of a more serious nature than was at first expected - suspicions arise out of occurrences not yet brought to light rec'd last evening late a letter from the sec'ry of the Council respecting Newman's Hr Grace whose crew appear to have had the cholera amongst them when spoken at sea by a vessel arrived at St. Johns, two others of the crew had died - no further accounts from her since - several barrels of herrings were taken in the nets last night most of the boats of the Harbour are at sea fishing today - the stream anchor belonging to Brig Elizabeth that was wrecked on the Head in Dec. 1830 discovered by young Kerney & reported to me by Wm. Sanders - gave orders to P. Gorman for Curren's release on the security of Jude Bryan, P. Connors & others.

Sun. 8 Fine morning - moderate breeze from NE- cut the first cucumber -service at church twice today by Mr. Skinner - Wind changed in the evening to the South west. Lively left for westward.

Mon. 9 Fine morning. Wind SW - no particular occurrence thus worth notice, the fishing by small boats appears to be pretty well at an end.

Tue. 10 Wind NE & ENE, fine day moderate breeze tolerable day for fish the Fanny landed

Wed. 11 Morning nearly calm & dull accounts of plenty of squids being caught in Caplin Bay last evening and some fish to day by them having squid. Pat Ryan caught 220 squids with one jigger -the Fanny sailed for St. Johns & Jno Shanahan in the Minerva for same place the latter had 126 Qtls fish - wind south, fine evening -

Thu. 12 Wind SSE - heavy lumbering sea, light showers of rain looking very heavy bro't down Hay from South side

Fri. 13 Wind NW - great sea along shore likely to clear up. Pat Grayer complained this morning of E. Quick of battery & assault, Issued a warrant against Quick the parties settled it out of court - no day for dry fish but very fine evening got the last of the hay down that was outside - several vessels passed to the Northward the Jemima came out of Aquaforte & went into Caplin Bay - could not get in the narrows so much sea.

Sat. 14 Wind west, fine day. My son and daughter came home in the Snipefish from St. Johns and with them Miss Susan Hoyles. Jno Shanahan returned from St. Johns in the night Donovan & Whelan had about 3 Qtls fish each tonight

Sun. 15 Strong breeze SW. Jemima came in from Caplin Bay to fill up from Mr. Wright's, having taken part of her cargo at Aquaforte - on this day I complete the fifth year of residing at the Northside of the Harbour in my own house

Mon. 16 Moderate SNW & NW wind-landed John Shanahan's boat with 140 Qtls fish cullage over 100 - wrote the magistrate of Central District & sent Dullanty & other complaints -requesting Phil Bryan might be apprehended - brought down last of the coals from Southside -Shanahan junk back - the wind NE in the night

Tue. 17 Wind NE. Tried H. Holdsworth's coals bought what I wanted at 6/ per Hhd sent James to say I would take as many as I wished at that price pble in Fish & Cash - haul'd up the caplin - boiled blubber - Northern lights very brilliant to sight appeared all round the horizon & upwards -more to the South & West than in a southerly position, mark what weather follows -

Wed. 18 Wind NE strong breeze with showers of rain - Shanahan detained - some herrings caught but too rough to make much use of them.

Thu. 19 Wind strong SW - Fanny home from St. Johns James-Mr. Wilking & Mr. Stabb came when obliged to go into Caplin Bay too much sea in the Narrows to get in - John Welsh in attempting to come in the Narrows got on the Isle du Bois point and the boat [—?] went in pieces. Jn Whelan & Thos Walsh drowned - the other two men saved -nothing of the boat saved.

Fri. 20 Wind at West, moderate & fine. Fanny came down from Caplin Bay - James Whelan's body picked up held an Inquiry upon it and found no reason to suspect anything else but the loss of the boat to have occasioned the loss of lives.

Sat. 21 Wind Vble. Wet & rainy morning nothing particular doing -fog towards evening -

Sun. 22 Wind Vble & moderate, tolerable morning but wet & foggy after noon, cleared away late in the evening - Service by Mr Skinner at church-

Mon. 23 Wind Vble from N to W - moderate, Fanny went out for Fermeuse -

Tue. 24 Wind South, fine with occasional showers - Mr. Stabb went to St. Johns per Mr. Sanders' boat - wet evening & heavy gale from SW in the night -

Wed. 25 Wind strong from WNW - appearances in favour of a dry day, rained very hard in the night & then very strong - dined with J H Carter with Henry Wilking to day - little doing in fresh fish to day.

Thu. 26 Wind West N West, fine morning - went up to Caplin Bay to spend the evening at Mrs. M. Morry's - Shanahan Jk {ED: Junk} returned from St. Johns

Fri. 27 Wind South, strong - Angerona came in on her way to New York - took in Ballast - Leyman came back having left work per Angerona. -showers & dry at intervals - rec'd a Q'r beef from [Simmons??] per Angerona.

Sat. 28 Wind strong West & showery, Fanny passed for St. Johns, from Fermeuse - R'd Dullanty left also in his boat for same place, Harry Wilking passenger in her- The Angerona sailed for Bridgeport & New York.- strong breeze towards night from NNE with heavy showers and dark looking weather Heavy gale at midnight from North or North E.

Sun. 29 Fine with strong Breeze from NE. Heard of a gang supposed to be Robbers having passed westward at the back of the Harbour . A vessel has this year been carried down to the coast of Greenland on her passage out from Ireland for St. Johns — left Ireland in March wind got away out of the ice on the coast of Greenland in the latter end of August and around at St. Johns a few days since - would never have got out of the ice she was enclosed in but for a Danish vessel & the Natives who assisted her, the Danish Governor behaved with great kindness to the crew supplying their wants etc. A large Barque timber-laden passed by to the North - and believe the Governor in the yacht also passed - moderate towards evening wind inclined to the Southward -

Mon. 30 Very strong Breeze from WSW dry but dull - Boat Active home with fish from westward -more moderate towards noon with heavy rain at night fine, wind veered to westward - Boat Active home well fished from Westward -

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Tue. 1 Wind NE moderate & dull with showers. Active sailed for the Westward me bringing up coals here from Holdsworths agreed for them at 6/- per Hhd pble in cash & fish at my option, brought up [?] Hhds coals to day - Dullanty came home from St. Johns -

Wed. 2 Wind round to SW fine morning - frost last night - a fine day for fish, some boats loading for St. Johns to day - fishery by small boats appears to be quite at an end, little or no bait of any sort -

last page note:

Wood brought by Ed Kough, W. Wade, & Robert Swain for A/ct of Norris in lot by R & JH Carter for 41/- 1833.

Ed Kough 1200 stacks Ed Kough landed 90 stacks

Wm Wade 1500 stacks

W. Wade, bro't 131 stacks

Robert Swain 1500 stacks

agreed to receive 1/2 if brought up on the wharf.

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BOOK 2

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2nd Oct. Ferryland Newfoundland - 1833

Thu. 3 Dull morning, strong S.W. wind [inclined] for rain and wind - some tew mackerel caught this morning too rough for the Boats - Hard Ram towards night - Men at Southside House

Fri. 4 Calm morning & very dull -Fog on Cape Broyle this morning dull all day with little wind from SSW at night hard rain - Thomas Lemesney was married last night - .

Sat. 5 Fine morning with moderate breese from NE several vessels going South - calm towards evening & fine -

Sun. 6 Calm & very fine morning Miss Anna Hoyles left us by the Snipe Fish to return to St. Johns, against my wishes there being no female or other respectable passenger, but Cullen is a steady man and from appearance must have reached St. Johns by sunset. JHC and MM dined with Mr. Wright. No service today, Mr. Skinner having left and gone to St. Johns. Lively home.

Mon. 7 Moderate SSW almost calm - very dull & heavy looking [?]. Some herring & mackerel caught to day and plenty of fish in it - a Brig passed Southward - Moses Murphy put in bound to St. Johns.

Tue. 8 Wind NNW very fine morning some vessels passing Northward - a very fine day for fish, nothing of note [is to remark?].

Wed. 9 Wind S to SSW dull with showers moderate all day - Mr. Richards refused to allow my men to take some sand out of his landwash. Brig Rowena came in from Pictou bound to St. Johns cargo coals & 3 horses, -came in for the night - boarded her & gave her [?] her clearance & rec'd an order on N&H Thomas & Co. for her quarantine dues - Fanny in from St. Johns.

Thu. 10 Wind vble from SW to NW. N & NE during the day. John Shanahan came home from St. Johns, some vessels passed - Rowena sailed for St. Johns a fair day.

Fri. 11 This day commences with very hard rain, wind NE moderate breeze - cleared towards noon - fine at night with strong westerly wind - Sent away Oct'r C. H. Returns by Thomas Meaney

Sat. 12 Fine morning with strong breese from NW. several boats left for St. Johns, the Northern Lights at nightfall were very beautiful the stars very bright & sky clear the Rein Deer Circuit vessel put into Capelin Bay having been off. {In margin:}- RC: birthday - 43 years - soberly all day

Sun. 13 Wind ESE. Came in from St. Johns the John Ruby to be loaded fish by Richards - the Rein Deer came out of Caplin Bay and went into the Pool - dull all day & looking for rain some vessels passed to the Northward - at evening the wind inclined to the Southward likely to have a breeze

Mon. 14 This day opens with very strong breeze from the Southward and every appearance of a gale of wind with rain - Southern Circuit Court opened today at 12 o'clock & adjourned for Tuesday at eleven - - no business done in Court.

Tue. 15 Dull heavy morning threatening to rain & blow -strong breeze in mid day - no business at Court this day - some boats left for St. Johns -

Wed. 16 Tolerably fine day with wind at WNW -Court employed today with setting of room rents, and M. Holdworth in a case of Bruit's - Mrs DesBarres called today -

Thu. 17 Moderate SSE wind dull with fog & rain towards noon Wind veered to the Southward - Coquette from the Banks and Malvina from St. Johns for Sydney put into Capelin Bay - Fanny coming down the Bay with firewood - No business at the Court today - Sniper Fish & Wm Saunder's boat came home from St. Johns.

Fri. 18 Wind South thick fog with light airs, showers occasionally very sultry weather - no business at court this day - Walked with Judge Carter, Miss Carter, Judge and Mrs. DesBarres to Barney's Hill

Sat. 19 This day begins with hard rain, strong breeze from WSW - Malvina left Capelin Bay for Sydney - several cases in Court this day -

Sun. 20 Wind North dull but moderate - some craft passing South several boats from St. Johns w/ several public letters, no private ones - Robert Carter, R.N. came home w/ Harris.

Mon. 21 Very fine morning with wind NW - At court this day, by Jury summoned who found true bills against Bryan, Meany and Curren. The 2 latter were acquitted and a most extraordinary charge was given by Judge Des Barres from the Bench, most certainly and strongly bias'd in favour of the prisoner and such language was then held forth by him as must have astonished everyone -sent off warrant to PWC Esq. against Philip Bryan.

Tue. 22 Very fine day. Wind NW to West. - a good many cases bro't forward and decided - several craft left for St. Johns - [-?] Gatherall called about Robert's Rent, stated he would bring some fish and that his Brothers would do so from Bay Bulls. -

Wed. 23 Several cases came before the Court to day of a trifling nature - wind SW very moderate foggy and light showers, the men brought down the hay from Southside sent Laherty [? 3 words]

Thu. 24 Wind west to NW very fine day good breeze - nothing worthy of notice occurred this day - no business at Court -

Fri. 25 Court went to Fermeuse today - wind moderate, south rather fine but not fit for dry fish - Jno Saunders boat gone to St. Johns. Judge Desbarres and his suite returned from Fermeuse.

Sat. 26 Moderate SW winds, foggy, hard rain all night -several cases heard in Court this day, clear towards evening wind more to the westward - Mr. Preston here from Fermeuse

Sun. 27 Wind west, very fair day, no service at church. Preston, R. Carter, J. Brennan

& JH Carter dined with me.

Mon. 28 Wind SW, dull -No business at court - Rec'd sundry sets of Parliament from C't H's - Dined with Judge Desbarres on board the schooner Rein Deer. Hard rain at night.

Tue. 29 Wind SW fair - moderate hazy out at sea with a heavy swell. Several cases in Court this day. Dullerty and others tried at the writ Apothecary - a warrant taken by plaintiff and by order of the Judge, the writ altered from £99 to £19.

Wed. 30 Wind NE. Punt went for St. Mary's - Preston to Fermeuse - Court closed this day several cases of little importance decided - brought up last of coals from H. Holdsworth - at night very fine wind from Westward -

Thu. 31 Moderate NE to ENE wind dull in the morning where frost all night -towards 10 o'clock am commenced snowing and continued snowing all night with frost during the night - the ground quite covered with snow - Mr. Wright began his launch but the vessel stopped in the ways.

1833 NOVEMBER

Fri. 1 Wind NNW smart frost in the morning - moderate & fair - the snow began to go in the sun, the Circuit Vessel still here - Mr. Wright's vessel not off to day - The Rein Deer sailed for St. Johns about 6 o'clock at night. Wind SW.

Sat. 2 Wind South moist, moderate & thawing likely for rain- this day ends with very hard rain and dreary looking weather, very unsuitable for business in handling fish -

Sun. 3 Wind at West, dull and heavy moderate breeze - a boat from St. Johns for Flatt Islands in Placentia Bay left this for that place - snow all gone, weather quite mild today - Hard rain all night - 3 sheep killed by dogs last night in Mr. Richards front yard

Mon. 4 Wind at WNW ground covered with snow, froze hard in the night - would have been fine only for the snow - heavy snow showers during this day

Tue. 5 Wind at South this morning very moderate towards noon veered to NE, dull weather - Took up the vegetables out of the garden. Went to Caplin Bay in the evening.

Wed. 6 Wind strong NE with sleet & very raw - A vessel went into Aquaforte this morning - people not yet gone to St. Johns who are cleared - Mr. Richards lost poultry out of his house last night-wind veered to NW in the night & snowed hard.

Thu. 7 Wind NW to West, a good deal of snow on the ground, fine towards afternoon heavy breeze in the early part of the day and moderate towards night -Leyman left us, having been at work 4 days here -

Fri. 8 Wind at WNW heavy breeze with noon showers several schooners passing to the Northward one out of Aquaforte with lumber, a new vessel - showers at noon, evening very fair put in a pile of fish.

Sat. 9 Wind at West moderate a little frosty during the night -Fanny came home from St. Johns - rain towards noon -wind veered to Southward several vessels

passed South

Sun. 10 This day commences with hard rain and fog with the wind from the South & moderate - towards noon the wind veered to the Westward cleared off and blew a strong gale vry squally with occasional showers all the evening -

Mon. 11 Wind NNW blowing very hard - a very heavy gale all night slight frost towards morning, clear but not very bright a good dry day for fish -wind NNE towards night, sold today the anchor & [placer?] sand as per Memo Book.

Tue. 12 Wind v'ble very moderate with rain -The Water Lily was launched this morning - Nothing of any consequence occurred this day - Cummins took a summons for Ro't Pitt for tomorrow

Wed. 13 Wind moderate from SSW dull & damp rather inclined to rain, mild weather for the season -

Thu. 14 Wind WSW strong breese -John Shanahan came home from St. Johns in the Lively - showers of snow in squalls all day -Ruby sailed for Cadiz - snow going fast towards noon

Fri. 15 Wind NW moderate-very fine morning - dull towards night a heavy sea came on the rocks this night.

Sat. 16 Wind at NW dull at times, no fish day, heavy sea along the coast. [James'?] boat left for St. Johns

Sun. 17 Wind ENE moderate dull dark & hazy weather, covered with sea along the coast -Dirty weather. Dullanty came home

Mon. 18 Wind SW fine day Preparing to go to St. Johns - sailed with Robert in the boat Lively about 12 o'clock and got into St. Johns the next morning before daylight.

Tue. 19 Fine day -frosty with strong breeze from WSW

Wed. 20 Fine weather Westerly winds strong breeze & frosty

Thu. 21 Fine frosty day wind north - Pelter arrived from Bilboa

Fri. 22 Fine, wind NW cold & frosty but clear -Lively came home.

Sat. 23 Fair morning wind SW rain at night, strong gale south.

Sun. 24 Strong gale from SSW with showers of snow -Services at the Church by Mr. Skinner - two vessels passed Northward -

Mon. 25 Fine weather wind at West - frosty with showers of snow - Snipe Fish went out for St. John's, Maria passed Northward

Tue. 26 Heavy fall of snow Wind at E all day the same.

Wed. 27 Fine day -wind fair South to NW -snow thawed in the sun.

Thu. 28 Strong SW gale, fair thaw -cleared all the snow away.

Fri. 29 Fine day -wind at North strong, smart frost & clear.

Sat. 30 Smart frosty weather -clear & fair, wind at North fresh.

1833 DECEMBER

Sun. 1 Fine day moderate & mild wind at SW -Freedom sailed from St. Johns for Teignmouth in her Robert for school, also Mr. Rendell Jr. and Mr. Congdon.

Water Lilly & Fanny for St. Johns -a fine snow off the coast, {in margin: }- Water Lilly & Fanny for St. Johns.
Mon. 2 Strong breeze from South with hard rain all day. the Fanny & Water Lilly arrived at St. Johns on Sunday morning.
Tue. 3 Strong breeze from NE in the morning - moderate as the day came on - Left St. Johns with the Mary for England and came home in the Lively. Arrived about 8 pm. Wind moderate NW fair
Wed. 4 Fair moderate wind, tolerable -put the fish in store.
Thu. 5 Wind NW pretty fine for the season, much frosty weather.
Fri. 6 Wind variable, frosty but fine weather, snow at night
Sat. 7 Wind North in the morning & very fine, towards noon veered to NE & ESE with snow showers - The Angerona from New York arrived at Aquaforte - Dullanty came home from St. Johns. {In margin}:- Scarcely any snow on the ground.
Sun. 8 Wind NNW strong breeze - Went to Aquaforte alongside the Angerona which came to Capelin Bay to ride out her quarantine - a vessel or two passed N - suppose the Yacht.
Mon. 9 Wind moderate NW to NNW -Released the Angerona boarded her with Dr. Lynch - gave her [Pat-?]. Mr. Jellard on shore at evening, gave letters for J H Carter at St. Johns.
Tue. 10 Fine morning, but indicating rain before night, wind South fine breeze - Angerona sailed from Caplin Bay for St. Johns a fair time, froze smart last night but now appears inclined to thaw - remarkable fine weather for this time of year, scarcely any snow on the ground -towards evening a free thaw, moderate wind at South
Wed. 11 Rain, wind at South, moderate- Joseph Williams came here from Bay Bulls about Gatherall's Room - leased the Room for £5 [?] - agreed to receive fish at Bill price in payment for the rent - wrote to W. Coady to enter in the Room and eject Gatherall & put J. Williams in possession. Wrote Jas Gatherall to give up possession to Joe Williams.
Thu. 12 Fine, wind at WNW moderate frost but smart breeze-cattle remained out last night it was so mild no snow down and fine for the time of year -at night wind veered to North moderate & frosty. Mrs. Wright came down and sat a few hours after tea.
Fri. 13 Wind North dull moderate frosty fair weather for walking no snow down - like English weather at this season-very little doing in Ferryland place almost gone - trade dwindling daily and hourly.
Sat. 14 Wind NW very fine day. Snipe Fish went in Caplin Bay last night. M'w Morry Jr. came home in her. Came in here today to land goods for Mr. Richards. No letter yet by her.
Sun. 15 Wind NNW moderate with sharp frost & blinks of snow. Fanny came home from St. Johns. Took a long walk with Judge & Miss Carter. Rec'd letters from Shaldon to 25 Oct by [owner's} Margaret in 42 days from Torbay and Hamburg -

Mon. 16 Wind NE dull & [-'king?] snow in the morning, strong breeze & smart frost towards evening - Got the Fanny discharged and part of her sails unbent. - James Gatheral here about Robert's Room. Sent letter to Joseph Williams to give it up and Mr. Coady to secure the lease if willing to do so and if not the room to remain in possession of Gatheral until I [come?] to Bay Bulls - A Brig put into Aquaforte from Cadiz - the Dido of London, Neaman & Co.

Tue. 17 Wind NNE some snow showers, moderate & frosty -Mr. Winser reported the Brig in Aquaforte from Cadiz.

Wed. 18 Wind North, fair breeze good weather, clear & frosty -Witnessed a bill of sale from Jn Walsh Sen'r to James Stuart of St. Johns for £60 currency as security on his plantation in Caplin Bay - conditions of sale to pay £16 currency 1834 1 Sept'r -and £6 per Anm. afterwards until the bill is paid off — the sale to be absolute— dated 18 Dec 1833.

Thu. 19 NE strong breeze looking dark to Windward - some boats passed Southward this day no frost, moderate fresh.

Fri. 20 Wind strong NE by E looking heavy sun appearing sometimes between the clouds - the ground quite free from snow to this time and inclined to frost. Brig Hope-Jennings into Aquaforte 74 days from Hamburg

Sat. 21 Wind still NE strong breeze, heavy sea upon the rocks moderate frost, ground quite clear from snow

Sun. 22 Fine morning light air of wind from NNW heavy swell on the rocks and appears like a change of wind. -Governor's yacht with troops in at Fermeuse -(diary writer adds "this report not correct"). - Dido left Aquaforte for St. Johns.

Mon. 23 Wind SSE with showers of snow, which soon came to rain & thawed freely - Angerona came in and hauled into the Pool, expecting NE wind -afternoon cleared off fine wind veered to Westward - Wind NE at night strong breeze with snow & frost -

Tue. 24 Wind North good breeze, [—?] day and smart frost blew very hard last night with a very high tide - the Angerona [parted her fasts?] in the Pool & drove on the old wharf where she lay all this day, hauled the Fanny alongside her for fear she would upset took as much out of her as could & landed at the store - {In margin} :- XMass Eve, very little snow on the ground, free in many places.

Wed. 25 Xmass Day - Wind v'ble in the morning very fine-at noon dull the wind springing up from Southward, smart frost last night but no snow to speak of down, yet.- Mr. Morry called, leaves for St. Johns tomorrow. Rev. T. Browne returned from his cruise to the Westward. John Jellard and Henry [Prim?] dine with me this day. The people in general appear well provided in this place - Gave Mr. Morry 8 dollars rec'd from Mr. Norris for JMR & Co.

Thu. 26 Wind South with fog & thaw, some few inches of snow fell in the night - hard rain all the latter part of this day. Mr. Morry left for St. Johns. A poor day for travelling.

Fri. 27 Wind at West good breeze -thawing all night, snow showers in the morning,

cleared towards noon, with strong breeze -Pat Eustace died in the night- Morrison's stage wharf floated up & driving in on the stage beat under great part of it.

Sat. 28 Wind NNW moderate & fine day a little snow fell in the night and very moderate frost - the ink not frozen on my desk and hardly 1/2 inch of snow on the road - a fine day for travelling - sent a letter to A Goodridge, [reporting/suspending?] the {-?}. - Pat Eustace buried - Killed Rose*

Sun. 29 Wind at NE moderate -showers of snow all day but light ones - Doctor Coughlan took of Pat Kennedy's arm at Sullivan's house, a lad from Trepassey. His hand was blown off by a gun -

Mon. 30 Wind NE Clear & fine for the season moderately frosty the sea very smooth, no vessels in sight today. A fine time from St. Johns, James H Carter and Mr. Wright still at St. Johns - Burned the Pipe of [Wine?] in the salt - no particular occurrences -

Tue. 31 Wind NE remarkably fine, very gentle fresh- A Jubilee at the chapel. Rev. T. Browne and Rev. Duffy officiating priests, three days of Fast and Penance and High Mass at chapel tomorrow with a sermon -the last day of the year 1833 - a year not to be unmarked for any wonderful events - The Wars between the Brothers for Portugal appear to be the most active warfare for this year - Captain Napier distinguished himself by capturing Don Miguel's squadron, by boarding with an inferior fleet—

The fishery not better than last season, price ruling rather lower - men on shares making low wages few equal to £20 the voyage in large boats and far below that in small ones —Returns from markets outside better than inside, Oporto good —Davis Straits and Greenland ships have done very well, Cap't. Ross, Ret. came back after 4 years absence on Discovery towards the North Pole, made great discoveries for Science, suffered amazingly, was quite given up for being lost The stores saved from the wreck of Hell & Fury saved them - he abandoned his own ship as hopeless in Victory Bay very far to S & W of former discoveries —

[In the margin]: - The fall of this season and early part of winter since Nov'r very fine indeed light frosts & dry w'r with little snow. - St. Johns gaol is full of criminals that are waiting to be sent off to H. Grace gaol - Since a very strong gale during the fall, a Cape Broyle Brig & crew missing, appeared to be lost-

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1834 JANUARY

Wed. 1 Wind NE very moderate, very fine day inclined to calm -J H Carter came last evening in a boat with Mr. Wright from St. Johns - Letters from home to 12 Nov'r, left St. Johns yesterday, that town appears to be in a sad disturbed state running out of [- -?] by winter -Judge Desbarres suspended for inferior language towards the Magistrates -Mr. Archibald served in session Judge in his stead pro:tem for the term - the Mulvina, Halley Finn New York for St.

Johns put into Aquaforte yesterday -

Thu. 2 Wrote letter to Mrs. Carter, Miss Rendell and others sent per Mulvina ..at Caplin Bay last evening, Mrs. Sweetland and Mrs. Coulman at Morry's.

Fri. 3 Dull, wind S moderate - Mulvina sailed for St. Johns from Aquafort -Rain towards noon, thaw at night with hard frost & find NW before midnight

Sat. 4 Wind strong at NW smart frost in the night fine weather -smart frost, black ink frozen in the office in the night - {ED's NOTE: the freezing of the ink makes the following entries very difficult to read}.

Sun. 5 Smart gale NNW very [noisy?] all night with hard frost & snow. Showers very like winter, fine weather indeed.

Mon. 6 Wind at West moderate and dull looking for snow tolerably smart frost last night. A meeting at the Court House to rail in the road through the Harbour. [In the margin]:- the meeting apparently [brings sanction?] tonight.

Tue. 7 Wind ESE to NE strong gale with heavy falls snow & drift snow, frost and much snow fell every part of the day. A vessel off in the morning, non seen since.

Wed. 8 Wind moderate - fine day, much snow fell last night. Sent James's chest of drawers, pillow and bolster by Connolly.

Thu. 9 Wind about NNW to N fine day - Gregory & Capt H Winser came from St. Johns bro't me no letters - did not go beyond my own doors this day - cut up first qu'r of beef of Rose -

Fri. 10 Wind strong S West. fine morning - Gregory bro't me no letters, nothing missing that I have heard of to day -towards evening strong breeze with snow showers - a Brig went into Capelin Bay at dusk - blowing hard.

Sat. 11 Wind strong at North, very hard frost all night, the sea blocking the Harbour catching in small pans - boarded the Brig at Capelin Bay - the Armandale, Peter Taylor. 40 days from Viana, hired man to board her, found it very cold -released her from Quarantine being all well endorsed the Bill of Health being clean. Took an order of BJ & Co. the owners for 23/6!/2 qtls and sent it to Mr. Rendell to receive. At night, very severe. - Hares and foxes plenty, partridge scarce, no deer killed for the Fall and only one bear and that by Furlong.

Sun. 12 Wind at NW very smart frost, a fair day - The Brig Annandale left Capelin Bay at dawning & my letters not onboard - a schooner passed to the Northward -Mary Long married to C. Moore

Mon. 13 Wind at E to SE & SW snow in the morning cleared towards night quite mild likely to thaw - morning [—?] today. Old McCarthy buried yesterday.

Tue. 14 Wind NW a very strong gale with snow showers & drifts smart frosty weather blowing very hard all day - have seen no one all this day besides my own family - a man, Ed Fowler, going from Reneuse to Broad Cove missed last week.

Wed. 15 Wind NW strong gale and smart frost blanketing snow was not from home this day - stores landed from the Brig

Thu. 16 Wind NE very moderate and mild, thawing a little, frost towards night - no

particular occurrence this day -

Fri. 17 Wind NW moderate, sharp frost, very fine day, the family walked nearly to Merry Meeting Pond, very fine hauling - nothing new stirring in the place - [Gatherall's?] fish carried up by J. Jellard from Holdsworth's store

Sat. 18 Wind from SE to West this morning, smart frost early last night & some snow fell thaw towards morning thawing the early part of the day - wind veered to Northward about 11 o'clock PM. & froze smart, a fine night - J H Carter spent the evening with me

Sun. 19 Wind NNE, good breeze, moderate frost fine morning, rather looking for a change of wind, more S - People going to chapel, the only form of amusement in this place. Mr. Richards confined to his house by one leg all the Fall and even to this time. He is a very unsociable man, not disposed to oblige anyone and with whom it is very difficult to keep on good terms. Edw. Fowler discovered laying on his back dead on a pond southward of Renew's. Jas Whelan's widdow at Cape Broyle confined (a daughter) - Mr. and Mrs. Wright called this afternoon. Weather as in the morning.

Mon. 20 Wind NNW nearly calm - a very severe night the sea caught over during the night - A schooner put into Cape Broyle yesterday from Halifax - Letters from Congdon respecting her today - sent a reply and a letter for W. Rendell with Annandale's order in it & some letters for England, also a letter for Joseph Williams with enclosures to W Coady & Jas Gatherall A very fine day - I fear our letters were not in Cape Broyle in time for the vessel - fine evening, moderate breeze, smart frost - Mr. Morry Jr. and his son Matthew came from St. Johns. [In the margin]: - Fish at St. Johns [—?] 14/1 to 13/—per qtl.

Tue. 21 Wind at SE with snow in the night, veered to the Westward in the morning and cleared of.-at noon began snowing and blowing with drifts - Letters & papers by M Morry - several men have been executed at St. Johns for murder - Many vessels about to sail for Europe per St. Johns but on route from Jamaica their vessels wrecked on the coast lately some lives lost the late gales on the coast very severe - Alsop's Caroline taken by don Pedro's vessel off Viana and carried to Lisbon. Ammandale & Clydesdale sold well at Viana. Alsop's Caroline taken going into Viana by Don Pedro's schooner, that port being detained under blockade.

Wed. 22 Strong gale from the Westward and WNW. Show showers with much drift and some frosty weather, difficult to move about from place to place so much snow in the paths - nothing particular occurred this day. [In the margin]: - Game scarce no travelling in the woods -

Thu. 23 Moderate and mild - wind NE a good deal of snow fell during the night - all day very dull & winter looking.

Fri. 24 Moderate mild NE wind light frost during the night thaw in the a.m. but in the p.m. dull, snow during the night left my summer garden quite filled with sift snow. Attempted to go to Capelin Bay with James but were obliged to turn back halfway up Scoggin's Hill, the snow so deep.

Sat. 25 Moderate NE wind, mild ocean covered with lolly -had potatoes down from the cellar (1 bshl still left in the cellar) about eight full puncheons of molasses except some taken out for the kitchen - a very fine day - returned the Judge's papers -

Sun. 26 Dull day Wind moderate at E & ESE all day SW at night strong breeze, frosty in a light degree - Dined at Capelin Bay -a vessel said to be in sight.

Mon. 27 Wind SW strong breeze inclined to thaw a little snow fell during the night, thawed a little during the day but frosty towards night - Sent JHC his barrel of apples by Connelly, the rats having eaten into them.

Tue. 28 Wind strong SW to West, considerable drift but not much snow fell, strong gale - frosty at night, wind more offshore - Called at Mrs. Wright's today in consequence of some coolness on her part towards Eliza, had a good deal of talk and parties appeared satisfied - Mrs. Wright very rigid -

Wed. 29 Wind strong from SW to NW a good deal of snow falling and very much drift, Expect a few persons to dine with me at four o'clock this evening — Ollie Carroll here to assist - The weather very bad about 4 o'clock, tremendous snow drifts -cleared away at night, very fine but some frost, it froze in my bedroom with a fire all night in it. [In margin]: - JMor'r Rendell's wedding day.

Thu. 30 Moderate SW wind a very fine morning. The harbour and sea caught over by last night's frost- dine at Mr. Wright's to day [In margin]: - bad travelling.

Fri. 31 Moderate NE wind dull heavy weather scarce any frost this day -Broderick & Congdon Westward from St. Johns, no letters this day.

1834 FEBRUARY

Sat. 1 Wind at West fine day moderate frost -Took a drive with the children into the woods. Deveraux and others obliged to remain on Ship Island all night- could not get in from the Head through the lolly - Ducks very plenty at the Head.

Sun. 2 Scarcely any wind all day; at night appeared to be southwest very dull but hard frost the whole coast frozen or rather caught into lolly - Thos Keogh left from Cape Broyle for [Inter/Juterman's?].

Mon. 3 Wind North strong breeze very sharp frost otherwise a fine day - a Public Meeting held at the Court House to take into consideration the merits of the Road Bill before it passes into law. Very few were in attendance, none of the lower classes. Meeting called by a requisition to Deputy Sheriff. Mr. Jackman came from Renews to complain of people committing breach of the Peace on Sunday last —gave him 4 summons for next Monday. Dined at James's with priest, Morry and son, Wright, Jn Morry and J Jellard.1 - Edw Power from Brigus here at the meeting.

Tue. 4 Dull morning wind about N? -smart frost last night no snow. Dined at Capelin Bay with John Morry. Wind NE.at night, a good deal of snow fell before I returned, bad walking from it.

Wed. 5 Wind NE strong breeze, with wet snow falling, dark, heavy, dull weather - the

coast blocked up by the lolly frozen by the constant severe weather - Armstrong and Mr. Wright were to go for St. Johns today - sent letters to Mr. Rendell and Joseph Williams by him.

Thu. 6 Calm & foggy with smart showers of rain, silver thaw in the morning a free thaw and day clear once the rain ceased. Mr. Wright started for St. Johns overland, Wm. Armstrong and Mr. Dwyer with him, sent letters by Armstrong, the wind at evening veered to the Northward with sharp frost - the ice in the harbour will nearly bear, all over it -

Fri. 7 Wind North & very smart frost indeed with showers of snow and a [—?] rising out of the salt water like smoke or fog, very hard day of frost all through, less wind at night. A few folks spent the evening with me -Matt and Mrs. Morry dined.

Sat. 8 Strong gale at WNW fine day, frost with drift at times not so severe as yesterday- the Harbour quite frozen over solid out to the Narrows and vessels frozen across from Stone Island to Isle du Bois taking in part of Goose Island, the rest of the lolly driven off the coast - slides working across from North to Southside of the Harbour -

{Ed. Note: No entry in diary for Sun. 9}

Mon. 10 Moderate wind nearly calm, vble, a very fine day indeed -the men summonsed from [Pool?] attended court and were ordered to keep the peace and discharged -The harbour quite firm without any cracks in the ice, people walking over every part of it -Eliza and James spending this day at Capelin Bay, sent letters for M Morry..

Tue. 11 Scarcely any wind, inclined to S & E with rain looking for a thaw -silver thaw and from that to a full thaw with very heavy rain, little wind -young M Morry started for St. Johns this morning.

Wed. 12 First day of Lent. - Strong breese at South all night with hard rain and free thaw cleared up a little at noon & the wind died away still thawing very freely Light showers of snow at night wind light at NE.

Thu. 13 Strong gale from WNW not much snow during the night but a very sharp frost -very drifty in the morning the harbour still quite fast, coast lined by lolly

Fri. 14 Dull morning - wind at SW moderate, the lolly shored off a little way from the land -the frozen ice in the mouth of Caplin Bay & back of the Gaps broken up by some swell [blinking?] snow all day not very frosty but not thawing, harbour quite fast - a Brig going Northward under her two Topsails alone appears covered with ice - a schooner said to be in the offing in the ice, supposed Coquette. [In the margin]: - Judge Carter called - nothing doing in Ferryland.

Sat. 15 Calm foggy & dull, sun showing through the fog, some snow fell last night very light frost - thawing today - rec'd [?] of business -Pat Ryan came back from St. Johns, brought letters and papers. No arrivals there from England since 26th Dec. Vessels for England still kept there by the [?] being frozen up. Mr. N. Mudge and Miss Langley married on 5 Jan'y. Hard rain during the night, & free thaw. -Killed Joan's calf, 6 weeks old tomorrow.

W Mountain the butcher, forequarters 15 lb hind Qrs. 16 lb sent JHC a Hind Qr. 161b.

Sun. 16 Strong breeze, SSW very foggy thawing freely and rain in showers harbour still solid the ice upon it upwards 12 inches firm ice and not a crack except on the shoal ground with rise & fall of the tide. [In the margin]: -first Sunday in Lent

Mon. 17 Strong breeze NW moderate fresh very fine day all day Harbour quite firm - the ice in the mouth of Caplin Bay broke up - two vessels passed southward, Brigs - supposed to be vessels from St. Johns bound to Portugal - obliged to keep inshore on account of the lolly driven a little way of by the Harb. wind.

Tue. 18 Moderate wind from E to NE v'ble all day - smart frost but a fine day - the harbour very solid & slippery. Ocean caught over with last night's frost.

Wed. 19 Wind at North moderate very fine day, smart frost. Left for Fermeuse to dine with Preston, Mr. P. Wright, and J H Carter with -walked across Aquaforte harbour from Flatt Rock, but the ice extended nearly down to the entrance quite as far as [Table?] round and quite strong -Fermeuse Hr. etc. quite fast, men & horses at work on it drawing stuff from all the upper parts of it.

Thu. 20 Strong gale at SW, rain & thaw -Returned from Fermeuse, the walking v. good, arrived Aquaforte and [lodged?] at Flatt Rock. Rain towards evening at night wind veered N & cleared off - frosty.

Fri. 21 Wind NNW moderate, frosty- very fair day indeed all through - ice on the harbour very slippery & firm good skating upon it - Mackey of Brigus died. [Jas/Tom?] Brenan at Cape Broyle died a day or two since - 3 weddings at Reneuse lately - fine at night with frost, moon quite clear, little wind. [In the margin]: - P. Wright called.

Sat. 22 Moderate, [S&E?] winds, but nearly calm-with thick fog thawing a little all day - at noon the wind appears inclined to the NE - dull weather - nothing particular doing, Harbour quite solid but Caplin Bay a little broken up — gave Sullivan a summons for W Daly Jr.

Sun. 23 Wind NE good breeze - foggy in the morning. but clear at noon, moderate at night and the wind more to the Eastern -at night silverthaw and little wind, thick fog - Many people with slides riding on the ice on the Harbour not to the Narrows it being quite firm, some boys went out near to Goose Island on some ice that drifted in from sea. John Mackey & old Mrs Dunphy at Brigus dead - John [Brenen?]at Cape Broyle - Mrs. Lynch a child sometime since -

Mon. 24 Calm morning with rose over the Highlands moderate frost last night - thawing freely as the sun rose -at night, NE moderate with fog. Observe if an open spring, as the partridges have an unusual number of down feathers that have been killed lately -[In the Margin]: - Queen Adelaide's birthday.

Tue. 25 Wind strong NE Lolly jamming fast in on the coast, the Harbour ice broken into pans in the landwashes. Smart frost last night, rather dull to day - The Angerona's crew called into service several sealing men passing northward by land the chief part of the Lolly appears to have passed South - cutt pea

sticks for the garden, a fine path in the woods and bears² among the woods every place.

Wed. 26 Wind strong ENE large quantity of lolly came along during the night and smart frost snow about noon falling fast, several sealing men passing Northw'd. Harbour yet quite solid people passing & walking over it except along the landwash where it is in pans.

Thu. 27 Strong gale, NW blowing and drifting very much, the gale came up very strong about midnight, smart frost during the night, no moving outside the doors and nothing to be seen, a very severe storm & winter day. Mrs. Carter very ill.

Fri. 28 Moderate breeze from NW & WNW very fine day, a good deal of snow fell last 24 hours & drifted much - the lolly drove off the coast, some part of the ice near the gaps gone Aquafort & Caplin Bay cleared out nearly. Numbers of men for the ice gone Northw'd. Mrs. Carter better today.

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Sat. 1 The last night was a most heavy storm of wind & snow, the wind from East to West blowing in heavy gusts all round - this morning opened with snow & drift, cleared away about 10 am and wind veered to NW & blew hard - the ice in the harbour nearly all broken up and drove out, Ship Island brings up a large pan reaching to the Southside or all would clear out - Several of the stages injured by the breaking up of the ice to day - Wm Sander's stage roof blew over-

Sun. 2 3rd Sunday in Lent - dull day wind NE looking for a change of W'r. Lolly driven in from sea that has filled the harbour up where the ice drove out yesterday - several foxes seen lately, one killed at freshwater - a weazel or two seen - sharp frost last night - men going in to St. Johns.

Mon. 3 Wind NE to NNE a very strong gale, ocean [-?] by a heavy fall of snow and as severe a frost as at any time this winter, moderate at night but very drifty all the day - no moving out of doors in comfort.

Tue. 4 Wind at West a fine day, moderate breeze lolly again drifting off the shore the harbour nearly filled up with ice and frozen together - a schooner passed Northward, does not look like a sealer she has a new thin [transfer?] sail-Dine with M. Morry today. Wrote to my mother, sent it by Jn Power overland. [In the margin]-.-Coquette arrived from Figueira no letters landed being in quarantine.

Wed. 5 Very fine day - wind moderate at West - Argyle cleared for the ice - Coquette still in quarantine - 22 days from Figueira - released the Coquette at 6 pm she having a clean bill of health and crew all well and it being dangerous to keep the vessel outside the Harbour ice and almost impossible to keep people from going over the ice to the Coquette [In the margin]:- Eagle sailed from St. Johns - first sealer from St. Johns this year

Thu. 6 Very fine, warm morning light breeze SW but looking for a change of

weather Angerona's crew cutting out at evening good breeze NW the ice in the harbour started, a good deal broke up and drove out the Narrows. Pelter sailed for the ice - at night calm, looking for NE wind. [In the margin]:- 11 sealers sailed from St. Johns today

Fri. 7 Wind moderate NE smart frosty night, Pelter in sight & a Brig stood in from the sea - the former put back to Aquaforte the latter stood to sea, -very cold wind, good breeze at noon -frosty towards evening, - cleared the Angerona her crew trying to get her out of the Pool - the ice very thick indeed there and jammed in tier upon tier - got her about her length ahead - Dined with JHC. a Boat passed south, supposed the boat that took down sealers from Reneuse to St. Johns - Mr Garrett was in Ferryland today -must have come from St. Johns very lately No letters by him - Jn Sanders Jr. will go to St. Johns by land with the Coquette's letters -wrote Mr. Rendell by him - {In the margin} :- Mrs. A. H. Carter and Miss Carter called -the harbour filling up with the lolly that made outside last night, frosty & fine wind at night N.NNE.

Sat. 8 Very moderate wind from NE from S this day & very fine, a good deal of thin lolly drifting about of last night's frost. The Pelter in sight all day back of the Head passed on by the Narrows just before night The Angerona putting out of the Pool - the Coquette fitting at the northside for the ice - Mr. P. Wright and James H Carter dined with me this day {In the margin} -the wind sharp & frosty -

Sun. 9 This day opens with strong breeze from South with snow and silver thaw, the Angerona is forcing over from the Pool, the ice very thick, harbour quite filled with it but some parts thin, thawing pretty freely at noon, frost towards evening and the wind NW. The Argyle passed for the ice. {In the margin} - Mr. Garrett left for St. Johns yesterday as did Jn Sanders Jr. Blew hard at SE in the night.

Mon. 10 Wind NNW very strong breeze-very smart frost indeed, fine day- Angerona cutting out from the mouth of the Pool. All hands at work - the Coquette people hauling down wharf pieces on a handslide from the [Judges'?] landwash to Northside outer room where the schooner is fitting out for the ice. The ice that the Angerona crew is cutting is from 14 to 18 inches through, being part of the ice that was on the harbour the winter. Dan'l Sanders died yesterday at Aquaforte, age 82. [In the margin]:-P. Wright left for St. Johns by land today. Mrs. Matthew Morry at Aquaforte for these last three days attending the last moments of her father.³

Tue. 11 Wind at W to SW fine day very good breeze- smart frost last night, weather milder towards noon - at night wind strong SW with showers of snow - Angerona well out through the ice, expect she is out by nightfall, could not see her through the snow - crew cutting all day - [In the margin]:-Ed Power drank tea with me -D. Sanders buried this day

Wed. 12 Moderate all day - occasionally light airs from the southw'd very mild, snow towards afternoon, but not heavy, the Angerona got through the ice last

evening & sailed the harbour still fast people working on it all day - killed two partridges to day good Roads into the Brigus Marsh, the Priest sleighing in to Goose Head Marsh to day - no frost last night
Thu. 13 Calm nearly all day - very mild, a swell heaving in on the rocks, sleet & snow occasionally and thick fog - Jno Sanders returned from St. Johns bro't letters and the account of Robert's safe arrival at Teignmouth on 16 Dec'r after a passage of 16 days. Mr. Clary, RC priest here from Bay Bulls, letters from Bay Bulls. Ice breaking up in the harbour. [In the margin]:- Some vessels from England etc arrived last week at St. Johns very long passages out
Fri. 14 Strong breeze from SW to NW the morning mild but frosty with snow and drift towards night - the harbour quite clear of ice - The Coquette sailed for St. Johns and the ice - sent some game by her to the care of Mr. Rendell, wrote R Carter -Mr. Rendell and John -3 hares and 2 brace partridges -for Mr. Hoyles - cod salt -Mr. Rendell -Elias & William. Blowing hard at night.
Sat. 15 Strong gale from NW smart frost with a good deal of snow drifts although the sun shone bright, a Brig passed N'd. Shelley cleared to sail tomorrow -a very severe gale & snow showers last night.
Sun. 16 Fine day with little wind and sharp frost, what wind there is inclined to be NE-ENE-strong breeze at NNE at night-the harbour frozen over last night again and it continues today. Mr. Wright returned from Saint John's. - Mrs. Carter, self and son with J H Carter drank tea at Caplin Bay.
Mon. 17 St. Patrick's Day -strong breeze from NNE with very sharp frost the harbour still frozen over a very fine day, bright sunshine - preparing to go to Bay Bulls.
Tue. 18 Wind NW strong - frost smart- fine day -Went to Bay Bulls, took possession of Robert's room turned off J&J Gatherall from it and handed it over to J. Williams in presence of Mich'l Coady & [W?] Hearn - Slept at Mr. Coady's this night -
Wed. 19 Wind SW in the morning & West at noon fine mild day very strong breeze. Returned from Bay Bulls - was here about four o'clock - found the sun very distressing to my eyes. Shelley's schooner sailed for the ice - Messrs Richards and R.F. Hunt came here overland.
Thu. 20 Foggy light airs vble wind, thawing with fog, NE at night. Dined at J H Carter's with Richards and Hunt.- [In the margin]: -E. Dullanty died.
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Fri. 21 Foggy and misty, light airs NE, thawing freely -Sun crosses the line today, bad weather may be of course expected -

Last Page [ED NOTE: this consists of a complaint form as follows, partly filled in, with no date]

To the Constables of "Ferryland" and to all other Constables and Peace Officers within the said District, and Island, or to any or either of them.

Whereas "Richard Dullanty Jr, & others" have this day complained before "Robert Carter" Esquire "one" of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said District,

"That Philip Bryan did assault & beat said Rich'd Dullanty Jr. in a most violent manner & also assaulted others as will appear by complaints this day made as aforesaid ..."
THESE are therefore in his Majesty's Name to require and command you, or some or one of you, forthwith to "apprehend the said Philip Bryan [and?] bring him before..."

END OF BOOK 2 of

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Endnotes

1. In the 1840 census for Ferryland, there is listed a Jillard, John. Also there is a John Jillard/Jellard, master mariner, who married Ellen Coulman in St. John's 25 Aug., 1835, and is Brothers-in-law to Matthew Morry, Jr of Capelin Bay. Possibly through misspellings they are the same person. When there is a family context, I have used the Jellard spelling.
2. I believe he is using 'bear' as a verb, referring to the condition of the ground, in the same way he refers to the ice in the harbour. If he were using it as a noun it seems likely he would further expand on the presence of bears in the woods.
3. Mrs. Matthew Morry, née Ann Sanders/Saunders, was the daughter of Daniel Sanders and his wife, née Mary Carter, and the granddaughter of Robert Carter I, surrogate judge at Ferryland. She was second cousin to the writer of this Journal.

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1834 - MARCH

Sat. 22 Very thick fog, moderate air of wind from the S to SSW. thawing very freely Nell Dullanty buried this day - Hunt, JHC & Wright dine with old Richards and his son today - the above spent last evening with Wright - called upon Wright the day after he returned from St. Johns, he has not returned the call - expect a coolness will be the consequence, as Mrs. Wright has already been spreading scandall at the expense of some of my family - a bad couple of them mean and miserly and I should be ashamed to write what I think of some of them. Small places are always subject to those petty quarrels and particularly with such persons as those unacquainted with good manners and unaccustomed to visit in good society. Mrs. Wright did not call on Miss Hoyles when here, nor did Mr. Wright on A Wilking or either on Eliza after some months absence, so began it. R'd Hunt spent last evening with me. Sent letters by Jas Bryan to St. Johns to McKudell and Crohn and Jennings, the latter respecting E. Fewers' bill of sale.

Sun. 23 Wind WSW fine morning, moderate Ice once more clear out of the harbour mild all day -frost towards night -Jas. Bryan's boat went for St. Johns. Dined at Rev. Tm'y Brown's.

Mon. 24 Wind strong at West. Snow in showers -with sunshine between, a Brig passed to the NW'd suppose it to be the Norval -J H Carter, R'd Hunt, Wm Richards Jr. Mr. Morry and priest dined with me - the latter on fish alone. Moon about full this evening

Tue. 25 Wind at NW by N moderate breeze, very fine morning, a Brig passed northward - R'd Dullanty came in his boat from Aquaforte and sailed in the night for St. Johns. Mr. Richards Jr. and Rd. Hunt went with him. Mrs. Carter, self and Eliza invited to dine with the Judge - the former did not dine there but came up in the evening, not having returned from sleighing in time to dress. JHC and Hunt dined.

Wed. 26 Strong breeze this morning from SE and snow, moderated at 10am and thawed free with rain at 3pm. veered to the Westward and blew strong breese -hard frost & night clear with strong gale all night

Thu. 27 Strong gale at WNW fine, frosty W'r -moderate at night. Rec'd Balce Mr. Wrights 2 yrs a/c.

Fri. 28 Good Friday - Strong breezes from WNW, very fine day frosty out of the sun, very fine Roads in the woods so good as at any time the winter -a sermon at

the chapel by Rev. J. Browne, many protestants there to hear him preach in the afternoon -a boat passed to the Northward fine & frosty at night -clear & moonlight

Sat. 29 Very strong breeze at SW clear & fine weather Smart frost last night -at noon wind more to the Southward -frosty at night. Wind more moderate -Eliza went in the priest's sleigh from here to Caplin Bay and into Shoulder of Mutton Pond -fine roads

Sun. 30 Easter Day - Moderate breeze from SW hazy but likely to clear off, the past night it has rained very hard & blown a severe gale from SE to South a very heavy sea on the shore this morning thawed very freely during the night & is thawing still -a string of lolly passing Northward expect it to be out of some cove or from the shelter of some headland broken away by the sea. Morry Sweetland and Mr. Morry dined here. Brig & Brig'e passed North

Mon. 31 Wind strong from NW smart frosty weather, fine & clear sunshine at night wind more westerly - Jno Bryan returned from St. Johns left it last Friday - Bro't accts of 126 sail sealers out of St. Johns & 216 out of Conception Bay - 109 sail out of St. Johns 1833 = 8969 tons with 2646 men being on [—?] of 17 vessels -Sealers for 1834 - 126 Vessels, 11,239 tons, 2,838 men.

1834 - APRIL

Tue. 1 Wind NW to W. smart frost in the night with a little snow, a remarkably fine day, good breeze of wind -Rich'd Dullanty came back in his boat from St. Johns, no particular news, was in the woods after partridges, never saw finer tracing, rain fine, but killed none they were wild being a good breeze of wind

Wed. 2 Strong breeze -SW fine day -mild all day frosty at night -good roads into the woods so far as people like to go. -Peggy Yetman a son -Mullally a son -

Thu. 3 Wind strong South, with smart rain & free thaw, hazy towards the sea. at night calm and ceased raining a string of ice appears coming to the Northward from the SSW rather a strange occurrence -Sea ducks plenty today and yesterday, scarcely any for the winter before on our shore -Wind inclined to go to NE

Fri. 4 Wind NE moderate & mild, slight frost last night - R'd Dullanty's boat gone to Aquaforte

Sat. 5 Wind NE good breeze -frosty last night fine day -freezing out of the sun, two brigs off one bound S. the other Northward

Sun. 6 1st after Easter -A very fine day -good breeze from NNW several vessels and some boats passing thawing freely in the sun, but smart frost last night -a Barque which I take for Bennetts John from Bristol passed - one sealer passed appeared deep -Smart frost at night and clear

Mon. 7 Wind NE good breeze fine day -frosty out of the sun -Snow going pretty fast -Tho's Lemesny & Sol Sweeney employed bringing down some things from Southside -three vessels in sight today -Wind veered to the Southward at sunset the roads in the woods fit to haul upon yet some slides in beyond Rocky Pond

Tue. 8 Light airs of wind all day -dull in the morning, cleared off very fine about 2pm -at night wind NE cold & frosty. Dined at JHC's with Wright, Morry Sweetland and Rob't Bannan -good roads in the woods

Wed. 9 Strong breeze NE blinding snow, frosty very high tide -barricades breaking up in the landwash. - Sanders boat came home from Cape Broyle - dined with Matt Sweetland at the priest's - JHC, T W, Matt, -a severe gale of wind out at N by E at night & frosty

Thu. 10 Severe gale about N or N by E with snow & very hard frost all night & so continues yet severe weather for the sealers I expect -No vessels in sight this day -at Evening more moderate and the wind veered out to NE & is much milder, thawed all night

Fri. 11 Wind NE good breeze - thawing with mist very strong breeze towards night - No vessels in sight this day.

Sat. 12 Wind NE & NNE very strong breeze blew hard all night -free thaw & fine w'r. Snow going very fast, water flowing down the sides of the hills very much -A schooner stood in from sea for Cape Broyle, supposed a sealer -a Brig passed Southward before the wind

Sun. 13 2nd after Easter -Wind NE moderate - snowing fast since day light -the Terrace quite clear last night now covered again with snow -quite a winter day and looking likely to continue -R'd Dullanty came in his boat from St. Johns bro't letters from Mr. Rendell at St. Johns conveying to us the death of Mr. Rendell at Shaldon on 11 Feb'y in his 76th year, a melancholy day for us all, yet I expected it. Rob't & Fanny attended his funeral. Mrs. Carter in bed ill all day, did not go out. Rec'd my watch back from St. Johns. B Sweetland Jr. came here from St. Johns

Mon. 14 Very strong gale. NE by N froze hard last night, but thawed in the sun all day, no vessels in sight - sent letters to St. Johns by Mr. Morry who starts tomorrow morning by land -Mrs. Carter confined to her room today

Tue. 15 Wind moderate & vble from NE to West, fine day -many vessels in sight passing Northward chief part sealers, Pelter gone into Aquaforte, reported 900 seals sailed again in a few hours & steered to the Eastward suppose for the ice again - upwards 20 sail of vessels passed Northw'd close in shore this day, one Brig with a Hind and white Barque with no border and name -much in appearance like the Dido -Mrs. Carter in her bedroom

Wed. 16 Wind moderate & vble from NNE to NW & rain -a Brigantine passed the harbour with white & red flag at the fore -flag white field blue border & star or/letter in the center of it - did not look like a sealer - several other vessels & boats in sight -snowed last night & froze smart for the season very fine warm day all this day -what snow fell all gone again - Mrs. Carter in her bedroom

Thu. 17 Wind SW fine day, moderate breeze, frost last night but only slightly, snow going fast today in the sun -terrace quite clear of snow hills clear except near the fences & in patches in hollow places -John Bryan ready to go to St. Johns -Wind NE in the night with hard rain & silver thaw -gave Co Ho Returns to J. Bryan - Mrs. Carter in her room.

Fri. 18 Wind NE good breeze, Silver thaw & rain Wind increased towards noon - blowing strong gale by 10pm -Pelter & another sch'r went into Aquafort & a Sch'r to Caplin Bay -snow at night with cold wind. Mrs. Carter downstairs today

Sat. 19 Wind strong gale NE several sealers put into Aquaforte Cape Broyle & other ports in the district - old Mr. Winsor went out in the Pelter on Tuesday, & he returned last leaving having taken onboard 500 seals off & in sight of St. Johns in two days, then driven in by the weather a gale coming up. -cold & frosty this evening & blowing yet

Sun. 20 3rd after Easter. Strong gale from NE with misling Rain many sealers passing by moored in the ice, the ice all along the coast and it appears in great body to the NE some seals killed by people from the Harbour today on the ice - the Water Lilly into Caplin Bay [130?] seals -very cold unpleasant weather but the snow thawing a little in the middle of the day —several Sealers that could put into Harbour. Wind moderated a little about 10 pm and came on to hard rain. The wind veered a little to the Northward. Mr. Dullanty died onboard the Water Lilly at the ice.

Mon. 21 Moderate NE wind, the ice edged a little off the coast this morning, upwards fifty sail of vessels in sight all appear to be sealers some punts out to the ice - Piscator in Capelin Bay reported that chief part of her crew left her today & have gone towards St. Johns only 200 seals onboard her the Sch'r Actual G. Dalton reports 200 seals, Water Lilly 1100 seals many vessels appear to be without seals this spring although commanded by established skippers of long standing

Tue. 22 Moderate variable wind -ice still passing and a good many vessels in sight in all directions - Water Lilly came into the harbour Blackbirds beginning to sing today for first time very fine day, snow melting very fast Bryan about the flower garden on the terrace & clearing it up Coquette in sight to the Southward, some boats came home from St. Johns, a Barque passed Southward -the ice a little off the coast -Angerona came in 1705 seals -Mrs. Carter yet very poorly

Wed. 23 Many vessels in sight today beating to the Northward the wind strong NNW with frost & snow showers, very cold. Some of the vessels today do not look like sealers suppose from Europe - Coquette came in with 1000 seals -Mr. Morry returned from St. Johns last night, Letters from Mr. Rendell not any from England yet -a stoppage to gardening today -walked to Capelin Bay in the evening.

Thu. 24 Wind veered to South & SW today with fog at intervals, light breezes, towards night back again to ENE. Ice still in sight and numbers of vessels of all descriptions in sight going Northward -A Schooner came in this evening belonging to Tilton Harbour reports 1000 seals -from all the accounts current the sealing voyage will be a bad one this year.

Fri. 25 Wind Vble S to W moderate -the number of vessels passing Northward to day has been greater than I ever saw before, the Water Lilly, Angerona &

Coquette left for St. Johns -ice a short distance off the land -19th anniversary of my wedding day. Mr. and Mrs. Morry came to see Mrs. Carter who is poorly and spent the afternoon. —Judge Carter sent down about old Cath. Dullanty's potato garden -

Sat. 26 Wind strong West -dull day & misty at times -several vessels passed Northward -expect the Clyde from Teignm'th one of them -Dullanty & Bryan left for St. Johns -held an inquiry on Wm Harney found dead near his house

Sun. 27 4th after Easter -Wind during the night SE a good deal of snow fell in the morning Wind NW fine day, snow thawing fast in the sun -a very strong breeze many vessels passing to the Northward, a Barque & Brig Southward

Mon. 28 Wind variable & moderate misty rain towards noon and snow thawing fast -hazy towards the sea only one vessel in sight today suppose the [gang?] have passed along at back. Frost at night

Tue. 29 Wind from N to W vble -strong breeze strings of ice passing and some islands but at some distance off the land Many vessels passing up & down, one Nova Scotian vessel the second I have seen for the spring -frosty last night cold all day & dull with blinks of snow at times -Nothing very particular occurred this day

Wed. 30 Wind vble & moderate from NE to SW fine warm day -Many vessels in sight going up & down -ice visible in the offing -some islands of ice also -Rich'd Dullanty returned from St. Johns. Letters from Shaldon - from Robert and Fanny with them.

1834 - MAY

Thu. 1 Very cold day with snow or sleet all day Wind strong NE ice in sight in strings along the coast. Harbours clear now but will not be so long -Was at Capelin Bay at sale of B. Sweetland and Co. effects —few purchases, Mr. Preston came here from Fermeuse, appeared ill. Did not see him as I returned late from CBay

Fri. 2 Wind moderate NE rather milder thaw yesterday the ice coming clear in some in the harbour the Phoenix in sight off the harbour several other vessels outside -Information from Sullivan of seizing a swine at large, contrary to Act. Phoenix, Minerva & Apollo in Capelin Bay all from Liverpool in 24, 38 & 24 days -the Minerva a large Barque very leaky having been stove in the ice - released them from Q'tn

Sat. 3 Wind NE moderate -ice coming in to the harbour, cold damp misty W'r -Mr. Preston at my house ill - a Brig drove by in the ice

Sun. 4 5th after Easter -Wind NE strong breeze -fine day overhead but cold in the wind -Geo. Simms came from Aquaforte; windbound for St. Johns. Ice jammed in all along the coast

Mon. 5 Wind NE moderate -ice jammed in the coast still some vessels pass in it daily - dull day -Mr. Preston unwell at our house since last Friday at noon

Tue. 6 Wind very moderate -fine day -Men employed about the fish in new stage a

great swell on the rocks -ice still all along the coast, hope for a change of wind this day -Phoenix unloading - Set cauliflower raddish & lettuce under our glasses -Wind SW at evening very moderate a great swell among the ice & seen on the shore -many vessels in sight in the ice -Newman's Goose or Gull one of them -Mr. Preston returned to his lodgings at Norris's

Wed. 7 Wind SW very fine day -the ice edged a little out from the shore -Men employed in the garden here -set turnips raddish & carrott -& parsnips

Thu. 8 Wind SSW foggy in the morning, rain towards noon and strong breeze -ice edged off -Jno Sanders left in his boat for St. Johns sent letters by him -a good deal of rain in course of the day -Men cutting potatoes for seed in the cellar

Fri. 9 Wind SW good breeze with rain, the Minerva, Apollo and George Simms boat sailed from Capelin Bay for St. Johns -ice edged off the land a little -Set a few peas in lower part of the garden -Men at work this day at the garden & carrying out manure today

Sat. 10 Wind vble from SW to NW very fine day -the Angerona came in from St. Johns -discharged her cargo. Many vessels & craft passing -Jas. Rodigan died in Capelin Bay this morning

Sun. 11 First after Ascension -Wind NE & from it to SW foggy with rain - Coquette came from St. Johns, James came in her -dull all day nothing new doing

Mon. 12 Fine day -Wind vble from N to S in the course of the day -the Phoenix sailed for Portugal several craft passing -Deveraux left for St. Johns sent letters by him -at the Flower garden all day -Many large pieces of ice & islands in sight

Tue. 13 Hard rain -wind vble & foggy -South in the morning West at evening dull & heavy good breeze - Pelter sailed for Portugal -Snipefish for St. Johns -Plants set out in the garden 1 man at work today

Wed. 14 Wind vble from SW to West dull dry but mild some few vessels passing up & down -1 man at work at the garden The snow & ice pretty clear away & this grass beginning to spring. Cows not yet out by night - giving them hay

Thu. 15 Wind at WSW all day -very fine & moderate preparing to go to St. Johns with Norris -many vessels passing North & south today

Fri. 16 Wind NE -Put back in Norris's boat the weather being unfit to continue out.

Sat. 17 Wind SW foggy with rain -towards evening veered to the Westward & cleared off

Sun. 18 Whitsunday -Wind NW fine day -Sailed again for St. Johns and had a fine time down

{ED: From May 18 to May 30 the journalist was in St. John's.}

Fri. 30 Wind NE. Returned from St. Johns in the schooner Ruth Capt. Calhoun with salt for JHC. Rein Deer passed with Mr. and Mrs. Dixin and Miss Hoyles passengers for America.

Sat. 31 Wind vble from NE to SW many vessels passing fine day -Ruth discharged & cleared, purchased potatoes for the Poor @ 8/6

1834 - JUNE

Sun. 1 1st after Trinity. Wind NE with rain, dull & foggy. W'r very cold for the season -J H Carter dined with me. M Morry and Mary called in the evening. Nothing in shape of news stirring

Mon. 2 Wind SW Fanny sailed for St. Johns. Ruth for Sydney CB dull weather inclined to fog the sun out at intervals, some fish caught by a boat in the Pool it is said two quintals, advertised on Sunday that persons requiring potatoes & no means of getting them would be provided out of vote of House of Assembly. Purchased potatoes of A. H. Carter for 8/6 per Bbl for the Poor.

Tue. 3 Wind SW strong breeze rain in the morning cleared off at noon & fine, dull at evening no fish caught today, too rough outside

Wed. 4 Wind WNW fine day, strong breeze -No fresh fish caught this day

Thu. 5 Wind vble fine morning, P Blake came home from St. Johns -few boats employed on the fishery yet regularly except the large boats to the Westward they are gone some time, have not heard of any fish being caught today. Caplin Bay caught over by frost last night

Fri. 6 Fine warm day Wind vble SW to W fine day first summer day -no fish catching yet, by the punts or boats on this ground

Sat. 7 Wind vble & nearly calm all day, with hard showers of rain, at intervals dry, few boats trying for fish yet, some few cod fish caught today in punts Flat fish plenty some days -drew some raddishes today the first in quantity - Several boats yet on the beaches

Sun. 8 2nd after Trinity -Wind SSW thick fog, mild & warm, the ground smoking a good deal -M'l Costello bro't in a few Qtls fish out of the offing today out a day or two it is the first this season & said to be ten quintals perhaps 6 or 7 may be nearer

Mon. 9 Wind South thick fog. Showers at times Went to Caplin Bay to prepare for the sale of the bulk belonging J. Holt & Co. Remained at Mr. Coryear's the night.

Tue. 10 Wind S in the morning with fog. cleared off about 9 o'clock a fine day at noon wind at WNW, moderate & clear -sold the Bulk, made the most I could of it, but not as much as I expected, some a good deal injured

Wed. 11 Nearly calm with rain and thunder & lightening Little wind from SW to NE dull & hazy -no fish caught by the boats this day.

Thu. 12 Wind NE & vble moderate, thick wet fog. Fanny came in from St. Johns a great many Bay Bulls & Cribby boats in here no fish catching, Sylvester [Tea?] home with 40 Qtls

Fri. 13 Wind SW fine day strong N breeze at noon from NW. Wm Williams came home from Westward 15 or 16 Qtls fish -no fish with the boats on this ground yet

Sat. 14 Fine morning. Rain at evening the wind strong about WNW & West to SW. Papered the parlour today -several vessels passing -No fish catching yet

Sun. 15 3rd after Trinity -Wind SW strong breeze, many vessels passing & repassing,

fine day at night showers & wind turned to SW. dull -Was at Caplin Bay with Lt. R. Carter.

Mon. 16 Fine day. wind vble from SE to NW many vessels passing Northward no fish caught this day by the boats -Set last crop of peas, first radishes came.

Tue. 17 Fine day Wind rather cold at Southwest George Sch'r Capt. Cody from St. Johns for New York put in here with salt for Deveraux yesterday had no clearance for it allowed the vessel to discharge no harm being intended & pressuring, liberty was given

Wed. 18 Wind at SW tolerably fine with light showers some of the boats have brought some fish in from the offin today -out all the week thru -from 3 to 8 Qtls - Thomas Meaney home from the Westward today reports to have 60 Qtls he was the first boat away & first back with his trip, he reports caplin at the Westward in Monday last. Jacks & boats all off the beach this day -Wind NE at night with rain but it has cleared off again & wind died away

Thu. 19 Wind S to SW all day - fog at intervals fine between, wind rather cold -fire left out in the parlour, boats bringing in some good catches of 18 to 25 from the offing but not general -small boats doing nothing moderate all day -set some turnips of my own saving today -put some carrot seed in the upper beds, transplanted 2 plants of vegetable marrow given me by Rev'd T Browne. Coquette in with 14000 fish from the banks first trip was out late - Lively home from the Westward about 35 Qtls fish -capelin in St. Mary's

Fri. 20 Wind SE good breeze all day with hard rain & foggy & calm at night boats all came in but with little fish -Reneuse & Brigus bait boats here -no caplin yet

Sat. 21 Wind vble & nearly calm all day with fog occasionally and rain towards midnight, bait boats here from Brigus & Renewse but no sign of caplin yet very little fish catching by the boats.

Sun. 22 4th after Trinity -Strong breeze NE wind with cold rain and dark looking weather -Snipe came in from Cape Broyle, fog cleared off & rain ceased at noon, at night the wind veered to the Northward & blew hard, dull & heavy cloudy weather

Mon. 23 Strong breeze NNE, fine morning & clear the Boats not out yet rather too much wind -Letters from Robert from Teignmouth to 18 May all friends quite well, moderate towards night, some boats went out late in the evening

Tue. 24 Moderate breeze SW & SSW wind with fog a few caplin caught at back of the beach last evening the first time of trial, about half a pot. Boats all out with jiggers today -Rev'd Shreve arrived from Petit Harbour at Norris' in a bait skiff -Caught 7 doz trout in Merry Meeting River this evening ...my son James with me, Eliza left in Snipe for St. Johns also Lt. R. Carter.

Wed. 25 Wind S with rain, a strong breeze & very cold so much so, a fire would be desirable -capelin taken at the back of the beach quite enough for the boats by the bait skiffs -it blew too hard to do any good with it. -Active home well fished from the Westward reports fish plenty but bait scarce there -Thos Gregory in Norris's boat also home full

Thu. 26 Wind moderate & variable not much fish among the boats this day, capelin scarce, at the back, so many boats after them there is no chance of them coming in in quantity
Fri. 27 Wind vble from SW to South, foggy all the early part of the day towards evening thunder & lightening with hard rain & the fog inclined to clear away. Bottled 21/2 cider this day -very little fish catching caplin scarce
Sat. 28 Wind vble from west to North very fine day strong breeze Whilst the wind was easterly about 2 pm the schr Rein Deer passed had her colours up, she is from New York, saw some one onboard hold up his Hdkf {ED handkerchief} in passing, should have boarded her if not so near dinnertime - Caplin scarce still at the back and no fish going today outside - Wrote Eliza by Mrs. Austin - Lively home, well fished with some fish from Mistaken Point got caplin at Trepassey & was away only a few days -
Sun. 29 5th after Trinity, St. Peter's Day. -Good breeze from South West at midday NE light airs early this morning -The Snipe Fish in sight - Prayers at church by the Revd C. Shrive - most of the Protestants attended. About 10 p.m. my dear daughter Fanny came in from Caplin Bay having walked over from Cape Broyle Lance Cove, to Caplin Bay, landed there out of the Snipe Fish from St. Johns accompanied by Dani Prowse Jr. and Mr. [B—?]'s family and servants, the Schr could not work up around Cape Broyle all day - she came per Margaret to St. Johns from Torquay in 30 days.
Mon. 30 Strong gale from S to ENE at last NE moderate with heavy rain & sea Boats all driven in from sea, scarcely any caplin Fish to be caught if they could have remained out -Mrs. Wright a son a day or two since & Mrs. Johnson of Reneuse died suddenly, nearly 80 -very cold day

1834 - JULY

Tue. 1 Strong breezes from NNE a heavy sea on the shore too rough for capelin to be caught some caplin caught at Aquaforte today many of the small boats in loaded early today -capelin rather scarce
Wed. 2 Wind vble & moderate capelin rather scarce Fish pretty plenty in the morning
Thu. 3 Wind moderate at SW fine warm day, the boats well fished many loaded early & in, the bait boat home early from Caplin Bay with plenty. - Capt. D. Buchan Jr. and Col. Oldfield called. They landed from the Yacht bound to Placentia. Went in the Isle de Bois Head, surveyed the cannon, works, etc. B. Sweetland with us. Account rec'd of Wm. Austin & 2 besides being marooned in St. Johns narrows by the boat being towed over
Fri. 4 Wind vble from E to S very nearly calm all day, very fine all through, some of the boats very well fished the punts quite loaded -capelin not properly struck to the shore yet -Yacht not sailed for want of wind -the fishermen report great quantities of fish on the ground outside the heads & in particular a little distance off the land -Set turnip and raddish today
Sat. 5 Wind WSW fine -yacht sailed from CBay caught first salmon today -Mr.

Kerney's boat run down and sunk by the yacht - crew saved.

Sun. 6 6 after Trinity -Wind SW foggy with rain, hard rain during the past night with thunder & lightening some of the boats home from the Westward well [down?] -Rev. C. Shrieve returned from Reneuse last evening, service at the church -cleared off at night wind appeared inclined to go to NE Bait boat returned early from Capelin Bay this evening with bait -Two or three ice island yet aground at the back of the Head & in sight a little way off at sea - Rather cold this day for the season

Mon. 7 Wind very light NE fog with sun shining through it -capelin plenty -Caught 1 salmon in P'd Rositer per rec'd at end of daybook for his survey on Minerva - Very little fish bro't in by the boats this evening - Dined at Rev. T. Browne's

Tue. 8 Wind SW fine morning -rain in the afternoon Capelin not very plenty -Fish rather scarce out here, salmon very scarce not at all today -Finished my Q r Co Ho Returns & packed them ready for first opp'y - Rec'd a letter for f d Mr. Crowdy from the boy to be forwarded per first opp'y this forenoon -Rec'd a letter from Capt D.E Buchan respecting Kenney's boat at 10pm this night - Boats not much fish this night

Wed. 9 Strong breeze NE with rain & very wet fog could not overhaul the salmon nett The boats all coming in off the fishing ground -cannot do much this day, the boats which remained out did very well today on Pig Ledge & caught from 10 to 16 Qtls fish each. Mr. Shrieve, Mr. Browne & JHC and Mr. Stratton dined with me. -capelin plenty in Aquaforte & CBay. Mr Garrett came in a Sch'r to Caplin Bay last night

Thu. 10 Wind from SW to W very fine day all through Plenty caplin. Fish rather scarce -Roped a caplin dinner for J H Carter today

Fri. 11 Wind moderate at SW dull, rather misty caplin plenty Salmon very scarce caught one today very warm, went to Caplin Bay with Fanny in the boat and ret'd to dinner here. Boats catching very little fish.

Sat. 12 Wind at WSW moderate rather dull Plenty caplin in CBay & Aquaforte - cleared off very fine in the afternoon -boats brought in very little fish scarcely over a Qtl each on an average -Active & Lively home with second trips well fished

Sun. 13 7 after Trinity -Very fine summer's day -very warm in the forenoon, cooler in the evening -Wind from NNW to NE very moderate sun clouded at times - Active left for the Westward

Mon. 14 Capelin in abundance at the back of the beach & in both Bays -fish partial caught by some boats plenty others scarce and small in the main -Lively left - Wind at Westward & SW a very fine day came dull at noon & cleared off after

Tue. 15 A very warm day indeed -Wind at NW by N a strong breeze and kind of smoke out over the land as if some woods were on fire at the back of us - Boats all at sea -Rec'd a note from Jno Sanders & Son last night complaining of [Dun?] a servant -a very hot evening indeed Wind SW

Wed. 16 Thick fog & South wind Pelter arrived at Aquaforte for Figueira this morning

-Plenty fish at Mistaken Point several boats home laden yesterday with it -an island of ice yet aground SW of the Head a very large one.

Thu. 17 Wind moderate at South nearly calm with light fog & sun shine alternately No salmon this day in our net, Water very clear every where Angerona arrived from Figueira 26 or 27 days several of the boats pretty well fished tonight - Tho's Gregory in Norris's boat came home having a good deal of fish & left this only last Sunday

Fri. 18 Wind Southwest with fog, moderate & warm misling rain at noon & hard at night

Sat. 19 Wind South -moderate nearly calm -a large Brig with her topsails marked with a large V in each stood in and proceeded Northw'd -Phoenix came in from Figueira

Sun. 20 8th after Trinity -Wind Westward very fine day -attended divine Service, performed by Rev'd C. Shrieve -capelin very plenty a large catch of salmon 23 in the morning taken out by Mr. Harris.

Mon. 21 Wind Westward, fine day, strong breeze in the middle of the day, Angerona & Phoenix at anchor in the harbour -Fish not abundant but some of the boats laden -caplin very plenty

Tue. 22 Wind South, good breeze rather dull than otherwise today, Western boats (several of them) home well fished after very short trips -some of the small boats well fished -Report squids have been caught at Reneuse, 1 [Qt!?] in a boat

Wed. 23 Wind inclined to NE fog & rain nearly calm -Hard rain all this day in showers- [gauged?] the wine per Phoenix -some boats got a few Qtls fish but generally speaking a very poor voyage to work for the season of the year - Caplin not very plenty today -Squids taken in the beach at Aquaforte none jigged for yet

Thu. 24 Wind NE but nearly calm fine morning but closed in at noon with fog & much rain -Capelin scarce, appear to have struck off -It is to be remarked that whenever the capelin strike off early to the Westward the same must be expected here also for it has been observed by me to be so always

Fri. 25 Wind South, nearly calm very foggy with light showers -no caplin the boats all in early for want of bait -the caplin appear to be gone at present - Rev. Mr. C. Shrieve, Mrs. Carter, Fanny and self walked to Scoggins - Mrs. Carter has been ill but appears something better. Angerona for Reneuse

Sat. 26 Wind SW showers occasionally moderate no caplin, boats all in for want of bait -Hearn & [Jno?] Gregory came home well fished

Sun. 27 9th after Trinity -Wind at North & NE moderate, fine day Mr. Shrive served the church today & went to Aquaforte in the afternoon -very warm Mr. Sam Prowse Jr. came here from Fermeuse to stay a day or 2 with me - came in Evening.

Mon. 28 Wind NE to East -no bait (caplin) to be had any place, showers occasionally -boats nearly all in except one or two punt

Tue. 29 Wind NE dull, moderate looking heavy towards the sea. Afternoon fine -the boats caught some few Qtls fish on lance & herrings neither in abundance no caplin or squids

Wed. 30 Wind SW dull morning, moderate some considerable quantity of herrings taken in nets last night no caplin no squids -Phoenix sailed for St. Johns, some fish taken by the boats with herrings 4 to 6 Qtls each, prospects not pleasing

Thu. 31 Wind NW fine, with strong breeze - very heavy rain last night with thunder and lightening, the latter very vivid -no salmon today -Morrison's flake fallen down during last night - some vessels missing. Went to the Isle du Bois to Tea - Mrs. C.& Fanny, my Brothers, Mr. Shrieve, S. Prowse Jr. and the children. Algerona came in from Fermeuse.

1834 - AUGUST

Fri. 1 Wind SSW tolerably fine, fog occasionally moderate -only 3 salmon this morning -considerable quantities of herring caught today - Wm Morry son of Mw Morry Jr. returned a day or two since from a voyage to China during which he says he was not out of the ship from his leaving London to his return to it again - what a want of curiosity, he lay 3 days at St. Helena and could have gone on shore if he chose. Rain in the afternoon; wind changed to NE.

Sat. 2 Very fine day. Wind vble from NE to SW very moderate went to Aquaforte - Mr. Shrieve Mr. S. Prowse Jr. JHC & JHC Jr. R. Carter R.N.1 & self caught a great many fine trout. Dined at Sam'l Case's house, -had everything very clean returned in the evening except Messrs Prowse & Shrieve Boats doing but little, no caplin or squid -some herring occasionally in nets.

Sun. 3 10th after Trinity. Wind SW moderate & dry but dull. No service at church this day. Rev. C. Shrieve at Reneuse, no particular occurrence this day. Called at the Judge's and Mr. A. H. Carter's.

Mon. 4 Wind NE moderate -with wet fog, squids struck into CBay this morning a good many caught there - Some squids caught in the harbour this evening about 20 for a hand -small rain towards evening

August.. {ED'S NOTE: this item was written Dec.13th/1834}

This space having been left blank affords me an opportunity of recording some remarks that I should otherwise reserve for the end of the year. As regards the weather, this season from beginning of May has with the exception of August been pretty favourable for curing fish and pleasant to the eye, but a long series of fog & wet prevailed in August and caused considerable damage by slime to all the fish then outside, great injury was done. The catch of fish this year has been very short by the small jacks, good by small western boats, middling by the punts and bad by largest class western boats - the price of fish has been steady at 13/6, 11/ & 10/ at St. Johns. Oil £20 per ton Several Spanish and Americans have loaded at St. Johns, the former

the greatest number - the sales at Markets remitted saving prices and some early cargoes paid well say 16/to 16/6 per Qtl. Provisions very abundant & moderate all the season - bread from 13/6 to 20/-, Flour, 28/ to 30 1/2/ per Bbl; Pork, 70/ - 75/; Butter, 7*/2 per lb; Molasses 1/6 - 1/9 Rum 3/3 - 3/6 Bills at 10 to 18 [per Cl?] premium -Cash scarce - Labrador fishery very partial some parts very bad the best on this only middling and all very late -on herrings and lance. I don't think the average catch of Ferryland will exceed 30 qtls per man for men and boys - the large class boats have much more and others with 3 hands very much less with exceptions of course -Congdon & Preston declared hundred this year - also Le Paige of Burin - Mr. Preston died at Cork on his way to England per Margaret, Clift Mstr. his death may be considered to have been brought on by intemperate use of spirits — J H Carter gone to England in the Avalon for Grenock and expect to be landed at Cork - a fair time off the coast —No boats or craft expected to go to St. Johns again this fall - the major part of them on the beach. - Angerona, Water Lilly & Coquette laid up in the pool for the ice. The Pelter in Aquaforte - the bankers this season have done well - one out of this -two out of Reneuse -and will nearly average 1450 Qtls for each vessel. 13 Dec'r, 1834.

1834 - AUGUST - {continued}

Tue. 5 Wind SSW moderate with slight showers Set out my plants yesterday for winter cabbage Strong breeze towards noon -the boats that had squids today caught a good deal of fish & accounts from the Westward of fish & bait being plenty (& shrimp) four squids caught this day

Wed. 6 Wind Vble from NE to E & SE moderate The Clyde came offbound for Reneuse but she could not weather round the Head & was obliged to put into Caplin Bay. Eliza came in her. The Snipe Fish came in from St. Johns today - A/cnts of cholera having appeared in Lisbon and Gibraltar and other ports of Spain.

Thu. 7 Wind South, strong breeze & thick fog at times Clyde yet in Caplin Bay -fish plenty on squids and some squids caught up Caplin Bay & Aquaforte some boats that have squids have 8 to 10 Qtls fish this evening -Terra Nova's boat passed Southward

Fri. 8 Wind North fine -Clyde gone to Reneuse - Terra Nova's boat came into the harbour - Many vessels passing -Books posted quite up this day. Squids caught in Capelin Bay today -several boats gone to the Southward -Mr. McCallum here from St. Johns in Terra Nova's boat.

Sat. 9 Wind NE dull morning -Boats all at sea -Squids rather more plentiful this day than for the season before. Snipe fish plenty in St. Mary's Bay

Sun. 10 Wind strong at ENE, dull & heavy with considerable sea on the coast -Rev. C. J. Shrieve performed service twice at church -Considerable sensation excited in Mr. Winsor's family last week it being discerned that some of his daughters had been baptised into the Catholic faith by Revd Duffy who had been hospitably received and entertained by Mr. Winsor during the winter at his house. Cleared off fine towards evening wind NE

Mon. 11 Wind WNW very fine day -Went in the Fanny to deliver & measure the last

of the bulk sold at Cape Broyle by Auction - finished it and returned by land. Mr. Shrive went with me. Dined and Tea'd at Coryear's

Tue. 12 Wind variable from South with fog to West & clear; moderate all day, Walked to the Downs in the afternoon rather fine some of the jacks home well fished, Active & Lively came home with good trips

Wed. 13 Wind South with fog in the morning cleared off at Noon after some heavy showers of rain, wind veered to WNW & fine clear evening, several vessels passed Fanny came home from Cape Broyle -Plenty herrings & squids, fish scarce on this ground to day & yesterday

Thu. 14 Wind NW moderate & very fine morning the Phoenix came in from St. Johns & Cape Broyle the Fanny sailed for St. Johns -the boats all away with bait to Reneuse ground -Took tea with family and few others on the Head

Fri. 15 Wind South, moderate & dull -boats all away -squids rather scarce on jiggers but have been plenty on shore in the past -first vessel for Portugal cleared out from Reneuse this day Clyde for Oporto 1400 Qtls - Active home nearly full of round fish from the Point left this two days since -Schr Venus Capt Burke with cattle from PEI came in for water -Wind SSE

Sat. 16 This morning opens with heavy rain & strong breeze from SSE. Boats all kept in from sea moderate towards afternoon & fine at night with appearance of Westerly wind -Squids & herrings rather plenty than otherwise

Sun. 17 12 after Trinity. Wind SW rather fine towards noon, morning foggy & dull evening clear & warm but not over fine. -Rev C. Shreve performed church service today

Mon. 18 Wind WSW dull morning cleared off at noon, fine evening untill dusk when it came on misling rain & NE wind. Lt. Carter, Mr. Shreve, Mr. W. Sweetland & J H Carter dined with me

Tue. 19 Wind NE moderate fog & rain, went to Caplin Bay with Eliza & Fanny, Rec'd letter from Mr. Winser & replied, see Qt'r book -came on hard rain towards evening and more wind Boats looking for Squids -caught a salmon

Wed. 20 Wind NE fog & hard rain, moderate -considerable quantity of herrings taken by J H Carter's men last evening off the Judge's landwash in a caplin seine of rather a small size, squids scarce & no fish catching -the weather much against curing fish sent off Armstrong's man to Aquaforte with a letter to Mr. Winser & the Qtn {ED: Quarantine} Act -Eliza & Fanny & Mary obliged to remain in Caplin Bay last night from bad weather as it came down in torrents last night for some hours, very unlike August -fog & rain all the evening nothing doing in Fish or bait that I have heard of caught 2 salmon this evening

Thu. 21 Wind very moderate from ENE thick fog almost rain & warm -Fish in great danger on the flakes owing to such a continuance of bad weather -Fanny returned from St. Johns Sent the heifer to Freshwater to the bull -Heavy rain at night & still calm weather -

Fri. 22 Wind South same weather as yesterday and wretched it is for the Fish, great quantities must spoil of a change does not soon take place No squids -boats

not at sea no bait

Sat. 23 Wind NE with fog & showers occasionally still bad weather for the fish some boats out fishing today, no fish no bait

Sun. 24 13 after Trinity-Wind Vble from S to W & SW at night, clear and warm & dry untill towards evening when light showers fell -first dry day since last Monday -Mr. Shreve performed service

Mon. 25 Wind at SW very fine morning, fog came in about 10am and remained two hours very thick cleared off at noon & fine evening a great deal of fish spread which but for this day would be scarcely worth spreading All the elder branches of the family at Mr. Morry's Jr.2 to spend the evening to commemorate Matthew's birthday, he attaining his 21st year yesterday. Went up and returned in the boat.

Tue. 26 Wind very moderate at South, with thick fog. appears to have rained in the night -Hard rain at noon with strong breeze from South & a swell waking on the land -squids scarce & little doing in the fishery some of the skiffs caught between 2 & 3 Qtls on herrings

Wed. 27 Wind at NE in the morning fine day veered in the course of the day all round the compass -the people all through the place busy at their fish which is now in a very bad state from such a continuance of very bad weather, no salmon today

Thu. 28 Wind inclined to NE nearly calm looks as if it would rain again -wind SE at noon strong gale & heavy rain -A vessel from Manchester with sheep and lumber, put her under quarantine at anchor in Caplin Bay - left again early this morning, too rough to board her with such boat as mine

Fri. 29 Wind strong NW very fine, with an amazing quantity of water coming down over the hills -Released Schr Dolphin from qtn having lain 24 hrs.

Sat. 30 Calm all day fine weather, went to Fermeuse to hold an Inquiry into the cause of the death of one of the crew of the Victory, Solomon, Master. Returned same evening, Mr. Sami Prowse Jr. with me.

Sun. 31 14 after Trinity. Wind very moderate mainly calm light airs from SW. S. Prowse Jr. spent the day with me and Mr. Morry Sen'r. Service at church by Mr. Shreve - a fine day. Dolphin went out for St. Johns Mr. Hunt of Manchester passenger in her -cargo sheep & plank

1834 - SEPTEMBER

Mon. 1 Wind NE looking heavy to windward, dry & showers at intervals -moderate towards evening - Victory schr came in bound to St. Johns from a fishing voyage to the Westward, brings ac/cts of fish and bait being scarce there a few squids taken in Capelin Bay. M'l Sliney came home, made a good catch on Saturday evening on the bank 18 Qtls on 150 squid

Tue. 2 Wind SW rather dull than otherwise, Sami Prowse Jr. left over land for Fermeuse this morning early - took the salmon net in not having caught anything in it lately - shot two partridges on back of Brimstone Hill this evening in company with Rev. T. Browne.

Wed. 3 Wind at SW with mizzling rain, moderate cleared off at noon fine evening, very few fish caught some herrings were being caught but squids very scarce the voyage I fear may be said to[o] nearly on shore -Mr. Shreve, Lt. R. Carter and Mr. Sweetland left for St. Johns yesterday in B. Sweetland's boat.

Thu. 4 Wind very light from NW & fine, but it appears calm outside the harbour - about 11 am cleared off very fine with strong breeze at West very fine day - new fish weighed off for the first time in this harbour today for the season. M'l Sleeney came home with 10 or 12 Qtls fish from the Southward -Painted the end of the house it takes exactly one keg white lead & of oil enough to mix it a good thickness. 2 partridge for dinner today and very good, killed two days ago by R. Carter and T. Browne

Fri. 5 Wind nearly calm all day untill evening when a light breeze from South came up -Went to Fermeuse to dine with S. Prowse Jr. Mrs. Carter, Eliza, James and myself returned again at night in the boat, James and self rowed all the way to Fermeuse, quite calm. Some boats caught a good deal of fish on the bank on squids & herrings which are not plenty

Sat. 6 Wind South fair morning, foggy with rain after noon -the boats all idle for want of bait no herrings or squids going the fine weather appears ended again

Sun. 7 15 after Trinity. Wind NNW to WNW. fine day, hard rain at 2am with thunder & lightening several boats returned from Conception Bay with squids but not in great quantities -No service at the church this day

Mon. 8 Wind West NW very fine day, not many herrings caught last night -Active went with some to Westward -a good deal of dry fish moving Union of St. Johns entered at Cape Broyle to complete her loading there. -Snipefish left for St. Johns, first coaster with new dry fish this season.

Tue. 9 Wind West, fine morning -towards noon wind veered to SW with heavy showers of rain -& so continued till night

Wed. 10 Wind SW to W & NW in course of the day morning showers of rain - afternoon dry Wrote Mr. Rendell c/o the Fanny she left at night for St. Johns first trip of dry fish

Thu. 11 Wind West strong breeze, fog coming over the land but likely to be fine - curlew very scarce as yet Some boats out on herrings a very fine day throughout for fish

Fri. 12 Wind SW fine morning some few herrings caught this morning and a few Qtls of fish by the punts etc. Fair all day, few fish - a schooner of McBride's came in for fish from Reneuse to Deveraux.

Sat. 13 Wind strong SW showery in the morning Administered the usual oaths of office to Peter Winser this day as Justice of Peace -boats came home from the bank 2 to 8 Qtls ea. Waterlilly & schr [Retriever?] left for St. Johns

Sun. 14 16 after Trinity. Wind North in the morning to WNW in the day a very fine moderate & warm day throughout -{ED: "Wm. Carter Jr." crossed out} & Miss Keating with JHC dined with me - the former W C Jr spent the afternoon with me.

Mon. 15 Wind SW dull morning -strong breeze at West at midday & afternoon, with light showers in the evening & heavy clouds coming over the land likely to blow hard to night -few herrings today

Tue. 16 Strong breeze NNE wind fine day Went to Reneuse in Sylph with Williams with Eliza and Fanny to stay at Mrs. Saunders for a few days. James went with me and returned overland in the evening.

Wed. 17 Wind variable from North to West, dull morning but very fine afternoon, the Fanny came home from St. Johns, in her Judge Carter no particular news by her

Thu. 18 Fine day wind variable, nothing particular occurred some squids caught in Caplin Bay

Fri. 19 Fine day nearly calm all day Went to Fermeuse and walked over to Reneuse for Eliza and Fanny. The wind came up NE left them and slept at Fermeuse the night at Messrs Congdon & Prestons

Sat. 20 Wind moderate all day from NE to South -dull heavy looking weather, with a swell heaving in upon the land -Walked home from Mr. Prowse's at Fermeuse and left my boat there -The Brig'e Britannia, Shedden, ready for sea for Oporto laden with fresh fish -a few fish caught in by the punts & skiffs today from 2 to 3 Qtls each

Sun. 21 Wind at SSW great swell -dull & heavy looking very moderate & warm -hard rain in the afternoon with fog hanging over the sea looks likely to continue some time

Mon. 22 17 after Trinity. Wind NE strong breeze with wet fog Eliza & Fanny came home from Reneuse walked although the weather was bad. Mr. Prowse came with them & Mr. Saunders part way with them.

Tue. 23 Wind moderate at E. dry with flying fog -South in the afternoon -went to Fermeuse with Mr. Prowse, remained with him the night.

Wed. 24 Wind SW dull with showers light airs of wind, returned with my boat from Fermeuse about midday -Britannia sailed for Portugal with fish -Benjmn Sweetland sworn in by the usual oaths this day as magistrate for the Southern District.

Thu. 25 Wind NW fine -hard rain all night moderate this morning -dull towards evening Some boats caught a good many squids up Aquaforte

Fri. 26 Wind North to NNW fine day, good breeze -Wm. Carter Jr. & few others dined with me this day. The James belonging to Mr. M. Hutchings supposed from New York put into Aquaforte -the fishing appears quite at an end although some punts get a few Qtls fish & a report prevails that fish is plenty at C St. Mary's. Pelter sailed for Portugal

Sat. 27 Wind N & NNE tolerably fine day -went to Aquaforte about Q'tn Matters and to give Mr. Winser the Govt Proc'n {Ed: proclamation} to put in force as the Jas. was there, the Pill Head on her voyage to Sydney was in there leaky, saw Capt. Clapp

Sun. 28 18th Sunday. Wind SSW fine day, with strong breeze Angerona went for St. Johns, JHC in her. Capt. Clapp called to see us.

Mon. 29 Wind vble nearly a calm - Phoenix sailed for Oporto - Pill Head from Aquaforte for Sydney - business at court - Fanny went to Fermeuse to load fish for St. Johns.

Tue. 30 Wind N to W fine breeze -very fine day the Water Lilly home from St. Johns circuit vessel passed - no herring last night -boats doing nothing

1834 - OCTOBER

Wed. 1 Wind vble from NW to N & SW strong breeze circuit vessel put back into Aquaforte - Blowing hard and looking for wind

Thu. 2 Wind SW strong gale Fanny passed to the northward from Fermeuse for St. Johns with very heavy rain all day and blowing at night very heavy - Jas Smith caught 150 squid at Capelin Bay yesterday and today - Lighted fires in the parlour evenings & mornings -cut a vegetable marrow 4 lb 10 oz in our garden in open air.

Fri. 3 Wind NE strong breeze -wet in the morning rather dry at noon but dull. Mr Sweetland's boat from St. Johns, nothing new - boats could do no good at sea

Sat. 4 Wind NE dull heavy with light rain - a few young folks at the house last night Mr. Kenny played the violin for them to dance - Capt Jn Clapp dined with me today the Pillhead being in Aquaforte bound to St. Johns -wind SE and heavy looking at night.

Sun. 5 19 after Trinity. Wind SW with rain, moderate breeze -Pillhead left Aquaforte for St. Johns -Mich'l Niele of Fermeuse died yesterday rather suddenly - reported of cholera symptoms he was taken ill sitting near a pile of manure - blew very hard at night with very heavy rain - Wm Sweetland Jr. slept here.

Mon. 6 Wind at West, dry & looking rather for fair thaw foul weather, a good breeze of wind -Mr. Wright sworn in as J.P.

Tue. 7 Wind NNW moderate, fair morning rather colder than for some time -a very fine day all through put into stow a good deal of fish

Wed. 8 Dull morning finer towards noon good breeze wind about west - too late for fish - put in Jas Meagher and Bryan's from off the wharf - Cummins sent to Cape Broyle to summon Mr. Dwyer for tomorrow

Thu. 9 Wind SW dull moderate morning John Shea at work repairing the chimnies, one day's work - showers at noon - business at the Court - Reddy & Dwyer - went to Capelin Bay in the evening. Oil reported worth £2/

Fri. 10 Wind SW rain & dull looking weather -hard rain towards noon and very strong gale -Snipe arrived

Sat. 11 Wind NE fine breeze -showery, cold wind Fanny passed for St. Johns per Fermewse -People packing herrings & bringing down hay -Several boats came home from St. Johns today

Sun. 12 20 after Trinity. Wind about West, fine day good breeze many vessels passing Northward, this is the 44th anniversary of my birth - Mr. Williams

gone to St. Johns today with wood - fishing quite at an end.

Mon. 13 Wind SW strong breeze, showers at times Reneuse man at court today, several bound over to keep the Peace etc. laying up the boats.

Tue. 14 Wind South strong, thick fog with hard rain all night -very heavy rain all this day & so continuing with strong gale from SW. and a heavy sea

Wed. 15 Wind at West strong breeze, clear -put fish in store -Wrote to my sister and Mr. Rendell at St. Johns, sent Customs H'o Returns by Peggy Brennan

Thu. 16 Wind NE moderate morning & clear Angerona came in from St. Johns - strong breeze towards evening, rather cold -froze last night & likely to do so to night -boats all home

Fri. 17 Wind strong NE with occasional showers of hail a heavy sea on the land

Sat. 18 Wind South to West blew very hard all night with heavy rain

Sun. 19 21 after Trinity; Wind South & S West during the day -dull with showers occasionally -Saw Lt. R. Carter today, he returned 2 days since from St. Johns. Judge Carter called in the morning -Brennan left for St. Johns today in a boat.

Mon. 20 Wind South, light air thick fog -dull heavy weather little doing

Tue. 21 Wind South heavy sea on -dry but a poor day for dry fish -Finlay at work at the wall.

Wed. 22 Wind South strong breeze with hard rain heavy gale all night with great sea on the shore - appearances that we shall have a late fall although little fish remaining out on the flakes & what is out is likely to incur injury

Thu. 23 Wind S to WSW finer day than for a long time fish spread today & the paths & places drying up - fine & warm at noon picked plenty of currants in the Judge's garden

Fri. 24 Wind SSW with heavy rain, a strong breeze and black murky looking weather inclined vble for strong gale

Sat. 25 Wind South to S&W fine day, hardly fitting for dry fish -moderate & warm

Sun. 26 22nd after Trinity. Wind NE cold & damp with strong breeze & heavy sea - Some snow showers at night but did not stay on the ground long, wind NNW at night

Mon. 27 Wind NW to South -fine morning but wet towards afternoon -got some dry fish into stow, a poor day for it. Hard rain at night light wind

Tue. 28 Wind vble from SW to NE & rain alternately throughout the day -nothing doing, very warm weather & close.

Wed. 29 Wind NE strong gale with heavy rain & a sea heaving on the coast -accounts of Sir T. J. Cochrane, Govr, being about to leave the Gov't of this Island reached us today

Thu. 30 Wind NE strong breeze but inclined to be dry - heavy sea on the land - Brennan came home from St. Johns no letters or news - took up turnips and carrots and put into the cellar.

Fri. 31 Wind ENE, good breeze, several vessels - a ship and several brigs in sight today -

1834 - NOVEMBER

Sat. 1 Wind NE, strong breeze cold with sleet, dark gloomy weather ground very wet and heavy sea upon the rocks.

Sun. 2 24th [?] after Trinity. Wind strong gale from NE with showers of rain & sleet all day -some few vessels in sight -heavy sea on the land

Mon. 3 Wind strong gale from NE dark & cloudy with sun at intervals very high tide & heavy sea on

Tue. 4 Wind NE & NW moderate & dry but a tremendous sea on the shore, breaking over the back of the beach & over the Point of Beach into the Pool -Boats driving in all directions there -Norris' stage nearly washed all down -Brazels flake at the back quite down -a very high tide also snow on the ground this morning -Many large white & spotted owls about to day -several killed on the Gaze.

Wed. 5 Wind moderate, from South & South West dull & heavy looking for rain - pretty much sea yet upon the coast but getting down

Thu. 6 Wind NE with rain & unpleasant weather light airs at night at North or NNW -mild

Fri. 7 Wind NE to SSW clear & mild Sylph laden with oil for St. Johns. Mrs. Carter made up her mind to go in the boat, put things on board, but time did not arrive -

Sat. 8 Wind NE mild, dull & heavy

Sun. 9 Wind WNW. left for St. Johns -Mrs. Carter & self in boat Sylph, reached there same night. During our absence Cath Walsh [Sen'r?] died & 3 weddings

{ED: No Entries from November 9th to November 21 during the St. John's visit.}

Sat. 22 Wind very strong NE with heavy rain all day -left St. Johns in the Fanny for this {ED: place} and came here in about 6 hours - found all well -Mrs. Carter with me, having been at St. Johns exactly a fortnight

Sun. 23 4 after Epiphany. Wind very strong NE & heavy sea -could not have got out of St. Johns today Fanny at anchor under the house -Wm. Sweetland called in after dinner and slept the night here.

Mon. 24 Wind ENE. Fanny moved to Southside Wm Sweetland sworn into office as clerk of the Peace for Southern District.

Tue. 25 Wind NE to South moderate dull and heavy -strong NE wind & hard rain at night mild weather

Wed. 26 Wind at W to SW light airs with showers Mr. Congdon left for St. Johns

Thu. 27 Wind WNW Snipe Fish came in from St. Johns -dry day, shipped fish per Fanny

Fri. 28 Dull day wind NE with showers nothing particular to day -fresh fish caught at the Head

Sat. 29 Very fine day -smart frost -wind North junk came from St. Johns loading Fanny

Sun. 30 1st Advent. Wind SSW with snow in the early part of the day which came to rain through noon, at night wind veered to Westward, a strong breeze all day

and dirty outside Fanny and several boats left for St. Johns. R. Carter, R. N. dined with me -
1834 - DECEMBER

Mon. 1 Wind North strong inclined to NE showers of snow a little frosty -at Court House all day nearly -
packed away J H Carter's things into the nursery for the winter.

Tue. 2 Wind N to NE tolerably dry overhead a little frosty -two islands of ice in sight -at night dull rather
inclined to snow

Wed. 3 Wind NE strong with snow all day and very moist rather unpleasant weather cows put into house to
night first time

Thu. 4 Wind NE with snow, strong breeze Britannia came in from Lisbon bound to St. Johns in 27 days -all
well

Fri. 5 Wind NNE to NNW moderate considerable sea on the coast

Sat. 6 Wind moderate S and SSW dry -Britannia sailed for St. Johns also Jn Bryan in his boat. R Carter left.
Snipe left C Bay last night. Terrence Bryan married to May Clancy tonight.

Sun. 7 2nd Advent. Wind SW strong gale -a very heavy gale of wind all night with heavy rain, all the snow
gone today that had fallen -heavy sea on the coast -a dreadful night for any craft on the coast -mild today
but gloomy

Mon. 8 Wind Variable from N to S, round by the sea -moderate all day smart frost last night and a very fine
day -Eliz'h Culliton married to Shean last night. killed two sheep this evening

Tue. 9 Wind from SW to WNW a tremendous gale with heavy rain all night - Deveraux's flake blown down
along the waterside, dried up about noon & freeing at night -fine weather

Wed. 10 Wind NE to North light breeze all day with showers of snow -fine at night good breeze and very
smart frost & clear

Thu. 11 Wind NNW moderate, fine & frosty -Some boats came home from St. Johns covered in ice it having
frozen hard last night bro't accounts that James H. Carter was to sail for England today in the brig Ursula he
with Messrs Rendell- Langley -Goodridge -Soper and Russel -a fine time if he has sailed

Fri. 12 Wind at West at South during last night with a few inches of snow -a Brig passed N wind NE at
night, moderate and heavy looking Wm Williams unrigging the Sylph boat -William Sweetland Jr. came to
board and lodge at Southside

Sat. 13 Wind NE to ENE with showers of sleet -good breeze and looking heavy - heard of Congdon &
Preston's Stores at Fermeus having broken into last Thursday & robbed of £20 worth -Mr. Congdon since
arrived there from St. Johns

Sun. 14 3rd Advent. Wind SW very fine moderate & mild day -took a walk into the woods with the children
-fair paths for hauling & across some of the ponds, a vessel passed Northward -letters from Congdon, put
letters onboard a Placentia boat for St. Johns for Mr. [Antel?] -Mr. Rendell -Mr. Crowdy -RC

& Congdon Esq

Mon. 15 Wind South with hard rain & fog -strong gale at night free thaw snow all gone again nearly -at night wind more to the Westward, freezing a little -put letters onboard a Placentia boat & a box for JWR

Tue. 16 Wind moderate SW Placentia boat left -dark blinking snow -gentle frost during the night hard rain at night strong SE breeze

Wed. 17 Wind vble from S to NE with rain & mild at noon NE with sleet -cleared off at night

Thu. 18 Wind NNE very smart frost dry -Fanny came in last night from St. Johns brought letter from James H Carter -partly discharged her -fine day quite clear at night

Fri. 19 Wind vble from NE to SE fine day smart frost very moderate -Fanny put into the Pool -Prowse & Congdon came in the evening -Congdon sworn in under the Commission as Justice of Peace

Sat. 20 Wind SE strong breeze -looking for dirty weather Cygnet went up Aquaforte yesterday from St. Johns strong breeze towards night with snow etc. S Prowse here

Sun. 21 Sunday before Xmass -Wind S to SW and W very strong gale at SE all last night with torrents of rain, heavy sea on today -No snow to be seen on the ground quite mild -the shortest day in the year

Mon. 22 Wind NE moderate slight frost -damp air -heavy looking yet freezing a little -William Sweetland down from Caplin Bay

Tue. 23 Wind NE dark weather gentle frost moderate no snow on the ground

Wed. 24 Wind NE moderate, cold & dry rather dark looking but no snow or rain

Thu. 25 Wind SE light frost, dry & a pleasant morning for a Xmass day -all well around my fireside. Sam'l Prowse Jr. at my house no snow down

Fri. 26 Wind NE- a desperate gale-with a very heavy fall of snow, and great drifts not very frosty -can see nothing out of doors - continued to snow and drift all the while and the gale still the same, the yard at the back quite filled with snow, the cattle could not be let out of the stable for the day through. No letters from the Cygnet, yet in Aquaforte -

Sat. 27 Wind NE good breeze open air & rather chilly clear weather a heavy sea from yesterday a good deal of snow down -not very frosty -S. Prowse here

Sun. 28 Wind NE strong breeze -frosty & clear but very raw cold -no particular occurrence this day

Mon. 29 Wind NE rather a fair day, mild frost no snow this day -Cygnet not yet down from Aquaforte yet -

Tue. 30 Wind vble NW to South-fine morning, latter part of the day dull, likely for falling weather. Cygnet still in Aquaforte - Mr. Prowse here. W. Mountain before the court for refusing to maintain his wife, committed to jail this evening. Mr. Wright and self present.

Wed. 31 Wind at South, hard rain & thawing a good deal of snow gone away - a strong gale last night less rain at evening - last night

the Court - her Husband committed to jail for refusing to provide for - Revd. T. Browne, this evening ordered Devereaux not to allow her to remain in his house, under threats of the heaviest nature he could inflict in consequence the woman and Devereaux came to my house at night fall and Devereaux stated his case and that he was afraid of the Priest to take her in - and I accordingly ordered her to the Jailors care untill a meeting of the Magistrates should be called to determine on the steps to be taken in respect thereto - Devereaux is a licensed Publican and the only one in the Harbour at present. - Wrote an order on 1 Jan'y to P. Gorman not to allow any person to visit the gaol without an order from the Magistrate.

1835

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 1835

This year opens with thick fog and rain, and consequently thawing freely - scarcely any wind, but what little is moving in from the Eastern quarter - very bad walking through the Harbour as the inner layering in harbour from the landfall does not bear and is saturated now with water - this eventful period does not open calmly as regards party feeling - the Priest is inveterate against a poor unfortunate female under his displeasure and against whom he appears to direct his greatest malice and enmity - and also seems to direct his proceedings in opposition to the magistrates — how such conduct will end let time decide - Sam'l Prowse and Miss Morry at the house on a visit - Cygnet yet in Aquaforte - Ordered P. Gorman as Jailer to receive Peggy Mountain and afford shelter and sustenance.

1835 - JANUARY

Fri. 2 Wind vble W to NW very moderate with snow showers of smart frost Cygnet came into the harbour from Aquaforte - Mrs. Carter rather unwell in a cold now very prevalent

Sat. 3 Wind NE with a shower of snow or so - frosty & moderate - Mr. Prowse left for Fermeuse - Thos Payne came home from St. Johns

Sun. 4 Wind NE with snow showers, raw & cold frosty day - good breeze of wind - Letters from R. Carter by Payne

Mon. 5 Wind South, moderate weather mild a very severe frost last night - a meeting of Magistrates called today but Winser and Congdon did not attend and there was nothing done - dull evening

Tue. 6 12th day. Wind Vble from SW to NE very moderate and mild with snow towards night - the people would not work today being a holiday Mary of Philadelphia T H Harland Master from Philadelphia for St. Johns with flour put into Cape Broyle in distress, suffered a good deal on Xmass night & following day lost one man - a Brig passing North today - Thos. Payne landed bread for the Poor - 16 bags

Wed. 7 Wind NE & ENE a very strong gale with heavy fall of snow and much drift towards evening a silver thaw with hail and some rain, but blowing very hard - a bad day for Wm Sweetland Jr. in the Woods with Thos Cannon

Thu. 8 Wind NE free thaw, a dreadfull night last night with a very heavy silver thaw, a very large quantity of snow down now - & no paths through the harbour - thawing at night

Fri. 9 Wind NE strong breeze - free thaw snow melting fast, some heavy showers of rain in course of today nothing stirring in the harbour Cygnet still here nothing taken in

Sat. 10 Wind NE, strong breeze with light showers of snow and some frost, clear at intervals - Rec'd an a/c't of the total loss of Brig Mary at Beachy Cove in Cape Broyle laden with 1100 bar. flour, very little of vessel or cargo saved - went there to secure the duties for the flour that may be saved

Sun. 11 1st after Epiphany. Wind NNW, moderate smart frost last night, snow bears well -returned from Cape Broyle this afternoon, a/c'ts of the Mary correct -

Mon. 12 Wind SW to NW fine mild moderate day, began to ship fish per Cygnet - expected the attendance of the Magistrates at Court House this day - they did not attend, discharged Mr. Mountain on his own security, finding no other to be got. Brazil promised to give 40/- in goods on account of Mr. Mountain.

Tue. 13 Wind moderate & vble from S to E & SW. -fine mild day -nearly finished with the Cygnet's fish putting onboard -Mr. and Mrs. Morry came in the evening

Wed. 14 Scarcely any wind, vble from NE to SE & E. a Brig in sight supposed to be the Yacht [Murin?] from England -dull day with light snow showers - Capt. Parkinson came here from Cape Broyle

Thu. 15 Wind moderate, very mild thawing a little rather dull & damp -wind at South in the evening but light air -Devereaux killed a good many ducks at the stead3 today

Fri. 16 Dull moderate NE wind looking very heavy -Capt. Howland left for Cape Broyle, gave him his Protest, which he did not yet pay for. If ever Misery or Punishment is ordained for Man I feel it

Sat. 17 Wind at South strong breeze with much rain very mild and thawing very freely indeed bad for fresh meat, it will not keep I fear much longer

Sun. 18 2 af. Epiph'y. Wind S to WNW good breeze frost towards afternoon -blinks of snow two vessels passed Northward

Mon. 19 Wind vble moderate NW to NE dark -at night, light frost -trifling case or two in court this day -dark gloomy evening likely to snow

Tue. 20 Wind strong gale NE with heavy fall of snow -went to Cape Broyle to the sale of what hath been saved from the wreck of the Mary of Philadelphia and found it an arduous task to get there - returned to Caplin Bay at night and slept there being too fatigued to come home in the dark and deep snow with no track beaten.

Wed. 21 Wind at NW returned home, through very deep snow -strong gale & frosty but not very severe - Cygnet preparing for sea

Thu. 22 Wind from NW to SE fine morning, a good deal of snow down -came to rain at night and strong gale at SE - Cygnet not yet sailed

Fri. 23 Wind strong breeze at West fine day hard rain all last night, free thaw this morning -the Cygnet not gone but quite ready, rather too much wind to weigh where she lays on a leeshore

Sat. 24 Wind at West moderate -light frost with some snow during the night fine morning -I think Coryear's boat went to St. Johns to day with the crew of the Mary of Philadelphia - Men gone to Cape Broyle to launch Sander's Brothers a new schooner -

Sun. 25 3 after Epiphany. Wind NNW fine day - Cygnet sailed for Figueira - yesterday Thos Culliton fell off Cape Broyle bridge & was drowned - Wm Devereaux had a daughter two days since - a brig passing northward - Thos Payne's boat came in from C. Broyle. Wm Dinn left by land for St. Johns.

{note in margin} - Mrs. C. XXX

Mon. 26 Wind NW smart frosty, fine morning went for Cape Broyle to hold an Inquest on Culleton's body, - which was brought from there on a slide to day - Tue.27 Wind NE, snow & silver thaw, dark, gloomy weather - Mr. Congdon here last evening - snow and drifty at night & blowing hard, {note in margin}- (well)
Wed.28 Wind NE to ENE very moderate & fine silver thaw last night & some snow, very moderate frost - bad walking through the Harbour- a good deal of Game killed by several persons to day - fine at evening -lolly in the Harbour
Thu. 29 Wind ESE good breeze, with heavy fall of snow frost very light scarcely freezing at all. -heavy fall of snow at night with strong gale from SE. Ocean covered with soft lolly
Fri. 30 Wind NNE strong breeze -ocean covered with snow lolly -fine day overhead rather frosty than otherwise
Sat. 31 Wind at E to SW good breeze, dull weather blinking snow -scarcely freezing Harbour filled with soft lolly - Wm Rendell Jr. came here from St. Johns, left it last Monday Evening -very heavy walking - looking for continuance of falling weather.

1835 - FEBRUARY

Sun. 1 4 after Epiphany. Wind S to SW & West moderate breeze with hard rain & free thaw, snow diminished very much an unpleasant day afternoon foggy & free thaw
Mon. 2 Wind variable nearly calm -Sanders towed his new vessel from Cape Broyle -nearly calm all day with a shower or two of snow -not at all frosty -dull
Tue. 3 Wind moderate at South -nearly calm fine morning gentle frost. Strong WNW at noon hard frost at night -Ink froze in the office {ED: pale scratchy writing hard to read}
Wed. 4 Wind NE to SE dull with snow strong gale at SE frosty & raw cold likely to be heavy falling weather
Thu. 5 Wind at West -SW during the night -a very severe gale with heavy rain frosty this morning and hard frost on the Harbour driven out of it - brought down 4 dishes 3 teaspoons from the Southside - a party to night
Fri. 6 Wind at WNW strong breeze smart frost, fine day, rather slippery walking the lolly cleared off the coast again
Sat. 7 Wind at SSW strong breeze froze hoard in the night being calm -the harbour caught slightly over, did not remain -P. Wright spent the evening with me
Sun. 8 5 after Epiphany. Wind at South, good breeze very thick fog and free thaw, more like May than Feb'y thawed very free with hard rain
Mon. 9 Wind at West strong breeze, fine day -gentle frost -at Court today but only trifling business, ordered issue of Provisions to the poor.
Tue. 10 Wind NW moderate fine -frost last night but not much -a very fine afternoon and rather frosty.
Wed. 11 Wind at South good breeze -a good deal of lolly formed last night but covers but a small space since the wind sprang up -at Capelin Bay to a dance this

evening. Came home late - hard rain & thaw

Thu. 12 Wind S to SW foggy morning cleared at noon -fine evening and looking for frost -very overcast

Fri. 13 Wind SW, free thaw - fresh meat cannot be kept much longer. Prowse at Caplin Bay & returned today -fine evening with good breeze of wind at W & frosty

Sat. 14 Wind SSW very mild, fine morning good breeze -rain towards night

Sun. 15 6 after Epiphany. Wind at NW & NNW very light showers of snow fell during the night past & a slight frost, -a very fine day indeed very moderate breeze, freezing out of the sun -so far a remarkably mild winter - Doris passed for St. Johns

Mon. 16 Wind moderate in the morning nearly calm a little frost during the night -dull morning

Tue. 17 Wind vble, S to SE dull & heavy light breeze a good deal of lolly in the harbour -Sam'l Prowse left for Caplin Bay this evening - snow at night.

Wed. 18 Wind NE silver thaw, moderate breeze free thaw at noon, strong breeze at night with silver thaw & rain

Thu. 19 Wind NE strong breeze -harbour quite full of lolly, very slight frost & little snow -looking very dark to windward

Fri. 20 Wind NE gentle frost -good breeze Snow last night -the trees & houses covered in silver thaw -Went to Aquaforte with my daughter, Wm. Rendell Jr., Mary Morry and William Sweetland Jr.

Sat. 21 Wind NNW fine day, moderate breeze the lolly driving out the harbour -first good birds in the woods and good walking - felt very unwell this evening obliged to go to bed

Sun. 22 Wind SW dull, inclined to rain, thawing moderate - heard of J H Carter & Mr. Rendell's safe arrival per Avalon to Grenock in 22 days

Mon. 23 Wind SW free thaw, good breeze -Gen'l Q'r Sessions this day - several of the Grand Jury did not attend four of six -strong breeze NW wind

Tue. 24 Wind North strong breeze frosty & fine day -engaged at Court with the Grand Jury and other affairs -many men went on to St. Johns for the Ice - it is said some of Mr. Winsor's crew at the interference of Priest Duffy he having cursed the Pelter and those who would go in her

Wed. 25 Wind NE, smart frost-Harbour caught over, very fine day indeed - Angerona came over to wharf from Pool bent [part/port?] sails and took water on board - also Water Lilly came over to Mr. Wright's wharf - snow & frost

Thu. 26 Wind at E to SE & South at night Hard rain in the evening cleared off about 10pm -the lolly drove out of the harbour -sealers fitting out

Fri. 27 Wind at WSW fine mild day, good breeze, lolly all gone out -a boat for St. Johns from Renewse or Fermeuse -at night dull & calm -snowing. Wrote Jas. Stewart Esq by Rob't Brennan to insure the Angerona in £800, at all times & places on a sealing voyage at & from here or untill laid up here at end of it. Letter dated 26 Feb'y 1835.

Sat. 28 Wind S to SW -free thaw with heavy showers & strong breeze

1835 - MARCH

Sun. 1 Quinquagesima Sunday. Wind SW to WSW -frosty towards evening moderate at times & breezes between the slight showers of snow

Mon. 2 Wind E to NE moderate Lolly made in the Harbour last night, snow at noon- sealers ready but cannot proceed

Tue. 3 Wind NE strong breeze, smart frost harbour filled with lolly sealers ready but cannot proceed

Wed. 4 1st day Lent. Wind West fine day -lolly clearing off the land & out of the harbour a great quantity in sight but very soft -Sealers quite ready to start opportunity offering - Argyle passed Northward for the Ice - moderate at night looking for a change

Thu. 5 Wind from S to NNE drifty snowy morning cleared a little at noon, frosty & strong breeze Pelter sailed last night, has a poor time today -Wind veered to NW -Angerona & Water Lilly sailed, bro't up in the Narrows by lolly untill 11 pm when they both got clear out. Wind more for S in the night -frosty

Fri. 6 Wind SSW good breeze smart frost in the night Dullanty sailed for St. Johns in his boat with wood a fine time

Sat. 7 Wind NNW very moderate fine day -Mr. Sanders's Coquette sailed for the Ice this evening. Walked to Bay Bulls with William Rendell Jr. rather heavy walking, some places -smart frost at night.

Sun. 8 1st in Lent. Wind NE strong gale lolly along the coast driving in one vessel in it - supposed Coquette returned from Bay Bulls - St. Johns sealers went out on Saturday morning - heard of Mr. W. J. Morry's death at St. Johns - returned from Bay Bulls.

Mon. 9 Wind NE strong breeze clear, frosty & cold -the ocean covered with lolly as far as can see - Coquette driven away in it to the South -Jno Sanders Jr. schooner not yet able to get out to the ice, she is nearly ready -last night a heavy gale from ENE with frost & hail

Tue. 10 Wind NE strong breeze, smart frost -lolly yet covering the ocean a vessel or two driven to the Southward in it

Wed. 11 Wind NE strong breeze, snowing a good deal, and smart frost

Thu. 12 Wind NNE snow drift all the first part of the day clear towards evening - frosty -strong breeze the lolly cleared a little out of the bay -Pat Ryan came from St. Johns

Fri. 13 Wind at West good breeze-lolly opening out of the Harbour a little - fine mild day - Went to Caplin Bay with Mrs. Carter in a sleigh, spent the day there & returned at night wind SW

Sat. 14 Wind SSW strong gale all night thawing lolly breaking up & driving out - Peggy Mountain taken ill - still lodging in the jail

Sun. 15 2nd in Lent. Wind SW to WSW fine day good breeze lolly out of the harbour -Schr Brothers sailed for the ice -Peggy Mountain ill in the jail - sent Mrs. Cahill to stay up by her tonight - the jailer stated he had not any coals wished to have her removed from thence - Priest spoke against her in the chapel.

Mon. 16 Wind S rain & free thaw -moderate breeze -At the Court House where it was

mentioned by the D'y Sheriff that Gorman had received a letter from the Priest about Mountain's wife, it was then told Gorman he was unfit for his situation if such turned up to be true. Several persons to visit Peggy Mountain today at the jail - Sullivan with wood. Foggy and dull at night, thawing

Tue. 17 St. Patrick's Day. Wind WNW strong breeze very light frost in the night -fine day -towards evening wind N & NE to E & SE with snow & rain during the night

Wed. 18 Wind SW strong gale with heavy snow showers & drift -frosty excessive drift Wind NNW

Thu. 19 Wind moderate & variable from NNW to WNW very fine day -thawing in the sun - Excessively strong gale from North last night -Fanny driven from her moorings in the pool on the wharf of Norris - Ordered Mrs. Cahill to remain in attendance of Peggy Mountain in jail - paid W. Power of Brigus the remaining seed potatoes money for Brigus and gave him an order on our M C'n4 for Brigus' share for relief of POOR...wind SW at night looking dull & heavy

Fri. 20 Wind SW good breeze free thaw -snow during the night with heavy breeze from South. Com's {ED: Cornelius} Kelly took the oath as surveyor for Cape Broyle Roads this day before me. P. Mountain ill today

Sat. 21 Wind NNW good breeze rather strong blew hard all night, smart frost -Priest offered Peggy Mountain anything he had in his house, she lodging in jail, yet better, today -harbour clear of lolly but so far this month has been more severe & more snow hath fallen than during the winter through

Sun. 22 3rd in Lent. Wind N to NNW -good breeze & smart frosty w'r lolly made everywhere last night but is driving off the coast -a boat for Reneuse that took sealing crew to St. Johns in February passed south - R'd Dullanty came from St. Johns left this morning -Capt. Kemp and Mr. Richards in her. evening dull looking for a change of wind

Mon. 23 Wind ESE snow dull & heavy, lolly driving into the harbour again -Peggy Mountain confined for a daughter in jail today -rain & thaw towards evening wind veered to SSW mild

Tue. 24 Wind West good breeze moderate frost fine day -Went to Fermeuse and staid the night with Mr. Congdon

Wed. 25 Wind SW showers of snow -walked over to Reneuse & dined with Mr. Sanders and slept there the night - smart frosty weather.

Thu. 26 Wind NW fine day very strong breeze frosty W'r -dined with W. Row

Fri. 27 Wind NE strong breeze and frosty W'r Harbours caught over during the night walked home after breakfast good walking plenty of snow down

Sat. 28 NE, strong breeze cold & frosty -Mr. Coady here from Bay Bulls last evening -during my absence at Reneuse - Peggy Mountain, confined for a daughter (premature), the child died in a few hours, after its birth - hard frost last night - Ink froze in the office - Bread did so in the storeroom first time the winter.

Sun. 29 4th in Lent. NE moderate dull thawing free -lolly or ice in sight -called up the Bay on Capt. Kemp

Mon. 30 NE moderate -foggy & free thaw Lolly or ice in sight along the coast -No Business at Court, today at night very thick

Tue. 31 NE -almost calm weather as yesterday lolly into the harbour quite full -Dined with Mr. Richards

1835 - APRIL

Wed. 1 NE -moderate foggy & free thaw, lolly into the harbour quite full

Thu. 2 NE strong breeze & foggy weather harbour filled as yesterday -Costello came from St. Johns last evening. No news

Fri. 3 NE fine day clear but thawing moderate breeze -can see over the lolly but the harbour is yet quite filled by it, it is very soft like wet snow -rare to be seen at this season of the year -No vessels can come in any neighboring port

Sat. 4 NE - NNE fine day moderate breeze A slight frost good walking in the woods - went in for Pea sticks a good path inside the [yellow?] marsh - Pat Ryan called for letters for St. Johns intending to start in the morning - a schooner in sight, no sealer -

Sun. 5 5 in Lent. NNE moderate & very fine lolly all gone out of the harbour nearly froze last night -8 vessels in sight and a large body of I believe ice -the lolly having passed by

Mon. 6 SSW moderate very fine day -at court today but did not sit - Shean v Walsh's Case came before the Court - a judgment given against Walsh - Angerona came in with 4000 seals, left the Ice 48 hours since - seals all taken since last day of March

Tue. 7 Moderate breeze SSW wind free thaw very foggy with showers of rain at times -clear at night

Wed. 8 wind SSW free thaw, rather foggy Angerona sailed for St. Johns

Thu. 9 Wind SW & SSW fine spring day first the season -thawing fast in the sun and moderate breeze several vessels passing Northward

Fri. 10 Wind NE moderate, showers of snow, the morning tolerable fair

Sat. 11 Wind NE strong breeze -with showers of snow raw cold weather but not frosty - the ground covered with snow this morning but going away towards evening

Sun. 12 6 in Lent. Wind NE moderate breeze some strings of broken up ice driving along the coast but of no great extent -Letters from St. Johns last giving account from Shaldon to 20 March- & many sealers being in nearly all laden -Mild, with showers of rain

Mon. 13 Wind NE with fog & rain thawing freely No business at the Court House. Schooner Tweed put into Caplin Bay a sealer with few seals - the ice jamming into the harbours - Jude Bryan came to work today for 1/2 mth at £6 per mth & [--?] Rowe for time

Tue. 14 Wind NE moderate & foggy -ice into the harbour large pans & broken up ice between -cleared off at night -got the Fanny off the Island wharf where she has been since March driven on it in a very high tide - Wm Harris & others at work about her - Rec'd a letter per Dan'l from JHC dated 26 Ja'y this vessel

put into Cape Broyle 21 days passage

Wed. 15 Wind SW strong breeze ice driven off the land, fine day -light showers of snow, R'd Dullanty left for St. Johns two vessels passed -Theresa entered having arrived at Reneuse 28 days from Torquay -& cleared for the Banks

Thu. 16 Wind at WNW to West, strong breeze & light showers of snow with frost towards night -fine day at times, many vessels passing and boats also -snow going very fast daily

Fri. 17 Good Friday. Wind NE strong breeze -snowed in the night & continued during the day until towards night when it cleared off & the wind veered to Northw'd & froze

Sat. 18 Wind SE to W snowed considerably in the night with showers during the day & fine between -at night clear & moderate

Sun. 19 Wind NNW to NW fine day, slight frost out of the sun -the Coquette came home from St. Johns having discharged her seals there 2800 -Wm Sweetland dined with me today -Richards was invited but did not come although he promised, he was at Caplin Bay

Mon. 20 Wind SW good breeze heavy & dull at times -froze towards evening - at the Court House today considered of Winsor's correspondence with Wm. Sweetland and came to a resolution that no answer should be sent him. - Agreed with Brasil to take 1/2 his fish at % under which Norris sold his at St. Johns for, Brasil to ship other part on the Angerona for a salt port at 1/9 & 5 per Cnt, fish to be paid for in cash in Oct'r Brasil to have back 10 [—?] salt at 18/ per ton [Wt?] 5 per Cent princ'l, 2/3 outward port charges freight to be deducted from cwt of fish bought -Coquette came into the harbour

Tue. 21 Wind SW very strong gale with hard rain and thick weather -Coquette down from her anchor - moderate towards evening

Wed. 22 Wind NW moderate & very fine all day thawing freely in the sun -ordered Martin Conway to desist from building on the Beach.

Thu. 23 Wind NE to SE moderate breeze all day frosty last night, Dullanty's boat came home from St. Johns -Angerona came in last night from St. Johns -dull at night

Fri. 24 Wind Vble from S to W. rain in the first part of the day -fine towards evening light shower of snow strong breeze of wind -Jade Bryan at work on Angerona

Sat. 25 Wind vble from S to West fine day, quite spring weather, moderate breeze - walked out over the downs with Mrs. Carter, Eliza & Fanny. This is 20th Anniversary of my marriage -had no party last year or this -Angerona discharged her ballast and landed all her board etc. Jude Bryan at work on the Angerona

Sun. 26 Wind SE to SW fine day -Pelter went into Aquaforte -went to Fermeuse to Congdon and Preston's Sale & remained there

Mon. 27 Wind NE snow & hard rain, strong gale at night - was at Fermeuse to Sale of C&P effects - slept there

Tue. 28 Wind NNE very strong breeze fine day rather cold -at Fermeuse to Sale - returned at night in Mr Wright's Whale Boat -

Wed. 29 Wind NE dull heavy rather inclined to rain -committed Mike Whelan to jail - for breaking into Carroll's House
Thu. 30 Wind vble from S to NE moderate Brothers & Pelter sailed for St. Johns many vessels passing to & fro on this day
1835 - MAY
Fri. 1 Wind S to SW vble very moderate showers of snow & fine between -set celery & lettuce in the Bed under the Glass
Sat. 2 Wind vble NE to NNW with showers of snow, frost & snow during last night thawing in the sun today -sent R'd Dullanty to Fermeuse for the fish bo't at C&P's sale freight 8/p Qtl
Sun. 3 2nd after Easter. Wind NNE good breeze fine day quite dry & mild -Mr. Jellard dined with me & H. Pinson also
Mon. 4 Wind NNE strong breeze with showers of sleet fine at noon -took fish onboard the Angerona - several vessels in sight this evening - Mr. Harris came into service, also Cahill & Paul at work on the Fanny-Jude Bryan also first day
Tue. 5 Wind NE & NNE all day strong breeze some vessels going about -Dullanty bro't the fish from Fermeuse spread it on the flake & put it into stow -some men at work about it
Wed. 6 Wind NE good breeze dry day rather raw -Maria, Capt. Meagher put into Caplin Bay from Ireland with passengers 20 days passage - put her under quarantine in the Bay at 5 o'clock -Peggy Mountain turned out by Priest's orders, out of Cahill's house - took her in.
Thu. 7 Wind vble from NE to SE -fine morning, afternoon foggy - boarded the Maria & gave her [posting?] in - Water Lilly came in from the Ice up to 1500 - Pelter landed 1920 - Brothers 640. William Sweetland Jr. left Southside House for St. Johns. Thos. Meaney's body brought in, he having died at Sea onboard the Water Lilly - sleet at night
Fri. 8 Wind vble from S to NW afternoon fine morning snow & rain -Angerona sailed for Figueira - Phoenix arrived in the Bay 31 days from Dartmouth - Maria left Caplin Bay, released last night
Sat. 9 Wind NW fine day -Water Lilly left for St. Johns -Phoenix came in from the Bay -released from Q'tn. Carpenters all at work in the Fanny - Peggy Mountain left for St. Johns in W'r Lilly. Snipefish left last night for St. Johns
Sun. 10 3rd after Easter. Wind WNW very fine day.-
Mon. 11 Wind NE moderate, fine day -attended the discharge of the Phoenix
Tue. 12 Wind at W. very fine day - Val Keefe R Gorman-Grant Dalton, Jude Bryan Jas Mountain Sen'r caulking Fanny and boats today, Irvin and Stapleton at work in garden -hoar frost this morning
Wed. 13 Wind S to SE fine morning, dull & foggy afternoon -moderate breeze the carpenters finished the Fanny's bottom Keefe, Dalton, Gorman, Mountain, Jude Bryan & M. Rositer at work on Fanny and boats Active & Lively. Crew

in service yesterday. Cold at night -set plants in the garden

Thu. 14 Wind NE fog & very hard rain in the morning a moderate breeze -light airs towards night less rain with thick fog & heavy sea on the rocks -great runs of water over the sides of the hills -the ice yet under the flakes

Fri. 15 Wind vble from NE to S -dull & heavy with fog, light airs of wind & light showers occasionally all day -a few flatt fish caught this day & one codfish Caulking Active 8L Lively & getting Fanny's rigging, finished caulking her etc.

Sat. 16 Wind NE thick fog moderate wet rather raw cold -Dullanty came home from St. Johns today, no late news, no letters from England

Sun. 17 4 after Easter. Wind S to W vble -fine day warm moderate - Coquette sailed for the Banks, Phoenix for Fig'a in Ballast - Judge Carter complained of John Carrigan - issued a warrant to apprehend him

Mon. 18 Wind S to W moderate & fine -Brazil's boat left for St. Johns -launched Active & Lively Herrings caught at Aquaforte, R. Sanders caught a Barrel to day brought me 1 dozen - got one small codfish today - only few caught -Judge Carter leaves to night for St. Johns

Tue. 19 Wind very nearly calm -rather SE than otherwise raining fast & fog hanging on the hills -Norris's boat for St. Johns put out last night & returned again this morning -cleared off in the afternoon -Let M'l Whelan go out of jail on his own security - - Wm. [B—?] came to complain of Winser -John Walsh, herder, came back from St. Johns today

Wed. 20 Wind WNW -dull dry day, light breeze of wind -at night light airs from NE - Norris boat put back yesterday & sailed again today. Ice not gone away under the flakes yet

Thu. 21 Wind NE wet with sleet moderate breeze some pieces of wreck towed in and several pieces square pine timber, large quantities driving by -supposed from the vessel lost near Bay Bulls -Deveraux returned from St. Johns

Fri. 22 Wind NE moderate, dull & showery Hearn & Barnable at Caplin Bay about Hearn's potatoes today - several fresh fish today

Sat. 23 Wind SW very fine day - Active & Lively left for the westward -Sanders's boat for St. Johns - afternoon wind NE a good many fish caught by one punt this evening

Sun. 24 5 after Easter. Strong gale NE wind with light showers of snow -Norris' boat came home from St. Johns Sanders put back -rec'd blank forms from Custom House -very cold but not freezing

Mon. 25 Wind vble SE to NE hard rain last night thick fog with showers to day, very cold for the time of year

Tue. 26 Wind S to SW strong breeze towards noon showers occasionally very cold & raw several boats left for St. Johns today -Hired Val Huffman a Punt, thwarts & two oars for the season for 20/ -to be returned in fall

Wed. 27 Wind vble, with showers, strong breeze very raw cold weather for season of the year Calm at night but not clear -few fish today

Thu. 28 Wind NE in the morning, cold with sleet fine at noon -Wind changed to SW

at night showers occasionally all day. set beans & peas Dullanty came home from St. Johns -few fish today in punts

Fri. 29 Wind SW fine morning foggy at evening raw cold -put the fish in the Fanny and got ready to go to St. Johns at night.

NO ENTRIES from Sat. May 30 to Sun. June 7, during visit to St. Johns.

1835 - JUNE

1-7 no entries

Mon. 8 WhitMonday. Wind strong at W to WNW fine day & warm - returned this morning from St. Johns in the Fanny, left it yesterday at 12 o'clock - Mr. Congdon came also with me to take charge of H. Holdsworth's concern - R. Carter also came - discharged the Fanny very nearly today

Tue. 9 Wind strong from SW to WSW dry day -discharged salt per Fanny -John Gregory came home with loss of anchors from winter and reports 40 Qtl fish on board -fish plenty there but no weather to ride the Ground -Minerva bro't a few fish in from the offin to {ED: too} rough for that

Wed. 10 Strong gale at NE with rain & snow boats all into harbour, very cold & wild weather for this time of year

Thu. 11 Wind Vble -fine morning, very severe frost during the night, ice on pools of water 1/4 inch thick - boats at sea again. Fanny left for St. Johns, in her Mrs. C. and Fanny.

Fri. 12 Strong breeze SW to West with showers of rain, rather cold boats all kept in from sea - Active came home from Westward - Jude Bryan came to work 1/2 day today. John Bryan not yet gone to Westward on the fishery -very blowing weather this

Sat. 13 Wind at S to W, fine day warm in the afternoon, very little fish caught -Active at home -first day of summer - things in the gardens only now beginning to grow, all vegetation very backward

Sun. 14 Trinity. Wind vble & moderate from SW to NE thick fog & occasional showers a very dull day - remained all day at home and saw no one besides my own inmates - gathered salad for the first time

Mon. 15 Wind NE strong breese -raw cold weather for the time of year -Snipefish came in from St. Johns - R'd Dullanty, John Bryan on Active left for westward towards evening -brought up 9 Hhds coal from H. Holdsworth's -Mr. Richards about to leave -Wm. Congdon in charge as agent there since last Monday.

Tue. 16 Wind NE strong breese, raw cold, boats unable to do any good on fishing ground last fishing boat finished caulking today. Nothing particular moving here

Wed. 17 Wind SW fine day, good breeze Brig Robert at Renews interned from Liverpool -The boats caught a little fish this day - warm evening

Thu. 18 Wind at South, very moderate with hard rain in the afternoon, Snipe Fish went out for St. Johns - Mr. Richards in her -no boats at sea today being Corp's Christi" -holiday with the Catholics & none but shoremen at work

Fri. 19 Wind very moderate at South hard rain all night and so in the morning and

so it has continued without interruption all day pouring down in torrents -cold & raw weather

Sat. 20 Wind at SW moderate foggy & fine at intervals very little fish caught today by the boats no signs of caplin Lobsters plenty for several days past

Sun. 21 1st after Trinity. Wind moderate South West with thick fog. Mary Morry came down in the afternoon and Mrt. Condon called in after dinner. Letter from A. Goodridge saying a man had died onboard the Brig Robert [Meland Bros?] -thick fog at night

Mon. 22 Wind South -dense fog, hard rain all day caught capelin for first time at back of beach, Fanny came home from St. Johns just in time to haul at evening got enough for the boats to go to sea

Tue. 23 Wind South dense fog with hard rain raw, cold weather boats all at sea with caplin -very little fish caught with the capelin this day -tide running Eastwards -Lent Blackler's of Toads Cove a caplin seine

Wed 24 Wind SW & West, fine day & warm -Charlotte Furneaux Master, entered from Figueira, reports 23 days passage out -left the Angerona there - discharges at Fermeuse -boats did not catch much fish on the caplin & few caplin today

Thu. 25 Wind SW fine day warm no caplin worth while this day -numbers of boats looking for them - Brothers came in from the Banks, reports 180 Qtls -Fair Trader came in from Halifax -crew landed without laying Qtls -put Mr. Moore as passenger off - onboard & ordered Mr. G. Burne & 2 men to remain until released -numbers of boats here from Toads Cove & vicinity

Fri 26 Wind Vble all round the compass pretty fine, showers in the morning not overcast -Many vessels in sight of various sorts today going in all directions -Mrs. Lynch died this morning of consumption, brought on by want of necessaries last winter; poor creature never made her distress known until too late -no caplin, boats no fish

Sat. 27 Wind very moderate, & variable round the compass -very warm beautiful day the first real good day since 20 April -no caplin no fish boats caught none these two days past -Charlotte passed for St. Johns from Fermeuse Rec'd order to do away the Qtl Regulations from C&W Spearman -Letters from James & E Jillard & Mrs. Carter via St. Johns

Sun. 28 2nd after Trinity. Wind SSW all day good breese, many vessels passing up & down -very fair day Mr. Congdon dined with me -Letters from St. Johns per Snipe Fish no caplin to this date -the Emulater into Aquaforte with 12,000 fish from the Banks -boats from Westward bring accounts of the caplin being in there but scarce Fish in there plenty when they left St. Mary's Bay.

Mon. 29 St's. Peter & Paul -Wind moderate at SSW fine morning, fog cleared off - holiday with the fishermen, no bait fine day throughout -very nearly calm all day -No bait hauled this day except a few

Tue. 30 Wind SW all day, moderate thick fog and hard showers of rain -heavy sea in on the shore -no caplin, boats out but brought in no fish -Val Keefe came to

work today for 2 calendar months at £6 per m'th to split when required

1835 - JULY

Wed. 1 Wind SSW nearly calm all day with fog and rain and heavy sea on the shore -a few caplin caught by Mr. Harris & others the boats that went out with it used it well but had not much each & the fish in general is small today -Hard rain in the night

Thu. 2 Wind vble from S to WNW moderate Foggy in the morning with heavy rain caplin very scarce a few tubs caught at the back only -those who had it found fish pretty plenty -no caplin at night Angerona hove in sight about 3pm -the Coquette came in with 11,000 fish has been in Cape Broyle several days - warm in the afternoon, sun shone out bright no caplin has been put in the bait boat up to this date prospects bad

Fri. 3 Wind at West -SW in the morning thick fog -Angerona came into the Harbour 23 days from Figueira, a few caplin caught this morning, boats get fish when they get any bait -Brothers waiting for caplin Lively home from Westward well fished -some partial catches of caplin -Martin Williams caught a bunch at Freshwater to send off his Banker

Sat. 4 Wind SSW fish scarce & caplin also fine day for green fish on the flakes - spread Lively's trip -wrote A Goodridge offering the Angerona -Lively's crew whilst Gregory was on shore but the boat drove from off the wharf on shore on little Ship Island during this night

Sun. 5 3 after Trinity. Wind West in shore South with fog outside Lively on shore on little Ship Island - People trying to get her off, landed the salt in a boat & took out the ballast in a boat - Water Lilly came in from Figueira

Mon. 6 Wind at West fine warm day -very few caplin caught those who had them got fish -Bulger walking about -Gregory not satisfied to take him -Boat laying up in consequence since Saturday evening & a good time to go to the Westward - Brig Robert hard for Quebec from Reneuse -offered Mr. Goodridge the Angerona for 2/- 5/ per cent & % port charges to be taken before 8 August

Tue. 7 Wind vble -very moderate, fine warm day -Jno Bryan came home from Westward with 80 Qtls fish - Bulger returned to his work Pendergast refused to go in the Lively this morning Summonsed him to court on which he put his things onboard the boat - No caplin scarcely boatmen doing nothing at all

Wed. 8 Wind vble from S to West a very fine day after 10am when the fog cleared away -a whale boat was sent by Wm Sanders to Toads Cove this morning she has returned to night with plenty of caplin, bringing accounts that it had struck in there last night in abundance & fish -a few tubs caught here & in Aquaforte today Fish plenty on it -bait boat went to Aquaforte this morning not yet come back. Wm Sanders sent a jack to Trepassey yesterday for bait for his banker. Active home -Jno Bryan home yesterday sailed again today landed 75 to 80 Qtls his first trip -was late away to Westward

Thu. 9 Wind moderate at SW dull morning looking likely for rain -boats all at sea - caplin running on shore at the back of the beach for the first time this season

-cleared off towards noon very fine day

Fri. 10 Wind all round the compass light airs very fine warm day -landed Active's, fish caplin struck in at back of beach very plenty last evening -boats did not catch much fish yesterday & rather a small run of it - Mrs. Carter came from St. Johns in Codner & Co.'s cutter with [Cap?] Jennings and Mr. Jn Shea - Active left for Westw'd

Sat. 11 Wind SE moderate - Phoenix came in from Figueira -raining hard with fog plenty of caplin -fish scarce -Mr. Jennings Mr. Jn Shea & Mr. Congdon dined with me today

Sun. 12 4th after Trinity. Wind NNE good breeze, hazy & dull morning fine afternoon - Catherine went up Aquaforte -Visitor came in here, got on shore under the downs - bad management - got off uninjured -bait boats home early with plenty of caplin from Caplin Bay -Walked up there and took tea with Mw. Morry -Mr. Jennings, Mr A. Shea, James -Eliza, others

Mon. 13 Wind S to W partly fine day -rain in the evening -Mr. Jennings went to Aquaforte, also his cutter - Philip Wright left per the Catherine for St. Johns.- caplin plenty fish very scarce it is said a good deal is being seen on the bottom but little is catching and appearance very bad indeed -Phoenix & Visitor [anchored?]

Tue. 14 Wind S to WSW moderate all day & fine afternoon -caplin plenty fish very scarce boats hardly catching any fish, the best this evening only two Qtls

Wed. 15 Wind NNW very fine day went to Reneuse about a charter for Angerona -was obliged to put back in the afternoon by NE wind coming up

Thu. 16 Wind at night very light South -calm all day -returned from Reneuse -rowed all the way in my boat self & son James -left the Lady of the Lake there - caplin plenty fish little caught more signs of fish bunching today than for the season before -J Jellard caught some in codsean caplin very plenty -no salmon today Rec'd mail -Figs per Phoenix No bag of nuts as mentioned in letter.

Fri. 17 Wind strong breeze at North with showers boats driven in from fishing - caplin plenty -fish very scarce -J. Jellard & others hauled about 15 Qtl in codseine yesterday -very good fish at back of beach -the Hops on the terrace are this day as high as the posts of the verandah

Sat. 18 Wind vble from South to NWest dull with showers in the morning fine afternoon -caplin plenty -fish scarce about 2 or 3 Qtls each boat appears the average -Mr. Jennings passed in his cutter for St. Johns sent letters by her & to J. Stewart & Co. desiring they would charter the Angerona on the best terms they could to Goodridge provided it is dispatched early in August to a fish port outside -offered her for 2/- 5/p/ct & 2/3 and to go 2 or 300 Qtls under full cargo -No salmon for several days past - The fishery has not been as bad as now since the year 1812. Small boats to this time will not average 20 Qtls ea

Sun. 19 5th after Trinity. Wind vble from SW to W fine warm clear day -very few vessels passing this day - young cow had a calf today -John Jellard5 dined

with me today

Mon. 20 Wind SW foggy moderate breeze -Mrs. Arthur Carter died this morning she was the daughter of Col'n Thomas Skinner by first wife Bishop Fleming came in at night in his Yacht bound to Placentia -boats had from 4 to 6 Qtls fish each tonight the caplin getting scarce this evening so reported by the bait master Wm Harris -No salmon

Tue. 21 Wind vble from North to South fine day -Tog came in at night wind NE very little fish caught this day and caplin scarce -bait skiff gone to Aquafort agreed to let Mr. Congdon have the Fanny for a trip to St. Johns he find crew again for the vessel - to divide the freight -the Bishop's yacht sailed for St. Johns - No salmon

Wed. 22 Wind vble from South to NE rain towards night -caplin rather scarce -fish to be had today some of the small punts loaded Fanny taken in charge by Capt. J. Winsor

Thu. 23 Wind vble S to West fine day -Visitor sailed for Francis Harbour -Fanny for St. Johns -caplin very scarce fish to be had if bait could be caught -6 salmon -Sent salmon to St. Johns per Fanny to P. W. Carter, Hoyles & Rendells -1 each

Fri. 24 Wind vble, fine day -some small lots of caplin taken on which a good deal of fish was caught -bait boat got none. -Madonna Sch'r the Catholic Bishops yacht came in from St. Johns & left again before long for the Southward -3 salmon

Sat. 25 Wind NE moderate & dull with fog -some boats home from Westward bringing a/cts of fish being plenty & bait still there Matt Ryan left for Trepassey lent him seine -no salmon in the net. Part of the island of ice still remaining off the back of the beach it came there in early part of May

Sun. 26 6 Sunday after Trinity. Wind S to SW thick fog the sun shone out for a short time at noon - Mrs. Arthur Carter was this day buried near Miss Weston's grave, the upper part of the church yard. Mr. William Sweetland read the funeral service; Mr. Benjamin Sweetland would not attend the burial

Mon. 27 Wind NNE fine day after 10am good breeze -R'd Dullanty left Barry & Walsh on shore they refusing to go in the boat with him -some few out with caplin caught on Saturday & Sunday: some herrings & mackerel taken fish rather scarce on this ground -two or three squids caught in the nets today Fishermen caught 5 tubs lance at Aquaforte this evening & some caplin ran on shore at the back of the beach -B Boat at Cape Broyle

Tue. 28 Wind vble round the compass, moderate & fine all through -boats caught about 6 Qtls fish each on lance -Sent the bait skiff up along shore near Cape Ballard to try to get capelin at chain or Glen Cove -Active came home & ready again tonight

Wed. 28 Wind moderate at SW fine morning Active ready to go waiting on air of wind -Bait boats came back from Frenchman's Cove with plenty of caplin Fish pretty plenty today with those boats that had bait -a small cutter passed

Thu. 30 Wind SW moderate -Bait boat away to Frenchman's Cove for capelin Boats

well fished this evening several punts loaded and in early -John Bryan home and discharged his fish
Fri. 31 Wind SE smart rain & calm at times in the morning -calm afternoon with rain & thick fog -Lively &
John Bryan away -the bait boat not yet back from Chance Cove Fish scarce this day but plenty seen on the
ground by the fishing boats -saw a squid

1835 -AUGUST

Sat. 1 Wind S to SW -fog & showers moderate several squids taken last night in the harbour some [70 or
80 per man??] Bait boat came home no caplin -gave it up and will discharge crew on Monday if none to be
had then

Sun. 2 7th after Trinity. Wind S thick fog all day -warm in the forenoon and sometimes clear as far out as
the Islands -dull & calm to night with rain

Mon. 3 Wind at South -thick fog hard rain -Some herrings caught at back of the beach -cleared the bait
crew -agreed with Quigley to remain for £5 to last of October next as a shoreman

Tue. 4 Wind NE very thick fog & rain at times very dull & heavy -Fanny returned from St. Johns & my
daughter Fanny in her -Mr. Wright hauled thirty or forty barrels herrings in Caplin Bay -no fish caught this
day bad weather for curing the fish -no squids

Wed. 5 Wind strong from the Westward fine day no bait of any sort boats all in for want of it -caught a few
lance at Aquaforte drew lots for it for the boats for tomorrow Brothers came in from the banks with 8000 fish
her second trip - Success passed

Thu. 6 Wind SW to West, showers in the morning cleared off fine day after noon a strong breeze many
vessels passing along N & S

Fri. 7 Wind vble -& moderate all day -very fine day went to Chance Cove with John Jellard and two men in
the bait skiff got there about 10pm & remained in the boat for the night

Sat. 8 Wind West fine day -passed this day at Chance Cove, visited the wreck of the Warwick of Bermuda
on Frenchman's Cove Point little remaining of her - caught 12 salmon & some fish Saw the droppings of a
bear quite fresh -saw a good deal of capelin running on shore there -they struck off again before evening -
returned home at night fair breeze

Sun. 9 8 after Trinity. Wind vble from SW to NW moderate very fine day -no particular occurrence Some of
M'w Morry's family spent the afternoon with us

Mon. 10 Wind from S to W moderate & very fine W'r -met the Comm'r of Roads at Court House & decided
on building a bridge across Cape Broyle River & La Manche -Issued warrant for Lahy & Carroll at complaints
of assault -no bait -no fish in consequence, dined at Freshwater with Mr. R F Hunt

Tue. 11 Wind SW good breeze very fine day -boats out with herrings enough 250 last night -sent off Pat
Pritchett to Conception Bay for squids - no caplin taken since last Saturday when a tub was caught in Caplin
Bay -Salmon not taken

in as have caught none lately -Sent away two men in Mr. Wright's boat to Chance Cove for caplin some being brought home from there this day

Wed. 12 Wind NNW fine day a party to dinner on Isle du Bois by my invitation Ladies & Ge'n which passed off very comfortably -Letter from St. Johns today, also from J H Carter & from Exeter & Shaldon -danced in the evening -Boats came home from Chance Cove with plenty of caplin, not much fish caught

Thu. 13 Wind Vble W to SW fine day, very warm Messrs Chancey Stabb & Mr. Job came here for an hour or so & started again for St. Johns -boats with little bait or fish -Peter Dullanty & Thos Dullanty went onboard the Lively -turned Bulger & Pendergast ashore, -laid up Dullanty's Jack

Fri. 14 Wind SW showery good breeze -discharged Pendergast & Bulger, sent P & T Dullanty in their place & Lively left for the Westward -more squids caught up the bay today 200 per [head?]

Sat. 15 Wind vble from SW to NE and breeze at evening -no squids some fish caught on them taken last evening Peter Dullanty's boat laid up

Sun. 16 9 after Trinity. Wind NE rather colder than for many weeks -good breeze all day - many boats passing South suppose with bait -R F Hunt here still, been here a week today

Mon. 17 Wind at SW with rain, and gloomy looking weather, the boats not able to get any fish on squids or herring today -Men up Caplin Bay jigging a good many squids caught early in the day

Tue. 18 Wind SW moderate dry but fog in the upper part Cape Broyle -Coquette came in from the banks her second trip appears well fished reports 13,000 - long time out

Wed. 19 Wind SW to W fine day, scarcely anything doing in the fishery no bait being [to?] had only a few herrings -Spent the evening in Caplin Bay, all the elders of the family and R .F. Hunt

Thu. 20 Wind SW to W -fine morning rain at noon & fair evening -Old Mrs. Morry came down from Caplin Bay to see us. Coquette left

Fri. 21 Wind at West -moderate & fair -put first new fish in Lion -John Jellard left in a boat for St. Johns. Wm Carter Jr and Thos Morry with him -the boat Caplin Matt Ryan left for Bay Bulls for Squids

Sat. 22 Wind S nearly calm -Active came home from Westward pretty well fished - hard rain all day -Coyle brought letters from St. Johns. John Jellard left last night for St. Johns with Ellen Coulman, Thos Morry and Wm Carter - said to be married

Sun. 23 10th after Trinity. Wind at NNW moderate fine day all through -Old Mrs. Morry staying at the house with us -Several vessels passing -Hearne home from Westward, tolerably fished

Mon. 24 Wind vble dull day -fog occasionally NE at evening [—?] not at sea J Williams refusing to go any longer -no fish and bait very scarce indeed -Met

at the Court House this day to apportion the District into Divisions and each Magistrate to take lists of the Voters.

Tue. 25 Wind NE foggy & very moderate in the morning Shanahan came home from St. Johns -John Jellard came, having married Ellen Coulman -set turnip seed for winter crop

Wed. 26 Mild vble & moderate Westward chiefly, a very fine day -put fish into store in good order commenced unloading the Angerona.

Thu. 27 Wind SE good breeze with heavy rain all day. Val Keefe went home today & is to give part of a day instead of this

Fri. 28 Wind hopping about in all quarters with a dead sultry streak inclined to NE where it is likely to stand -Showers of rain to day & all the last night nothing doing in the fishery -Weighed in presence Mr. Jellard a gallon of Figueira salt weighing 2-3/4 lb nett weight so that ten [--s?] turns out [51/2?] tons W't

Sat. 29 Wind vble from NE to SW dull with light showers of rain finished discharging the Angerona -no squids or herrings to day -sent letters onboard Snipefish for St. Johns & England to go to morrow morning

Sun. 30 11 after Trinity. Wind at South & SSW dull with fog & showers very warm & damp -R.F Hunt staying with me, came last night from Brigus South by land

Mon. 31 Wind SW to WNW dull morning with rain -cleared off about 10am -M'l Bryan came home poorly fished from Westward. -Ballasting the Angerona - boats all at stage head to day untill driven from it -no bait -squids caught in Capelin Bay -but D Donovan or Shanahan Jk not there to look for it -Matt Ryan stopped in to go to Mass -found fault with them all

1835 - SEPTEMBER

Tue. 1 Wind at SW dead sultry weather very bad for drying fish, no fish or bait to be had -Angerona ready to proceed for Sydney today sailed at noon -Bait money Case came on at the Court House between Gregory & Brigus men - given in favor of Gregory -

Wed. 2 Wind NE rain during the night the morning very dull & damp -drier at noon but not fitting for fish, boats not catching any fish, squids said to be caught in Cape Broyle yesterday

Thu. 3 Wind moderate NE thick fog with showers occasionally -SE all of a sudden with very hard rain & tremendous sea -a complete gale for a few hours -upset the fish on the flakes drove the Fanny from her moorings & a flake from Point of Beach

Fri. 4 Strong breeze NNE wind & from that to West before night -evening fine & moderate likely to clear away -Fish in a very bad state -Mr. Hunt left us to go to Cape Broyle & from there per [Atima?] for St. Johns -small boats fishery appears quite at an end -Pritchett, Shanahan & Donovan are doing nothing on seaner

Sat. 5 Wind from SW to W fine day -put off some fish -some boats came home from Trepassey, bringing accounts of the loss of 3 boats near Renewse on

Tuesday last crews saved -others may be expect to have been lost as the weather was very bad & came up very suddenly indeed & very rough. No squids this day

Sun. 6 12 af. Trin'y. Wind NW warm & moderate, a haze from overland, looking like as if the wind would veer to NE. gathered dwarf kidney beans today very fine, the first for season

Mon. 7 Wind at E. dull but not wet morning very moderate, -wind changed to South at night with mizzling rain, light airs of wind

Tue. 8 Wind at West moderate to tolerably fine -put some fish in stow; obliged to make up others as it came in very dull -and rained & blew strong at SW at night

Wed. 9 Moderate nearly calm & variable light airs, fine & dull at times -no bait or fish shipped out of Sore onboard the Fanny & put 6 Qtls off the flakes poor weather for fish or aught besides

Thu. 10 Wind at West strong breeze -fine day -dispatched the Fanny for St. Johns -a good many herrings caught today & but little fish upon them -Lively came home

Fri. 11 This day opens with light air of wind at S with tremendous heavy rain - cleared away at noon & wind veered to Westward, Snipe came from St. Johns no particular news

Sat. 12 Fine day -Wind NW moderate, Mr. Martin in from St. Johns for St. Mary's left again in the evening, put in some fish from Caplin Bay dealers & others. Coquette came in wanting caplin

Sun. 13 13 after Trinity. Wind NE cool clear & dry day moderate breeze looking like a lasting one - Sullivan's boat home from St. Johns

Mon. 14 This day opens with hard rain & strong breeze from SE at noon veered to NE & moderated - a heavy sea on -foggy at night, nothing particular occurred this day -Coquette here

Tue. 15 Wind at NW to N good breeze tolerable day till evening when it became showery - Matt Ryan left for Westward - Lively also at night -7 years today since I came N.S.{ED: Northside of Ferryland} to live.

Wed. 16 Wind NNE good breese, clear but look in for showers, air cool looking like fall weather little bait, no fish, laying up all the boats -John Gregory sent Howley from Aquaforte to me twice for a net, he having let all his nets get rotten -refused to let him have more than he had,& ordered him by Howley to bring the boat home or go to the Westward with those he had -laid up the small Jacks

Thu. 17 Wind at NW & NNW all day, very fine for fish put a good deal in stow - Angerona came in from Bridgeport with coals, No bait scarcely -Solomon Loring caught IV2 Qtl fish today Sullivan left in Wright's boat for St. Johns

Fri. 18 Wind at NW & W all day -fine weather for drying the fish -a little fish caught to day by punts on herrings which are scarce commenced discharging the Angerona -M'I Sliney & others came home from Westward -John Shanahan Jr. went to St. Johns

Sat. 19 Wind at NW & W a very fine day indeed some punts caught a good deal of fish -Active came home with 30 Qtls round fish caught at the Point last night on herrings -& 50 Qtls split. John Gregory drunk & on the ramble this day. Phoenix sailed with new fish -the woods on fire near Boldface -supposed done by berry pickers -some few herrings caught this day -Mark this night the three past days have been as fine as ever I saw for the season of the year

Sun. 20 14 after Trinity. This morning opens with a calm & thick fog with warm weather for the season of the year. Mr.Stewart called this day

Mon. 21 Wind at SW strong breeze -sultry hot weather -Fanny came home from St. Johns brought account of Col Haly's death -herrings scarce but fish rather plenty -Lively left for the Westward having idled many days

Tue. 22 This day opens hot, damp & sultry light wind from SW to West -washed out the Active's fish; Punts that get herrings get a good deal of fish -herrings scarce

Wed. 23 Wind vble from N to S -very war, & moderate not good for dry fish in the morning the Angerona hauled to N.S. to complete the delivery of her coals - Fanny anchoring -brought hay down from South side. MARGIN NOTE; out of temper.

Thu. 24 Moderate, nearly calm & vble very light airs all day -warm & dry -Alex'r Stuart breakfasted with me on his way from C.Bay to Fermeuse - and passed back at night to C.Bay. IN THE MARGIN: out of temper.

Fri. 25 Dull, heavy morning, light airs inclined to calm -vble from SW to NW. little fish or bait. IN THE MARGIN: out - -.

Sat. 26 Wind SW till evening when it came to West & fine day for fish, no bait today -Angerona left St. Johns last night- Shanahan goes to night. IN THE MARGIN: out

END OF BOOK 3

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Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. James How Carter, (his brother); James Henry Carter, Jr. (his son); Robert Carter, Lt. R.N. (his first cousin, son of his uncle William Carter, Judge, Vice - Admiralty Court)
2. Matthew Morry Sr. is 84 and living in Caplin Bay, so his son Matthew is designated as Jr. He was born in 1791 and married Ann Saunders, contemporary of and first cousin to Robert Carter, writer of this journal. It is his Matthew and Ann's son, Matthew Morry 3rd, whose 21st birthday is being celebrated.
3. Most likely used with the same meaning as a "steady", plural "steddies" which is an entry in The Dictionary of Nfld. English
4. This might be a contraction for Meal Commission, sometimes the food supplied to the Poor was flour, sometimes meal, or potatoes
5. In the Voters' List of 1840 there is a John Jillard living in Ferryland. In 1835 according to a journal entry, John Jellard, Master Mariner, married Ellen Coulman, who is related to the Carters, and they settled down in Ferryland. It stands to reason this may well be the same person seeing the name was not local to the Southern Shore. According to a later journal entry, John Jellard moved his family from Ferryland to St. John's in 1845. Variations in spelling often occurred at that time; the census taker could have taken the name incorrectly, or the journal-keeper. The latter was certainly well educated but unless he saw a name written down he was obviously dependent on how it sounded. In his journal the spelling of a name will often change a few days later, and in those cases, I make the assumption that between entries, the writer would have had a chance to ascertain the correct spelling.

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BOOK 4

Sept.27/1835 - July 12/1836

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Remarks — Ferryland -1835

Robert Carter

1835 - SEPTEMBER

Sun. 27 This day opens with a most beautiful morning the wind fresh from the west and quite warm and pleasant a real summer's morning, the flowers in the garden looking delightful particularly some dahlias but they should have been fine but for a gale some days ago by which they were blown down and some broken off with others on single stems - Vegetables in the kitchen garden very good except peas —

Mon. 28 Wind South west, moderate -dull with rain at night strong gale with hard rain at SE -very dark -the jacks all hauled up in South side room except large ones and the Caplin the latter in St. Johns with fish

Tue. 29 Strong gale at South the past night & this day opens with very strong gale at West -clear day Conway's stage in fore landwash blown down -moderate at night & wind Northerly

Wed. 30 Strong breeze at SSE & ENE during the dark - dark weather looking for rain blowing strong at evening Wind at E by S. -Church windows broken last night, put up notices offering £5 reward - a mark of the feeling of the time.

1835 - OCTOBER

Thu. 1 This day opens very gloomy with rain and dull looking weather -the wind about SE but not strong breeze the sea heavy upon the rocks - Cleared away at night and the wind came off from the Westward -fine night

Fri. 2 Fine morning - light air wind from SW very heavy dew last night -s Sent off the Fanny to St. Johns, partly laden with fish - not a day for any fish - Matt Ryan came home without any fish, gave up the voyage -

Sat. 3 Fine morning, but very warm & hazy the dew very heavy Light airs from Southwest -went to River Head of Fermeuse with Mr. Congdon got drenched returning - it rained very heavy & strong breeze from South at night -the Govr's yacht put into Caplin Bay.

Sun. 4 16 af. Trinity -Wind at South, light airs -dull heavy fog with sun at intervals very slightly through a dense fog -wet & unpleasant but not colder accounts reached of the loss of [Jonah?] Callahan in the Mary near Green Bay & all his except one - Judge De Barres, David

Buchan and Mr. Lilly called -Ellen Carroll married to Martin Curran this day Mon. 5 Wind at NW moderate fine & clear, the yacht going out of the Bay on the circuit rained hard during last night with fog -Sent the [--?] crew to Freshwater today -Sent of Junk with fish - a good day for fish

Tue. 6 Wind moderate from NE nearly calm mild & dull -a good deal to do at the Court today. Mary & Ann coaster came in from St. Johns

Wed. 7 Wind SW good breeze fine morning* -the Providentia from St. Johns came in to load at Mr. Holdworth's for market. - some of the punts caught a little fish today on herring - took the Range down to [Keaman?] to be repaired requiring new back & bars...*In margin: A certain person in bad temper for no reason, not in bed for the night.

Thu. 8 Southwest wind hazy likely to rain -warm Lively came home with 3 or 4 Qtls from the bank Active with loss of mainmast little fish - Mich'l Whelan picked up in the Pool drowned last night supposed to have been in Liquor - - dull all through the day not fit for fish - In margin: ill today

Fri. 9 Strong breeze at SSW all day, not fit for fish laid up the Active herrings very scarce today -cut a vegetable marrow very fine one - planted out some celery plants

Sat. 10 Wind at West -dull & heavy -moderate & mild for the season at noon wind West & towards evening NW still dull -hauled up the boat Active on the beach this day. In Margin: infuriates

Sun. 11 17 after Trinity. Wind strong at SW in the afternoon nearly calm first part - Angerona came home from St. Johns to lay up - nothing better to be done - had a fire in the parlour towards evening -

Mon. 12 Wind vble, but moderate -at Court nearly all day -Greenspond vessel sailed for St. Johns, sent Court house quarterly returns by her - ordered the Lively to be laid up, stripping her today - Halley's Comet - at night saw the Comet in a North direction, near Orion Major. its appearance that of a star of first magnitude rather dull with a very long tail of light towards the S.S.E. Through a glass it appears like the moon in a haze, and larger than any of the other constellation stars -

Tue. 13 Wind N to NNE, good breeze -Fanny came home from St. Johns today -put the Lively on shore to haul up

Wed. 14 Wind from N to NW very fine day, good breeze -Fanny left for St. Mary's Bay to cut wood etc. stored fish -Angerona laid up -Comet visible to night but moving away fast

Thu. 15 Strong breeze wind from WSW dull day & dark morning -loaded the caplin for St. Johns & sent her off -hauled up the boat Lively commenced digging the potatoes very sharp frost this & the last morning

Fri 16 Dull morning & moderate wind at N appearance of smoke coming

over the land as if the country was burning at the Westward of us - sun out quite red began to dig the potatoes, they look well

Sat. 17 Moderate NNE wind, fine morning for the season -Wrote C. [Austin/Ansted?] Esq. to cancel the Policy on the Angerona if any return made by underwriters John Shanahan returned from St. Johns today

Sun. 18 18 after Trinity. Wind vble all this day -remarkably fine warm like August -a thick haze having the appearance of smoke from over the land has been visible for many days as if a fire was to the Westward - Halley's Comet still visible making rapid progress in a North Westerly direction, the Tail very brilliant and of great length - Rich'd Sanders left in his boat last night for St. Johns

Mon. 19 Wind very moderate at West -very fine day mild & warm in the sun like summer -A great haze passing over the land like smoke - sold Mr. Congdon fish as culled into store 100 Qtls to take out tom & broken at 14/6 large 14/ small p'ble in cash before 10 Nov'r or Bill after - to be delivered when required - put a little fish in store this day -

Tue. 20 Wind vble from N to W light breeze & very fine weather like summer weather spread chief part of the green fish on the Room - punts catching a good deal of fish

Wed. 21 Wind at South -dull, moderate & mild -People employed digging the potatoes - considerable quantities of fish by men in punts from 1 to 3 Quintals each boat -

Thu. 22 Nearly calm, what little wind prevails appears inclined from the NE -Coquette in the offing from the Banks - mild & warm Coquette 200 Q'ls fish lost ground tackle - finished digging the potatoes to day - evening damp wind at SE fog on Cape Broyle

Fri. 23 Wind moderate from NE dull & damp weather very mild weather for this season Punts catch a good many fish when they can get bait -wind fresher at night NE.

Sat. 24 Moderate breeze from SE to SW dull morning, afternoon dry but not fitting for fish -Granted summonses at night for Sliney and Gregory at the suit of farmers [Arne/Nine?] and Molloy for wages now due - Finished putting the potatoes down the cellars - dug 45 Barrels large and small but some touched with the frost some time since - put 18 barrels Water [Manure?] into my own cellar here the rest at Southside. Kelley's casks not fitt to fill. Brothers came in from the Banks.

Sun. 25 19 after Trinity. Wind vble in the morning, with hard rain early in the day it veered to NNE dull & hazy and at night strong breeze with rain at times, expect it will blow hard during the night -rather colder than for some days - Reneuse Bankers all in

Mon. 26 This day opens with sharp frost a good breeze of wind at North

touching West a little, strong breeze all night -dry day Purchased Pat & Jn'o Cain's fish at /6 for wsle, {ED: wholesale} & 1/ for cullage under St. Johns price at time of delivery they to have each ten pounds cash this fall -Pork at 80/ Flour at 32/ the Bal'c to remain till [course/crew?] of next year

Tue. 27 Wind at NNW good breeze -severe frost during last night thick hoar frost on the ground this morning, expect mild weather again very soon -several brigs passing to the Northward -some craft from St. Johns today

Wed. 28 Wind moderate at West, the Governor's yacht going into Caplin Bay the Judge and suit of the Southern Circuit Court onboard her - Court opened today and adjourned to 12 o'clock tomorrow

Thu. 29 Wind NNE -cold but not severe frost the yacht in Caplin Bay -no cases tried at the Court House today - Judge De Barres down in the morning -

Fri. 30 Wind at NW very moderate -a good deal of sea on the coast -cold & raw, but seasonable -several cases at Court House decided today before Judge Des Barres - yacht still in Capelin Bay

Sat. 31 Wind SW strong breeze with showers of rain occasionally -little doing at the Court House this day - Yacht still in the Bay

1835 - NOVEMBER

Sun. 1 20 af. Trin Wind at North, strong breeze -rather cold & frosty several craft from St. Johns no letters -Nothing new stirring today

Mon. 2 Wind NNW fine day -Court sitting today - grand jury summoned - Rev. Jas Duffy at court today under charge of the Constables at complaint of Slade, Eisen & Co. for burning down a flake at St. Mary's. Letters from Jennings & Mr. Rendell mourning the death of poor Mrs. Jas Carter at Dartm'th on 12 Sept, last, after a long and painful illness. Do not intend attending the Court today in consequence of the melancholy news - Sent Shanahan off to St. Johns with 100 Qtls fish in the Caplin - Mild at night -Grand Jury sitting at the Court House today

Tue. 3 Wind at SW fine, mild morning good breeze put some fish in from off the flakes

Wed. 4 The Court closed this day & Judge DesBarres & officers went onboard the yacht proposing to sail from Caplin Bay immediately after the event - mild & moderate weather, with the wind at SW all day - Sanders' boat returned from St. Johns - wrote to J S & Co advising order to this date drawn on them for wages for JHC

Thu. 5 Rather a fall day -showers occasionally Yacht still in Caplin Bay - Wind NE Shanahan home from St. Johns -took up some of the carrots to put by for the winter, mild for the season & moderate

Fri. 6 Wind SW good breeze hard rain all night Fanny came from St.

Mary's Bay the night -Sent Rennie, Stuart & Co. Callahan's Bill 4.15.3d, drawn by Clapp on Skinner [—?] & Co. [found'd?] 1815 - strong breeze at NE at night & cold -Yacht left Caplin Bay for St. Johns

Sat. 7 A very strong gale from NNE with great sea & remarkably high tide the sea broke across the point of beach & the piles of fish on it were wetted -the water quite level with the bed of the stage & platform drove up the flake

Sun. 8 21 af. Trin. Strong gale at NNE moderate frost very heavy sea on the shore but dry & sunshine day. Nothing moving -

Mon. 9 A good dry day with strong NNW wind nothing particular doing except spreading the fish & clearing the men from JHC's room -

Tue. 10 Wind vble & moderate nearly calm loaded Shanahan out of stow with fish for St. Johns Providential cleared out, the last vessel in the district loading - Rooms nearly all clean of fish -business nearly cleared - Wind ENE at night strong breeze & clear

Wed. 11 Wind N at E -light blinks of snow at times, light frost -good breeze, dull morning -dry afternoon -a vessel like the yacht off last evening going Northward -Thos Kindor, Peter Dullanty & Mr. Cahill in service yesterday as crew of Fanny at 45/ per calendar month

Thu. 12 Wind at South strong gale with hard rain -at the Court House today for Sanders & W. Hughes for neglect of duty - Providentia Nichols Master - sailed this evening for Oporto laden by Holdsworth with fish, the last vessel for foreign direct expected to sail from this district this year -

Fri. 13 Wind from SW to NE hard rain all day Brig Gleaner came in from Oporto bound to St. Johns - preparing oil to take to St. Johns in the Fanny -mild weather

Sat. 14 Wind SW good breeze with light showers & fine between -Many vessels passing North a very large Barque passed -Mary Wade married to John Gushue -the 4th wedding since October -Fanny loading for St. Johns all the suitable weather for the past week & nothing onboard yet besides oil & [s— ?] & such like

Sun. 15 22 af. Trin. Wind vble -from N to NW dry day but not bright, frost in the morning fine & mild afternoon -nothing particular occurred, few vessels passed -very fine for the season

Mon. 16 Wind SW all day very mild & dry put 410 Qtl fish onboard the Fanny this day dull evening with fog & rain at night -Bennet's cutter & Newman & Co. [?] passed for the Northward -mild & moderate

Tue. 17 Wind moderate at SW untill noon with very hard rain when it veered to WNW & blew good breeze & rain cleared except showers at times -nothing doing in the harbour hardly in the way of

business -vessels all gone, Rooms nearly all cleared offish & sent out of the place -no person trying for fish but weather quite mild & moderate enough to do -partridges plenty Donovan killed a deer had a qr 40 lb wt
Wed. 18 Moderate SW wind, very mild & clear but not fitt to spread fish finishing the lading of the Fanny preparing to go for St. Johns. -No vessels passing any way a few craft preparing for St. Johns for their last trips

Thu. 19 Wind at West heavy showers at times fine between, caught some fish [—?] to go off. at Court House this day some hours -ready to go for St. Johns

Fri. 20 Wind at NW to North all day -Junk came home from St. Johns bro't Capt Jellard & some others for the Angerona to proceed to St. Johns to load for Teignmouth - cleared the fish in off Jas H Carter's Room to day -frosty all day and looking dull at night

Sat. 21 Wind South East with snow untill noon strong breeze with snow in the morning at noon calm & mild -2pm strong NE wind came up with frosty night - Angerona began to fit out this day -

Sun. 22 23rd aft. Trin. Wind N to NW moderate and gentle frost rather dull looking for snow -snow melting in the sun

Mon. 23 Strong gale from NE with snow and frost and a very heavy sea on the coast & extraordinary high tide -several craft prepared to go to St. Johns as soon as the wind arrives - no business at court today -

Tue. 24 Wind still at NE frosty with strong gale and heavy sea & very high tide, Sea breaking over all the Islands & up against Morrison's store - hard riding in the Harbour - killed a cow in company with Mr. Congdon & one sheep a small one -

Wed. 25 Wind NE all day with a very heavy sea running & high tide - could not lay alongside the wharf & the run in the Pool was so great all day as to make it difficult to hold in the boats along side the stages - it is said Dan'l Sanders' boat was stove at Aquaforte and sank today with provisions on board from St. Johns belonging to many people.

Thu. 26 Wind moderate & vble from NW to SW & W -a very heavy sea still on the shore & a great run in the harbour, less frosty, but still cold -dry overhead - putting ballast onboard the Angerona -sails bent - Dan'l Sanders boat sank in Aquaforte just returned from St. Johns having a good deal of provision in her - Agreed with Mary Rositer to come to service for the winter for £3

Fri. 27 Wind vble -moderate from S to NW mild in the morning, frosty towards night -got the Angerona pretty well on in ballast - some vessels passed North -put 110 qtl fish onboard the Brig -Mary Rositer came

Sat. 28 Wind vble from N to NW fine sharp day, moderate breese -frosty

every night -A boat belonging Bay Verd put in here blown out of Conception Bay - embarked my own, Mrs. Carter's and James' things on board the Angerona, now quite ready and waiting only a wind.

Sun. 29 Advent Sunday. Wind all day blowing strong from SE & E heavy sea on - mild & misty and thawing towards night foggy & nearly calm -waiting a wind to go to St. Johns.

Mon. 30 Wind at West left in the Angerona for St. Johns with Mrs. Carter & James who go in her to England -Blew a very strong gale towards noon lay too under the land until evening, made sail and ran into St. Johns Bay - Gale increased very much, got into St. Johns on Tuesday evening.

1835 -DECEMBER

Tue. 1 Landed at St. Johns this evening, vessel prepared to take onboard her cargo, & loaded for Teignmouth with fish & oil & sailed on Thursday evening, 18 Dec. {Ed. Note: Should be Friday evening}

Fri. 18 Passengers, Capt. Kemp, Capt Cousins, Geo. Warren, Mr. Martin, Gil Clapp & several others besides Mrs. Carter - as soon as the Brig sailed prepared to return to Ferryland and

Wed. 23 left St. Johns Wednesday evening 23 Dec.

Thu. 24 and arrived here on 24 about 2 PM - very moderate and fine passage along - Wind North - discharged the Fanny this day sharp frost, Hills quite white with snow, quite winter weather.

Fri. 25 Xmass Day. Wind West, mild - No person here but children & self, that is Eliza, Fanny, Mary and Emily. Henry Pinsen expected to dinner. John Babcock dead this day.

Sat. 26 Wind at SW moderate thawing freely two Brigs passed Northward afternoon

Sun. 27 Wind at South light airs with fog & rain thawing very freely in the morning hard rain towards afternoon with strong breeze at South -Caroline Carter died this evening.

Mon. 28 Wind at South to West a very free thaw all last night with heavy rain, & thawing today untill evening when the wind came off the land & frose a little -snow at night Wm Harris & others taking down the Fanny's rigging preparatory to laying her up for the winter -Peggy Brennan married to Jn Bolan

Tue. 29 Wind at Westward strong breeze moderate frost with snow showers occasionally

Wed. 30 Wind S West mild & moderate, at noon Wind SE cold, with strong breeze, looking for wind & falling weather

Thu. 31 This morning opens with a gale at SSE & hard rain and heavy swell upon the coast, thawing freely & thick foggy w'r at 10 am -

latter part of the day a little more moderate - at night strong breeze from S West with some frost towards morning.

This ends a very bad year for the shore fishery on an average not over 25 Qtls per man - The Bankers killed fair voyages- Prices at Market ruled rather poorly but at St. Johns 15/6 was given for large fish per the Spaniards 14/6. 12/ 11/ all through the year - Oil opened at £21 and rose to £32/. 12/6 at the latter price fair sales could be made - Three of the Carter family have died during the year.' Provisions plentiful & low. Many vessels & lives lost on the Coast in Nov. & Dec. Capt. John Stabb of the Indian Lass among the number known thirteen vessels in Conception & Trinity Bay lost and others in other parts of the Coast -very boisterous gales with snow, some frost and amazing high tides - Exposed places on the Coast all the waterside Rooms washed away -a comet appeared in Oct'r several Nights (Halley's) - foretold to a day, even to a minute it's coming. -Mr. Winton, the Ed. of Pub. Led [ED: Public Ledger] paper deprived of his ears by unknown ruffians on the Road between Harbour Grace and Carbonear - £1500 St'g offered as a reward, to no use. - a Piece of Plate valued £60 St'g presented to Winton by Mercantile Clerks a beautiful Specimen of English Silversmith's work. - Mrs. Carter sailed per Angerona for England with James - her first visit after an absence of 20 years, spent chiefly in Ferryland - Mrs. James Carter died in September at Dartmouth, leaving three little ones behind to lament so great a loss with their disconsolate Father. - Mr. Richards left Mr. Holdworth's concern to the Charge of Mr. Congdon - Shoremen & fishermen's wages ruled high this year from £30 to £16 according to situation of landing - Many of the shipped Fishermen did not catch 15 Qtls per man whilst those in Whaleboats caught 40 or 50/ qtl per man - some Western Boats caught 80 Qtls per man others 40 to 50 Qtls - this has been a year of great losses.

BOOK 4, continued

1836

1836 - JANUARY

Fri. 1 This year opens with a tolerable fine day with slight frost, little snow on the ground - Caroline Carter buried this day - passed this day surrounded by my own four girls - Mrs. Carter & James on their passage to England per Angerona, Robert there at school - it is to be hoped the result of 1836 fishery will prove more fortunate than 1835.

Sat. 2 Wind WSW moderate gentle frost last night very fine morning indeed not a vessel in sight yesterday or today so far at night very fine -P. Ryan to begin to walk as postman for eight pounds to first March

Sun. 3 2 aft. Chris. Wind from SW to NW moderate & mild with light showers of snow very fine day -called at Caplin Bay -Pat Ryan

starts tomorrow for St. Johns

Mon. 4 Wind at NNW very moderate gentle frost -very fine day. Snipefish came down from Caplin Bay & went into the Pool - at Court House in consequence of a letter from Winser about Junk. -P. Ryan started this day.

Tue. 5 Wind variable nearly calm, light showers of snow fine between -at Court House again to day on Junk affair, examined his 2 Boys -accounts of a West Indian vessel being into Toad's Cove dismasted laden with molasses taken there by Gatheral of Balline, found deserted by the crew who were taken in shore from Spear Island

Wed. 6 Old Xmass Day. Strong gale at NE cold & raw with smart frost -at court this day examining Williams & Barnable respecting Junk -little snow on the ground now but looks as if should soon have some

Thu. 7 Wind NE, more moderate thaw yesterday frosty, but not severely so -fine day for the time of year, ground quite bare - Letters from R't Carter Ret. by Samuel Case — who came with Rev. Duffy -Rev. J. Browne ill from falling off Niel's gallery at Fermeuse.

Fri. 8 Wind NE good breeze at 10 am - a Brig hove in sight coming toward the land with M. Topsail, Trysail foresail & T. T. trysail, after sometime hove the foresail to [West/mast?] head off the land and hoisted Ensign to peak of trysail & lay in some time, on seeing which (I) went with M. Morry Jr. to the gaze & hoisted colors on a lanyer when she were in for the land - prevailed on R'd Sanders & others to go on board her, which they did at great peril & when alongside the Master refused them any compensation for their trouble & they left the Brig, which went into Aquaforte - the Ann 50 days from Lp'l for H. Grace - her sails were all set as above except square Mainsail which was in two pieces - no jib on the Boom - much wrecked - Pat Ryan returned from St. Johns left it yesterday - B.G. [Garnit?] surro sheriff at St. Johns instead of Hogsett

Sat. 9 Wind ENE good breeze, very mild & warm in the sun -thawing -went to Aquaforte, boarded the Brig Ann from Liverpool for St. Johns, out 60 days belonging to Mr. [Marin?] of Hr. Grace - much damage in sails, Rigging Bulwarks & Boats lost - Boarded the Piscator? at sea about a month since -4 days out of St. Johns all well.

Sun. 10 1st after Epiphany. Wind ENE good breese not much sea remarkably mild - very little snow on the ground, light frost by night thaw'g in the sun by day

Mon. 11 Wind ESE strong gale all day with heavy rain & free thaw, thick fog -at court house all forenoon with some trifling case between

Coryear & James Haley -Jade Bryan came to work on Active Tue. 12 Nearly calm this morning with very thick fog hard rain all night with SE wind very little ice remaining or snow the ground getting quite soft -2 vessels from Portugal in Cape Broyle from Portugal 25 days passage only -one for St. Johns Bulley [Butt & Co?] the other Thos Chancy & Co. Carbonear

Wed. 13 NE wind very moderate, thick fog free thaw & ice almost gone off the ground still thawing at night with fog & calm

Thu. 14 Wind at West very moderate, hazy on the hills at times, otherwise pretty clear all day, ground drying up a little but not freezing -quite like spring weather

Fri. 15 Wind at SSW good breeze very slight frost in the night inclined to snow at present at evening a slight frost -a Brig stood in from [-?] & passed N. suppose her to be the Diana -RS & Co.

Sat. 16 Wind at WSW moderate & gentle frost the Ann of Hr. Grace left Aquaforte for St. Johns -moderate almost to a calm towards night -snowing a little

Sun. 17 Wind North, freezing rain -

Mon. 18 Wind about NW blinks of snow cold & frosty rather dull, Pat Ryan & H'y Pinsen left for St. Johns to day -at night dull & heavy likely to change Fanny at the Bay -

Tue. 19 Wind strong at NE, snowing fast cold a good deal of snow fell during the night -granted summons to Thos Payne for Mr. [Morry?] to appear on 25 inst. to answer assault on Thos. Payne Jr.

Wed. 20 Wind at WNW moderate frosty -went to Caplin Bay for Fanny, came home in the evening with her and Miss Morry.

Thu. 21 Wind about N to NNW all day, smart frost, little snow fell last night fine day for the time of the year

Fri. 22 Wind at West, mild towards evening free thaw and hard rain at night strong gale at South all night - B Sweetland here from St. Johns

Sat. 23 Strong breeze at SW free thaw, much snow gone during the night -at evening moderate with snow -very bad walking through the Harbour, much water on the roads - Vessel passed last evening S'd

Sun. 24 3 af Epiph'y. Wind at NW light frost, some showers of snow -Pat Ryan and Hy Pinson back from St. Johns, brought an account of death of H. Brand Esq'r, Mount Radford Exeter by his own hand — also of a very extensive fire at N.Y. consuming very large property & 674 houses.

Mon. 25 Fine morning -Wind at SW moderate -a Brig passed N about 3pm covered with ice -at night strong gale at SSW with snow

Tue. 26 Wind at WSW blowing a heavy gale as hath been the case all night with very heavy rain all the ice & snow washed away almost from every place except patches -like the spring - the Brig that passed

yesterday must have had a dreadful night, unless she made a harbour before dark -Martin Culliton married to Ellen Cain last night at Capelin Bay - a large wedding -moderate nearly a calm at night air from NW
Wed. 27 Wind moderate at SSW -mild but froze a little last night -Mr. Wright sent down JHC's account for 1834 today -no slide hauling for want of snow

Thu. 28 Wind NE moderate, some snow had fallen during the night -silver thaw this morning -towards night misting rain and during the night tremendous rain & free thaw wind at East -the Morry's at tea this evening

Fri. 29 Wind SW hard rain, free thaw the snow all gone & nothing but patches of ice on the ground, at noon clearing off -wind inclined to the Westward, fine at night. Martin Culliton came home from the Bay with his wife - great doings - dancing, funny games, etc. all night-

Sat. 30 Wind at Westw'd fine morning, gentle frost last night, not a cloud visible today latter part of the day fine & mild -Spent the evening with Mr. Morry, Caplin Bay, Eliza & myself, & returned late

Sun. 31 Septuagesima. Wind at South with fog on the Cape & at sea very mild at noon cleared away the wind veering more to the Westward -at night quite mild & clear just like a summer or spring night

1836 - FEBRUARY

Mon. 1 Wind at SSW, good breeze -free thaw - Margaret [Bume?] came to affiliate a child on Jas Dullanty with [serrants?] to Rev'd T Browne -heavy thaw all day

Tue. 2 Wind SW good breeze -hard rain & most free thaw snow & ice nearly all gone -mild like beginning of June -thick fog at sea -smooth water -calm at night still thawing freely

Wed. 3 Wind at SW mild & moderate a little snow fell during the night with very slight frost all going away again in the sun today

Thu. 4 Wind NE good breeze -snow during the night about 2 inches fell & froze a little -dull and rather cold day -Went tracing today the only time the winter saw some birds, too wild to come at & bushes laden with snow

Fri. 5 Wind NE strong breezes all night with snow, mild in the morning with silver thaw and latterly rain, a good deal of sea on the rocks, hazy at sea. -P. Carter Jr. came from St. Johns

Sat. 6 Wind at West very moderate, a fine day thawing very freely -snow going fast no working in the woods quite warm in the sun but very wet walking every where

Sun. 7 Sexagesima. Wind at West, a very fine morning -a shower or two of snow during the day -frost very moderate with light breezes of

wind a little snow fell during the night which by the snow fell during a calm -Pat Ryan back from St. Johns, a/cts from several vessels -

Mon. 8 Wind at NNW strong breeze -smart frost during the night & continuing air -a winter day clear & sharp but fine - George Simms from Trepassey passed through on his way towards St. Johns with others -P. Carter Jr. spent the evening with me

Tue. 9 Wind at SE all day very strong breeze frosty & cold, light showers of snow and drifts -rain in the evening & thaw'g

Wed. 10 Wind at West, frosty, clear & fine not at all severe frost -towards night dull with light showers of snow

Thu. 11 Wind at South, clear morning moderate frost during the past night & but little snow - Mrs. H'y Neile of Fermeuse died last night - P Carter dined here

Fri. 12 Wind at NNW frosty with blinks of snow fine day -Fanny went up C. Bay

Sat. 13 Strong breeze at North smart frosty weather very fine day -sharpest day for several weeks -nothing particular moving here

Sun. 14 Quinquagesima. Wind at from ENE to SE dry raw cold & frosty looking for a change of W'r-

Mon. 15 Wind moderate at SW with free thaw during the past night it hath blown tremendously from South or South East with snow at first & very heavy rain after. -Copy of List of voters sent to Act'g Secretary by Pat Ryan.

Tue. 16 Shrove Tuesday. Strong breeze at SSW not freezing froze last night, but looks for a thaw today - Winter passing very mild very poor winter for working in the woods, the harbour or Pool hath not been yet frozen -Rumours of wolves being plenty and having killed cattle etc. at St. Shotts & Trepassey last week - game rather scarce no snow to trace partridges down. -P. Ryan off for St. Johns again today, P. Carter Jr. with him -very few ducks have been killed the winter, bad to keep fresh meat - Beef 8 [?] Mutton 11 [?] at St. Johns.

Wed. 17 Ash Wednesday. Calm morning -gentle frost last night no snow fell after sunset, so far it may be said to be a very mild winter -about a foot of snow fell yesterday quite regular during a calm -shot 1 partridge today the first the winter

Thu. 18 Wind about East -moderate -snowing in the morning hard rain & free thaw at noon Harbour filled with soft lolly from snow fallen

Fri. 19 Strong gale from SW to NW all night and during the day, sharp frost & blinking snow quite a winter day, slippery walking in the roads

Sat. 20 Moderate breeze at NW very fine day indeed -froze smart last night very smooth water on the rocks

Sun. 21 1st in Lent. Harbour frozen over last night the first time at sea also -calm this morning, mild & fine -towards evening dull -Pat Ryan came back from St. Johns, no arrivals there since he came last
Mon. 22 Calm with hard rain & free thaw no weather to this time since Xmass to prevent any vessel from coming on the coast as well as in summer
Tue. 23 Moderate breeze from SW hard rain all night and very great thaw, nearly all the snow gone again the ground in many parts quite bare -just as good a time for vessels to approach the coast as midsummer
Wed. 24 Calm very fine morning,- froze a little during the past night, now quite warm and thawing in the sun like a spring morning -light frost at night
Thu. 25 Calm morning -very fine, clear & warm thawing in the sun, more like May than February -Sealers all fitting out busily today weather being so fine for it. -No vessels passing North or South for a long time, -dined at Mr. Holdsworths today
Fri. 26 Wind at SW strong breeze very light frost last night, thawing today and like spring weather -strong breeze at noon from Westward -R'd Dullanty left in his boat for St. Johns
Sat. 27 NE wind snowing fast and a little frost, blew hard last night spent last evening with Wm. Sweetland, Eliza with me -at noon wind veered to North & evening t NNW smart frosty weather & fine
Sun. 28 2nd in Lent. Wind strong at North, smart frosty & fine morning, lolly forming on the sea
Mon. 29 {ED: Leap year} Wind at NNW good breeze fine day sharp frosty weather - Harbour caught over - it froze harder last night than for six weeks part into House.

1836 - MARCH

Tue. 1 Wind good breeze at SSW fine day rather milder than yesterday -Mr. Goodridge and Mr. Kelly now here from Reneuse etc. to clear out sealers today. Pelter sailed from Aquaforte today Snow at night weather quite mild
Mon. 2 Nearly calm -what wind there is in from South, with free thaw and rain the ice frozen on the harbour breaking up and quite gone at night strong gale
Tue. 3 Froze smart during the night & continues so this morning -blowing very strong gale from Northwest -quite a fine winter's day
Fri. 4 Strong breeze at NNW & North -severe frost -lolly forming on the salt water last night quite sharp with light showers of snow, at night quite moderate & mild Wind at SW Waterlily sailed at 11pm
Sat. 5 Mild day with South wind, very moderate & dull -Went onboard the Brothers at the request of R'd Sanders & surveyed her

equipment found her sufficiently found in anchors cable etc. Brothers sailed at 3pm soon after came on strong gale at South with snow and put back at night fall

Sun. 6 3rd in Lent. Wind at NW strong gale, froze during the night, but thawed freely in the sun all day - Moderate towards evening Brothers and Coquette sailed for the ice and a brig from the Southw'd passed Nth'd supposed to be one of the Placentia sealers -Judge Carter very unwell in something of Palsey or paralytic

Mon. 7 Wind at E snowed a good deal in the night Harbour full of lolly from it snowing a little this morning, day mild, dull & heavy, Wind varying from E to SE & NE but very moderate all day

Tue. 8 Wind at South, snowing, mild Harbour quite filled up with lolly & out to Goose Island -Worse weather for vessels to approach the coast than in all January & February -at 5pm hard rain & calm

Wed. 9 Wind NNW good breeze fine clear W'r thawing in the sun -froze in the shade -R'd Dullanty came from St. Johns brought accounts of Angerona's arrival at Teignm'th on 7 Jan'y, 19 days passage -{ED's NOTE: the writer's wife and son on board}—sent a hare by R'd Sullivan to St. Johns to JMR {ED: Rendell} and a letter for Mrs. Carter to be forwarded -he goes into Cape Broyle to load wood

Thu. 10 Wind at South -moderate, fine day frosty last night -a schooner passed Northward coaster or sealer, McBride's Flag up. Wrote RC,R.N. and Mr. Hoyles about salary as Magistrate - sent the letters for Sullivan to Cape Broyle by Halse from Caplin Bay -walked to Deep Cove Pond with the girls today, a fine path underfoot. Jude Bryan at work to day the first on Lively.

Fri. 11 Strong breeze at South, with free thaw and heavy rain. Afternoon thick fog, weather like May or beginning of June -thawing very fast, and ground nearly clear of snow again.

Sat. 12 Wind at South & SW all day very mild, quite a free thaw, hard rain in showers during the forenoon, dry since, quite a spring day -snow all gone again, ground except of ice quite bare -Judge Carter very ill today, has not spoken to be understood since yesterday morning - his complaint appears to be palsey

Sun. 13 4th in Lent. Wind strong at NNW freezing a little, a boat passed Southward covered with ice - Sullivan had not sailed from Cape Broyle this morning - Judge Carter still ill

Mon. 14 Moderate SW wind -froze hard during last night, mild today -some lolly that made during the night driven away soon after the sun rose

Tue. 15 Wind at West -a little snow fell during last night but is going away as fast as possible before the sun today a good strong breeze of wind all day -Called at Scoggins on Father Clearey. Rob't & Mrs.

Carter came from St. Johns today. {ED: Judge's son}

Wed. 16 Very fine morning wind at NNW very moderate, froze a little last night - Wrote J H Carter by Heaney who left for St. Johns this morning by land, thawing freely in the sun at noon frosty again at night - Goose laid today first egg

Thu. 17 St. Patrick's Day. A very fine morning like spring a light shower of snow before day -frosty last night but not severe. Wind at WNW moderate -water very smooth -Showers of snow at intervals -sharp frost at night & clear w'r

Fri. 18 This opens with snow, with the wind at ESE the Harbour caught over last night & continues filled with lolly

Sat. 19 Wind NE moderate slight snow falling very severe frost last night & some few inches snow fell, the harbour caught over -more like winter now than since Jan'y came in -Saw Judge Carter today. He appears better but vastly changed

Sun. 20 Wind at South to NW fine day the lolly in the harbour driven out of it by evening, some snow fell last night only a few inches on the ground -Mr. Peter Carter came from St. Johns by land, brought confirmation of Angerona's arrival -gentle frost last night but mild all this day & good roads

Mon. 21 Wind NE snowing in the morning the lolly all driven in upon the coast again the harbour mainly filled -mild weather & clear at noon -clear at night freezing a little -lolly closing in

Tue. 22 Wind vble from SE to NW -showers of snow & sunshine at intervals, -went into Deep Cove Pond with the children, Mr. Morry, Sweetland, Caplin Bay folks & W Carter Jr.- Judge better

Wed. 23 Wind NE snowing fast, cold & raw harbour filled with lolly, very soft stuff - quite a winter day, as much so as any we have had for the winter

Thu 24 Wind NE clear & moderate the harbour quite filled with soft lolly and the ocean appears covered with it, snowed about 2 inches during the past night quite winter weather, more so than since this year came in

Fri. 25 Wind from SW to West moderate all day, very fine, thawing freely in the sun - the lolly all moving off -the harbour quite clear of it -a Brig passed about 9am like the Angerona for the Northw'd lowered her foretop G't sail & hoisted colours then when passing the harbour -at night quite calm & looking for a change

Sat. 26 Wind NE strong breeze, considerable quantity of snow having fallen during the night - lolly all driving in again snowing & drifting yet thawing in sun

Sun. 27 Sunday before Easter. Wind at WSW a good breeze & very fair day -a sch'r passed Northward - thawing free in the sun froze hard last night -lolly all driving off the coast out of the harbour, etc.

quite clear at noon Snow going away very fast -frosty at night and quite clear Mon.28 This day opens very fine with moderate SW wind rather hazy at noon & thawing freely in the sun -the wind inclined to Northwest more -but dull & hazy over the land - A petition against Judge Boulton getting up under the influence of Duffy, the persons acting under him J. Kelley (cooper) & M Conway

Tue. 29 Wind NE very moderate, rather frosty in the morning -thawing before the sun very fine day -P. H. Carter & Lt. R. Carter dine with me today -cold at night

Wed. 30 Wind NE to W very little wind all day a good deal of lolly made during the night -boarded the Brig Greyhound of Halifax and from thence 12 days out ..Hugh Hoyles on board - the third vessel seen pass this spring yet - thawing a good deal in the sun today

Thu. 31 Wind SW moderate harbour clear of lolly but in sight at sea in abundance - R'd Dullanty left for St. Johns in his boat today, a very fine day indeed -but freezes hard at night & thaws before the sun by day - People all at work in the woods very good paths for hauling -calm at night and freezing

1836 - APRIL

Fri. 1 Good Friday. Wind NE good breeze water smooth a bed of lolly in the horizon to the Eastward but there is not any in sight to the NE -very sharp cold wind & smart frost during the past night -a sermon at the RC Chapel by Rev. T. Browne today many persons from other parts of the district in attendance - Dullanty came back, could not get to St. Johns the ice being jammed in with Cape Spear Strong breeze at 4pm with snow & very cold

Sat. 2 Very heavy gale at NNE all night with snow & great drifts not severe frost in the night -the heaviest night for the winter made the house shake -at 4pm a little more moderate & milder, thawing & drift ceased

Sun. 3 Easter Day. Wind NNW to NW all day which has been very fine with good breeze, thawing freely in the sun Ice or lolly in sight at sea from the hills -a Brig passed Northward - Peggy Mackay a son today

Mon. 4 Wind at ESE moderate with snow Large flakes & heavy showers during the day at night wind NE thick misling rain At Court House today Mr. Dwyer & Powers of Brigus - afforded relief to the Poor

Tue. 5 Wind variable this morning nearly calm rather cloudy but thawing freely at evening hard rain & free thaw, wind at ESE. Showers of large snow in afternoon -NE wind at night with silver thaw

Wed. 6 Wind NE thawing freely, very dull and moderate -ice or lolly in great quantities in sight approaching pretty near to Cape Broyle.

lolly close in at night -soft stuff -the ocean covered -a Schooner off Reneuse -rain at night & dull heavy weather thawing freely

Thu. 7 Calm with fog, free thaw, lolly in the harbour and as far as can see Westw'd Sent Val Keefe by Dorsey a [B'I?] parcels for boat Sylph -dull & thawing at night

Fri. 8 Wind NE strong breeze clear but not cold ice jamming in along the coast appears in great quantity at sea. Harbour filled - Witnessed Judge Carter's will - present, P. W. Carter, R. Carter RN, witnesses self, Betsy Paul and Catharine Carter, this day's date. It is on letter paper & signed 'Wm. Carter'

Sat. 9 Wind N to W a very clear warm & fine day throughout, thawing very free every place, snow almost gone off the hills -the lolly moving off, harbour quite clear Two vessels and a boat passed Northw'd the former appear like sealers, & deep - Peter Carter & Rob't with Heaney left for St. Johns by land today - sent Customs House Q'ly Returns by them. Paid Wm Brazel the Chapel Balance & also others sums as per books in presence of H'y Pinsen

Sun. 10 1st after Easter. Wind at W all day -dull with small rain, thawed amazingly during last night & all this day quite a spring day if it continues nearly all the snow gone -the lolly gone to sea out of sight Sat the goose on 14 eggs today

Mon. 11 Wind at WSW good breeze all day rather hazy, thawing very much, the land clearing from snow & ice very fast indeed, quite a spring day - No business at the court house

Tue. 12 Wind NE moderate, snowing fast ground quite covered but appears rather soft thaw for frosty weather Snow ceased at noon -Sullivan came from St. Johns, no letters from England no late arrivals at St. Johns -several sealers in wrecked only one or two with trips -Freezing at night & looking rather heavy at Windward -a boat passed for the Southward suppose Reneuse's.

Wed. 13 Wind at N by E good breeze, smart frost & some snow during the night all the ground again covered just like middle of winter -fine clear morning and so continued all day but cold

Thu. 14 Wind very moderate at NE & North almost calm -smart frost last night harbour caught over, eleven boats & one vessel going Northward in sight - some clumpits of rough ice in view gentle frost at night Wind South

Fri. 15 Strong breeze at West, a heavy gale at South last night and some snow thawing freely today -warm in the sun and very sloppy walking -at night calm & very slight frost

Sat. 16 Wind NE moderate - Wright's boat came from Cape Broyle no ice in sight this evening -cold & frosty & considerable breeze all this day -No vessels - Dullanty came home from St. Johns

Sun. 17 2nd after Easter. Strong breeze NE froze during the night smartly -

Pelter just gone in from the ice appears well down -Duck lay first egg today

Mon. 18 Wind at WNW very fine day, warm & pleasant. Some boats passing North - Rec'd a letter from J W Sanders with one from the Bishop sent it to the churchwardens - several boats & one sealer passed - Kerney's came from Salmonier to day

Tue. 19 Wind at West, strong breeze fine day thawing freely -at - blowing hard with heavy showers scarcely any snow remaining like spring weather - G Dalton came to work -sold John Wall a skiff for 50/

Wed. 20 Calm, nearly all day very fine warm day -snow nearly all gone away -no vessels in sight today

Thu. 21 Very fine morning, quite calm k& like summer -at 11am Wind came up to the South & Dullanty & Sullivan left for St. Johns in boats slight frost at nightsnow all gone

Fri. 22 Wind South Foggy on the hills, free thaw like spring weather no frost last night -Water looking like spring -strong breeze with fog at noon SSW wind

Sat. 23 Wind moderate at SW with rain, hard rain all last night and very strong breeze at South -grass beginning to spring a little No letter from England to this date - killed a sheep 10 lbs per quarter - kept on dry food all the winter

Sun. 24 3rd after Easter. Wind very light from South, rather hazy warm -froze a little last night -dull all day -held a meeting at the church of the Protestants to take the Bishop & Archdeacons letters into consideration - Coquette came in reports 1700 seals - usual vessels going to the Southward - freezing a little at night

Mon. 25 Light air from SW fog on top of Cape Broyle -scarcely froze last night - the 21st anniversary of my wedding day - my wife in England sailed in December, not a letter from England to this date from her or from any other of my friends there - at noon wind flew into NW with a snow shower & blew strong breeze - frosty at night but clear -several craft moving about -Coquette left at night for St. Johns -a shower of snow fell about 10am today but soon disappeared - Old Mr. Morry ill.

Tue. 26 Wind NNW smart frost last night very cold today & blinks of snow -dined at Rev'd T Browne's to day - Dullanty came home from St. Johns this evening - many craft moving -very cold for the time of year freesing hard by night

Wed. 27 Wind light at S -Fanny left for St. Mary's Bay -dull & heavy raw cold at 4pm wind veered to NE light air with snow the ground covered at night -no letter from England to this date

Thu. 28 Wind vble round the compass very moderate, blinking snow all day but it melted as it fell - Brothers came in from the ice 540 seals - raw cold day - Sullivan came from St. Johns without any letters

from England or St. Johns for me -light showers of snow at night Wind NE Fri.29 Wind NE fine morning, snow melting fast in the sun -occupied this day at the Court House & on public business respecting J M Walsh & others -several vessels passing South -rather cold for the time of year
Sat. 30 Wind strong from SW clear but cold & raw -Brothers sailed for St. Johns in the night -at noon more clear & warm wind at West good breeze -one vessel passed Argyle & Mary & Jane in - Wrote Wm Antill Jr Brigus by North, to the care of Rob't Brown Esq'r about Walsh requesting reply if ever Walsh was obliged by having an illegitimate child sworn on him to leave Brigus -snow drops open

1836 - MAY

Sun. 1 4 after Easter. Wind NW very fine morning, smart frost every night but warm before the sun snow drops & crocus's opening, blackbirds out on the Hills for several days past - obliged to keep the cattle in at night and give them Hay yet - some are left outside -a schooner with a flag, yellow blue white horizontal stood into Caplin Bay, reached out again & proceeded Northward -wind West at noon -Snow in the evening but light shower

Mon. 2 Wind NE with light showers of snow -Phoenix arrived in 42 days from Dartmth - first letters from England - from Mrs. Carter, J H Carter & others - at noon wind South with showers of snow and raw cold weather

Tue. 3 Wind NE raw & cold -snow on the ground light frost last night -thawing in the sun

Wed. 4 Wind NE fine clear morning rather cold snow all gone again, frost last night At noon wind strong at East -clear & fine but not very warm -at night looking murky and wild at sea - could not find our cow Joan any place tonight Peggy Mackey married to W. Walsh -cow calved in the woods -

Thu. 5 Wind at ENE very hard gale with a very heavy fall of snow arriving every place many inches deep, restoring all appearance of winter again though like spring weather yesterday - cow came home having calved in the woods, searched on her tracks every place & all around her tracks all the day after she came home but to no purpose could not find the calf

Fri. 6 Wind at North -mild strong breeze the snow thawing away -more fell yesterday than any one day the winter since Dec'r - Water Lily came in poorly fished with seals Brothers came home from St. Johns -got the calf in the woods back of Long Hill alive. Bidy Murphy married to Chas Hogarty

Sat. 7 Wind vble, fine warm day -at evening wind NW several small craft

passing Fanny came from St. Mary's Bay Phoenix sailed for the banks first out this year
Sun. 8 5 after Easter. Wind at South, good breeze -first part of day clear latter part snow & rain Waterlily & Snipe sailed for St. Johns, Payne came home from thence
Mon. 9 Wind at NW strong breeze -North in the afternoon - Mr. Martin's boat came from St. Johns to Caplin Bay - Mr. Hogrett in her the Clerk Southern Circuit Court - rec'd a/c't of Angerona's arrival at St. Johns -frosty at night
Tue. 10 Wind at West -fine day. good breeze a Brig passed Northward (a Sealer) - Martin left for St. Mary's in his boat
Wed. 11 Wind vble at W to N -very moderate -Fanny sailed for St. Mary's Bay, no boats out yet no fresh fish caught -some flatt fish taken -Theresa at Reneuse
Thu. 12 Wind SW good breeze fog occasionally set some peas -rather cold when the fog comes in -No fish today
Fri. 13 Wind at South, fog occasionally with showers of rain, Norris left for St. Johns, no fish caught yet
Sat. 14 Wind at NE rain all last night the rats carried away 13 goslings last night from the goose - John Jellard came here from St. Johns -letters per Mr. Rendell by Dullanty from St. Johns from Mrs. C. & E.H.C - silver thaw & hail at evening. Wind NE strong very raw & cold for the time of year
Sun. 15 6 af. Easter. Wind NE moderate -very severe frost last night ground quite hard - Mr. Hogret dined with me. Tweed arrived from St. Johns
Mon. 16 Wind at SW rather a dull day not very warm -vessels entered this day at Reneuse - Jn Sander's new boat came from St. Mary's built there the winter - Mr. Wright acted as Clerk of Sessions first time
Tue. 17 Wind vble from South to W. moderate the Brothers sailed for the banks - rather cold for the season -some few codfish were caught in the evening -a seal was shot by Sil Kough off Deveraux's stage head to day - shoremen came in service
Wed. 18 Wind vble S to W fine day, some boats starting for St. Johns -Wrote by Capt Jillard to my Mother, he loading for Waterford at St. Johns - set peas - shoremen at work about the potatoes getting up manure etc. Fresh fish pretty plenty to day -
Thu. 19 Wind from NNW to South, moderate all day many boats but no vessels passing -Dullanty & Bryan for St. Johns today -very warm indeed all day put in peas & some other seeds this day - the men at the potato gardens - Bargained with Mich'l Aylward for boats master of caplin 1/2 fish if I can get a crew on shares for him -
Fri. 20 Strong breeze at W to NW several craft passing, showers of rain &

sleet occasionally -Tweed left for banks

Sat. 21 Wind at North -Norris, Snipefish & Coquette came home from St. Johns -dull at night but not frosty wind at NW

Sun. 22 Whitsunday. Wind at South inclined to West a fine day rather cold in the morning but at noon very warm

Mon. 23 Moderate South wind thick fog - Mr. Sanders home from St. Johns no letters - [Bill?] entered at Fermeuse from Liverpool -finished setting the potatoes set six barrels nearly -some few fresh fish caught today but none of the boats gone to the Westward but several ready to proceed

Tue. 24 Wind ENE -cold raw day -some fresh fish caught at Freshwater about 2 or 3 Qtls - Men at work about the Room -boats almost ready for the Westward, wait only for sail

Wed. 25 Wind NE raw cold with fog, very strong breese -blowing too hard for the Active & Lively to proceed to Westward no boat gone from hence there yet

Thu. 26 Wind NE blowing hard with showers of sleet & snow boats yet detained by the gale - Cahill & some others left in the evening -

Fri. 27 Wind NE good breese, Jn Bryan came from St. Johns, letters from Mrs. Carter Active detained for Jn Costello in consequence of his Brother's death last night. Boat quite ready to proceed last evening -wind NW at night Coquette sailed for Banks

Sat. 28 Wind from NE, but so moderate little way could be made by vessels Fanny in sight all day & not in at night from St. Mary's Bay. Angerona was to sail from St. Johns yesterday for Waterford -Active yet detained waiting for John Costelloe

Sun. 29 Trinity Sunday. Wind NE strong breese rather chilly but dry & sun shining between clouds - W. Congdon arrived from St. Johns late from England - many boats passing to the Southward rather cold & raw

Mon. 30 Strong gale at NE raw, cold weather Active still detained in consequence of Jn Costello not going in her on 26th Inst.

Tue. 31 Wind yet NE blowing very hard -frost last night, a very heavy sea on the shore Active yet kept in by weather - Michael Price died last night - Fanny in Aquaforte -Set peas & turnips

1836 - JUNE

Wed. 1 Wind strong at NE today -the Active left for the Westward less sea on the rocks - saw one small island of ice coming from Northward first for the season - Court Business Issued a public notice for the Magistrates to meet at the Court House on Monday next at 11 o'clock to form a Board of Commissioners per Act 5 [-?]

Thu. 2 Wind NE moderate warmer today than for sometime passed -hope a change will soon take place as the fishery is very backward at

present

Fri. 3 Wind NE moderate with fog, warm when the fog cleared away at times nothing doing in Fishery yet except getting out the boats -Alex'r Stuart called this evening -just arrived at St. Johns - Snipe Fish cleared for the Banks today the last Banker to clear out here -

Sat. 4 Wind Vble came to SW after noon - John Shanahan left for St. Johns, Mr. Harris with him - fair warm day many vessels moving about, North & South -Mr Hogset left with Junk this day put the key of Record Chest in my possession -

Sun. 5 1st after Trin'y. Wind NE tolerably fine day not over warm -many vessels passing, a light appeared at the House on the Downs last night on enquiry today found Mrs Hn'y Winser was there to take possession of it as having claim thereto.2 A Public Notice was stuck up against Mr. Wright's fence today headed "Caution"!!! desiring the people to beware & not to sign a paper going in favour of that person as Stipendiary Magistrate - that no person in the District possessed sufficient abilities for it but who were connected with or were themselves merchants and unfitted thereby to hear a case - signed as by a friend of the people P. Winser, 6 June.

Note to Sat. 4

Mr. Hogsett left me the keys of the Record Chest - opened it to extract record of Rooms No 5 & 6 at Reneuse for 2 women of that place gave them copy of Record of above Rooms and received 1/- ster for doing so -

Mon. 6 Wind at West -fine day at Court House this day - shoremen after rhinds [ED: bark] some fish caught and a good deal of fish taken at Reneuse on Saturday -strong breeze at night from NW - Solomon Sweeny brought in 2 Qtls of fish first landed worth while by any of my Brothers dealers -

Tue. 7 Wind strong breese at NW a very fine warm day -great smoke or steam like smoke coming out over the land -the men rhinding -Active & Lively to westward 3 Jacks afloat two more ready to launch - Wind NE at night quite cool, boat Cousins sailed for westward this evening

Wed. 8 Wind NE moderate & dull many punts out fishing to day -Frank Meany & Peter Dullanty out for the first time -at night hard rain wind ESE

Thu. 9 Wind vble from S to NW warm & clear at noon hard rain all the morning & last night with no wind Fish scarce with the boats today

Fri. 10 Wind vble from NW. NE. to SW moderate many vessels passing some fish caught by the boats generally that are out from one Qtl to two or three rain at times caught some trout for dinner to day in the river -Junk came home

Sat. 11 Wind vble round the E. Quarter to South moderate all day & warm

-boats could not get out today blowing strong in the morning Fanny's crew into service to day - Shanahan gone to Aquaforte for Rhinds taken out by the shoremen during the week - scarcely any fish yet landed in the Harbour - some said to have been caught at Reneuse

Sun. 12 2nd af. Trinity. Wind at SW clear moderate morning Rain about noon with strong breeze at WSW - some vessels passing northw'd and several boats apparently from the Westward with fish - a boat with 100 Qtls home at Fermeuse -reports from St. Mary's Bay that fish & herring are plenty

Mon. 13 Fine day Wind NW -Pearl came in to take fish for Figueira - left for St. Johns per Fanny, at 4pm wind came up of a squall at NE -

Tue. 14 Wind NE fine day -moderate hazy at sea -Jno Bryan went to westward the last boat -

Wed. 15 Wind NE moderate thick fog, still kept from going to St. Johns by it - at night the wind more to the Eastw'd and inclined for rain, raw & cold very strong breeze at S during the night with heavy rain

Thu. 16,17 Wind strong SW rather hazy, after the rain all night - Left for St. Johns on this morning, 17th, got into St. Johns - & left it again on Tuesday evening and got here about 9 am on Wednesday 22 in the Fanny.

{ED: 1 week in St. John's}

Wed. 22 Wind moderate at South a little West -arrived from St. Johns in the Fanny - found Mr. Morry Sr. had died during my absence on Sunday {ED: 19th} morning.

Thu. 23 Wind NE thick with fog at times raw for the season, good breeze of wind when clear -Mr. Morry Sen'r. to be buried this day, age 87 years, nearly. Mr. Williams home from Westward pretty well fished to all appearances -

Fri. 24 St. Johns day. Wind at NE moderate -cold fog driving in at times - Holdsworth's bait crew hauled for caplin at high water and got two no signs by birds - the Phoenix came in from the Banks reports 6000 fish, out 7 weeks, brings rather unfavourable accounts of that fishery - several bait boats here for caplin -

Sat. 25 Moderate & variable fine day most of the boats out to day - M'l Aylward not able to go having run amok yesterday - Boat to stage head all day & he in his bed, his men idle.

Sun. 26 4 after Trinity. Wind at SSW moderate -Marshall sailed for St. Johns - Phoenix for banks Active & Lively came home with their first trips from westward & other boats -

Mon. 27 Wind vble very moderate & fine day very warm Brothers in from banks 6000 - cleared the Active & Lively - was at Court House on Public Affairs to day - lent Mr. Kerry £5 to go to St. Shotts to

purchase iron with, to be rec'd in July

Tue. 28 Wind strong at SW dull -Active & Lively gone again - bait boat at Aquaforte caplin reported to have been taken there by Steph'n French's bait skiff wind vble S to W rain nearly all day -no caplin taken -fish scarce

Wed. 29 Strong North wind -fine day many fishermen keeping holiday also Brazel & Cain's shoremen the first time - no caplin yet to speak of -calm at night and rather dull Wrote Miss Rendell & J. M. Rendell & Co.

Thu. 30 Wind moderate at NW very fine day very warm no caplin -boats getting no fish Judge Carter came down to my house, first time since his seizure last fall - no green fish spread till to day in the harbour worth notice -

1836 - JULY

Fri. 1 Wind very moderate, vble round the compass - dull & heavy but warm - some caplin taken by Yard of Whitless Bay 10 tubs at back of the Beach this morning -

Sat. 2 Wind moderate at South dull, looking for rain - J. M. Rendell came here in the night in the Thetis Mr. Sanders Master from St. Johns, left it last evening - Jas Mountain Jr. came home today from Chance Cove having lost Norris' large boat there yesterday on a rock of Frenchman's Head - the Boat sunk, the crew saved. A good many caplin taken at the back of the beach last night by the bait boats - all at sea to day with it - rather cold & raw from 3 to 1 Qtl each boat to night

Sun. 3 This day opens fine moderate SW wind -several vessels in sight -Some bait boats at the back of the beach, the people of the harbour showed a disposition to prevent them from shooting their seines & the boats left it in consequence - but no caplin.

Mon. 4 Light airs at South, thick wet fog Boats out but no caplin caught during the night - Tweed came in from the banks rather a poor trip -few caplin yet & but little fish for want of it -1st raddishes to day

Tue. 5 Wind at West - very moderate, warm & tolerably fine -a few caplin by every boat this morning & the boats out with a few -boats brought in from 3 to 5 Qtls tonight -the bait skiff gave the boats a good supply tonight

Wed. 6 Dull, warm calm morning light scud or fog flying about high up -rain at night boats from 4 to 6 qtls plenty caplin this day

Thu. 7 Wind vble, very moderate showers of rain in the afternoon -Coquette came in from the banks - Tweed went out - Wm Sliney left onshore with sore arm capelin plenty -fish scarce

Fri. 8 Wind vble & very moderate -fog with sun out between, plenty caplin at back of beach not so elsewhere -Snipefish came in from

banks loss of 2 anchors 40 feet cable 1600 fish - boat Cousins went again to westward fish plenty there by report - boats from 2 to 6 Qs tonight Brothers came in from banks for bait
Sat. 9 Wind strong at WNW very fine day -very warm plenty of caplin in every place last evening - Coquette left for the banks - boats with from 2 to 8 Qtls fish this evening -
Sun. 10 6 aft. Trinity. Wind at SSW thick fog at sea clear overland -Mr. Browne R.C.P. came from St. Johns in the Prickle, cutter now into Capelin Bay. Long without letters from England
Mon. 11 Wind SW fog & fine occasionally little fish caught -plenty caplin -went to Aquaforte with [Jno?] Rendell Jr. in the Boat - did not catch one trout
Tue. 12 Wind SW fine day warm but foggy -boats catching no fish -though reported the Ground is covered with it plenty of caplin every place & it is said Reneuse boats are catching a great deal of fish all last week Thetis sailed for St. Johns today.

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Ferryland

Endnotes

1. Arthur Hunt O'Brien Carter's wife Harriet; their daughter Caroline, both of whom died in Ferryland; and James Howe Carter's wife Thomasina (née Pyne) who died in Dartmouth, Devon.
2. Mrs. Henry Winsor was a relative. She had been Ann Coulman, granddaughter of thrice married Ann Carter who was the eldest daughter of Nfld's original Carter resident, Robert Carter, Surrogate, Ferryland.

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BOOK 5

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Wed. 13 Wind at S to SW fog & clear at times, fine over head & warm when the fog clears away - fish very scarce, caplin very plenty - moderate weather Mr. Morry and Edw Norris have taken some fish with their codseines - Spent last evening at Caplin Bay, J. M. Rendell with us

Thu. 14 Wind at South moderate foggy but the sun shining through it -strong breeze occasionally - Mr. Thomas's yacht Lotus came in here bound to Placentia Bay - Mr. Wm. Rendell and Mr. Francis in her - Left St. Johns Tuesday morning -dark at night with rain

Fri 15 This day opens with very thick fog & rain in showers, wind light at South - dull all day little fish with the boats today. Mr. Francis & Mr. W. Rendell dined with me -

Sat. 16 Wind NE good breeze with hard rain in the morning air cool - Thetis from St. Johns, letter from Mrs. Carter 26 May - evening very hard rain and strong breeze of NE wind Lotus still here - red cow calved today

Sun. 17 7 aft. Trinity. Wind at NE strong breeze, hard rain all night Lotus kept here by weather -an island of ice coming from the Northward rather raw cold for the time of year

Mon. 18 Wind NE strong breeze two or three boats out from Capelin Bay none out of Ferryland Hard rain and heavy breeze no boats able to go outside the Heads

Tue. 19 Wind NE hard rain in the morning at noon cleared away & moderated, the Lotus went out for Placentia Bay -heavy swell on the coast one Sch'r stood in from sea & reached off again no boats out -a good deal of fish taken by the codseine at Aquaforte

Wed. 20 Wind inclined to South but nearly calm with a heavy sea upon the land mizzling rain & occasionally thick fog boats out again today -having been kept in since last Friday by weather - The board of Education met at Court House to day - appointed its officers and apportioned the grant of money to the separate places -boats all very well fished tonight the punts & whaleboats loaded once very early in the day & tonight in from 2 to 3 Qtls each afterwards -caplin very plenty

Thu. 21 Wind from SW to W fine day at times between the showers -the boats

caught a good deal of fish today the punts in early laden -caplin plenty -King of Tyre arrived from Figueira dined at Rev. T. Browne's with B. Sweetland, Jno M. Rendell - Wright, T Congdon - R Carter, Ret - Bidy Hogarty's girl weeding part of a day came after 11 a.m. boats from 4 to 5 Qtls

Fri. 22 Wind at SW very hard rain, & fog at times thunder occasionally -Phoenix came in from banks 4000 fish -exceeding heavy rain at night quite calm Boats 2 to 6 Qtls -caplin plenty

Sat. 23 Wind at SNW strong breeze fine after morning - Phoenix sailed for Banks - Active & Lively home from Westward - Pelter arrived from Portugal - J. M. Rendell went to St. Johns per Thetis and B. Sweetland to Trinity in same - capelin still plentiful fish scarce

Sun. 24 8 aft. Trinity. Calm, fine morning -very warm, several vessels in sight going North & South or trying to do so. wind at SE in the afternoon quite clear & moderate -Brazel's shoremen refused to spread fish this day -

Mon. 25 Wind SE moderate with rain capelin plenty Boats to night from 4 Quintals down to not one fish - plenty of fish reported to be on the Ground -as many as 50 squids were picked up on shore in the pool & fore landwash to day At night fog on the hill Wind South

Tue. 26 Wind SW good breeze fine day - Active & Lively left, wrote a copy of letter to Bishop of Nova Scotia in reply to his & gave it to Mr. Wright-caplin plenty -boats 3 to 7 Qtls -foggy at night

Wed. 27 Wind moderate all day & vble from S to NE -plenty of caplin warm but foggy occasionally between the sunshine Catches of fish various Fish very plenty at back of the beach The codseines have done well at Cape Broyle. Caplin Bay & Aquaforte , no proper crew following the back of the beach -Mr. Wright hauled 40 Qtls last night at back of beach

Thu. 28 This day opens very fine indeed with good breeze of wind at SNW plenty of caplin -boats all at sea -they catch every day various quantities as they happen to meet it -plenty being all over the Ground but filled with caplin -piled the Active & Lively's first trips

Fri. 29 Wind vble from SW to NW very fine day caplin plenty -fish tolerably plenty Boats from 7 Qtls downwards - Wm Sweetland put into Caplin Bay bound to St. Johns considerable catches of fish to night the Jacks according to the fish book will have as much fish on shore to night in this week as last season for the voyage

Sat. 30 This day opens calm with fog and the sun just verging through it -some of the boats a good deal of fish tonight, all of them some -Thirteen codseines at once hauling fish at back of beach last night -good appearance of fish on the coast -capelin getting scarcer today -Wm Sweetland here from Placentia on his way to St. Johns proceeded

today

Sun. 31 9 aft. Trin'y. Light air of wind from the Eastward with fog & missing rain - calm & dull at night .by accts from Labrador up to the 20th Inst, that coast was jammed with ice -The Experiment on her passage to St. Johns from there injured her stem on 23rd obliged to put into St. Johns to repair -the Adelaide lost 8 hands amongst it bound to Mr. Hunt's establishment -

1836 - AUGUST

Mon. 1 Light air of wind at West rather dull but likely to clear off as day advances rather short catch by the boats this day -A meeting at Court House to carry into effect the provisions of Hospital Act, the meeting adjourned to first Friday in Oct'r.

Tue. 2 Wind at West very fine day, bait skiff took plenty of caplin -Brasels boats in without any caplin - considerable quantities of fish taken at the back of the beach by codseines - Poor Snap died of his wounds last night having been terribly mauled about the head by large dogs a few nights ago, poor faithful little fellow he is buried at the top of the Rock back of the kitchen, -bait boats plenty of capelin tonight but little fish caught by the boats today -Brasel's boats all in to day wanting caplin they take their own bait

Wed. 3 Very fine morning -wind from the N. & all round in course of the day -the Commissioners of Roads - R.C(RN), T.W, T. Congdon, & RC1, met at Court House to day - it was resolved to examine a place on Spout River & to erect a bridge there out of remainder of money of 1st note and also to call a meeting for Wed.

10th Aug to appoint a surveyor for the Roads and to notify The Bay Bulls Commissioners -which I have done accordingly - Went to the Island in the evening to Tea with the children, Mr. Congdon, Lt. Carter, Miss Morry and her Brothers William -little fish tonight plenty of caplin

Thu. 4 Dull morning with fog on the hills wind at SW good breeze -codseans doing well at the back of the beach took in the salmon nets, not worth keeping a man to go for what is caught in them -Plenty of capelin, boats from 4 Qtls down at night calm with hard rain

Fri. 5 Wind at South to SW dull -damp & foggy very sultry, & showers at times - good breeze of wind -Wm Sanders hauled 6 or 7 Qtls in codsean last night -a skiff & codsean picked up at the back of the beach - supposed to have broken adrift from some boat going into or at Aquaforte -no fish this night bait boat baiting the boats just as Lark came from Aquaforte -wind WNW at night fall looking for fine weather

Sat. 6 Wind vble from S to NW the ketch Swallow Capt. Whiteway 28 days from Torquay came off this morning early at 9am - Mrs. Carter &

Robert landed from her in Health and Safety - Thetis from St. Johns also came in & in her Mr. Hogset & Mrs. R. Carter [f.w.?!]

Sun. 7 10 af. Trin'y. Wind at NW very fine warm day with moderate breeze all day - Passed the day as usual - thankful beyond all things for safe return of my wife & child

Mon. 8 Wind moderate at South -Tweed in from the banks reported 6000 fish -Hearn & his crew home having lost Mr. Wright's boat on the [piles?] of Trepassey - attended at Court House this day two or three cases -caplin struck off -boats not out today except a few that picked up a little bait in Norris's Cove

Tue. 9 Wind at South with fog. good breeze bait boats came home from Cape Broyle without caplin, saw none -sent the fishermen for lance, got several trips -boats not out today [Quirk?] gone to St. Johns in his boat for provisions etc. Mr.& Mrs. Wright called today after staying away more than 12 months. Mrs. R. Carter & Miss Carter also called. Wm Sweetland put into Caplin Bay from St. Johns bound to Placentia Brothers came in from Banks -Tweed left for the Banks -caught 4 tubs lance

Wed. 10 Winds vble from N to W & NW -fine day A meeting was held at the Court House today in pursuance of advertisement of the Commissioner of Roads to appoint surveyor, etc. Present Thos Congdon, R. Carter, RN T. Wright, Mr. Morry & myself Commissioners - Mr. Morry appeared as candidate for the Surveyorship as did Mr. R. Carter, Ret. When it was long argued it was then put to the vote & votes stood as follows-

For R. Carter, Ret For M. Morry

R. Carter SC [?] Mr. Congdon
J. L. McKie by letter Mr. Wright
M'I Coady by letter

On Mr. Morry finding Mr. Carter had the majority of votes some conversation took place about the propriety or right of any commissioner voting for himself when Mr. Morry said rather than resign the commission, if he as comm'r could not vote for himself or in the appointment of a surveyor he would still retain it and vote for Mr. P. Wright, who then withdrew from the Jury Room, wrote his application & presented it - at the opening of the meeting it was proposed to appoint a chairman when I was called to this chair, upon which a discussion took place as to the right or propriety of appointing a chairman, and I then said I considered no chairman was appointed & did not consider myself as such - I stated that the meeting was not regular nor could be so until a clerk was appointed, that I had acted as such for past year and now offered myself as such

but would not do so unless paid for it, any longer. Mr Wright also offered himself as such & being put to the vote - Messrs Morry & Congdon voted for Mr. Wright, Mr. R. Carter RN for me -I objected to Mr. Wright having been duly elected as the Bay Bulls Commissioners were not present - a long discussion took place on all its points as well as on the legality of the Bay Bulls votes for the Surveyship, being only by their letter to the Comm 'r of the Roads which was handed to me by RC,RN as I was entering the Court House and by me presented to the meeting as soon as I entered the Jury room where Messrs T & P Wright & Mr. Morry were assembled - Mr. Carter RN with me, Mr. Congdon parted with us near the Court House and shortly came to the Court House where the meeting was to be held in- Mr. Wright proceeded after sometime to draw up the proceedings of the meeting at the suggestions, approval, and disapproval of Mr. Congdon & Mr. R. Carter - so ended the meeting, and so rests the matter for the present - votes for surveyorship -

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| For Lt. R. Carter | For P. Wright |
| J. L. McKie | Mr. Congdon |
| Mr. Coady | Mr. Morry |
| &self | Mr.{T} Wright |

The boats used the lance very well today from 4 to 5 Qtls in her Discharged the bait crew no caplin seeing to be had any place

Thu. 11 Wind at SW moderate but fine day for curing fish -bait crew employed with the shoremen boats used lance today well & got a little more to go out with tomorrow Sanders' Brothers in from Banks reports 6000 fish

Fri. 12 Wind at SW moderate, light fog with sun shining through it -cleared off fine at noon -boats used what bait they had well -some lance caught near [Cold East?] about 5 tubs

Sat. 13 Wind vble from SE to NE rather moderate and very dull day -Shanahan came home from St. Johns - brought the Law Books for Court of Sessions placed under my especial care -caught 75 herrings & 1 Quart lance for each boat today fish scarce

Sun. 14 Wind at WSW strong breeze tolerably fine very heavy rain all last night still good breeze at SE - Coquette from Banks went up Caplin Bay -drew turnips first time for season -strawberries getting ripe gathered some today

Mon. 15 Wind SW fine after the morning -holiday with the fishermen today -Coquette 16,000 fish Snipefish in with 4000 fish -no boats at sea this day nor any bait taken -went to Caplin Bay in the boat with Mrs. Carter & Robert to see Mrs. Morry

Tue. 16 Calm morning but fine -boats in having no bait -some few out with herrings Fish scarce on herrings a few squids picked up in the Pool

run on shore, none caught on the jigging places. -Active home

Wed. 17 Calm morning, rather dull at noon wind NE moderate with hard rain -boats nearly all in without bait -fish caught on herrings

Thu. 18 Wind vble South to SW moderate & clear untill evening -boats all in without bait on the [—?] -put out herr'g netts tonight

Fri. 19 Calm, foggy morning what little air of wind is moving appears inclined from NE -herrings very scarce today owing to so many nets being set out almost every boat or punt has one at least -about from 15 to 18 squids for each man caught in the harbour tonight

Sat. 20 Wind at SW all day -dull close warm weather very damp unfit to spread fish herrings scarce Boats used to squids caught yesterday very well -herrings not near so good - Active left for westward. Strawberries ripe - turnip fit for use - killed two curlew the first this season

Sun. 21 12 af. Trin'y. Wind at WNW very fine day, Lively came home from Westward this evening Considerable quantities of herrings caught today from 100 upwards for each net

Mon. 22 Wind at SSW fine morning but foggy at times during the day, boats all out with herrings today -no squids this morning, was on the Marshes to day saw very few bakeapples - Mr. Wright advertised as Secr'y to Commissioner of Roads for Commissioners to meet at Court House this day - RC:RC:MM:TC present - a very warm dispute took place between Lt. R. Carter & Mr. Congdon —accusing each tartly -quite irrevelant {irrelevant} to cause in consideration, told the parties present that I did not consider we were proceeding according to Act or in a regular manner as I did not consider Mr. P. Wright appointed Surveyor or Mr. Wright Secretary by a majority of the votes of Commissioners -parties separated and nothing was done. Boats

caught very little fish on the herrings today -Thetis came from St. Johns bringing a/ct of Angerona's arrival
Tue. 23 Wind NNW to W very fair day. the Reform -Capt. Leader from St. Johns called into Caplin Bay - Mr. Jas Bayly, Coll'r of Hr. Grace in her visiting the Southern Custom Houses & with [—?] to swear in the Justices under new Commission, attended at Court House when Mr. Congdon, Lt. R. Carter & self were sworn in by Mr. Bayly & self -No squids & very little fish this evening -spent the afternoon on Isle du Bois at Mrs. Wright's invitation with several in company -

Wed. 24 Wind variable -Angerona came in from St. Johns & Liverpool in her J H Carter - W. Rendell, Jcrr'h Ryan & Mr. and Mrs. Hogsett & 2 children left St. Johns yesterday -nothing new

Thu. 25 Wind about SW all day -veered to W. at night very moderate & fine - went to Aquaforte with a party of Carters & the St. Johns gentlemen to spend the day - caught but few trout there came home about

o'clock and passed the evening at my house, about full moon. John Shanahan left for St. Johns with fish
Fri. 26 Wind SSW fine morning & so continued all day -very little fish catching boats all but idle -nothing doing worth notice

Sat. 27 Wind SW fine morning -Ranger & Pelter cleared out for Portugal with new fish today -first out of this district this year. Jude Bryan came to work 6/ per day

Sun. 28 13 af Trin'y. Wind NNW very fine morning -Thetis sailed for St. Johns - Shanahan came home from St. Johns -wind NE with rain Rec'd four sheep from J.M.R & Co. by jack.

Mon. 29 Wind at SE to W fine day -Angerona came up Southside from H H Holdsworth's -boats out with herrings -spent the evening at fresh Water -Jude Bryan at work

Tue. 30 Wind SW fine morning - Jude Bryan not at work this day - Spent the day at Stone Island, invited by Mr. Hogsett - present all my Family except Mrs. Carter - Mr.& Mrs. Wright, Capt. Jillard & wife - Misses Morry, Kate Carter- returned in the evening home to tea - Wm Rendell and Jerr'h Ryan also there -mild evening moderate breeze of wind

Wed. 31 Wind at SW & SSE fog & rain, blowing strong -boats not out fishing except in the morning - Wm. Rendell Jr. Jerr'h Ryan Thos Wright & Mw Morry dining at Scoggins with Rev. Tim'y Browne -rain during night Jude Bryan at work

1836 - SEPTEMBER

Thu. 1 Wind NW fine day, strong breeze -at Court House this morning -swore in R'd Sullivan as Bailiff for the Sheriff-very little doing in the fishery -Jude Bryan left

Fri. 2 Wind vble in SW quarter, not a very fine fish day but yet very pleasant weather Fanny began to load for St. Johns, Angerona cleared for C Breton to sail tomorrow - Exchanged boats with Capt. Jillard

Sat. 3 Nearly calm all day -Angerona sailed for Sydney -Thetis came from St. Johns -notice calling a Board of Commissioners for Wednesday next 2 pm - wrote to Com'rs of Bay Bulls notifying them of it - the meeting being to appoint superintending surveyor etc.

Sun. 4 14th af. Trinity. Wind in South East Qtr dull light air with fog -sultry cleared off very fine at noon & wind veered to Westward -my Brothers dined with me -had green peas first time this season -calm at night

Mon. 5 Moderate nearly calm dull morning fog on the hills -some herrings taken today in the nets the boats out fishing & those that had plenty herrings got 3 or 4 Qtls fish each boat

Tue. 6 Wind NE good breese with rain at times large flocks of curlew & plover flying about Mr. McKie & W. Coady came here from Bay Bulls on Road Business to meet the Board of Commissioners

tomorrow at Court House.

Wed. 7 Wind NE good breeze fine morning

This day at 2pm a meeting of the Comm'rs of Roads & Bridges met at the Court House in pursuance to a notice stuck up in this Harbour signed T. Congdon, Comm'r and in consequence of such notice Messrs McKie & Coady came from Bay Bulls to be present to vote for a super' & surveyor their written votes having been objected by Messrs Congdon, Wright & Morry at a former meeting - and this being the object for which the meeting was stated to be called together with the Sec—Present at this Court House - Messrs. R. Carter, J. L. McKie, R. Carter, Mr. Coady, Congdon, T. Wright & M. Morry.

It was stated that Mr. Morry withdrew as candidate Mr. P. Wright had also withdrawn - when it was stated that R. Carter, R.N. was alone before the meeting - Mr. Congdon produced a letter from Luke Brown offering himself as candidate upon which Lt. Carter said A. H. Carter intended offering himself and left the Court House to call him - but on return said he did intend to come forward {ED: it seems the word "not" should follow "did"}- When the question was put as who voted for the Candidates it appeared as follows —

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|-----------------|----------------|
| For Lt. Carter | For Luke Brown |
| R. Carter - 1 | T. Congdon - 1 |
| J. L. McKie - 2 | T. Wright - 2 |
| Mr. Coady - 3 | Mr. Morry - 3 |

Warm discussions on many points relative to the Road took place but nothing could be done as Wright, Congdon & Morry opposed all propositions that were made by the others - Mr. Wright stated that he would ever oppose Mr. Lt. Carter getting this appointment with all his Interest and also everything else he tried to get if in his power to prevent Lt. Carter's getting it

I asked Congdon to state whether he still opposed the admission of the written votes now or at any other time of the Bay Bulls Commissioners if not present - he said he did & would and Wright & Morry followed on same side

Finding nothing could be done the meeting separated - Lt. Carter, McKie H. Coady & self went to Fresh water to dinner - and there drew up a recommendation for Lt. Carter to the Governor and requested him to proceed to St. Johns & lay the proceedings of the meeting before the Governor - McKie & Coady left for Bay Bulls

Fanny sailed for St. Johns this evening in her Lt. R. Carter, P. Wright, Jer'h Ryan, Wm. Rendell, R. Carter Jr, Misses Carters, Mr. & Mrs. Hogsett & family -Phoenix came in from Banks poorly fished - swore Allan Goodridge to be Justice of Peace -

Thu. 8 Moderate SW wind fine day -Mr.& Mrs. Sanders child & servant

came from Reneuse to stay at our House —

Fri. 9 Calm with fog. King of Tyre & Phoenix waiting a wind to go to sea, the former with dry fish for [Alicanto?], the latter for Banks - Swore in Mr. J. W. Sanders as J.P. - and gave him certificate of having done so -John Walsh bro't home 182 Q fish from Cape Ballard Bank on herrings -Phoenix & King of Tyre sailed

Sat. 10 Wind very moderate at NW looking as if inclined for NE wind dull & sultry Rain all the afternoon

Sun. 11 15 aft. Trin. Wind vble from NW to W very fine day Mr. & Mrs. Sanders returned to Reneuse -

Mon. 12 Wind SW mild & moderate rather dull -called as Coroner to Caplin Bay in view of body of a man drowned last night -Rain in the afternoon -no herrings today

Tue. 13 Wind NE dry but looking dark -good breese -showers at times -dry in the afternoon -little bait for the boats

Wed. 14 Wind NE light air, fine morning looking for a change of wind Rec'd a letter from P. Winser - reply to it on the back of same - ordered Sullivan & Cummins to Aquaforte to Mr. Winser's assistance - Mr. Kearney about to go to St. Johns, wrote Eliza by him & sent the glass lantern to be repaired -evening fine no bait no boats out fishing today

Thu. 15 Wind vble but very moderate, dry but not fitting for fish -brought down hay from S'th side field - some few herrings caught today & those who had them have from P/2 to 3 Qtls each boat. Thetis went to St. Johns -Jas Stewart cleared out for Oporto last vessel in the District

Fri. 16 Wind NE Coquette came in from the banks -a vessel from PEI with Mr. Jas Rennie and Mr. Warren of St. Johns on board, strong breese considerable quantity of herrings in the nets today -Junk gone out -Mr. Jas Rennie slept at my house tonight. Night very fine wind moderate

Sat. 17 Wind at North, very fine morning a good day for fish -Mr. Rennie and J H Carter dined with me — the former went on board the Brothers of PEI for St. Johns -wind W.

Sun. 18 16 af Trin. Wind NW dull with showers at times sun shining out not very warm like the approach of fall -Cut 1st cucumber -boat Active came from Westward - Angerona arrived from Sydney with coals -Mich'l Kerney came from St. Johns this evening.

Mon. 19 Wind NNW -tolerable between showers but like the fall -Posted the proclamation respecting the elections, rec'd this day. No boats out, no herrings or squids

Tue. 20 Wind NW good breese dry & fair -Brothers coming in from banks - Fanny came in from St. Johns, Robert in her. very strong breeze from NNE a Man of War Brig passed Southward

Wed. 21 Wind North blowing strong rather cold, heavy showers during the day
Thu. 22 Wind NNW strong breeze, very fine day indeed all through -the Cucumber plants cut up by frost last night Fred'k Carter here - left with R'd Dullanty considerable herrings taken -some fish
Fri .23 Wind vble from SW to NW fine day after 10am, afternoon very dry & fine - Snipefish ready to go to St. Johns the Angerona hauled down to Holdsworths to finish discharging her coals - sent some few things to Mrs. W. Rendell per Snipe - little fish by the boats this night
Sat. 24 Wind North, strong breeze fine day Angerona hauled down N. Side and began discharging today - an island of ice passing supposed out of some bay or cove -Sent off Notices of the Election throughout the District
Sun. 25 17 af Trin. Wind SW fine morning -Snipefish left for St. Johns -Sent letters by Austin Power to Reneuse re election notices -evening very hard rain & strong gale at SSE
Mon. 26 Wind at NW moderate & fine morning -a meeting of Board of Education at Court House today - some teachers appointed and regulations entered into respecting the same - Pay of Masters to commence from day of appointment this day - John Dwyer for Reneuse - Tho Larisey Fermeuse - Murphy Bay Bulls - Fitzgerald at Whitless Bay - Mrs. Coulman for Ferryland to 1st April 1837 -
Tue. 27 Wind vble in Western quarter, a good breeze part of this day -a Court House this day receiving R'd Sander's information against Winser working on Sunday - Winser launched his new vessel (Aquaforte) yesterday Norris's Boat left for St. Johns about 10 p.m.
Wed. 28 Wind at South a very heavy gale with very hard rain -Angerona driven on shore near Mr. Holdsworth's wharf from her anchors in the stream - at noon cleared away fine afternoon Wind at West moderate hauled off the Angerona not damaged
Thu. 29 Wind vble, showers occasionally & fog at times -very moderate -men bringing up the coals to day
Fri. 30 Wind NE tolerably moderate, with rain nearly all the day -Dullanty came from St. Johns -brings an account of two Americans being there for Flour to take to the States

1836-OCTOBER

Sat. 1 This month opens with a very fine morning very moderate with wind at N West -Mr. Holdsworth commenced loading the Angerona shipped onboard her to day 750 Qtls fish - Thetis and several boats left for St. Johns.
Sun. 2 18 af. Trin. A very fine morning light frost last night Wind NW moderate. Walked with Robert to Capelin Bay in the evening

Mon. 3 Strong breeze at SSW dry but looking dull & windy, rain about 12 o'clock & all day after -two schooners put in windbound -going to Halifax or thereabouts -Commissioners met at Court House today -A H Carter attended dissented from everything. Martin O'Connor at work to day

Tue. 4 Strong breeze at SW foggy at sea, rain in hard showers very warm wind & rather unpleasant dampness about the house. Wind NE about 3pm with rain & fog -Two vessels here wind bound endeavoured to get out & were nearly on there in the Narrows. Martin O'Connor % day work today

Wed. 5 Wind vble from SW to NE, moist damp & warm whilst the wind was in the Southern Q'r cooler when NE very foggy at times -No bait No fish. M O'C 1 day

Thu. 6 Calm morning thick fog & showers occasionally. Snipe fish came from St. Johns Eliza & Fanny had been on board her two days at sea having rode at anchor in the Bunkers at empty [Bunkers/Markers?] a whole night — & putting back to St. Johns they went on shore from her there again -M O'C 1 day

Fri. 7 Strong breeze at Westward fine morning but ground very wet after last nights very hard rain, -a meeting of the Board of Health to elect directors of Hospitals - also of Commissioners of Roads at night to reply to Surveyors letter - M O'C

Sat. 8 Wind at West heavy clouds coming over the land Angerona completed her loading for Portugal - was at a meeting of Board of Education at Court House - a few showers between fine & dry wind -boats all home from Westward Jacks all dismantled or nearly so Some herrings & some punts 1 Qtl fish. M O'C

Sun. 9 19 af Trin'y. Wind NNW strong breeze fine morning Angerona sailed for Portugal at noon - H.M.S. Rainbow passed Southward -many vessels passing N & South

Mon. 10 Wind vble from N by E to South & North rather cold at night but clear starlight -M O'C

Tue. 11 Wind at W & NNW all day -cold for the season but very fine -all day at Court House Returns - Martin O'Connor about his fish this day came to dinner but did not do enough work to pay for it

Wed. 12 Wind NE in the morning smart frost in the night ground quite white -Fanny left for St. Johns - Mrs. R. Carter freshwater [Ed. Note: Lt. R. Carter's family] & children in her - Bo't a [spot?] of cabbage from Mrs Stafford for 15/- this day I complete my 46th year - a fine warm day after the sun shone out. Sent Co. Ho. Returns by Stafford -M.O'C at work

Thu. 13 Wind at SSE with hard rain -Eliza & Fanny came from St. Johns per Thetis left it at 8 a.m. yesterday morning - Letters from England all

well there. Martin O'Connor at work

Fri. 14 Wind at NW moderate & dull, having rained hard all night -cleared off fine day after 10am -a meeting at the Court House of Directors of Hospital & Board of Education - M Congdon appointed Collector of Hospital Dues -M O'C at work

Sat. 15 Wind at SW -Shanahan Jk [ED: junk] left for St. Johns - moderate & dull - Surveyed a spot of land at request of Mr. Wright near Quarry River. J H Carter hauled up his large boats to day - M O'C at work - hard rain at night Discharged Martin O'Connor

Sun. 16 20 af. Trin. Tolerably fair day -light winds and variable at NE towards evening, very mild & dull at night, rain likely great catches of herrings this day

Mon. 17 At Court this day -one case -rain & fog sultry close weather Phoenix came in from the Banks with 7500 fish -

Tue. 18 Wind strong at SW & W fine day after the morning -Robert Carter Ret. left for Toad's Cove to proceed to survey the line of Road from Bay Bulls to Cape Broyle

Wed. 19 Strong breeze at NNW fine day -the Brothers came in from the Banks 4,000

Thu. 20 Wind at SW moderate Man of War passed to the Northw'd 2 vessels went into CBay rather a cold morning - Erin of Placentia [Creole/Oriole?] of St. Johns in the Bay bound Placentia Bay -very strong breeze since 11 am today Surveyed the Road through the Harbour & fixed it to be made 16 feet wide all through

Fri. 21 Strong gale SSSW with hard rain & heavy sea -It is reported Dan'l Sanders & five boys are missing from Aquaforte supposed to have been upset in a small fishing boat 2 nights ago off Aquaforte -At night strong gale at SSW with very heavy rain -hot sultry air and looking for a continuance of bad weather

Potatoes taking up out of ground pretty general in the harbour yesterday

Sat. 22 Wind at West dull, rain ceased -very wet underfoot dry in the afternoon with the wind at NW Tweed came in from the Banks - Shanahan from St. Johns left it on Wednesday -

Sun. 23 21 af Trin. Wind very moderate at South fine morning JHC & H'y Pinsen dined with me few vessels passing dull all day

Mon. 24 Wind SW dull looking heavy clouds -nothing particular this day

Tue. 25 Wind at South good breeze dull at night hard rain, nearly calm - Potatoes all dug yesterday - great damage done in all the gardens by rats to the potatoes this year

Wed. 26 Wind vble from S to W thick fog in the morning cleared off at 10am -Men brought down 16 bar's good & 2 bls small potatoes

Thu. 27 Hard rain during the night, wind moderate at SW dull & heavy not weather for fish today. Coquette in from the Banks - Pelter arrived

at Aquaforte from Portugal 33 days out

Fri. 28 Calm with smart rain this morning When bait can be got the punts get a good deal of fish & have for sometime but very few of the people attend to it here. At night a strong gale at SE with very hard rain, rather sultry than otherwise

Sat. 29 Pleasant day being dry & moderate with wind of [f] in Western Quarter -boat Cousins started on the herring fishery to the Westward today -several vessels passing North & South

Sun. 30 22 af. Trin'y. Wind moderate at SW appears to have rained during the night - dull heavy morning Phoenix sailed for Bristol, passengers Mrs. Wright her two children - Henry Pinsen & Fred'k Norris, (Wm Norris's son) wind light air from NW, with showers at times

Mon. 31 Wind NW moderate & fine morning Fanny in from St. Johns nearly a month absent on this trip - rec'd supply of blank Custom House forms - letter & Box from C. [A—?] Esq. London

1836 - NOVEMBER

Tue. 1 Wind vble from SW to W tolerable day for dry fish Circuit Vessel came in Judge DuBarres & Officers & opened the Court about 2 p.m. - & adjourned to tomorrow

Wed. 2 Wind very light scarcely perceptible which way it blows NE to SE during the day & tolerably dry, not fitting for fish but warm for the season of the year - went to Caplin Bay with the Judge Wrote Mr. Jennings that Grant had left 12 or 16 Cwt Hay for rent acct JHC

Thu. 3 Wind NE thick misty weather, good breeze -no business done in court this day parties not being ready

Fri. 4 Wind NE moderate foggy -hard rain all night -Judge DuBarres, Geo. Simms, P. Wright dined with me this day also JHC - no business done in Court this day

Sat. 5 Wind at Westward -dull but dry overhead -Mr. Garland - Morry - Saunders & JHC and Geo Simms dined with me this day - a little business in court to day but not of consequence

Sun. 6 23 af. Trin'y. Wind vble from NE to SE thick fog moderate breeze -at night NE wind hard rain [Wm/Mrs?] Garland from Reneuse slept here

Mon. 7 Wind at S West strong gale with rain in showers wild looking weather -Court sitting this day - nothing of note dined with Judge DuBarres onboard

Tue. 8 Wind at NNW slight frost during last night -clear morning -moderate breeze A good deal of Business before the Court to day - Mr. Garland went home to Reneuse - Thetis came from St. Johns - in her Mary Morry and a female servant for us.

Wed. 9 Wind NE with showers good breeze Walsh convicted & imprisoned today

Thu. 10 Wind NE strong breeze very sharp & cold Circuit Court closed this day
Fri. 11 Wind NE dry overhead, smart frost last night -dull all day -busy as the Southside trying to get JHC's fish into store.
Sat. 12 Wind NE tolerably dry day, good breeze -busy at Court House all day preparing special Constable etc.
Sun. 13 24 af Trim Wind at SW good breeze, fine day Several vessels going northward -Circuit Vessel left - Fanny sailed for St. Johns - Father Duffy paraded through the Harbour with a green flag - his Horses Head stuck with spruce boughs & one in his hand
Mon. 14 Wind SW with rain in the morning, it cleared off at noon -The Election commenced at 10 a.m. - when P. Morris of St. Johns & R't Carter R.N. were duly nominated, and polling commenced large bodies of people assembled from the North & South - the crowd very great in & round the Court - great show of disapprobation by the friends of Morris to those of Carter but the people were kept in order through Rev'd J. Duffy's influence over them - Peter Winser took a very active part against Lt. R. Carter, used very tantalizing language towards him to create popularity among the crowd - the other party would not be heard at all by the people - towards evening P'r Winser was chaired & carried through the Harbour with flags flying, etc. things went off tolerably quiet considering all - Rev. T. Brown withdrew himself from the Harbour together with his influence -
Tue. 15 Wind at SW -Opened Poll at Court House at 10 o'clock a.m. -no voters appear before noon when a few were there for each Party - closed the Poll at IT-past 2 by consent of candidates -Mr. Duffy & Mr. Winser exerting all their influence & interest for Pat Morris - Nothing doing in consequence of the election - fortunately there is little Rum or I fear there would be sad works
Wed. 16 Wind WSW strong breeze with showers -at the Court House, polling from 10 to 4 this day - few votes entered - principally for RC
Thu 17 Wind at South very moderate rather dull morning though very mild -few voters at Poll this day opened at the usual hour & closed at 4 pm. - and then started for Cape Broyle to Poll there, stayed at Cape Broyle tonight
Fri. 18 Wind at Eastward with hard rain in the afternoon cleared away & wind changed to SW -opened and closed the Poll here at usual hours taking who offered - slept at Cape Broyle this night
Sat. 19 Wind NNE moderate, slight frost -opened Poll at Cape Broyle at usual hour took who offered - closed at four & left for Ferryland got here at nightfall by water
Sun. 20 Wind NE moderate smart frost last night -left for Reneuse ^-past 4 pm

Mon. 21
Tue. 22 - {2 days spent polling in Reneuse}
Wed. 23 Returned from Reneuse changed my wet clothes & started in for Bay Bulls by land, having walked from Reneuse in the Rain. Went to Cape Broyle this night - & slept at Mr. Coryear's
Thu. 24 Left Mr. Coryear's at daybreak walked to Brigus - then took a Boat & landed at Baline & from thence walked to Toad's Cove where found a letter from R. Carter R.N. stating his having withdrawn as candidate to represent Ferryland - despatched a messenger from thence with a Notice to Mr. Coady to post up at Bay Bulls saying the Poll was closed Mr. Carter having withdrawn - and then came back to Baline & took skiff at nightfall and returned to Brigus & slept at Mr. Powers for the night.
Fri. 25 Wind at W. and showers of snow -left Mr. Powers after breakfast and arrived here overland at % past 4p.m. - much fatigued having walked all around River Head of Cape Broyle.
Sat. 26 Smart white frost last night high wind from Southward this morning, dry overhead. - posted Notices of the disclosing of the Member on Monday. Measured the Brig Aquaforte -

{Sun. 27...1 Advent}

Mon. 28 Wind NNW -Archdeacon Wix put into Caplin Bay yesterday and had prayers at church and returned again up the Bay - Fanny came home from St. Johns last night - attended at the Court House this day & declared in public the election of Pat'k Morris for a member for this district -present, Sullivan, R Gosman, J Carroll, J. Bryan
Tue. 29 Wind at NNW smart frost -rather fine than otherwise -Charles Hogarty came back from St. Mary's left it on Sunday - came in by way of Trepassey - forwarded by Mr. Morry the letters for C T B & Co & Attorney General that Hogarty brought.
Wed. 30 This morning may be deemed the beginning of winter, commencing with strong breeze of NE wind & snowing - rather milder towards night with rain the wind came to Westward

1836 - DECEMBER

Thu. 1 Wind at NW good breeze, smart frost last night moderate towards evening Thetis sailed for St. Johns
Fri. 2 Wind NW moderate, frosty & dull -left in the Fanny for St. Johns about midnight

{Sat. 3 to Fri. 17, in St. John's}

Sat. 17 Wind NNW freezing hard, returned from St. Johns in the Fanny having left it about 10 am, landed at 7 pm.
Sun. 18 4 in Adv. Strong breeze at SW with snow, cleared off in the afternoon, blowing hard & rain

Mon. 19 Wind at NW strong gale smart frost very little ice in the ground, no snow no business at Court this day
Tue. 20 Smart gale at NNW -John Shanahan came home from St. Johns, freezing hard. Old Mr. Jno Sanders in the Pool buried this evening - a native & very old man
Wed. 21 Fine day -good breeze at North to NNE frosty out of the sun else a very fine day -Snipe came in to lay up for the winter
Thu. 22 Wind at South moderate -dull & mild as regards frost but raw -Met at the Court House on Poor's Business this day see Records.
Fri. 23 Strong breeze NNE with snow & smart frosty weather almost first winter's day, the ground quite covered Angerona arrived at Reneuse from Portugal 36 days passage. -
Sat. 24 Wind vble & moderate very sharp frost last night -today very fine Angerona out from Reneuse to come here - nearly calm -got in late at night
Sun. 25 Xmass Day -Wind Northerly all this day, gentle frost and very fine day -all my Family dined with except James who is at school at Teignmouth - passed the day around my own fireside only
Mon. 26 Wind SW mild & fine -Commissioners of Roads met at Court House, see Records for the result. Several vessels passed Northward
Tue. 27 Moderate day with wind at SW inclined for a thaw, Jno Sanders large boat left for St. Johns in the evening -thawing freely at night
Wed. 28 Wind NE hard rain during the night snow nearly all gone again At night silver thaw falling pretty fast -looking for bad weather
Thu. 29 Calm, with thick fog -thawing everything out of doors thick in silver thaw - the ground bare of snow wind SW with rain at night
Fri. 30 Wind SSW dull, with rain, quite mild no signs of snow visible any place ground quite bare & soft
Sat. 31 Wind at South very strong breeze, quite mild & thawing like a day in May - Ice & snow quite gone from the ground - thick fog at sea — Thos Payne left for St. Johns in his boat yesterday morning - David Power with him -

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1837 - JANUARY

Sun. 1 Wind NE strong breeze hard rain silver thaw in the night -frost. This day begins a New Year, with mild unseasonable weather, no snow on the ground and in

consequence colds & sore throats are prevailing - the past year hath passed over in Peace with all the World except Spain, wherein a Civil War between Don Carlos & Queen Charlotte has been raging with various success - Portugal rather suffering under internal mistrust and has been subjected to two or three Revolutions in a short space of time - Portugal by joint stock Company fitted out during past year extensively in the various Fisheries, domestic & foreign, among others some few vessels in the Banks of this Island, but with little success - The Fisheries of this Island have not been prosperous as to catch - the Bankers the worst, the large Boats middling - codseines well - Jacks bad & whale Boats & Punts very good - salmon very scarce - not any squids - Herrings plentiful & on them the principal part of the fish was taken after Sept'r.- Five Western Boats lost belonging to Ferryland one to Reneuse & one to Trepassey this year - not from bad weather but by remaining on shore & being run down

A General Election took place in Nov'r throughout this Island, but intimidation was used to that extent that the people could not nor dare not give their votes to whom they planned - In Conception Bay the people came armed with their favorite Candidates to the Poll & one or two lives were taken by the mob. Several people were brought to the Bar and are to be tried for such conduct amongst others - Mr. Park - P. Morris, Dr. Carson and several R. C. Clergymen - So great was the brute force that was brought up to the Poll at St. Johns to intimidate voters that Keough, Gill & Grieve although they were promised a majority of votes, withdrew without polling to prevent bloodshed - the Military were being called out & had to guard the Court House at night - Morris Kent & Carson were returned for St. Johns & [such?] influence here returned Pat Morris - Mr. Winser his son & brother with all the Protestants in Aquaforte joined Rev. J Duffy's Party & voted for Morris to their shame - so that free Election in Newfdland is quite out of the question

With regard to commerce it may be said the past year has been very good for Large Houses - Provisions have ruled at profitable prices - several foreigners have been here for Fish & prices have kept at fair rate - Prices at market have been remunerating- the Manufacturers of Seals made little fortunes in many cases profiting £10/per ton for all they shipped - Cod Oil sold at £50/per ton [currency] at St. Johns - the total failure of the Whale fishery or what may be deemed such at Davis Straights have occurred - Newman, Hunt & Co at Fortune Bay took as many whales with 36 men in boats this season as made 300 tons of Oil - the French Bankers at St. Peters have done very well reported 200, 20 per man on the average -

The season hath been cool throughout, a fine season for [curing?] Fish but underproductive of good vegetables - potatoes not come to perfection, no cabbages - peas & beans not productive - Frosts in August, for two or three nights that did much Injury - a difficult fall for vessels to get out from Europe, a scarcity of Provisions rather dreaded at St. Johns, articles of all descriptions rather scarce in good demand & prices ruling very high, no butter - upwards of thirty vessels due on 1st Dec'r that had not arrived -

Labrador Fishery very productive in Quantity but very bad weather to cure it, snow early in the fall there

Trade on the Increase in the District, five new vessels built & building & people preparing frames to put up more - the people, generally speaking, well provided for the winter & if left to pursue their business without the interference of their Priests would be a happy people

Rev. Duffy's trial not brought on in consequence of Messrs Martin & Lush not being able to get in by land or water - said no person in St. Mary's allowed to come with them under pain of excommunication - May the Home Government take upon them the rule of this Island or devise some means to put down the amazing excitement now raging between different Sects of Religions - Protestant & Tory are used as synonymous terms and Down with the Tories used in all occasions by the Rabble - God send us his divine protection -

1837 - JANUARY

Continued -

Mon. 2 NE wind moderate thick fog with showers of rain, very mild, two vessels into Cape Broyle & Aquaforte, at Court House this day till 4pm

Tue. 3 Calm morning -thick fog, with a heavy sea on the coast very mild like spring more than winter, ground quite soft neither snow or ice to be seen

Wed. 4 Wind at South strong breeze -thick fog with heavy rain & free thaw

Thu. 5 Wind moderate & vble, a fine day dry with slight frost during last night The vessels went out of Aquaforte for St. Johns - Finished Co Ho Returns, etc.

Fri. 6 Wind vble from NE to ESE strong gale with heavy rain -A Brig went into Aquaforte this morning - quite free of snow every place at this time -an island of ice off Bear Cove -Cabbages sprouting out in the gardens

Sat. 7 Wind vble nearly calm, very mild & dry although if poured down rain in torrents last night -The vessel in Aquaforte is the Dewdrop from Dartmouth after a long passage - brought letters from Mt. Radford

Sun. 8 1 af Epiph. Wind vble & moderate thick fog in the early part of the day - cleared away a little in the evening -quite mild no frost or snow

Mon. 9 Wind moderate & vble -fog & rain in the morning cleared up a little afternoon & wind came to Westward very mild, neither frost or snow -At Court House nearly all this day

Tue. 10 Mild & moderate -a light hoar frost this morning all gone by noon - wind at SW dull but not cold - three whales seen off Goose Island -an island of ice yet off Bear Cove

Wed. 11 Mild moderate weather Wind SW dull with blinks of snow -no frost -

A few friends dined with me today which passed over agreeably to all

Thu. 12 Wind NE moderate with showers of snow, the ground covered about 2 or 3 inches deep at night yet little or no frost the wind more N'th & clear

Fri. 13 A fine day -wind moderate at NNE slight frost clear but mild for the season

Sat. 14 A very fine morning wind off the land froze slightly during last night - Costelloe left for St. Johns yesterday as Postman for the District to 1st March -John Sanders' boat came from St. Johns bringing letters from England to a late date. Vessels arriving from England & Ireland in from 12 to 20 days passage -

Sun. 15 2^d of Epiph'y. Wind at NW a fine seasonable day frosty & the ground covered Sent a Hare to Judge Carter who is again complaining very much. - Very fine at night sharp frost but not yet into House, so far a very mild winter no working in the woods

{Ed. Note: Mon. 16 is missing. Possibly included in Sun. 15 notes}

Tue. 17 Wind NW fine smart weather no snow fell last night -Eliza & Fanny went to Capelin Bay this day

Wed. 18 Strong breeze NW wind fine seasonable weather -people able to go into the woods to work not much snow down and good smart frosty weather -Robert up Capelin Bay with Eliza & Fanny -

Thu. 19 Wind at NW fine morning froze greatly during last night, very moderate - dined at Congdon's with a party. Costelloe returned from St. Johns, 1st trip - bringing accounts of election being declared void as the writs were not under Seal

Fri. 20 Wind at WSW moderate, mild & fine all throughout -three vessels passed Northward -one out from Renewse

Sat. 21 Wind North to NNE moderate & mild -Thos Payne came from St. Johns in his boat to Aquaforte - no letters today by him. Eliza & Fanny returned from Cpln. Bay -

Sun. 22 Septuagessima. Wind at South heavy sea on the land looking for a thaw again or snow At night very hard rain & freethaw with strong gale of wind - Mr. Congdon spent the evening here.

Mon. 23 Wind at South thick fog. free thaw, a great part of the snow down gone again towards evening a little more clear Wind inclining to the Westward -Nothing doing at Court House today

Tue. 24 Wind at WNW all day -light showers of snow and gentle frost towards night fine & more frosty no particular occurrence of note this day

Wed. 25 Dull morning & pretty frosty, light showers of snow during the night Wind NW moderate -Lt. R. Carter left for St. Johns this evening -wind veered out to Eastward nearly calm & snowing

Thu. 26 Considerable quantity of snow fell last night, wind NNW today strong breeze in the morning, more moderate during the day & calm

at night - a brig passed N. the boat Cousins sold to Wm Niele of Fermeuse by Mr. Holdsworth for J & W Sanders for £210, a boat of 41 tons built last winter. Fri.27 Wind ENE good breeze looking heavy as if for snow light frost during last night -snowed nearly all day rather seasonable & [rough?] day
Sat. 28 Wind at NNW fine day freezing smartly good breeze quite clear day -Emily & Mary ill in Scarletina - former worse
Sun. 29 Wind ENE strong breeze snowing very fast not very severe frost probably for a severe fall of snow - gale at night
Mon. 30 Wind NNW fine day -freezing hard not much to do at Court House -Children still very poorly - Mary better - Emily yet feverish & weaker
Tue. 31 Wind at SW mild & moderate morning thawing all day snow at night and wind at E. Emily still very unwell -Mary better a little -

1837 -FEBRUARY

Wed. 1 Strong gale at NE snowing very fast -All up all last night with my poor Emily
Thu. 2 Wind at South & South West -free thaw great deal of snow fell & is now going away again fast - Emily not better. Costelloe to leave for St. Johns to morrow -
Fri. 3 Wind at West, good strong breeze a very fine day moderate frost, a Brig deep laden passed Northward -Mary mending -Emily yet very ill - has taken no food or shown any desire for any thing but cold water since taken ill 10 days since. - Costelloe does not go till morning to St. Johns.
Sat. 4 Wind North moderate, frosty fine in the early part of the day -rather dull in the evening -Emily rather better hope a favorable change has taken place -
Sun. 5 Wind NE strong breeze freezing hard light showers of snow -Emily very ill not expected can survive at noon - at evening a change in favour, child better - sent for Joan Shanahan & Mrs Culliton
Mon. 6 Wind at North very fine day -frosty but not more than seasonally so -Emily better - Avalon entered to land at Fermeuse
Tue. 7 Wind at East & NE tolerable fine day seasonable weather -Emily yet ill - Cath Sanders married to Dan'l Gatherall
Wed. 8 Wind vble nearly calm harbour caught over with lolly looking dull & heavy
Thu. 9 Wind at NW fine day -very sharp frost last night Harbour & sea all caught over - three vessels passed to the Northward - Emily much better
Fri. 10 Wind NW very fine day sharp frost vessels passed this day harbour

caught over with lolly Emily still very poorly indeed - Scarlet fever very prevalent here now -Costello back from St. Johns 2nd trip

Sat. 11 Wind NE SW NE & NW strong breezes snow showers rain & silver thaw as the wind changed -A Brig with a Head passed Southward at 2 pm - Emily mending very slowly

Sun. 12 Wind at Westward, some vessels passing Northwards a fine day, poor dear little Emily, a little better but my hopes are very faint that she will recover -

Mon. 13 Wind NE a good deal of snow falling all hopes of my dear Emily's recovery fled. 4.p.m.-Dear Emily breathed her last, dear little soul

Tue. 14 Wind at NNW, very strong gale, smart frost with showers of snow - dismal day after our yesterday's Affliction. G'l Quarter Sessions Court held to day

Wed. 15 Wind at WSW good breeze all day not so cold as yesterday -Avalon from Fermeuse cleared for Oporto, wrote Mr. J Rendell by her of Emily's death - Mrs. Morry came down from Caplin Bay & slept at this House to assist - Qr. Sessions of Peace yet sitting - Domestic affliction kept me home -

Thu. 16 Moderate, nearly calm looking for a change being mild this morning Avalon sailed from Fermeuse for Oporto - a good deal of Lolly in sight and some clumpets

Fri. 17 Wind NNW smart frosty weather, the harbour catching over, clear day - Towards evening wind veered to Eastward & blew hard with snow & hail, looking very heavy out to seaward

Sat. 18 Wind at NNE moderate & frost, clear dull morning a good deal of snow fell last night - Burned my dear little Emily at 'z-past 11 this day, next to Harriette's grave on the upperside between it & Mrs. Saunders (Mrs. Morry's mother) her head to the Westward - Mr. Thos Wright read the service. Bearers: J. Jellard, M. Morry Jr. P. Wright, John White, John Martin, Thos Norris. Jr. carried under Hand by six. - Many attended to funeral. -Afternoon very fine Night very fine - Mrs. Morry went home.

Sun. 19 2nd in Lent. Wind at West strong breeze dull day freezing hard - bread frozen in the House last night, first time this winter -sea covered by lolly. Harbour frozen over, two men on it today a great quantity of snow down

Mon. 20 Wind at WNW frosty weather, fine morning. Salt water quite caught over last night, as far as could see out Several small islands of ice passing along & in among the lolly

Tue. 21 Wind at SW moderate, dull looking for rain slight showers of snow towards evening lolly driven off to sea -harbour yet frozen

Wed. 22 Wind at SW good breeze all day mild & dull, some showers of snow during the day - A Brig off Crow Island -all the sea North of Isle du

Bois quite covered with lolly, Harbour full.

Thu. 23 Wind at SW very mild, thawing freely all day, rather dull, lolly still hanging on the shore as far as can see out to sea -at night the wind veered to NNW & froze hard Miss Morry staying with us to night

Fri. 24 Wind SSW fine, moderate & mild morning lolly a little scattering outside harbour frozen over quite firm -rain and free thaw at night

Sat. 25 Wind NW good breeze -slight frost, has thawed all last night -at Court House this day very fine day overhead wet underfoot -Mary Morry yet remaining with us -

Sun. 26 3rd in Lent. Wind WSW fine day -a boat from Reneuse for St. Johns passed North with a fine time, quite full of sealers -part of the harbour on the NSide cleared of ice through the main Gap -Mary Morry went home, fine walking.

Mon. 27 Wind WNW fine morning, smart frost during last night -a fine day with very strong breeze of wind

Tue. 28 Wind South very strong gale with hard rain, harbour broken up quite & the ice drifting out the Gaps -Geo. Simms from Trepassey came last evening -at night less rain but blowing very hard

1837 - MARCH

Wed. 1 Wind at WSW fine dry day. ice all gone out of the harbour, gentle frost - M & W Kearney launched their new Brig she went off well. -Costello returned from St. Johns - no particular news by him - only the loss of Ryan's Sarah on Biddeford Bar & narrow escape of Jn Rendell Jr.in her

Thu. 2 Wind moderate at NE -Showers of snow chief part of day - not freezing Sealers all fitting out as fast as they can -clear at night & frosty

Fri. 3 A snowy morning. Wind NE good breeze harbour clear of hard lolly but soft gathering from the falling snow -frosty but not severely so - Scarletina & Scarlet Fever yet prevalent here & at Aquaforte - not many deaths of it.-

Sat. 4 Wind at SW very heavy gale with great sea on the shore, snow & drift early in the morning, cleared off at noon & wind veered in to the Westward a little -harbour partly filled with soft lolly -Mr. Simms here from Trepassey on his way to St. Johns.

Sun. 5 4th in Lent. Wind good breeze from the Westward -harbour quite clear of ice & lolly a very fine day indeed freezing in the shade but not unseasonably cold - Aquaforte & Pelter sailed for Ice - Erin from Placentia passed N. 2 Brigs S.

Mon. 6 Wind at SE moderate breeze lolly filled up the harbour soft stuff -a schooner not a sealer passed N completely surrounded by ice on the hull

Tue. 7 Wind NNE very strong breeze with snow and hail, a very unpleasant day with lolly increasing outside very fast; likely to retard the Sealers, several now ready to go - Gregory Brown's Daughter died of the Scarlet Fever this day - this disease is getting very prevalent in this place -blowing hard, wind NE hail & rain
Wed. 8 Strong breeze of NE wind all day Lolly jamming in every place apparently soft wet snow, several vessels ready to sail for the ice but kept in by the adverse wind & weather -a good deal of snow & hail fell during last night - fine day over head

Thu. 9 Wind vble NE to ESE very fine day mild and clear overhead -nothing to be seen but lolly everywhere

Fri. 10 Nearly calm all day thick fog, at times the sun shining through thawing freely Harbour quite filled with soft lolly, Sealers kept in - Scarletina & Scarlet Fever very prevalent here among the children -

Sat. 11 Just such weather as yesterday - Lolly yet remaining in the Harbour and upon the coast - the following is a copy of a notice stuck up against Mr. Wright's fence written except the last four words -
FOR SALE

On the Downs a quantity of Hay which will be sold for cash or fence stuff taken in payment by application to John Jellard or Henry Winser - Ferryland 7th Feb'y, 1837 During the absence of the above parties it will be delivered on application
by Mr. Maurice Brazel -

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1837 - MARCH

Sun. 12 5th in Lent. Fine day throughout, rather cold & frosty, Wind from N.N.E. to N.E. Rough Ice coming along and jamming in every place, Harbour quite filled with lolly - Gregory Brown's son died last night the second in Scarlet fever - Geo. Simms left for St. Johns.

Mon. 13 This day opens very fine, smart frost last night and sharp today, quite shut in by drift ice, Harbour caught over - drove Eliza & Mary in over Spout Pond and round it, excellent Roads & bearing [ED NOTE: supporting the horse & sleigh] every place among the woods upon the snow

Tue. 14 Wind moderate from the S. W. the ice moving but very slowly and the Harbour quite firm, people hauling wood from under the House across to the Pool on the Ice - strong breeze at night, looking dull.

Wed. 15 Very fine day indeed strong breeze¹ at WNW, the ice cleared a little distance off. Several vessels in sight the Reneuse sealers out to day - Harbour still frozen over. Angerona's crew began to cut a channel out

Thu. 16 Wind at E to NE very moderate & dull, a little snow in the afternoon the ice in on the coast again every place filled up with it - Harbour yet fast, will bear out to the Narrows but not safe in the land washes, Sealers all quite ready but cannot go to sea - Goodridge's 3 Sealers reported to be in Cape Broyle, some vessels² in sight amongst the ice, some distance off

Fri. 17 St. Patrick's Day - A very fine frosty clear day Wind at North strong Breeze - Sealers trying to make way through the Harbour Ice - went tracing, killed 2 Partridges - Ice opening along the Coast can see water outside from the Hills

Sat. 18 Wind at WSW - good breeze, fine day - Sealers freeing out towards the Narrows -Ice very firm in the Harbour that outside moving off a little - several vessels in it Angerona, Tweed, Harmony, Coquette sailed for the Ice

Sun. 19 Sunday before Easter - Wind very moderate at South, a light Haze with warm sun - Brothers left for the ice the last of the Sealers of this District - Harbour yet quite firmly frozen over except the channels

broken by the vessels in going out, John Morry came from St. Johns to Caplin Bay last evening - No particular News - at night good breeze at South, mild.

Mon. 20 Strong breeze at S. hazy at sea, free thaw cloudy morning, ice in the Harbour breaking in pieces but no vent for it to go out, some cases of Scarletina in the Harbour yet, 2 men left behind out of the Angerona ill in it.

Tue. 21 Wind at South, good breeze, Harbour filled with ice & lolly, thawing freely expect the Harbour will clear as soon as the wind comes at all to Westward it being broken up in pans by a swell

Wed. 22 Wind blowing strong at N.E. Ice coming in again - Harbour still frozen over but thawing freely and opening in pools. -

Thu. 23 Very strong gale NE wind, fine clear day thawing freely in the sun - ice driving along fast does not appear to extend far out to sea - The [Trenchair?] drifted by in the ice very close in to the Head had been driven along inside the Islands was boarded by W Costello - The schooner Champion also driving by belonging to Bay Bulls, left that place latter end of Febr'y, reports of old seals, had been as far North as Bonavista -

Fri. 24 Good Friday. Wind & weather as yesterday, still free thaw - Harbour opening by Ice melting all outside Ice as far as eye can see - Snow & ice on shore going away very fast

Sat. 25 Strong gale at NE hazy with showers of rain, thawing freely, nothing to be seen seaward but ice -no seals on it -at evening a little more moderate -but 10pm blowing very hard indeed but not cold

Sun. 26 Easter Day -Wind as yesterday blowing hard, weather rather more clear, sun showing out at times -nothing to be seen but ice except a small clear space of water at Northside from Morrison's down to Mr. Holdsworths & out to main Gap -little Frank Meaney, son of Widow Meaney, died last night of Scarlet Fever, ill only five days -saw him last evening did not appear to be so severely affected as my poor dear Emily was - at night wind more Northwardly ice moving off

Mon. 27 Wind strong N by E ice moved out of the harbour and a little distance off the shore passing fast southward, rain during the night quite free of frost & the snow nearly all gone away.

Tue. 28 Wind as yesterday blowing very hard all day, quite mild with showers of rain Ice still in sight but some distance off Light frost last night & silver thaw, but soon thawed -A schooner beating to the Northward all day, put into Aquafort at nightfall - looks like an English vessel - two vessels among the ice several islands of ice middling size principally now off

Wed. 29 Wind NE moderate fine morning, foggy towards night -boarded the Ann, Captain [Lamsed?] at Aquaforte in 28 days from Dartmouth passed to the Southward of the ice in Latt.43 (dogs) and came along

inside of it, cargo. Potatoes

Thu. 30 Wind at NE moderate foggy in the morning clear afterwards -Ice coming in upon the land very fast - went out to it but found no seals on it - Signed the D'y Sheriff's accounts & requested him to account for Wm. Batcock's fine - transplanted strawberry roots to day fine warm weather, ground quite dry

Fri. 31 Wind NE strong breeze, very fine day but rather cold out of the sun, smart frost last night -Ice loose outside but close along the land few vessels in sight

1837 - APRIL

Sat. 1 Wind NNE strong breeze, fine day not frosty -ice still moving Southward & appears in strings to the Eastward, several vessels among the ice, suppose sealers -Costelloe left overland for St. Johns this morning

Sun. 2 1st after Easter. Wind at North strong breeze with showers -ice cleared away out of the harbour except at South side -none to be seen at sea, but it is hazy - several vessels not Sealers passing Northward - afternoon several Sealers in sight - Bay Bulls schooner landed a man who has a sore hand - this vessel had no seals had not seen a young seal yet - some men belonging to Cape St. Francis passed through this place having left the Elizabeth from Cadiz in Chance Cove where she was driven by the ice from off Cape St.

Francis where these people boarded her, she was short of Provisions - no ice in sight this evening

Mon. 3 Wind from SE to NE moderate with thick fog and heavy sea on the land - a few clumpets of ice at Southside, which has done much damage - having knocked down Sweeney's - Conway's, Kinsela's, Wright's, Sullivan's & part of J H Carter's stages and some Waterside flakes - dry day - Some business at Court to day - no fire.

Tue. 4 Wind at SW moderate, clear day untill at dusk when fog came in thick -several vessels going Northward today -ground quite clear of snow & frost, was at work at the garden to day, turning up the ground -Sullivan ret'd from Fermeuse could not get P. Walsh

Wed. 5 Wind W moderate & fine all day -Pearl arrived from Liverpool - meeting at Court House of Board of Education & Road Comm'ers - Bryan & [—?] at work

Thu. 6 Wind at SW moderate & fine all day -Several vessels passed Northward among them the Margaret - Schooner Pearl came into the Harbour from the Bay 38 days from Liverpool -Master of her died on the passage out - J H Carter fitting out his boat for St. Johns

Fri. 7 Wind NNE very fine day dry & clear, Set carrot, raddish, cabbage, dwarf peas & Parsley seed this day - planted out S turnips -

Sat. 8 Wind at SSW moderate, Greyhound left for St. Johns with wood -

Robert went in her to assist JMR & Co. for a few days - planted celery lettuce & turnip seed a very fine warm day, no vessels passing - ice in sight at Northward, many islands of clumpets laying about every place - Sun. 9 2nd af. Easter. Wind SE looking dull, moderate - Pat Wickens came from South of Reneuse & [-?] nine dead bodies were picked up at Freshwater and remains of ship's boat driven on shore there - left this to go there at 11 am went to Reneuse, slept at Mr. J. W. Sanders this night -

Mon. 10 Wind at SE blowing strong thick fog with hard rain all day - could not proceed up to Southward - Summoned a Jury to go tomorrow

Tue. 11 Wind light, variable from E. to SE. - Left Reneuse in Mr. Goodridge's Boat & landed at Broad Cove proceeded with the Jurors and exhumed the nine bodies and held an Inquest thereon, got the Register of Brig Swallow of Whitehaven, Alex McKean, Master, which vessel suppose these poor fellows picked up constituted the crew of - 1 am of opinion these men were killed among the clumpets of shore ice in Freshwater Cove, for no human being with such a sea on could live an instant in such a place - Sextant case picked up part bottom of it broken out Masters name written in it in pencil, the Bodies much disfigured & mutilated - returned to Reneuse in the evening by land. A dead dog driven on shore near the men supposed to have been with them in the boat, It appears likely the crew had been sometime in the boat.

Wed. 12 Wind ENE moderate, thick fog on seacoast - walked home from Reneuse, walking very bad, every marsh a pond & Road a river -

Thu. 13 Dull morning nearly calm - wrote the Coll'tr at St. Johns & sent Swallow's Register to him - a brig appeared off the Harbour but drifted to the Southward - hard rain in fog all this day with wind from all Quarters

Fri. 14 Wind vble in the morning light airs with rain & fog towards afternoon cleared away and wind from the Westward sprang up a good breeze at nightfall dull & wind at South looking very heavy again

Sat. 15 Wind at South with hard rain, strong breeze, looking for bad weather - cleared off at noon sun shone out & breezed up at SW - Alan Goodridge came to enter Mary from Torquay 20 days - letters from home by her to 6 March.

Sun. 16 3 af. Easter. Wind at West strong breeze very fine day called on Mrs. Morry, did not see the Infant, both doing well - some vessels going South, no snow or frost & very warm day no ice except islands of clumpets to be seen

Mon. 17 Moderate nearly calm - foggy over Cape Broyle with rain, very mild no ice or snow on the ground left for sometime - Dispatched letters by Sullivan for Thomas Payne to take to St. Johns.

Tue. 18 Wind vble from S to SW clear at intervals & warm when the fog rose

-Geo. Simms passed in a craft for Trepassey - Judge Carter called down for the first time since poor dear Emily's death.

Wed. 19 Wind vble from SE to NE very fine morning at noon cold wind & fog strong breeze NE with hard rain O. O'Neil's boat came in from St. Johns heard nothing new by her.

Thu. 20 Wind NW strong breeze the last night was very stormy indeed with hard rain -Measured O. O'Neil's boat today in Ferryland - some small craft passed Northward - at Court House this day, planted cucumber seed in the frame - a very fine dry day, not over warm.

Fri. 21 Light airs NE wind with fog & rain all this day - Thetis came in from St. Johns & in her Henry Pinson from England via St. Johns. Letters from Co Ho.{ED: Custom House?}

Sat. 22 Wind SW moderate, many boats & vessels passing rather raw today. Boat Greyhound came from St. Johns letters from John Jillard to 1 April 170 seals at that time - Replied by way of Reneuse to Custom House Letters, etc. Received Writ for Election of a Member of Assembly.

Sun. 23 4 af. Easter. Wind NE strong breeze -Snowing fast, ground quite covered several inches already first snow for a very considerable length of time, - continued snowing untill dark nearly then it cleared off and wind moderated

Mon. 24 Wind at West moderate, Anger one now beating in from sealing -1250 seals, gives very bad account of prospects of good fishery - several vessels lost & wrecked snow nearly gone again - Minerva left for St. Mary's Bay for rhinds -

Tue. 25 Wind ESE 22 Anniversary of my wedding day - Tweed came in having landed her seals (very few) at St. Johns -Pearl sailed for Portugal last evening -at noon Wind NE & ENE strong breeze with rain & silver thaw & cold fog

Wed. 26 Wind at South moderate, mild & light fog - Snow that fell yesterday & Sunday nearly all gone again, the accounts from the Sealers this year very disastrous & that they are unsuccessful in catch except a few out of the many and it is generally so when the drift ice comes along so far as this, early in February & NE winds prevail afterwards, -it is supposed there never were so many losses before in one year, certainly the fleet of vessels is larger - Wrote Ryan & [Mathews?] to advertise the election for 3 weeks in the usual form naming the day for each place, etc.

Thu. 27 Wind variable from NE to S with light airs -showers of sleet & fog dull all day, snowing at night

Fri. 28 Wind NW good breeze all day dry & fine W'r - Brothers came in from the ice, no seals, Angerona sailed for St. Johns - many boats passing south -

Sat. 29 Wind at WNW fine morning moderate & warm -quite a summer day,

set flower roots on the Terrace, those out of Kitchen Garden - Sun.30 5 af. Easter -Wind at W strong breeze
-fine dry day & warm -A West India man passed - Young Mrs. Morry, Capelin Bay - ill.

1837 - MAY

Mon. 1 Light air of wind at SW fine morning but inclined to be dull - Greyhound left for Cape Broyle for Stage stuff, etc. At night strong breeze at South looking for round wet weather -B D[?]

Tue. 2 Very strong gale about W to WNW with showers of snow & frost, quite severe for such weather as hath been prevailing of late - Thetis ready to go to St. Johns - caught 216 doz. trout, left off for cold -B D [?]

Wed. 3 Very strong gale at WNW smart frost last night, fine day compared to yesterday Many islands of Ice yet in sight, slight showers of snow at night -B D

Thu. 4 Wind at West good breeze fine dry day. Mr. Congdon left for St. Johns in the Thetis, boat Greyhound returning from Cape Broyle, no preparations yet making for the Fishery except the Brothers schooner fitting for the Banks - sent off advertisements of coming election - John Brown of Aquaforte buried to day a very old inhabitant of this district. Light frost at Night. - B D [?]

Fri. 5 Wind at West strong breeze, showers of snow wind rather cold, smart frost during last night -Green of Point Fir in Placentia Bay put in here in a Boat bound home from St. Johns - Several craft passing - Pelter in Aquaforte from St. Johns.- B D

Sat. 6 Wind at SW rather dull, moderate calm at night looking for a change Several Nova Scotia vessels passing. -

Sun. 7 1st after Ascension - Wind NE moderate & foggy, Rich'd Dullanty came home in his boat from bringing several of Sealers crews -

Mon. 8 Strong breeze at NW, several craft passing -raw cold for time of year blinking snow at times -light frost at night

Tue. 9 Moderate breeze, NNW wind fine warm day -Set vegetable marrow seed - Snipefish went up the Bay out of Pool -No one has tried for fresh fish yet - Brig Harmony came in from the ice 1400 seals Mich'l & Jno Kerney, owners 1st year with them -built this vessel in Ferryland within 1836-7.

Wed. 10 Wind at West good breeze -fine day no vessels passing this day

Thu. 11 Moderate SW wind thick fog. 8am fog cleared away -towards evening wind SE good breeze with blinks of snow -Returned from Fermeuse having had an Inquiry into cause of P. Jackman's death & found he died from Liquor - Fresh fish caught to day first time & some [dats?] by H'y Pinson

Fri. 12 Thick fog light air of South West very heavy sea on the land with hail occasionally & hard rain last night with strong SE gale -Robert

Sanders left in his boat for St. Johns this day at 10 am -

Sat. 13 Strong gale & wind at NNE dry overhead raw cold in the wind -Many vessels passing southward at noon & during the rest of day - Argyle returned to Fermeuse from the ice, reported 6 to 800 seals -frost at night

Sun. 14 Whitsunday -a fine morning, moderate North wind, warm in sun & dry & clear -froze considerably during last night - Thetis came from St. Johns in her J H Carter, Mr. Congdon, & Robert - and a servant girl - Mr. Wright was landed from a Reneuse Boat here today -

Mon. 15 Wind NE -good breeze fair day -Election of a member took place to day no opposition [— went up?] Aquaforte (P Winser elected).

Tue. 16 Strong breeze NE with very heavy sea on the shore -several vessels moving about, many ice islands in sight a fine warm day out of the wind

Wed. 17 Light airs of Wind all this day variable from SW to NE & NW -dull day but warm with drops of rain occasionally -Brothers sailed for Banks -Snipefish for St. Johns

Thu. 18 Calm morning -dull with drops of rain -nothing doing in the fishery yet -a few of the large boats fitting out, otherwise the chief fit out appears to be boats & whaleboats and which may not be required before 10 June -The rats or a weazel killed 8 goslings last night

Fri. 19 Calm nearly all this day -dull weather not cold -Reneuse bankers cleared out -many fish caught this day by people in punts & very fair ones, but not enough to begin the voyage, nor are the people ready to do so.

Sat. 20 Wind South moderate & dull -fog on the Cape Thetis sailed - Robert in her to go into Mr. John Bulley's office at St. Johns.

Sun. 21 Trinity Sunday. Wind at SW moderate & fine all day not very warm -Several islands of ice to be seen at sea in various directions yet - Reneuse Bankers went out today

Mon. 22 Wind at South, foggy. Several of the punts caught a good many fine fish some to put into salt - some had 2 to 4 Qtls very fine fish indeed -

Tue. 23 Wind at South fog at times & clear between, not over warm -People fitting out for the fishery as fast as they can. Minerva took onboard fish for St. Johns -at night calm with thick wet fog -

Wed. 24 Light wind at South thick wet fog -fog cleared at noon but still dull - Minerva left for St. Johns - a poor time no boats fishing today being a Holiday

Thu. 25 Dull foggy weather, scarcely any wind, sometimes clearing away - Boats catching but little fish to this time, some [still?] at fitting out boats

Fri .26 Wind vble all day round the compass Boats came from St. Johns long passages up -nearly calm all day - no fish

Sat. 27 Wind NE with rain, raw cold & fog - Angerona passed for Placentia

to load for Ireland - Coquette came in from St. Johns - Deveraux's boat & others, nothing new - provisions rather scarce there, stocking up - Phoenix in from Banks 1st trip, 9500 fish.

Sun. 28 1 af. Trinity. Wind strong at West N West, the boats from Placentia Bay in wind bound left for St. Johns also a Cutter went out of Caplin Bay - Mr. & Mrs. G. Simms Mr. & Mrs. T. Gaden passengers on board her for St. Johns - Blackler's Banker sailed also for Banks to day.

Mon. 29 Wind NW & W strong breeze with showers all day - rather raw cold nothing doing in fish today - Greyhound left for Westward Carroll in a schooner with [things?] for St. Johns.

Tue. 30 Wind NW to NNW Snipe home from St. Johns - Phoenix sailed for Banks - Vessel with lumber came in - some few fresh fish caught to day - Mr. P. Wright came from St. Johns - wrote to Mr. Rendell Ringmore - Albion from Sydney discharging shingles

Wed. 31 Wind strong at N - boats not out fishing - A meeting of Road Commissioners this day - and Instructions given to Surveyor

1837 JUNE

Thu. 1 Wind NE in the morning SW afternoon good breeze - Norris's Western Boats left for westward - very fine day - Robert Carter {ED: Lt. RN} started on the survey to the Northward - it is said Neile's Boat Cousins is home the skipper John O'Neil having fallen overboard and drowned - brought home 80 Qtls fish -

Fri. 2 Wind SW dull with showers Active left for St. Johns Albion also sailed for same place - Henderson arrived at Reneuse 41 days from Liverpool with salt & coals - Punts in early today with 1 to 2 Qtls fish

Sat. 3 Light air NE wind, looking dull many punts out to sea fishing today as during the week - Martin Connors finished his work this day - John Shanahan Jr. came from St. Johns - cleared off at noon & fine after - set some cabbage plants rec'd from St. Johns to day - David Sliney left for Westward in [Wm?] Sanders' boat first time

Sun. 4 2 af. Trin. Dull with moderate SSW wind - Thetis left for St. Johns - Mr. John Bartlett of [Illsam?] spent the evening with us also Messrs J H Carter, Congdon and P. Wright. At night thick fog.

Mon. 5 Light air of S wind, thick fog - rained during last night, some punts caught some fish this morning

Wed. 6 Moderate & foggy - light air from SW fog cleared away at times & sun shone out warm - Mr. Wright's boat left for Westward the last except the Active - not much fish in Punts - J. A. Bartlett & Mr. Congdon dined with me -

Wed. 7 Nearly calm light air from NE - Sent a nest of porcupine boxes per J. Bartlett in the Oscar to Quebec & from thence to Exeter for Mrs. Carter {ED: His mother}, at night fall thick fog and NE wind

Thu. 8 Wind NW good breeze -thick rain & fog -John Walsh came in from offing with 18 Qtls of very large fish Active went on fishing acct - today -Bummers all kept in by weather

Fri. 9 Strong breeze NE wind with fog, rather raw -boats kept in from fishing today Some herrings caught at Capelin Bay to day & some fish by boats riding in shelter there under the land could not get up Ferryland Harbour blowing hard

Sat. 10 Wind NE good breeze with fog & rain occasionally -boats out but could do no good here and came back early. Oscar sailed for Quebec

Sun. 11 3 af. Trim Wind NE thick fog at times with rain raw & cold, no stirring out to walk -Fire yet kept constantly in the Parlour

Mon. 12 Wind NNE strong breeze, boats all coming in from fishing Showers at times & fine between. Boats would have caught fish if they could have remained in the offing or on the Ground - Aquaforte for Viana & Henderson for Meramashee cleared from Reneuse

Tue. 13 Wind NNE strong breeze fine day -no boats able to go out fishing except early this morning -very heavy sea on the shore at night

Wed. 14 Wind NE to SE variable & moderate, fine day -boats all out, punts kept in by great seas

Thu. 15 Wind vble from NE to SW moderate fine warm day -Furlong about the chimnies -fish rather scarce heavy seas on the shore -3 to 5 Qis per boat to night

Fri. 16 Wind vble NW to NE fine before the NE wind breezed up at 4pm foggy & raw cold after with strong breeze - Thetis & Fanny put out last night for St. Johns -[former?] put back.

Sat. 17 Wind NE good breeze -some boats at sea but did not get many fish - Surveyed Keefe's & Shean's Plantations in Caplin Bay - drew radishes this day, 2nd time this year - full moon

Sun. 18 4 af. Trin. Wind vble from SW to West, very fine warm day -Thetis left for St. Johns also Mr. Sanders in Mr. Holdworth s' Baitskiff - capelin running in shore at back of the beach this morning -punts & seines there this evening but no [public?] bait boats -3 Western boats at Fermeuse have 100 to 190 Qtls.

Mon. 19 Wind NE with hard rain, strong gale, boats obliged to come in Fish very plenty & plenty caplin this morning

Tue. 20 Strong gale at NNE dry overhead boats all kept in from fishing -Went to Aquaforte this morning and finding the lumber & shingles in Mr. Winser's possession as informed of, & to have been landed contrary to Act of [Br. & Colonial?] Parliament without entry, seized the same & left it in possession of Mr. W on his giving his note to be accountable for 8600 Ft. Board & 10M shingles - H'y Winser present at seizure -landed from Herald -Doyle. {see entry of July 19 - Victoria proclaimed Queen June 20.}

Wed. 21 Wind vble NW to WNW very fine day Boats all at sea plenty of caplin -The Harmony - Kerney - from Sydney passed in company with two others [-?] & West Indiaman - Sent a letter to Collector in Petit Harbour under cover to Croner & Jennings, desiring them to forward it & I would pay the expenses

Thu. 22 Wind South West moderate & dull, hard rain during the past night - warm at noon -plenty of capelin fish not so plenty as last week, it appears the fish passed away to the Southward with the NE wind it being very plenty at Mistaken Point & along that ground lately -

Fri. 23 Wind strong at SW with showers & fog to the Southward -This harbour quite out of every sort of provisions. I think there is not now three days supply in the Harbour of Caplin Bay. One has been borrowing from the other until now all are reduced alike - owing to the detention of coasters, and vessels expected not arriving.

Sat. 24 St. John's Day -wind vble from SW to NW fine day few boats out fishing those that were, caught a good deal of fish -six whale boats at Mr. Wright's [brow?]- Not one out of J H Carter's room. Fanny & Snipe fish came from St. Johns bringing a relief of provisions to the place.

Sun. 25 3 af. Trin. Wind WNW to SW very warm fine day, very moderate - P. Wright & H. Pinson dined with me - nothing particular occuring in the harbour today -Tho's Payne from St. Johns in Winser's boat -

Mon. 26 Wind at West good breeze, Thetis came from St. Johns, a fine day - discharged the Fanny & Lively -boats in early with a good deal of fish -plenty of caplin - J H Carter returned per Thetis -at work at Southside all this day - No Court.

Tue. 27 Dull morning -wind NW cleared off fine afternoon -evening wind NE moderate -Plenty of caplin some of the boats caught a good deal of fish to day -a coaster with salt from St. Johns to Deveraux

Wed .28 Wind NE good breeze dry morning capelin very plenty fish not plenty Water very cold salmon scarce

Thu. 29 Wind NNE, good breeze, St. Peter & Paul, no boats out fishing today plenty capelin -some vessels passing rather cold & raw for the time of year.

Fri. 30 Wind vble from NE all round the compass & back to N. at night moderate all day - Brothers in from Banks 4000 fish transfer from [Hamb'rg?] & Dartmouth to H'y Holdsworth -Caplin plenty, fish not plenty - Many northern boats along the coast fishing - no fish in Conception Bay

1837 -JULY

Sat. 1 Nearly calm with light showers of rain, close morning and so it continued all day -capelin plenty Fish very scarce, raw evening - Greyhound & R'd Dullanty came from Western

Sun. 2 6 af. Trin. Calm morning & fine weather - Active home from Westward several jacks well fished from the Southward -Seized a Barrel in Norris's punt put into the Boat from onboard the Transfer not entered - directed Sam'l Mudge St. Johns -
Mon. 3 Wind moderate & variable fine day capelin plenty fish scarce, at Court this day with an action against Jas Walsh
Tue. 4 Active & Greyhound left for Westward -J. W. Martin came in here from St. Mary's
Wed. 5 Wind NE good breeze Met at the Court House being annual meeting of Bd of Education not enough present to constitute a Board, -boats home from Bank well fished who left this [northward?] Hard rain at night with thick fog & wind at SE
Thu. 6 Calm, thick foggy morning -with considerable run on the shore —very little fish brought in by the boats Capelin very plenty
Fri. 7 Calm & hasy very sultry, with light showers occasionally -Intend to leave for St. Johns per Transfer to day if time -

{writer in St. John's 2 weeks -no record}

Wed. 19 Returned from St. Johns per Hazard Captain [Churher?] and this day having left in the morning about 8 am landed here at dark in a punt of John Sanders's. Wm Rendell Jr. with me. Vessel went on to Placentia to load. Whilst calm outside, caught several Herrings with a cod jigger trying for codfish. Wm. Rendell Jr. came - King Wm 4th died 20 June - Queen Victoria Alexandrina proclaimed.
Thu. 20 Very fine day, variable winds from NNE to NW all engaged in the fishery plenty of caplin & a good deal of fish caught upon it today -
Fri. 21 Fine morning. Wind at SW two Northern boats at anchor in the narrows with codseine they appear to be catching fish every day.
Sat. 22 Rain in showers, with thunder at a distance, light winds & variable - caplin still plenty but not much fish catching on hooks & lines -
Sun. 23 9 af. Trin. Wind moderate and variable many vessels passing up & down - dull day with light showers of rain all evening quite calm, dark & heavy
Mon. 24 Wind very moderate and variable round & round the compass, fog in over the land sometimes & clear away occasionally at night Rain -sat spinage & raddish this evening, several vessels passing -not much fish catching today, caplin plenty
Tue. 25 Thick foggy calm weather in the morning -wind NE & clear at 2pm Dined at Mr. Congdon's with W. Rendell Jr. J H Carter Messrs T & P Wright -at night thick fog & rain
Wed. 26 Wind NE thick fog looking dark & heavy boats all in from sea being too rough and no fish -caplin plenty
Thu. 27 Wind at NW in the forenoon NE at noon fine day throughout, fish

scarce, bait plenty -Many boats from Conception Bay about here with codseines and six or seven schooners - Spent the day at Aquaforte, dined at Lance Cove

Fri. 28 Wind NE thick, with heavy showers of rain an unpleasant day towards evening it ceased raining but was thick fog -moderate breeze in morning Greyhound home second trip

Sat. 29 Wind variable & light, thick fog & rain during past night calm at night a little clearer than all day -2-4 Qtls of fish caught by boats to day

Sun. 30 10 af. Trin. Clear, calm morning looking as if wind inclined to NE. -cleared off fine at noon, many vessels passing Southward -Thetis came from St. Johns

Mon. 31 Wind SW fine morning, very warm Examined the Road laid out for Caplin Bay attended the Court House -Hagerty bound over to keep the Peace - dined at J H Carter's Lively home from Westward 3rd trip

1837 - AUGUST

Tue. 1 Wind SSW dull, warm, foggy -with showers through the day -caplin still caught but fish scarce, herrings taken at Freshwater by a sean today -Surveyed in company with Congdon & Wright the Caplin Bay line of Road to day -

Wed. 2 Wind SW moderate, raining fast very warm. -Rev. T. Browne ret'd from the Westward to day

Thu. 3 Wind at West, fine morning. Phoenix came in from Banks very light - set out some cabbage plants last evening -Tweed came in from Lisbon 42 days passage salt to H. Holdsworth -Surveyed Revd Jas Duffy's land at Fermeuse - Henry Pinson chairman

Fri. 4 Wind at South to S. West, hard rain all day thick fog nearly all day -at evening more clear -strong breeze

Sat. 5 Wind at SW moderate -fog at sea the Phoenix taken off banking to carry new fish to market no fish being on the Banks. Wm. Rendell Jr. left for St. Johns in the Thetis -no fish brought into the harbour this evening

Sun. 6 11 af. Trin. Wind NE light air -dull with misty rain -towards night wind veered to SE nearly calm -Dr. Bradshaw came in yesterday on his way from Placentia to St. Johns

Mon. 7 Wind at West very fine day good breeze Dr. Bradshaw left in his cutter -some caplin taken in Aquaforte no fish on them -meeting of Road Commissioners at T. Wright's

Tue. 8 Wind at West fine morning, and all day throughout -some few caplin caught but of no consequence, may be considered gone

Wed. 9 Wind SW fine at times else thick fog warm & close -At court this day - Sullivan started to put up notices of contracts for opening the Roads - Joan & calf came out of woods the calf about 4 or 5 days old -

Thu. 10 Calm morning some showers early -cool dull wet & foggy all this day no fish catching, caplin gone a few only seen

Fri. 11 Calm at times -thick fog -at noon wind South -very thick very heavy in latter part last night, beat down flowers etc in the Gardens - painted the parlour and put up the curtains to day

Sat. 12 Commences with very strong breeze from NNE many vessels passing Southward -Nothing doing in the fishing -Gathered a good many strawberries to day -

Sun. 13 12 af. Trim Wind South thick fog -at noon veered to Westward & cleared away very fine 2 pm. at NW strong breeze in shore, some vessels passing -a fine night -Cut first cucumber for the season 1st in the place

Mon. 14 Wind vble -fine morning -Met at the Court House on B'd of Education Affairs too few present to make a Board -the Charles from Sydney, C [F?] Bennett onboard passed North boarded him at dusk - Wm Shean complained of Ed'd Keefe to day and I believe was at [risk?] from him - Phoenix began to load dry fish - a few squids picked up the pool last night, none jigged

Tue. 15 Wind variable around the compass a fine day - this is a Holiday with the People & in consequence no Boats out fishing. Thetis came from St. Johns & a schooner bound to Sydney put in here, Mr. T. D. Archibald & Wm. Grieve came in her -Thetis came from St. Johns, letters from England per, but of an old date

Wed. 16 Dull morning nearly calm, at noon cleared off fine day -No dry fish [holiday?] notwithstanding - Geo. [Richard?] with new fish to day the first vessel from the district - Wm. Grieve & T. D. Archibald spent the evening with me also JHC. Plenty squid in Caplin Bay

Thu. 17 Calm, fine day very warm -boats all at sea with squids, some caught in the harbour yesterday morning & the boats that had them caught a good deal of fish on them. -Dined at J H Carter's with Archibald & Grieve. Curlew very plenty today -many killed

Fri. 18 Strong breeze NE wind, thick with rain raw & cold -John & Wm came in from St. Johns last night to load Aquafort - G Jones -from Figuera 37 days to Aquaforte

Sat. 19 Wind NE fog thick occasionally -The Aquaforte left for Reneuse - Tweed & [High—?] kept in by the NE wind, bound to Sydney CB - Walked to Caplin Bay & took tea there with Eliza & Mary - Mr. Archibald & Mr. W. Grieve not invited but expected -Thos Wright there-

Sun. 20 13 aft Trim A calm clear dull morning after a wet foggy night and much rain during the first week, - wind light from the Southward towards night off the land

Mon. 21 Wind NE moderate dull -dry -the Brig Tweed & Sch'r [High Denson?] sailed during the night for Sydney, C.B.-Went to Reneuse

in the evening with Mr. Goodridge -

Tue. 22 Wind SE good breeze -Eliza & Fanny left for St. Johns having boarded the Harmony off the Harbour - returned from Reneuse about 3 pm -[Fred?] Carter dined with me - Mary Carter took tea with little Norris's this evening

Wed. 23 Wind SW strong breeze & clearing off it hath blown a very heavy gale from the SE all night with much rain & made a heavy sea on the coast; afternoon dry with sunshine, but blowing hard NW

Thu. 24 Wind at WNW, good breeze, a very fine day all through -little bait & no fish today -Ryan making the Hay back of Pitts to day

Fri. 25 Wind NE moderate and fine morning Creole in sight coming in for harbour - went up to Capelin Bay -dull at night

Sat. 26 Wind NE wet thick foggy weather -Active home with very little fish herrings & squids scarce -Junk home from Cape Bollard Bank some fish Curlew very plenty several killed -at night very heavy with hard rain

Sun. 27 14 aft Trin'y. Wind ENE blowing very hard with a tremendous sea on the land a very hard gale during last night with hard rain, every thing blown about badly on the Terrace, scarcely a leaf left on the hops and all the tall flowers blown down -hard riding in the Harbour for the vessels & boats -fish blown about on the flakes very much - a good deal of wreck this morning - JHC has one Jack sunk -one on shore foremast gone & stove Sch'r Fanny on shore & Boat Active two or three punts much injured - Mr. Wright lost three whale boats & other damage -three stages blown down - and gale yet continuing. [Meaney?]'s stage at Stone Island down with all his oil etc. that was in it - Phoenix at Southside held on or much more damage would have been done - several punts lost & it is to be feared that other places have fared worse -the sea is great {Ed: ink too faint to read.}

Mon. 28 Wind at West moderate, Sea subsiding - many craft passing Northward, light showers early in the day. Foggy in the evening with showers, wind South good breeze -At Court nearly all this day -

Tue. 29 Wind from S with to W & clear, good breeze Boats moving about again to day - a Boat & five men belonging to Mr. Norris left Reneuse on Saturday full of fish not since heard of - part of a crew lost at Chance Cove - a schooner at Brigus [wrecked?]

Wed. 30 Wind South -thick misty weather very bad for fish or hay or any other purpose, -a little clearer in the afternoon at night thick fog & dull with little wind from Southward -

Thu. 31 Thick fog with South wind all day and hard rain a great part of it at Evening clearing away a little.

1837 - SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1. A fine clear day strong breeze at WSW - many vessels passing North

-little doing in the Fishery by the boats -

Sat. 2 A fine day -Wind at West a very warm & good breeze - Phoenix sailed for Oporto -busy at hay to day -every person at work at their dry fish -many vessels passing Northward -Curlew plenty. Meeting of Road Commissioners

Sun. 3 15 af. Trinity -Wind light at South dull, looking for rain, Put some Veal & fresh Butter onboard the Thetis for Eliza & Fanny at St. Johns - John Jillard came from St. Johns brought letters, the Brig at St. Johns -at night NE wind hard rain

Mon. 4 Wind North good breeze fine after the morning except a flying shower -Went to Aquaforte with the surveyor & A Carter & T Wright to look at line of Road laid out, returned at 4 -at night nearly calm fine night

Tue. 5 Wind variable & moderate dull in the morning -fine at noon and foggy before 1pm

Wed. 6 Wind at West good breeze very fine day - Greyhound bro't 20 Qtl fish from Bank otherwise nothing doing in the fish way this day.

Thu. 7 Wind at West, moderate fine morning. A large vessel apparently a ship passed northward this morning under [— masts?] Mr. Wright & Mr. Morry started to look at Road northward of Cape Broyle

Fri. 8 Wind at West, strong breeze no boats out fishing as no bait can be got -Some boats with squids made very large catches on CB Bank Comerford it is reported as much as 70 Qtls [round?]fish at one catch - Herrings & squids both scarce in the neighborhood -Ferryland boats all out of it. -Mr. Wright back from La Manche this evening -

Sat. 9 Wind at NW looking for fine W'r -John & William sailed for Gibraltar w/fish -at evening black -breeze of NE wind came up Tweed in from Labrador with green fish -Brothers from D'o (ditto) came in

Sun. 10 16 af Trinity -Fine morning wind West -warm day Fanny left for St. Johns JHC in her -Robert Carter R.N. dined with me a very fine day all throughout

Mon. 11 Wind NW fine day as could be very warm boats all at sea & looking for bait, no squids or herrings today -punts brought in some few Qtls fish

Tue. 12 Wind NE moderate -all but calm showers of rain at noon -finished bringing down hay this forenoon from Sth Side - Thetis came in from St. Johns

Wed. 13 Wind at South, thick fog with hard rain at times, sultry dead heat in the atmosphere -at night cleared off fine Night with strong breeze at West

Thu. 14 Wind SW strong breeze, dull & wet fog or haze over the land -little or nothing doing in fish catching -Wind veered more West at evening & cleared off -A meeting at Armstrong's & Deveraux's to day

convened by H'y Winsor to petition against the Hospital Act. Notices posted yesterday

Fri. 15 Wind NE good breeze rather damp and looking like the approach of fall - nothing whatever doing in the fishery Some boats are laying on jigging places but no squids

Sat. 16 Wind NE dry overhead -sun looking weak or watery, fall fast approaching with prospects of a very bad voyage [in & out?]

Sun. 17 Wind WNW Schooner Fox from St. Johns gone into Capelin Bay, brings letters from [Jms H C?] & others -dull all day with smart breeze of wind -two vessels passed Northward one a Spaniard

Mon. 18 Wind NE light breeze in the morning veered all round during the day - Fox came in here -Sent off resignation to Governor as Road Commissioner per Mr. P. Wright

Tue. 19 Wind South -strong breeze hard rain many squids caught in Capelin Bay early this morning -JHC's boats all at wharf Shanahan's man Kelly refused to go with Hearn -Tho's Kinseloe drunk -5 pm wind at West clearing off -Red cow this night took Bull

Wed. 20 Wind at WNW dry weather, but fog on top of Cape Broyle -nothing doing in the fishery today -This day is appointed for the Circuit Court to sail from St. Johns. Active left the Bay & went northward for Squids

Thu. 21 Wind NNE very fine day -strong breeze in the morning moderate at 2pm and wind at WNW. Fanny came from St. Johns - JHC W. Sweetland & my daughters passengers in her -no particular news by her

Fri. 22 Wind at West, fine morning and so continued all day. Some squids taken in Capelin Bay and boats gone out to CB Bank -dry fish amazingly plenty - Thetis left for St. Johns -Sent currants to Messrs Hogsett & Hoyles by her and a sack to JMR & Co. borrowed from them

Sat. 23 Wind at SW clear morning but dull, in the afternoon hard showers of rain and strong breeze at evening from SSW thick fog at times and heavy sea.

Sun. 24 18 af. Trinity -Wind variable and very moderate am very dull pm rain in light showers almost calm with fog hanging on the hills -at night cleared of fine & stars visible

Mon. 25 Moderate breeze NNE wind -dull W'r like approach of the fall -No business at Court to day - Angerona passed south on the circuit about 3:30 pm Wind N by E moderate

Tue. 26 Wind NW moderate, dry morning quite cool summer mornings quite passed away for this year - looks like early approach of fall -Wm Sweetland & my Brother dined with me the former Stipendiary Magistrate at Bonavista

Wed. 27 Wind NNW dull morning, moderate & fine for the fishing boats on

the ground -strong breeze PM with showers of rain

Thu. 28 Wind NNE strong breeze drops of rain raw morning -pm dry very strong breeze of wind -evening fine but cool

Fri. 29 Wind strong at NNE frost last night clear dry day -Coquette sailed for Portugal to day Harmony off the Harbour

Sat.30 Wind NE strong breeze dry overhead rather cool, dull PM & cold

1837 -OCTOBER

Sun. 1 19th after Trinity - Wind NE good breeze -flying showers of rain, clear sun between, rather cool - PM fine, moderate & warm

Mon. 2 Wind at ESE strong breeze dull and heavy, raw cold -several boats in windbound starting for St. Johns pm. Hard rain -Harmony came in from St. Mary's Bay with timber

Tue. 3 Wind variable from NE to NW raining at times all day -rather raw cold - Nothing doing in the fishery -Cut first vegetable marrow to day Wed. 4 Wind vble from NW in the morning to NE at night -am dry & sun shining -pm raining - Thetis from St. Johns -Meeting of Board of Education this day 1st anniversary - Rev. P. Clarey here from Bay Bulls

Thu. 5 Wind NE strong gale raw & cold with showers occasionally -quite fall of the year weather.

Fri. 6 Wind NE dry morning but dull -clearer at noon the wind at NW PM, SW at night South with heavy rain -many vessels passing northward

Sat. 7 Wind strong from the W. with flying light showers of rain with sun between just like fall weather little good doing Boats all given the voyage over -plenty of squids in Placentia Bay, but no fish to be had any place on them-

Sun. 8 20 af. Trin. Wind NW good breeze all day many vessels passing northward rather cold in the wind & slight showers of hail -evening fine

Mon. 9 Wind NW fine- signs of snow on the ground -froze smart in the night tolerably fine for dry fish - night fine

Tue. 10 Wind vble from SW to NW fine dry day -all busy shipping off fish Many vessels passing up and down a Spanish vessel put out of Aquafort put in yesterday -wind from Northw'd

Wed. 11 Wind at SW moderate and dull with mist, mild -Thos [Kerevan?] a good member of [Trinity?] drowned at Aquaforte today -fell over out of his boat [lifting/tieing?] mainsail.

Thu. 12 Wind vble from SW to NW. fine day -warm and pleasant -a French sloop came in bound to St. Peters last from St. Johns -held an Inquest on poor Kerevan? Fox sailed. My birth day 47 years

Fri. 13 Wind SSW strong breeze, rain & fog part of this day. Harmony sailed for St. Johns -clear at night

Sat..14 Wind at NNW strong breeze -no fishing no bait a Brig with colors

passed South -Thos Kerevan? buried this day -Snipefish home from St. Johns Sun. 15 21 af Trin'y. Wind at SW am & W pm. fine day very moderate - vessels & boats passing to the North & South -very sharp frost last night. The French Sloop is called Jean Emmanuel of F. Mulv. Capt. Bougar from Bordeaux

Mon. 16 Wind moderate at SW dull morning -Rec'd from Shaldon a box per Devereux's Boat that came per Albion via Newport. The French Sloop still here - no time for her to proceed the crew fatigued & sore hands & feet - Con Foran Pilot.

Tue. 17 Wind strong at WNW fine morning seasonable weather-at pm NNW At night the French sloop left for St. Peters

Wed. 18 Wind at SW Norris's boat & Deveraux's left for St. Johns. -Rec'd a letter from Surveyor General respecting John Fowler's petition for land at Reneuse. Lt. R Carter left for St. Johns to day Evening strong breeze at SSW rain at night

Thu. 19 Very strong gale from SW all the past night with heavy rain and so this morning -the air very warm -dark & dull. Noon wind chopped round all at once to NNE & blew good breeze

Fri. 20 Wind NE in the morning but very moderate at 10 am came in from Southward and continued so - fine day -Frost so severe last night that it is to be feared the Potatoes are very much injured by it - Fanny left for St. Johns Mr. Wright called Mr. Whelan of Brigus in my presence up in the Potato Ground and desired him to stake the open spaces in the line of Road that he, Mr. Wright, contracted to open and stake by 15 June 1836 allowing that it had not been done before - commenced to dig the potatoes this day.

Sat. 21 Wind very strong from SSW looking for bad weather -Took up the carrots out of the garden- pm hard rain & strong breeze of wind

Sun. 22 22 af Trim Calm with thick fog -noon something clearer -pm hard rain with wind blowing from ENE & SE

Mon. 23 Wind outside from the Eastward nearly calm in the harbour thick fog with mizzling rain & heavy showers -At the Court House this day on assault case -pm same weather

Tue. 24 Wind very light at E or ENE thick fog very mild and clear weather - rain pm and very thick fog

Wed. 25 Calm & thick fog till noon -cleared off then and sun shone out through a haze -at night NE wind with rain & fog

Thu. 26 Strong breeze NE wind with wet fog & rain. Fishery all over long since for this season. Phoenix arrived 18 days from Viana

Fri. 27 Wind vble but nearly calm all day thick fog except a few intervals of sun glimmering through fog - some herrings & codfish caught today Sat.28 Wind SW good breeze dull & hazy noon clear but damp and dull - evening strong gale and hard rain Wind SW and thick fog at times

Sun. 29 23 af. Trin. Wind NE good breeze with showers of rain during the day -many vessels passed Southward -the Harmony for New York and a schooner with three masts a Banker of Mudge & Co. put into Caplin Bay apparently well down it is said 6 or 7000 fish
Mon. 30 Wind ENE with hard rain good breeze -continued rain all this day
Tue. 31 Wind NE strong breeze, dry this morning and rather cold.

1837 - NOVEMBER

Wed. 1 Dull morning looking for Rain wind out at E or ESE blowing strong - cold day, little doing
Thu. 2 Strong breeze at SW it hath been blowing a heavy gale at SE to S the past night with excessive heavy rain -the rain ceased at 9am still dull pm dry, wind more Westerly. John Shanahan about to go to St. Johns - the two servants trying to get away neither out of their times - sent both out of the house paid off -
Fri. 3 Wind NE hard rain all night with fog cleared away at noon a little Angerona with Judge DesBarres & suite arrived and opened court in the evening. Aquaforte arrived from Oporto [16?] days Brothers left for St. Mary's Bay
Sat. 4 Wind WSW strong breeze with showers of snow ground covered at daylight -went off as sun rose - junk left for St. Johns, no business in court today Cutter Prickle passed Northward
Sun. 5 24 af Trin. Wind at WNW to NW strong breeze all day -tolerably fine day, seasonable weather not frosty -several vessels passing Northward deeply laden
Mon. 6 Wind at South dull & heavy with rain. Court opened this day but little business transacted there - Judge desBarres, Simms & D'y Sheriff spent the evening at my house
Tue. 7 Wind strong at WNW dry day Court open - [Coulman?] gave up the [Room?] to Mr. Morry on behalf W & B. Sweetland in open court this day - dine onboard the Circuit vessel this evening
Wed. 8 Wind vble from N to NW tolerably fine, ground covered with snow that fell during the night -At Court all day - sworn in under Queen Victoria
Thu. 9 Fine morning, snow still laying on the ground -Wind North
Fri. 10 Wind NE moderate & mild with fog -At court House all day the court closed this afternoon at night hard rain Wind at SW -Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Simms & Judge DeBarres at my House also Mary Ann Simms
Sat. 11 Wind at WNW strong breeze with rain, blew hard at South all night much rain fell -some vessels passed
Sun. 12 25 af Trinity. Wind vble from NW to SW fine day gentle frost last night Angerona left for St. Johns with officers of Court Mrs. Geo Simms, maid & children & other passengers - not likely to have quick run

Mon. 13 A gale of wind from SSW with hard rain, raw cold day -noon wind veered to WNW cleared in evening

Tue. 14 Wind NW moderate Deveraux left for St. Johns also Tho's Payne. Signed Gorman's jailor's warrant for two quarters leaving the sum blank in point of salary

Wed. 15 Wind at SE with rain raw cold wind -heavy rain at noon-pm wind veered to Westward & cleared off at night blowing hard at West Fanny home from St. Johns during last night

Thu. 16 Wind strong from Westward -dry but looking for showers -noon dry & clear

Fri. 17...Wind NW very moderate and fine gentle frost during the night Phoenix sailed for Dartmouth - Removed the sheep to Isle du Bois from Goose Island -six with ropeyarn about their stomach & Neck -

Sat. 18...Wind WSW smart frost last night dry day rather fine -Surveyed the property above [Nation's?] so far as regards the Boundaries commencing from Norris's fence - present Solomon Sweeney and [Wilbur?] Harris, drove stakes to mark it

Sun. 19 2 af Epiph. Wind SW mild dull morning no frost last night -two vessels only passed for the day - Peter Dullanty & Pat Mountain fighting by Deveraux's flake in the night

Mon. 20...Wind at NW good breeze fine morning No business at Court this day, a good day for dry fish, seasonably cold

Tue. 21...Wind NW strong breeze gentle frost last night very fine day -Went to Brigus by land to measure Power's Room for JMR'I & Co. -slept at Ed Powers' the night -frosty night

Wed. 22...Wind vble from NW to SE fine morning dull at noon -raining at night Came home from Brigus crossed to Gallow's Cove from Admiral's Cove - Mr. Wright called

Thu. 23...Wind South thick fog and hard rain -Court of general Q'r sessions holden this day -in consequence of not enough grand jurors it is adjourned to 21 Dec'r.

Fri. 24...Wind light variable heavy rain all day - Angerona ready to go Sydney NB - Reliance from Merimishi arrived at Reneuse on Wednesday

Sat. 25...Wind at Southward fog & rain all the past night much appearance of continued unfavorable weather -Angerona put back to Capelin Bay - continued rain & fog all this day & at night

Sun. 26 3 af Epiph'y. Wind South -thick fog & hard rain with strong breeze - and continued all this day & so at night

Mon. 27...Wind South thick fog hard rain and continued so all day Tweed left for St. Johns Mr. Thos Wright in her

Tue. 28 Strong gale at NNW blinks of snow at noon more moderate at night Calm nearly & fine Angerona sailed for Sydney C.B. from Capelin Bay

Wed. 29 Left in the Fanny for St. Johns & arrived there same evening

1837 - DECEMBER

Wed. 13 Left St. Johns on Wednesday, 13th Dec'r & came home by land over the surv. line of Road which had not been opened all the distance

Fri. 15 Returned late last night overland from St. Johns which place I left on Wednesday Morning - in company with J H Carter & Weston Hunt - son of Arthur Hunt of Dartmouth wind vble fine day. - Fanny & Tweed from St. Johns - [Mrs/Max?] Congdon sailed per Brothers for St. Johns

Sat. 16 Wind North -cold & frosty, seasonable weather -some vessels passing North

Sun. 17 3 in Adv. Wind NNW strong breeze hard frosty weather -junk came from St. Johns - Angerona arrived at Aquafort from Sydney, CB

Mon. 18 Wind N to NW -smart frost fine weather Meeting Commissioners of Roads under new Commission'r at Court House.

Tue. 19 Wind strong at SW free thaw a Vessel put into Capelin Bay under very small canvas -

Wed. 20 Wind strong from WNW frosty & fine Angerona came from Aquaforte

Thu. 21 Wind vble from N to NE & E. John Bryan put back from going to St. Johns in his Boat - Held the general Quarter Sessions of the Peace - P. Wright acted as Clerk of the Peace

Fri. 22 Wind variable from N to S very moderate fine day between snow showers, a Barque passed Northwards -rather thawing today

Sat. 23 Wind NE fine clear day gentle frost Angerona completed landing [60?] H'hds coals at Mr. Holdworths for me - Chas Hogarty, John Reid, [Jeb?] Chamberlin employed by me about them for 2/3 of a day - Had the Judge's grey horse - drive at H Hs' with Jn Morry Jr. to day.

Sun. 24 4 Sun. Adv. Wind NW fine day seasonable weather Good walking in the woods. Harmony passed

Mon. 25 Wind at South west, cold and raw -Brothers home from St. Johns. Snow at night.

Tue. 26 Very fine day wind South West, quite warm in the morning -dull at night & windy

Wed. 27 Wind S W to NW hard rain during the night free thaw in the morning -most all the snow gone away -W. Carney left by land for St. Johns sent letters for England & St. Johns by him - A brace of Partridge to Robert - Book [Miss?] Hoyles

Thu. 28 Wind NW strong breeze smart frosty weather very slippery walking -at night moderate wind more towards South -Robert Brennan married to May Kehoe

Fri. 29 Wind moderate at SW light showers of snow very dull and thawing freely - Mr. Weston Hunt left for St. Johns over land

Sat. 30 Wind at SW moderate with fog free thaw, a little snow fell during the

night past -fine with weather for season

Sun. 31.. Wind N to NE moderate & mild Sun clear at times towards evening dull with blinks of snow - John Bryan came from St. Johns in his boat - a boat from Aquaforte put out for St. Johns and returned again.

This year ends on a Sunday a tolerably fine day for the season - and ends a year full of events of extraordinary interest - with regard to ourselves it has been a strange year - The House of Assembly comprised of Members elected by the populace at the instigation of the Priests, the representatives of the dregs of the people not of any of the respectable portion of the community - Mr. B. [R—?] elected for Fortune Bay would not sit in a House so comprised. The Members are as follow:

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| Doctor Carson, Mr. Kent, Pat Morris | - St. Johns |
| Peter Brown, Anthony W. Godfrey | - Conception Bay |
| [Mr./W?] Power, Mr. Mc[Carty?] | - Conception Bay |
| Pat Doyle | - Placentia |
| J. V. Nugent | - St. Mary's |
| Dwyer | - Fogo |
| Mr. Butler | - Burin |
| Peter Winser | - Ferryland |
| Thos Fitzgibbon [Moore?] | - Trinity |
| Ralph Emerson | - Bonavista |

The House met on 3 July and commenced in a most furious seditious & diabolical manner calling for papers innumerable and abusing all the officers under the Government and the Government itself using such language as in England would lead to their being brought before some tribunal and tried for sedition. They continued sitting until 28 November, passed a few Acts but not the Supply Bill, the House of Assembly having voted away the Revenue to themselves The council could not pass the Bill and in the end the Bill was lost for this year to great injury of many -

With regard to the seal fishery it proved very partial, the principal part of the vessels having been caught in the Northern Bays and there grounded by the Ice many weeks -three vessels that escaped this dilemma picked up good trips the prices rec'd very high at St. Johns for seals from 32/6 to 33/1 per cwt all round. The codfishery proved very late in the most parts of the Island on the shore - a good season for curing it - The Bankers did very bad the Western Boats not much better - Caplin in for several weeks in abundance - French Bankers did remarkably well reported to have taken from 200 per man to even 300 Qtls - The Civil War in Spain yet going on with various successes on both sides. The Btsh Legion cut up, many officers & men taken by the [—ists?] and shot in cold blood. Church plate melted down in Spain to pay the Troops - the monastries & convents destroyed & plundered. A Revolution in Portugal headed by [Sal--?] it was put down and the leader obliged to fly to England - another Constitution adopted by the ruling parties -

In Canada affairs carried to great extremities, Rebellion openly broke out, a meeting between the Rebels & Loyalist troops took place at St. Charles where 1000 Rebels were killed & 300 wounded -they had assembled in numbers about 4000, Papineau with them, he fled -

Many Spanish Vessels at St. Johns for fish in consequence the price although it opened at 13/6 rose to 16/- & it is said even 17/6 qtl - Provisions rather scarce in Dec'r many vessels expected - JV Nugent - Dr. Carson & Pat Morris gone to England as delegates to the foot of the Throne to represent the state of the administration of Justice in Newfoundland - The Chief Justice to go to England very soon - The Weather very favorable during December and little snow - previous for nearly two months very much Rain - a great gale of Wind on Sunday 27 Aug't much damage done - more would have been on any other day of the Week, the Boats were all in the Harbour -
King W'm 4 died in June and was succeeded by Victoria daughter of the Duke of Kent aged 18 years in May -

End of Book 6

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Endnotes

1. The word "breeze" is more often spelt "breese"
2. Here the word vessel is spelt using the modern "ss" instead of his more usual spelling with the old English character.

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covering the period from 1 January, 1838 to 8 August, 1839

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BOOK 8

August 9, 1839 - December 31, 1840

Occurrence Book Aug't 9: to Dec. 30 1839

1839 - AUGUST

Fri. 9 Barque Marengo, "Gillespie" of New York from Londonderry (for New York) with passengers short of water & provisions put into Capelin Bay 49 days out -

Sat. 10 Had the kitchen chimney swept Edw'd Shean & Wm. Keefe did it - J H Carter's men - Henry G. Clow entered on his duties as Clerk of the Peace for this place and was duly sworn in at the Court House yesterday - squids plenty and large no want of them for bait all the past week yet but little Fish caught, on them they have not been plenty for many years past - a few mackerel taken - herrings plenty - salmon gone

Sun. 11 Marengo sailed for New York -Wind SW 11th Sunday after Trinity Service at Church

Mon. 12 Re J H Carter's codsein & bags taken and used by James H. Carter this season of course he will take them - Angerona gone to Sydney chartered to Pat Moms to return with Coals at 15/ per [-?]. has delivered £22 freight at Hr Grace takes a cargo of Fish to Cork or Portugal and returns out to St. Johns again - 2/ or 2/3 for Fish & 3 £ -[60 qtls?] back for Cork - Bill of Lading of Gov't Stores sent to London for am't (suppose £25 per Qtl) to be remitted to Exeter -Capt. Jellard placed £50 currency in the hands of J M Rendell & Co. on Ships' account -

? Sent off the letter to Mr. Crowdy giving an account of the disposal of the Poor's Provisions last Winter and wrote the surveyor General see Letter Book - both sent by H. Holdsworth's Bait Boat, delivered to Mr. Morry - with Letters for J M Rendell & children

? Mr. Morry paid J H Carter four pounds on a/c of Mrs. Whelan last fall

Sat. 17 Offer'd Pat Morris 8/ per [Imp. Hh'd?] or 6 over St. Johns price at time of delivery, wrote him to this effect -An island of ice in sight off Cape Broyle - not very large - passing quick - Fish plenty - Bait scarce -

Sun. 18 12th Sunday after Trinity - Service at Church [—?] Jr., John Morry & Geo Carter came here a few days ago in my Boat from St. Johns - with Mr. Stevenson to whom she was lent -

Tue.20 Lotus put in here last night bound to St. Johns from P. E. Island. Mr. Gardiner onboard - Wrote Mr. Hayward of a vessel having landed flour at Fermeuse & laden fish - a schooner with broad white streak & green bottom, no topsail - Flag white with red border or red with white border - square stern, appears to

have new sails - R't Pitt agreed verbally to pay 5/- for his sheep to be allowed to remain on little Isle du Bois this summer

Wed. 21 Lotus sailed early this morning sent letters by her under Mr. Gardiner's care - many vessels passed Northward to day - Angerona arrived from Sydney here - Mr. Clow left for St. Johns, sent a letter rec'd per Angerona for W & H Thomas & Co. by him -

Thu. 22 Angerona discharging coals

Sun. 25 13th Sunday after Trinity -Service at Church, few in attendance -

Mon. 26 Angerona sailed for Hr. Grace - An Inquiry at Court House respecting Catherine White's affairs -

Tue. 27 Rec'd a note from E. F. Stewart requesting by order of Collector the time I left this for St. Johns & date of my return here wrote him I left this on or about 20 June and returned on or about 10 July after having been detained ten days by adverse Winds -

Thu. 29 Removed the straw of the Peas - loosened the Earth and set Dutch Turnips in the upper square of the Garden next Kearney's -an Experiment to try if early enough in so fine a season for to grow winter turnips -(did not answer.)

Fri. 30 Mackerel herrings squids & snipefish were taken to day and lately and some good catches made on the latter fish -up to the Westward & Southward - Robert Pitts cow found so injured near Val Keefe's Garden as to render it necessary to kill her. Person unknown.

1839 - SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1 September commences wet with a strong gale at SSW apparently the breaking up of summer -14th Sunday after Trinity - Service at Church

Mon. 2 Went to Balleine, Toads Cove & Bay Bulls surveying land, returned on Friday Fri. 6 Left for St. Johns in Zephyr to bring home my daughters, got so far as Bay Bulls and was obliged to return with strong breeze of NE Wind extremely dirty weather got in here soon after night fall & was obliged to remain onboard the Boat all night as could not get on shore -

[Sat. 7?] Sent off Mr. Congdon's trunks, boxes, beds, books, etc. per Brothers to St. Johns to the care of Mr. Duder there a day or two since -

Thu. 12 Eliza & Fanny returned from St. Johns in the Brothers -the WaterLilly arrived H. Holdsworth from Gloucester to codfish -

Fri. 13 Rec'd first letters from Mr. Wright in respect to his Brothers' affairs - wrote to Mr. T. Wright in reply to his letter of 18 July

Sat. 14 Wrote Ed Power Brigus offering to sell him Mr. Wright's Furniture & Room at Brigus - passed all the goods entered per WaterLilly -Agreed to deliver Mr. LeMessurier what fish I collect on a/c of Mr. Wright at same prices he gives his dealers - he agreed to it

Sun. 15 16 Sun after Trinity -Service at Church

Mon. 16 Circuit vessel put into Capelin Bay
Tue. 17 Judge DesBarres & Geo. Simms dined with me to day
Fri. 20 Judge DesBarres left Capelin Bay this evening late for the Westward -wind NW
Sat 21 Wrote Archibald at Sydney per Brothers Pelter cleared out for St. Johns to load -
Sun. 22 17 Sun af Trinity -Service at Church - Brothers sailed for Cape Breton -
Mon. 23 Opened Court for Revision of voters -agreeably to Public Notice
Tue. 24 Bo't of John Sanders 1 ton Hay & a heifer for £11 cur'y the former to be delivered at stable door
the latter to remain [—?] after grass as long as I wish it.
Wed. 25 Connelly has been at work 2-3/4 days including this day
Fri. 27 A very heavy gale of wind from SW to WNW all this day -WaterLilly laden & ready for sea could not
proceed - two small Jacks passed to the Northward during the height of the Gale - Connelly at work
yesterday not this day - about the well and whitewashing the kitchen, etc.
Sun. 29 18 Sunday af Trinity -Service at church -Accounts reached here this day that the Circuit vessel was
at Trepassey yesterday by one of Curtis's Boats -

1839 - OCTOBER

Tue. 1 N.E. wind set in yesterday -Wrote W. R. Prowse to sell the Fanny for £50 down deliverable here or
an advance payable 1/2-down 1/2 next year - stated her inventory as follows - Hull & Spars complete,
standing & trimming rigging, 2 chains, 2 anchors, rudder & tiller, compasses, pump & gear, tarpaulins, 1
mainsail, 1 nosesail, 1 jib, 1 staysail, 1 squaresail, 2 topsails - think the chains from 60 to 65/- new' -in use
two years on this boat
Wed. 2 This ought to have been the day of the Meeting of Board of Education - no person attended - Left
13 Qtls fish in Mr. H. Holdworth's fish stow rec'd from Edward Doyle. Dined with James H. Carter same day -
Thu. 3 Edw. Walsh came in Service for a month for 35/ & his allowance to find himself -a party going
fishing this day
Sun. 6 19 after Trinity -service at church
Mon. 7 Wrote J. [McCarty/McCully?] & sent to St. Johns per junk. - Gave 2 pint & 2 quart cut glass
decanters in charge of Capt Cuthberton of WaterLilly for Mr. Wright by his orders (sailed 28 Sept.)
Sat. 12 Spoke to Patrick Every & furnished him with an a/c of his Balance due £10.11.9 -which he promised
to pay by degrees in stuff etc - he was on H. Holdworth's Wharf - Anniversary of my Birthday 49 years -
Sun. 13 20 Sunday of Trinity -Service at Church
Sun. 20 21 Sunday of Trinity -Service at Church
Tue. 22 Left Thos Costello's Order on H'y Holdworth for a Balance due him 1823.1 824 - 9.17.1 with
Sydney S. Dullock until Books [??]. Wrote Owen O'Neile about

the purchase Money of a Room bo't of Mr. Congdon.-

Thu. 24 The blank forms from the Custom House came to hand this morning, prepared the Michelmas Qr Returns forthwith and were ready almost soon enough for Brothers she sailed for St. Johns this day at Noon.

Sun. 27 Circuit vessel put into Capelin Bay -service at church - 22 Sun. of Trinity

1839 - NOVEMBER

Sun. 3 23 Sun of Trinity - Service at church - service [—?] to be discontinued -

Tue. 5 R'd Furlong sworn in as Arbitrator on behalf of Walter Shelley to value land over which the Road passes or is to pass -

Thu. 7 John Cashin sworn as an arbitrator to value land between Road Commissioners & Walter Shelley

Sat. 9 Luke Browne sworn in as arbitrator between Walter Shelley & Road Commis to value land at Cape Broyle -Judge DesBarres & Suite left in the Highlander Azariah Minden Master for St. Johns -Circuit Court having closed -Packed P. Wright's clothes in a Box corded & nailed down to send to Dartm'th - Sold Wright's Room at Brigus to Ed Power for £40 curr'y payable in 2 payments % now % next fall -

Sun. 10 24th Sun of Trinity -No service at church. Mr Jukes put in here in the Beaufort, Gaden, Master, on his return to St. Johns -

Mon. 11 A very severe gale of wind, NE with torrents of rain and a very heavy sea - My little boat was blown off the beach and drove up Southside much injured -

Fri. 15 Wrote H.W. Hoyles, Esq'r informing him that Sam'l Case has been appointed Stipendiary Constable for Aquaforte and that William Trainor had been dismissed as Stipendiary Constable - also to Mr. Crowdy on same point for the Information of HE the Governor -

Sat. 16 Wrote Mr. Langley St. Johns enclosing him P. LeMessurier's order on P L LeMessurier for 10.15.8 cost of 1/4 cask Port Wine

Sun. 17 25 Sun. af Trinity

Tue. 19 Mr. Bowman arrived here this night bringing letters from the Bishop to the churchwardens appointing him to this Mission -

Thu. 21 Rev'd Mr. Bowman left for St. Johns to bring round his Family etc. -

Wed. 27 The Gratia -Mr. Goodridge's new vessel passed along for St. Johns Wind NNW

1839 - DECEMBER

Sun. 1 A dull mild, wet day. Wind light at South - Snipefish left Capelin Bay for St. Johns - Advent Sunday Robert left for St. Johns in the Brothers on Thursday

Mon. 23 Mr. Clow left for St. Johns overland

Wed. 25 Xmass Day - Rev'd Mr. Bowman preached in the church the first time since he came here this day -last Sunday at the Court House - very mild weather - the wind NE & dull no snow or frost -the wind has prevailed upwards of three

weeks in the N& E directions - several vessels in the district from Europe, wind bound on the voyage to St. Johns - Amanda Poland in Capelin Bay - Drake, Snipe & Kingslock in Aquaforte - Margaret Kelowna in Fermeuse. Mr. Bowman & family dined with me this day
Mon. 31 Desired J Hy Carter {ED: his younger son} to receive my [Qr/2nd?] salary as J.P.-enclosed an order also to receive £6.5.2 per T. Geary - desired he would pay light dues 32/3 licences 45/- to the Col'l Treasurer,-sent in Light & Licence accounts

END OF 1839

Wednesday, 1st January, 1840

This year is ushered in with fine weather very moderate Breeze from the Westward with clear, warm sunshine, many vessels passing Northward which have long been wind bound in the Ports southward for it has been almost impossible for any craft to get Northward since 6 day of Dec'r. Mich'l Hearn has been in his Boat with Fish & Oil untill yesterday from that date - in Bay Bulls and J H Carter in St. Johns waiting on her arrival - This day Mr. Bowman performed service in the Church (without fire)² and the congregation was considerable considering - Mr. Morry returned by land from St. Johns - brings the account of Mr. P. LeMessurier's Death, he has been confined to Bed a considerable time an old constitution though not an old man.

The passed year has been one of angry feeling in England, many men were transported for Riots and seditions & treasonable conduct under the name of chartists, principally prevailing in the manufacturing districts though it made its appearance in Wales - the Btsh Dominions in trouble - Civil War in Spain, - to the Eastward the death Sultan Mahmoud Ali left the Empire in sad trouble - War in the East Indies between the Bsh & Native troops - America far from at peace - Money scarce, failures there innumerable - New [—?] in Canada - Jas M. Colbourne recalled -

Steam Atlantic Navigation making considerable progress and three large steamers are plying between England and America & more expected to be soon completed - Contracts entered into for transporting the mails from Europe to America by steam every fortnight -

Provisions have ruled high during the season - Scarcely a Banker out of the Island - Western Boats have done well other Boats badly - Whale Boats & Skiffs according to the Industry of the firm - fish in demand for Spanish vessels all the early part of the season at high prices size large 17/Qtl midd. 14/6 small 14/-cullage 13/12/11/Oil firm £28 to £30-Freights this fall brisk and high so much as 80/- for oil was given -

Potatoes & Hay crops good and fine weather to take them in - the Summer very fine the fall very mild no working in the Woods up to this time -

Several families, protestants, from Conception Bay settling here, don't think it likely they will find it convenient to remain, too large families for one man to support.

1840 - JANUARY

Thu. 2 Snow with the wind at ENE more than has fallen this winter, before -

Sun. 5 Went to Renewse yesterday with Mr. Bowman and returned again to day had service there in the forenoon Slept at Mr. Goodridges, dined with Mr. Kelligrew - New Road nearly complete all through to Renewse - very hilly between Aquafort and Fermeuse - very little snow
Mon. 6 Notified Thos Butler of Whitless Bay to desist from taking in Crown lands and that Thos Noms has petitioned the Governor for it and not to molest said Norris in possession
Tue. 7 Robert Smith & James Coady of Cape Broyle came before me and were only sworn in to value land in Cape Broyle between the Road Commissioners & Henry Coryear according to Act [?]
Sun. 12 Jms H Carter & Jas Hy Carter came by land from St. Johns - Hearn in his boat came in last night & John Shanahan in his Jack this evening beautiful weather - Service in the church to day no fires -
Mon. 13 Wrote J. M. Rendell -to pay C.H.[ED: Court House] lights & debts and receive my salary & place it in the Bank -
Tue. 16 D.H. Winser married to Caroline Winser at Mr. Bowman's House this evening - gave Jas Gorman letters for Mr. Grant, R'd Roberts w Goff & M'l Kearny enclosed - same to J. M. Rendell for delivery & one to [McLenty?]
Wed. 29 This month passing away without much severe weather and not any heavy falls of snow -James not yet returned to St. Johns -John Sanders's boat came from St. Johns a few days since bringing salted Herrings which he could get no sale for to suit him, not over 6/- per B'l in goods having been offered -

1840 - FEBRUARY

Sun. 2 Went to Brigus with James on his way to St. Johns slept at Ed Powers and were kindly treated by him & his family
Mon. 3 - left Monday 3rd for St. Johns had a lift in E Power's Horseslide across Hell Hill Pond walked to St. Johns this day, arriving there about % past 7 pm-
Tue. 4 Wind NE hard Breeze & heavy fall of snow could not leave St. Johns
Wed. 5 Walked from St. Johns to Toad's Cove & slept at Sam'l Blackler's & left it again -
Thu. 6 Arrived here from Toad's Cove on this afternoon at 3 pm -heavy walking -
Wed. 12 A remarkably heavy free thaw the snow & ice nearly all earned away Moderate SW wind and thick fog
Fri. 14 A gentle frost last night the ground is clear of snow as to appear like April

1840 - MARCH

The latter part of the past month has been remarkably fine and moderate with little snow or frost -

Sun. 1 Fine day -wind from N. Io NW The Aquaforte Pelter & Adventure sailed for the ice about noon had a scant wind along the coast and sharp & frosty -
Mon. 2 A very fine calm morning -the ocean caught over, the severest night we have

had the winter, Ink froze in my office the first time, last night -at noon wind SW evening, South, strong breeze with snow -Angerona sailed at noon for the Ice -only 4 vessels out of the district sealing this year - Tue. 3 Wind NNE at daylight this morning good breeze, mild a good deal of snow down during the night - Wind at WNW at night & fine -Mr. R Carter came from St. Johns left it on Monday - brings acct of Mr. Hoyles' death on Friday last after very short illness³

Wed. 4 Ash Wednesday -Moderate & mild with wind at West light frost last night Service at Church

Sun. 8 Mr. Bowman gone to Renewse, Lt. R. Carter here from St. Johns came on Tuesday the 3rd - Three sheep strayed out of the yard on Friday not heard of since - a considerable quantity of snow fell to day the wind NE to NNE blowing hard

Mon. 9 Recovered the stray sheep -Sullivan came back from St. Johns -Statement of Subscribers & cost of funnelling used in the church this winter -had from the Court House & am't paid to J. Stephenson, D'y Sheriff-

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| 1 Top | 3.8 |
| 2 elbows | 8.0 |
| 10 feet | 18.4 |
| 2 feet | 3.8 |
| Iron work | 4.0 |
| Freight | 1.3 |
| | £1.18.11 |

[subscribers]

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| A. Carter | 5. | Bro't up | 1.11.8 |
| R. Carter | 5. | Mw Morry | 4. |
| H. Holdsworth | 5. | J. Stephenson | 2. |
| J H Carter | 2.6 | Pope | 1.3 |
| [D. Fumell?] | 3.8 | | £1.18.11 |
| T. Norris | 3.0 | | |
| J. Jellard | 2.6 | | |
| A. Crossman | 2.6 | | |
| Jno White | 2.6 | | |
| carried up- | £1.11.8 | | |

Tue. 10 [Sal?] Rogers's seat in the church to Aaron Crossman for 10/- per annum

Fri. 13 Sent letters to St. Johns by Mr. Stephenson for Mr Blackman & Mr. Cassidy, expect he started this morning as it froze a little during the night -mild weather continues

Tue. 17 Mr. Bowman Mr. Morry & Mr Morry Jr. A LeMessurier & J H Carter dined

with me as beautiful a day as could be seen warm fine very little snow or frost - Wm Carter Jr. came from St. Johns today to see the old Judge who is very ill, not likely to recover his great age being much against it - An addition to the R. C. Chapel is now being built at the E. E. End, extending over the cellar of J H Carter, the ground the property of James H. Carter & myself and not alienated to the builders only the permission to erect such building as North [to/of?] the cellar - Mrs. Morry completes her 50th year this day - fine weather for the sealers these few days past - Judge Carter died at 9 p.m. this day.

Sat. 21 Wind NE with thick fog, moderate -thawing freely, little snow & less ice remaining on the ground, has been so for several days accompanied with hard rain occasionally -rather extraordinary weather for March in Nfld. -According to Kirwan's Rules the ensuing summer will be dry. -

Tue. 24 Judge Carter was interred this day at the upper part of the Burying yard at the Southside near Miss Weston & Mrs. Arthur Carter's graves - Mr. P. W. Carter & son William were here from St. Johns to attend the funeral

Wed. 25 Some snow fallen this day but toward evening thawing freely & appears as if a continuance of mild weather will extend to all the month of March -Wind round the compass this past 24 hours

Fri. 26 Strong gale of wind at SW hard rain all this past night carrying away all the frost and snow nearly that was on the ground -Opened & Read Judge Carter's Will yesterday. Present: PWC,WC & CC [ED NOTE: Peter Weston Carter, William Carter & Catherine Carter]

Sun. 29 Rev'd Mr. Bowman at Reneuse today, no service at church - a beautiful morn'g. PW Carter left in Sander's Boat for St. Johns last night also A. LeMessurier - Accts of the marriage of Queen Victoria with Prince Albert of Saxe Gothe on the 11 February 1840 received some days ago -

Tue. 31 Went to Brigus to put Ed'd Power in possession of T. Wright's Room on the Island and a Garden sold him for £40 -the Room bounded on the SW by Hutchings' Room on the N by a line from the corner of the stage by a path to the sea on the S.E. It was too late to return same night as the walking was not good.

1840 - APRIL

Wed. 1 Returned from Brigus - two cows belonging to John Power were killed by a wolf about a mile from Capelin Bay this morning, Sam'l Blackler of Toads Cove saw the Wolf, was within 15 yards of him when eating the cow yet alive, he made off very reluctantly from her -

Fri. 10 Went to Fermeuse today to view some land petitioned for yesterday by Mary O'Neile - part claimed by [Wm?] Brothers on this towards Admiral's Cove - Pat Ryan set up a claim to land between the Road & the water, arranged the affair & came home - Held enquiry on a burnt child at Aquaforte - Thos Payne asked me to give him an order for salary due to him as Constable, Replied I was not aware any being due to him as such -

Mon. 13 Aquaforte came in from the ice reports having 4000 seals - looks deep -
Tue. 14 Angerona came in from the ice reports 2300 old seals equal it is said to 3000 young
Fri. 17 Good Friday - fine weather, no snow on the ground for several days & the frost long gone, Hoar
frosts at night occasionally a beautiful spring for this climate & very unusually such - Many sealers in with
heavy trips, no ice seen here yet - not a vessel arrived from Europe up to this date in this district so far -
Aquaforte sailed for St. Johns -
Sat. 18...Wrote Mrs. Carter to [receive?] from remittances from Capt. Jellard £50 - to pay her self £37 -Ridge
£5 & apply the rest towards things sent for
Mon. 20 Wind NE with snow enough to cover the ground -Shanahan came home from St. Johns today -at
night snow almost gone again.
Mon. 27 Mild weather frost & snow all gone several days past - set peas in the garden, 1st row this end
shaken into the trench, the next three placed 4 about 1 inch apart - early frame peas - Letter from J H Carter
dated St. Johns yesterday advising having sold Angerona's seals to J & W Stewart 2314 Seals amt to £819-
men share £12.10 ea.-vessel chartered to Figueira for 1/9 per Qtl full cargo - Letter brought overland by
John Reid - several others came also -no letters from Exeter this year yet -

1840-MAY

Fri. 1 This day is ushered in on the new moon with quite a winter day with fall of snow and wind at ESE
strong breeze. -Launched the Zephyr, yesterday - Deveraux gave up the lease of Roberts's Room two days
since for the unexpired time of 7 years ending 1 Oct 1847 - Distributed notices for the Electors for the
directors of the Hospital on 11 May through the District-
Mon. 11 A meeting was held at the Court House this day in pursuance to the notices issued on 1st inst. no
election took place though many persons were present - NE wind wet weather
Thu. 14 The first fresh codfish brought in to day the weather for some days has been so rough as to
prevent the boats from going near the rocks to try for fish - the weather sat in fine to day again - fish caught
this afternoon, no boats regularly at the fishery yet -
Tue. 26 Wind NNW a most extraordinary warm day, with immense quantity of smoke driving out from
inland apparently west of this, quite enveloping every place about equal to a thick fog, the woods to a great
extent must be on fire behind us, not far in the woods -
Wed. 27 The fire extended to Freshwater Hills Spout Bridge burned down to day - Wrote Mr. Wright
rendered him 2nd of Dft No.665 dated 14 May 1840 drawn by the Bank at St. Johns on [court?] of directors,
London p'ble in ten days -
Sun. 31 Shanahan left for St. Johns. Cold, fog occasionally, rain at night Wind ESE. Mr. Bowman unable to
do his duty in the church this morning he making many blunders during the service by reading wrong
prayers etc -in the afternoon

much worse, read Nicene Creed, Prayers in the ordination of Priests, same Psalm after each lesson and when in the pulpit unable to preach his sermon- sent for me by Rob't Hall after evening service went to him & did not find he wanted me at all - sad affair indeed, first time visible in the church.

1840 - JUNE

Mon. 1 Wrote Miss Rendell today -Strong west wind all day, boats doing little good -set or rather reset turnips raddish & spinage to day where the flies had destroyed what had come up from first setting - Mr. Winser did not attend at the court as a Magistrate to day although notified by the Clerk of Peace and a case Lynch v. Laherty to be tried

Wed. 3 Wrote to Stephen Gatheral at Balleine to let his brothers & P. Hartwell know the Regulations respecting procuring grants of land which I enclosed for his information - Wrote Sam'l Blackler also under same date on same subject & enclosed Gatherall's letter to him - Brothers home from St. Johns -

Thu. 4 Sent P. W. Carter & Wm Fergus some seeds of the vegetable marrow by M. LeMessurier in the Brothers in a letter to each -

Sun. 7 Whitsunday -Robert came from St. Johns also the junk left yesterday morning a beautiful morning calm & warm -the Mary off the Harbour

Thu. 11 Agreed with John Lang to shingle Robert's store on one side for 3 days work

Sun. 14 Trinity -full moon Foggy morning, cold rain and moderate breeze of ENE wind.- The Brothers left yesterday for codseining to the Westward, some few western boats home with from 50 to 80 Qtls up to date some good catches made in the offing in the past week -but not a general thing.

Mon. 15 Wrote Jms Hy Carter to purchase £17 Bill & send to Mrs. Woolcombe in a letter enclosed to him for the purpose and send off per first vessel to England, to get it at the bank unless he can get it cheaper from some reputable Merchant House - sent him a cheque on the Bank, sum blank to be filled up by him to the cost of the Bill -

Mon. 22 Mr. Bowman came in the cutter, service on Sunday. On Saturday evening the Cutter Prickle Campbell Master came in from St. Johns laden with salt & sundry goods and not reporting her today, on enquiry I found he had no clearance -I stopt landing the goods & the Master gave a bond for the penalty -

Tue. 23 (gave) John White a note for his salt & hauled Mr. Morry's goods under a promise to produce a certificate of the goods having been legally laden at St. Johns or deliver up the goods to me on demand - Math Morry & Mary Morry were present in the Room at the time, when in presence I ordered Wm. Harris onboard the Prickle to tell Capt. Campbel I to land Mr. Morry's goods -1 did not take a written security from M. Morry trusting on his word not doubting all is correct as to the Goods -

Wed. 24 Boats not out fishing today a fine day, moderate NE wind Advertised in Ferryland the list of petitioners for land in this district calling on them to signify their desire to take up their grants [in the morning?]

Thu. 25 Two of Norris's large boats two of Jas H. Carter's also home this day & yesterday with the first trips from the Westward all very deep two first quite full - two salmon taken up to this time only
Sun. 28 Mr. Bowman at Reneuse to day, went in John Boon's jack & returned - capelin struck in at back of beach to day -a very fine day
Mon. 29 St. Peter & St. Pauls day - few boats out although it may be deemed the first day of having capelin for bait and might be expected to be a good days fishing - Lang & Crossman landed their boat 6 Qtls -Butler in a jack caught 6 Qtls to day
Tue. 30 Plenty capelin, boats all at sea fish very scarce today white fog on the water

1840-JULY

Wed. 1 Sch'r Devon at Reneuse from Cadiz 28 day passage, & cleared for C Breton - Sale of Crown Lands this day at noon Peter Winser came to attend the Board of Education no meeting in consequence of absence & illness of the members there not being enough to make a Board-capelin plenty fish very scarce -
Sat. 4 Went to Aquaforte and surveyed the land at Mother Wet, present Henry & Peter Winser Jr & Robert. The boats have more fish this evening than in any day to this time during this season - the Clerk of the Peace at St. Johns for several days -
Mon. 6 The boats catching considerable quantities of fish this day, large size
Tue. 7 Whaleboats & punts in loaded by 1 o'clock to day most of them make two trips fairly full once & from 3 to 4 Qtls secondly
Wed. 8 Boats fished as yesterday, still large fish -caught 8 salmon the most yet this season -some very large ones.
Thu. 9 Fish & bait continue very plentiful whale boats in a second time landed today by 3 p.m. some few - all in landed once early in the day -Lecture at the church this evening for the first time - Sent Mr. Morry his letter of 7th inst this noon Fri.10 A moderate day -& good for the boats which have made good use of this day as well as all this week
Sat. 11 A strong NW breeze, fishermen can do no good this day blows too hard -No capelin in the landwash in front of my House this year to this date -
Mon. 13 Sent a bag of bread to Edw Power under care of John & Moses Long this day, instead of one issued to Poor in the winter -Salmon & fish appear to have struck off -none today of either sort
Sat. 18 Dr. Bradshaw here from St. Johns brought on account of Mrs. Fred Rennie having died last Tuesday after confinement -he sailed in his cutter to day for Placentia -Bulger engaged painting the House - Robert cut his knee in Freshwater River today bathing - capelin yet plenty, fish rather scarce & very small.
Mon. 20 Rose & Joan brought home this day with each a calf - Rose supposed last night and Joan on Thursday night to have calved -Peter Carter & Sydney dined with me today

Fri. 24 Squids abundant in this harbour and adjacent, capelin clean gone off, fish tolerably plenty on squids fine large fish some small boats caught 4 or 5 Qtls this day early. Very dry weather, water scarce & grass & gardens wanting rain & wet, rained a few showers last night.

Thu. 30 Squids more abundant than for 14 years past before, the fishermen catch them on the fishing ground when they require them and the harbours are filled with them -fish tolerably plenty occasionally. Altered Mr. Clow's [or Clou?] remarks on the Return of the Clerk of the Peace for 1839 -instead of as written by Clow the above is done - "No The Court of Quarter General Sessions held is not holden so frequently in this district for the disposal of Civil and Summary Criminal proceedings, there being no rural only one Magistrate (added: in Ferryland) to attend to constitute a Court - Only One Court of General Quarter Sessions held in this District since November, 1839." - Wrote Mr. Crowdy that the absence of the C P {ED NOTE: Clerk of Peace} has prevented my sending the Return forward sooner -I only rec'd it late last evening.-

Fri .31 This day came in the William, Capt Richardson from Liverpool, chartered out by H. Holdsworth sailed thence 1st June - also Angerona, Jillard from Figuiera, 24 days, salt laden -

1840 - AUGUST

Sat. 1 Her Majesty's Attorney General arrived here last night in a boat of Allan Goodridge's bound to Reneuse, left St. Johns yesterday

Tue. 11 For several days we have had close foggy & warm weather with hard rain occasionally -thunder and lightening and wind at SW to S & SSW very bad weather for the fish & for catching fish -squids plenty but little good doing with them -Att'y General and his son - Robert Carter RN & daughter Ann - Hugh & Mary Hoyles - Nicl's Mudge here from St. Johns - latter from Reneuse last, going to St. Johns - the Hoyles' on a visit to our House -4

Fri. 14 John Shanahan went to St. Johns in his boat this day. Messrs Simms's, Mudge & Hoyles went with him and had a fine time there -this day was fine the first for many days, much fish was injured -caught a few salmon to day at back of the Islands had 11 there yesterday -

Sat. 15 All the fishermen & shoremen keeping holiday to day not a boat out or a man looking for fish or bait - Accounts reached this from Reneuse that the part of a crew & passengers of a vessel from Amsterdam for New York reached that place having come from Cripple Cove near Cape Race on foot - it is said 50 are drowned 30 saved, the latter taken to St. Johns to day in a boat from Reneuse - Rev. Mr. Bowman left in Barnes' boat at 4 pm for Reneuse -today wind SW light dull & heavy weather

Mon. 17 Sent of notices to the different parts of the district to Constables & Magistrates to get lists of voters prepared and sent to me forthwith -

Wed. 26 Rec'd from Clerk of the Peace five quires foolscap & two quires letter paper - ordered Thos B Rendell to send me one [trail?] of figs & some dark good

walnuts per the Angerona & corn also & take the am't out of her freight - Sat.29 Mr. Bowman left this per Lion for St. Johns at 10 pm this night he says in consequence of a report that the Bishop is not coming here this fall -written to Ann Carter by her Mother from St. Johns, I requested he would not go until after Sunday as there was the schooner Brothers ready at that time to go -
Sun. 30 No service at the church - Angerona sailed from Reneuse for Figuiera a dull time for starting -light airs SE

1840 - SEPTEMBER

Tue. 1 Miss Mary Hoyles, Robert & Mary left in the Brothers last evening & came back to day with NE wind,
Wed. 2 on Wednesday morning started again with fair trim. Old Mr. Norris died last night aged 86 years an old and respectable native inhabitant

Sun. 6 No service at church today - Mr. Norris taken into the church and from thence to Brigus to be interred, parties did not get back untill too late for Service.-

Tue. 15 Made out lists of voters and the notices required to be appended thereto by the Constables and sent them to the respective places for publication.

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| Ferryland | 56 | Brigus | 25 | Fermeuse | 72 |
| Capelin Bay | 40 | Aquaforte | 24 | | 146 |
| Cape Broyle | 31 | Reneuse | 97 | | 127 |
| | 127 | | 146 | Voters | 345 |

Wrote James Jackman & ordered him to desist from interfering with land petitioned for by Margaret Dunphy at Reneuse since is land in possession of Joseph Squires and Laurence [—?] -dated 16 Sept 1840

Wed. 16...Notified Henry Winser that his lot at Mother Wet must terminate at high water mark as all grants do that are bounded by the SeaShore - see letter [—?] dated 1st Sept. 1840

Mon. 21 A meeting was held this day called together by Public Notice for the purpose of electing Directors for the Hospital under Act 6 [W—?] 4 for the relief of sick & disabled seamen - present: Matt'w Morry, Edw Power, J H Carter, Hy Coryear, P. Winser, Thos Norris, HG Clow, Rev'd Murphy, Rev'd Ward, Mr. Deveraux ..and several other persons from Fermeuse & Aquaforte besides people of this place -1 opened this meeting by explaining to the people why they were called there and desired they would appoint Directors - Ward & Murphy but particularly the latter spoke repeatedly condemning the Act as did Winser and calling on the people not to appoint any Directors - Mr. Jas H Carter was called to the Chair, two Resolutions were proposed by Winser & carried "nem Con", the Chairman took the Act & read that part that compels the Employer to stop from the employed {ED NOTE: word "wages" implied}. Winser made some observations relative to the directors not having sent in their Returns to the Governor of what they had done, which called for reply from the Chairman who told Winser that in consequence of the obstacles he

had thrown in the way of the Directors they had not been able to do so, reminding Winsor of his having granted a warrant against Sullivan foi; demanding the Hospital dues from him, and also told Winsor he knew that he Winsor had received a reprimand from the Home Government for his conduct in that respect -to which Winsor said he had received such reprimand but exclaimed in a great rage what did he care for Lord John [Russel?] or the Governor either for that matter or any other person, that he stood up for the People and would do so, and only feared His God. - Resolutions were then passed and the meeting ended after a committee of Mr. Morry and Mr. Deveraux were appointed to draw up a petition to have the Act repealed - the People named Murphy and Ward as the Committee to draw up the petitions but I suggested the impropriety of their doing so, those people being neither fishermen or Planters or authorized under the ACT - and so it ended without any Directors being appointed. -I considered the presence and interference of the priests so uncalled for and highly improper that I was sorry after that I said anything about the impropriety of their being the Committee to draw up the petition and as well that after I had opened the Meeting it was not my Duty to say who should be allowed to be there present -

Thu. 24 Wind NE a change appears to have now taken place in the weather, the NE winds have not prevailed much the summer -Accounts rec'd by JHC under 11 Aug't that £73 [-?] bill had arrived from Figueira remitted for Bal'ce of Angerona freight @ 90 days draft

Mon. 28 A fire at St. Johns during last night which destroyed the houses on the South Side of Duckworth Street from the Dispensary to the Court House - the lower street was saved by great exertions & with difficulty -

1840 - OCTOBER

Fri. 9 Royalist came in last night from Exeter to load fish for Mr. Holdsworth, Capt. Cummings of Torquay in Ballast - Elias Rendell left this for St. Johns this day in the Lion.

Mon. 12 This day I complete my fiftieth year of Age - thirty seven of which have been spent in this place except having gone occasionally to England but not there for 14 years past -Put into cellar 12 barrels large potatoes, 2 barrels small & one barrel white Kidney for seed of own growth from kitchen garden and Deveraux's near the cookroom -

Wed. 21 Judge DesBarres arrived here and opened Court this day, the Circuit Vessel in Capelin Bay

Mon. 23 Memoriated5 Judge DesBarres in regard to Executorship under Judge Carter's Will, [renouncing?] it -see letter book.

Sat. 24 Delivered Geo. Simms, Mary & Nich Grant to be registered & paid him 5/- currency rec'd from her for it - Math'w Morry was sworn in under the Commission as a Magistrate yesterday by Judge Des Barres & Geo. Simms

Sat. 31 The Southern Circuit closed this @ 4pm when the Judge left for Caplin Bay

to go onboard the vessel laying there - Delivered Geo. Simms Paid Accnts, Bill of Sale for House & Gardens to Martin Curran to be registered -did not pay him for it - Judge sailed this evening -

1840 - NOVEMBER

Sat. 7 Remarkably fine weather up to this period no frost worth notice yet and very dry - Partridges very plenty, more so than I recollect them to have been since I came here -on the Gase, Downs & Head many are killed almost every day - and at all the neighboring places equally numerous

Thu. 10 The General QT Sessions of the Peace was holden this day at the Court House and the Business thereof disposed of before 10 pm when a Vestry Meeting was adjourned to the Court House from the Church - to raise money for finishing the Church & other purposes - Wind NE but no frost or snow yet

Fri. 13 The wind has with little variation been from NNE, NE or ENE all this month, consequently no communication with Saint Johns during that time - no frost or snow -

Tue. 24 Wind NE a very strong gale with several inches of snow in the morning -the first day of winter in fact the first snow that has been visible on the ground. The Angerona's long boat knocked to pieces against the stage - great part of the flakes blown down, the lower flake much damaged by Deveraux's & Lackey's punts that were haul'd up beside the stage - Housed the cattle the ground being covered with snow & freezing -

Thu. 26 Considerable fall of snow with a very heavy gale from ENE to NNE -the Angerona rode out with difficulty with 2 anchors a head off the Court House -

1840 - DECEMBER

Thu. 3 Sent Ann Morry's Bond to Mr. Hoyles per Robert in Norris's boat, which sailed about 8 pm with a strong breeze of wind at West -No accounts of Coryear's boat yet, she is supposed to have met some accident she left St. Johns on Monday 23 Nov'r for Cape Broyle, not since heard of -

Fri. 4 Wind moderate at North today snow blinking -froze last night -Coryear's boat left St. Johns on 23 Nov. at evening and has not been since heard of his two sons & two men were onboard her - Delaney, wife & others left also for Bay Bulls in Thos Coady's boat —not since heard of, supposed lost -

Wed. 30 Heard yesterday of Queen's confinement of having a Princess on 17 Nov. - per packet from Halifax - accounts of several vessels arriving in England with damage, they sailed in Oct. & Nov. from Nfld - J H Carter's coaster Lion came from St. Johns last evening, wind NE strong with silver thaw - confirming the death of young Eden in the woods near Toads Cove on his way from St. Johns to Trepassey on Tuesday or Wednesday last - his corpse carried back to St. Johns in a slide the two brothers were in company one got out to Balleine on Thursday morning much exhausted -

Thu. 31 A very fine day - moderate wind at SW gentle frost last night, snow all gone

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or nearly so, there being only dirt here and there -

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Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. In Decembers past, the journalist has gone to St. John's for several weeks; perhaps he did so here, without reporting on it?
2. Presumably, here the journalist is referring to the fact there was no heat in the church, not commenting upon the minister's delivery
3. Newman Wright Hoyles, father of Hugh W. Hoyles and Rev. J. M. Hoyles. He was Colonial Treasurer at the time.
4. The Hoyles are related to the journalist's wife Sarah Rendell, whose oldest brother Thomas Bully Rendell married Newman Hoyle's daughter and they live and run a business in Figueira, Portugal.
5. The journalist writes this word and its forms several times using it in its less used (today) meaning, -a written statement of facts ... sometimes as the grounds for a petition or request or remonstrance.

ROBERT CARTER'S JOURNAL

BOOK 9

April 6, 1841 - August 30, 1841

[ED: NO RECORD HAS BEEN FOUND OF JAN. 1 - APR. 5, 1841]

Occurrences 1841 6th April to 14th August

Ferryland, Newfdland 1841

1841 - APRIL

Tue. 6 Called up to see late Judge Carter's family -Paid Martin Kehoe, Northern Teacher's Salary & gave him Co Ho {ED: Courthouse] returns for Apl Qr to carry to Mr. Morry at Capelin Bay to be sent to St. Johns per Johnson's Boat ready to go with wood -One of the Ewes had lamb yesterday morning - at noon a barque with painted Ports passed northward - Ordered the mare to be left out by night first time

Wed. 7 Wind NNW fine & severe frost. Shanahan & Payne from St. Johns to day - Service at Church this forenoon - Union of the Canada's proclaimed by Lord Sydenham at Montreal 10 Feb'y 1841 - Princess Royal christened 10 Feb'ry, Victoria Adelaide Mary Louisa - only three sealers in at St. Johns to this date, those three laden, took their seals, one of them in sight of St. Johns light House - 4 pm SW, snow. Jessie Clift married last evening to Mr. J. B. Wood - sat the Goose last evening on 9 eggs she laid one egg more to day & left her nest-

Thu. 8 Strong west wind, ground covered with snow -sharp frost last night, the winds prevailing from W to NW & blowing strong breezes for many days following since the 1st March -Widdow Brophy fell coming out of the woods & broke her leg today - Sat the goose again on 10 eggs today -snow gone away that fell last night -mild evening

Fri. 9 Good Friday - wind NNW smart breeze, hard frost & fine -two full services at Church this day & two very appropriate sermons, many attended - several boats & vessels moving north today principally coasters - frosty all day with light showers of snow occasionally

Sat. 10 Calm morning at 10 am. Wind NE with heavy fall of snow, obliged to house the cattle, freezing smartly - John Shanahan's boat went out for Fermeuse and was obliged to return -certified Stephenson's accts for last Qr Sessions -

ceased snowing about 2pm, a good deal fallen and drifted about a good deal Sun. 11 Easter Day - opens a calm and dull morning -two full services & sacrament at church to day twenty-seven communicants -at 3 pm snowing fast light wind ENE -the people came up from Le Manche this evening -

Mon. 12 Light NNE wind -more snow down now than there has been at one time since February, morning fine & clear -Committed Pat Whelan & Pat Costelloe to jail for assault on N. Frampton - mail sch'r Chas Buchan passed southside at 6 pm

Tue. 13 Calm morning -severe frost last night the Harbour caught over more than any night the winter, very fine morning -Noon, wind at SSW raw cold wind & dull -Held a Court, (see Sessions Book)

Wed. 14 Wind ENE drizzling rain & silver thaw, some snow fell during the night it blew hard all night - Brothers ready to proceed to St. Johns - 2.p.m. wind at SSW thawing freely -brought up 2 cwt Hay from Martin Culliton's wife - Lion fitting out at J H Carter's wharf

Thu. 15 Calm morning about 2 inches snow fell during night at noon wind NNW mild -a brig passing to the Northward -3.p.m. Brothers sailed for St. Johns, Robert, Mr. Bowman & D'y Sherif f went in her - Several vessels in sight, one working towards this harbour like a sealer -

Fri. 16 A vessel (a sealer) belonging to Felton Hunt put in for wood & water & sailed again. Walked over to Reneuse to day -ewe had two lambs today

Sat. 17 Returned from Reneuse at 3pm a warm day, wind at west, snow going very fast -rec'd petitions respecting Hospital this evening

Sun. 18 Mr. Bowman at St. Johns, no service at the church this day - fine, mild, thawing day, snow going away very fast - Schooner Pelter heading up from the ice and gone to Aquaforte -wind SW

Mon. 19 Wind SW fine morning, yet not so warm as yesterday morn'g. -Pelter reports 2500 seals took them to the Eastward of the Banks in Latt. of Cape Broyle - 5 days coming in with fair wind. This day ends with very heavy rain and the wind southerly, Butler & Boone left in a punt for La Manche at 2 pm

Tue. 20 Scarcely any snow remaining this morning, a very fine day all through - Charles Boone had the Pelter &. went to La Manche

Wed. 21 Fine day -wind NE Shanahan came from St. Johns -snow nearly all gone

Thu. 22 Dull with rain, wind E to SE At court this day, see sessions Book - It is reported the Adventure passed south Mr. Kelligrew master, from the ice.

Fri. 23 Dull morning wind moderate NE & fog -cleared away at noon & fine afternoon

Sat. 24 Wind North, good breeze fine morning, the Pelter & Trinity vessel went towards St. Johns from Aquaforte to day - send on the Hospital Requisitions by Shanahan's boat to the Secretary for the Att'y Gnl's opinion (see Letter Book) -4 pm cold NE wind good breeze -the packet Sandwich backed off

Cape Broyle & stood E'd. Pelter put back again to Aquaforte - Robert returned from St. Johns in Power's boat
Sun. 25 This is the 26th anniversary of my wedding day the chief part of which period have been passed in
Ferryland very contrary to my expectations when I married - God has been merciful to me to grant me good
health & many comforts during so long a period - wind NE fine morning, sharp frost last night -no service at
church, Mr. Bowman absent

Mon. 26 Wind vble -fine day -At the Court House on a case of assault (see Sess. Book). Brought Hay from
John Jillard's today -frost not out of the ground yet - received from Customs House per Major, 9#63, 3 #15,
3 #16, 12 #17, 21 [— ?] receipts -

Tue. 27 Very free thawing day with warm flows and hazy at sea -snow all but gone - Cain & Keogh came to
work after Bkfast about Fishermen's houses - set out cabbage stumps

Wed. 28 Fog & dull weather, not wet wind S -Man employed in the Garden, the frost not yet out of the
ground - packed up cuttings for Miss Hoyles & Doctor McKie to be sent to him to St. Johns - the cows did not
come home untill late at night for the first time since put in

Thu. 29 John Hinchey died last night aged 86 or 88 - a bachelor man long residing here - mild fine weather
wind at West & SW Sent off cutting of trees to Dr. McKee by a new boat belonging to Williams from
Fermeuse going to Bay Bulls - fixed up currant bushes -

Fri. 30 Warm weather continues moderate vble winds- ground in the garden not dry enough to set, planted
out cabbages to go to seed - Fanny & Mary spent the day at Mr. Morry's

1841 - MAY

Sat. 1 Wind light NE mizzling rain Shanahan came home from St. Johns, some sort of fever among the
people the Family of Rositers in Caplin Bay much afflicted - Wm & John had it & are well, the three
daughters laid up, two for a long time - Mrs. Brennan very unwell for many days Lynch the sort of Doctor
here does not appear to know how to treat it - Shanahan & the Brothers came in from St. Johns bringing the
account of the dissolution of the legislature on Monday last - and of delegates to home Government having
been appointed - and that Mr. Goodridge who was nearly drowned by falling over out of his boat was out of
danger, having been long in the water -

Sun. 2 3rd af. Easter -Wind South, mizzling rain moderate -Mrs. Brennan died this morning of fever after 10
or 12 days illness - supposed taken at Caplin Bay - Mr. Bowman still at St. Johns, no service at the church to
day - carpenters still at work ceiling the church yesterday

Mon. 3 Wind SE dull & foggy at sea -Mrs. Brennen burned this afternoon -attended coy at Court this day - Mr. Morry present, who dined with me -Boone & Henley at work at Robert's flake

Tue. 4 Easterly wind and thick close foggy weather with considerable sea on the shore, indicating that the great field of ice which lay to the SE of the coast must have passed along to the southward - Wrote to Shaldon to Miss Rendell via St. Johns

Wed. 5 Easterly wind and thick close fog as yesterday from appearances very heavy tumble & no wind at sea very bad for vessels approaching the coast. No work to be done in the gardens yet

Thu. 6 Calm with hard rain fog less than yesterday morning -cleared up about noon and the wind came off the land. Several boats & schooners passing North. Lyon & Unicorn left for St. Johns. J H Carter in the former -

Fri. 7 Wind at South, frost this morning the Boones left for La Manche to take out rhinds - Angerona came in from the ice, out since 1st March reports 1100 seals - Pelter & Adventure returning from St. Johns having landed their seals there - Planted carrot seed, raddish & spinnage also turnip & lettuce - Mr. Blackman arrived here last night over land from St. Johns to enquire into Mr. Bowman's conduct

Sat. 8 Wind NE cold & raw as it is often in the early part of May, dried up a little towards afternoon -Mr. Blackman to Reneuse

Sun. 9 4th af. East'r -Wind SE clear & dry -Service at the church twice this day by Rev. C. Blackman -after morning service a vestry meeting was called and a letter from the Bishop read -28 were present and were called upon each in his turn to declare if he ever saw any sign of intemperance in Rev. Mr. Bowman - when not one among the whole could say he had seen the like or any disposition in Rev. Mr. Bowman to drink freely on any occasion -Mr. Blackman left by land in the evening for St. Johns

Mon. 10 Cold, wet NE wind -at noon more dry -Several sealers into different neighboring ports bound to St. Johns - set peas in the garden to day -

Tue. 11 NE to S clear & fine, very moderate - Unicorn came home, in her Mr. A LeMessurier. No private letters by her -the Aquaforte into Aquaforte from St. Johns

Wed. 12 Wind South thick foggy weather very light airs -dull & wet

Thu. 13 Wind SW untill 3pm then calm & rain - Angerona & Shanahan's boat left for St. Johns & others - Mrs. Bowman per Angerona Robert's men went to La Manche

Fri. 14 Wind SW dry, hard rain all night, Mr. Norris's boat left for St. Johns Rob't and Mr. LeMessurier passengers -dull wind

Sat. 15 Wind NE thick fog moderate -Mr. Norris put back and sailed again, calm al night first codfish caught this evening by Mich'l Kough & others.

Sun. 16 5 af. East'r-Wind ENE moderate & dull -Mr. Bowman still at St. Johns - hard rain at night - John White came from St. Johns

Mon. 17 Wind at NW fine -Deveraux & Lion left for St. Johns & John White's boat - the men for La Manche - Hope from Liverpool entered at Reneuse, only vessel from any port direct to this date -

Tue. 18 Wind NE light breeze -dull at noon more wind -Went to Aquaforte to [—?] to settle boundaries between Jennings and David Walsh at request of Jennings - Codfish caught first time this day

Wed. 19 Dull, foggy & rain occasionally NE wind in the morning -South nearly calm at evening wet thick fog Aquaforte cleared out for Miramachi -rain at night Thu.20 Ascension Day - Clear morning & calm. Rob't Sanders at work on the Zephyr today -a Holyday with all the Catholics today - Signed the notices for a meeting for the planters etc. to appoint directors of Hospital -

Fri. 21 Calm with thick fog -Wind South in afternoon -rain at night -Rob't Sanders at work on Zephyr

Sat. 22 Wind NE -Lion & Unicorn came home - Robert & my brother in the former - Sent Sam'l Case's Hospital Notice to him by R. Sanders this evening - Reneuse & Fermeuse by Doctor Bryand - Sulivan all north of this - R Sanders finished the Zephyr today

Sun. 23 6 aft. East'r Wind at NW the first summer morning this year -No service at church Mr. Bowman not having yet returned-

Mon. 24 Wind variable, SW & rain in the forenoon NW & fine at noon -at 5pm NE & rain -Sandwich mail boat passed northward - Rec'd letter from Winsor relative to Hospital -

Tue. 25 Wind N -only one western boat away on the fishery from Ferryland yet -the Greyhound -Some of the punts found fish plenty this evening - was at Aquaforte to dinner -Sam'l Case to make known to every man in Aqf't that meeting would take place next Tuesday on Hospital matters -notice posted early yesterday morning

Wed. 26 Variable winds fine the latter part of the day -busied gardening - launched the Zephyr men finished setting potatoes

Thu. 27 Strong breeze at WSW warm but close -Sat dwarf beans this day - some fresh fish caught about 1/2 Qtl a boat

Fri. 28 Wind vble fine day good breeze -Boats getting prepared for fishing - Mr. Bowman came back from St. Johns

Sat. 29 Wind NW dull -Lion came back from St. Johns bring an account of Gov'r Prescott & family having sailed for England per Lady Stafford - & Sir John Harvey having been gazetted as Gov'r of Nfld.

Sun. 30 Wind NE & ENE dull & cold wind -No service at the church today - went to C Bay with Mr. LeMessurier -

Mon. 31 Wind vble -Caledonia, coaster with potatoes & shingles in here, cleared al

Burin - discharged some few things here -

1841 - JUNE

- Tue. 1 A fine day wind Westerly-A meeting of people to appoint Hospital directors which were accordingly appointed - (see Session Book for particulars) - Signed Mr. Clow a/cts to 5 May for making up the records & also a requisition for stationery quantity not named - Mr. Clow [-?] to go to St. Johns
- Wed. 2 Moderate day wind inclined to South Foggy at noon sunshine at intervals -the small boats had more fish than before, remained out untill evening -
- Thu. 3 Dull & foggy -Lion put out & returned she was going to St. Johns J H Carter on her. Went to Aquaforte -caught 2 doz trout there - Geary's servant Mary Morry complained of him.
- Fri. 4 R. Brennan came in full from the offing the first fish landed from that place here - Lion left for St. Johns -wind at West fine & clear
- Sat. 5 Wind NNE moderate & dull little fish taking by small boats this day - Brothers came from St. Johns this evening brought accounts of caplin being at Port de Grave on 2nd June - sheep out on shore -
- Sun. 6 Trinity Sunday Wind NNE fine -I see some of the boats are come in out of the offing with 10 or 12 Qtls fish out 2 days -Service at church in the morning only - dispatched via CBay a letter to Rev. C. Blackman
- Mon. 7 This morning wind NNE, smart frost -Greyhound home from westward the first western boat here about 80 or 90 Qtls fish nearly 3 weeks away - M. Morry Jun'r about to start with Jn Sanders in a codsein Skiff to St. Johns - wrote Mr. Langley to send 1/2 doz. mad'ra & 1/2 doz. sherry -
- Tue. 8 Wind SW moderate fine -boats not catching much fish -frost every night Wed. 9 Wind vble from SW to NW fine day but hard rain at 9pm -boats very little fish this day -Whales all passed along -Mr. Morry here from Capelin Bay - fire in the woods. Mr. Norris & Mr. White came home by land from St. Johns Thu. 10 Wind moderate at SW rain during the night but fine morning -caught 5 lobsters the first this season - "Corpus Christi" boats all in today keeping holiday except two or three -Robert's shoremen refused to work - Wm. Boone bro't in 2 Qtls fish to day
- Fri. 11 Thick fog calm -Pat & Joe Cain home from the westward with 70 or 80 Qtls fish each - at night hard rain -boats not much fish
- Sat. 12 NE wind & rain at 9am cleared off -had kitchen chimney swept -Jas H Carter came from St. Johns per Lion.
- Sun. 13 1 of Trin'y. Wind NNE moderate -at 10 am wind West, fine -an iceberg close at back of Isle du Bois -Service at church this morning only -
- Mon. 14 Fine morning wind at West -At 1 pm left for St. Johns in the Lion in

consequence of Mrs. Carters' Law Suit re Sweetland & others on Bond debt Sun.20 Returned at 7 pm from St. Johns per Avalon -left last night at 1 am wind SSW

Mon. 21 Wind NE and rain towards night blowing hard and heavy rain during the night

Tue. 22 Wind NE blowing hard, heavy sea on the land -boats all kept in from fishing wet and raw cold weather all day

Wed. 23 Wind NE foggy & mizzling rain less wind than yesterday. Boats gone to sea late, some fish brought in this evening by the small boats but no capelin yet Thu.24 NE wind & thick fog, some few caplin taken at back of the beach today -very little fish caught with it

Fri. 25 60 degs. Wind NE good breeze clear -boats all in early today little fish, caplin this evening Bishops yacht came in here -

Sat. 26 54 degs. Wind NE good breeze, boats not able to keep out. Fish plenty capelin hauled last evening enough for the boats -Wrote Mrs. Carter -Exeter & Jas McCully also - dull & foggy, occasionally all day

Sun. 27 3 af. Trin'y. 53 degs, 7 am.. Wind NE foggy moderate -Service at the church three times today by Mr. Bowman. Church well attended

Mon. 28 54 degs. -Wind vble from NE to S'd moderate all day & clear - Coyle left for St. Johns Geo. Carter in her - put the path to the church in order - Coulman finished the first coat of plaistering in the church - Plenty of capelin the small boats nearly all twice laden today & partly the third time -large jacks all quite full over & over -fine large fish -caught 41 salmon -fish & bait all struck in together today -Robert's shoremen began to split at 10 am and are at it at 10 pm & much to split -

Tue. 29 54 at noon, 58 at 4pm. Wind at South, moderate breeze -hard rain Set out cabbage plants raised here -St. Peter & St. Paul's Day - all the men keeping Holiday not a boat out fishing though fish & bait is most plentiful, eight salmon - Hearn & Gregory from the Westward their first trips, caught all the [—?] last week -

Wed. 30 55 deg. 6am. Wind at West rather dull morning cleared off fine -Left in the Zephyr for St. Johns with Eliza & Fanny, arrived there at 9 pm at night

1841 - JULY

Thu. 1 Left St. Johns wind at West, blowing good breeze worked up to Petit Harbour Bay & was obliged to come to anchor under North Head lay there from 8 am until 4 pm got under weigh and worked to Petit Harbour & there remained for the night looking for wind -

Fri. 2 Left Petit Harbour for home Wind SW worked up to Bay Bulls Head & took wind offshore strong breeze -continued on inside the Island & came in here

at midnight -Aquaforte arrived on Wednesday

Sat. 3 60 1/2 deg. am, 72 6pm. Wind west fine day -capelin plenty & Fish as well strong breeze -boats in full at 4 pm fine fish -western boats well fished home today

Sun. 4 4 of. Trin'y. Wind SW moderate & fine -3 services at the church -evening calm, sky red over land

Mon. 5 Wind vble, moderate -Boats landed to day twice with large fish the small ones and the Jacks nearly so once.

Tue. 6 4 pm 61 degs. Wind SW fine day -fish plentiful Boats in landed about noon or little earlier

Wed. 7 At noon 57 ^ deg. Dull & foggy wind SE fish still very plentiful - Considerable hauls with the Codseine made. Got two Rack casks & 2 Butter casks from Luke Brown for Robert & 2 oil tubs -Fish not so plentiful today as before

Thu. 8 8 am 57 deg. Moderate SW wind dull weather -Boats laden some twice this day, with fish -never recollect so plentiful a catch of fish on first of capelin -

Fri. 9 11 am 61 deg. Strong breeze SW wind & fog Boats not all at sea this day - men almost worn out by constant fatigue - at 9pm very heavy rain

Sat. 10 10 pm 42 deg. Wind SW moderate -fog & fine alternately -Zephyr started for Bay Bulls Robert & John White in her -small boats nearly all twice laden today James came by land from St. Johns left it last Wednesday -

Sun. 11 Thick fog. Wind SSW moderate, much rain during past night -The past fortnight appears to have been the greatest time for catching fish for many years past -

Mon. 12 Calm or light airs from Southward, thick fog with very heavy rain occasionally -Boats no capelin this morning -caplin plenty at 9 am -boats brought in from 1 to 3 Qtls each during the day -

Tue. 13 Boone, Butler, H'y Kehoe, Betsy Kehoe at work -Calm thick fog, sun showing through it -hard rain during the past night -the fog cleared away at sunset & the wind appeared to east off the land -capelin rather scarce, boats laden with fish again tonight

Wed. 14 Vble wind, fine day -Zephyr returned from Bay Bulls Robert in her from St. Johns left from the place this morning -small boats well fished considering the quantity of bait -caplin scarce

Thu. 15 Calm morning & clear Wind SW a fine day fish plenty -Caplin very scarce some few squids taken at Capelin Bay this morning -

Fri. 16 Calm thick fog light air from South -Doctor Bradshaw from Placentia left this for St. Johns this morning - the Bait Boat (W. Norris) got bait at 2pm and gave the boats and before 5 pm they were all in loaded with small size fish, at night foggy

Sat. 17 Calm, thick wet fog -Robert's men yet splitting in the stage last night's fish -

The bait boat supplied a castnet of bait to each boat in which many loaded although late in the day when given - it is said squid are plenty at Brigus & that much fish was taken on some that were caught there - squids are thrown up by {near} fish on the stage heads of small size

Sun. 18 8 am. 62 deg. 7 pm 70 deg. A fine morning wind N -Mr. Bowman gone to Reneuse with Rev. B. Smith who arrived here yesterday, a relation of Mr. Bowman -in consequence no service in our church. A craft with salt to John White & others working in here from St. Johns this morning - wind light SE chief part of today -several vessels in sight this afternoon -

Mon. 19 Wind SW hard rain occasionally & thick fog. Squids in abundance - a coaster from St. Johns landing salt at John White's & J H Carter's called the Nelson.

Tue. 20 Wind SW to NW fog in the morning & fine at noon -Nelson sailed -plenty of squid -fish pretty plenty -punts in full early in forenoon -Mrs. Carter at Parsonage this evening -

Wed. 21 Wind NE dark & cloudy with sun at intervals -Robert's shoremen in the stage all night - went to Reneuse to survey land, Jas Henry Carter with me in the Zephyr surveyed for P Leary & Mr. Jackman -

Thu. 22 72 deg. at 7 pm - Returned from Reneuse at 11 am a fine warm day T. Morry of Caplin Bay arrived in Tuesday night also his wife -fish scarce with small boats -squids very plentiful -Brennan & Keough home in the jacks again

Fri. 23 65 deg. at 7 am - Wind at West fine morning & good breeze -a little fog on the hills early -at evening a smart gale of North wind, thunder in the distance heavy black clouds

Sat. 24 59 1/2 deg. 10pm -Wind NE moderate & fine - not so warm as lately, No fish, squids very scarce today -it is said that capelin are in Cape Broyle at RiverHead

Sun. 25 55 8am, 65 6pm -Wind S. moderate -fine morning -Rev. B. Smith preached this morning, Mr. Bowman afternoon - many whales in sight today - Mr. Bowman in the evening

Mon. 26 60 deg, 10pm- Thos Morry left for St. Johns -light air from SW Mrs. Bowman with him in Taylor's boat -some caplin taken today few boats out wanting bait, some squids caught in this harbour this day -sent letters by Thos Morry for St. Johns

Tue. 27 61 deg at noon- Wind S thick wet fog light breezes -Not much doing with the fish to day -put one [— bore?] between each of the cabbage plants & covered them over - ordered Mr. Clow to dispatch circular per Cimball to make up list of voters dated 24 July.

Wed. 28 64 deg at 10pm. Wind vble from NW to SW fair day Small boats from I to 3 Qtls each on squid some few capelin running on shore tonight

Thu. 29 63 deg 3pm. Wind SSW all day dark & gloomy with fog occasionally like thunder weather -squid scarce boats used what they had

Fri. 30 61 8am. Calm, thick foggy weather this morning -cleared off very fine at noon and continued all day -Squids plenty at Capelin Bay, fish plenty

Sat. 31 61 8am. Calm fine morning boats all at sea with plenty of bait (squids) taken in Capelin Bay - complaint lodged by L M Lynch v. Wm. Mitchel for assault -Warrant issued this day against Mitchel -boats nearly all laden twice today

1841 - AUGUST

Sun. 1 58 8am. Wind NE dull & moderate -Mitchel committed jail last night for breach of the Peace on L M Lynch - Service at church three times -Mr. Smith did part of the duty - Robert & James went to Capelin Bay this evening late

Mon. 2 Light air from ENE dull morning -evening clear and calm -fish & squids plenty -Wind vble fine weather -Left at 11 pm in the Zephyr for St. Johns, Jas H'y Carter with me -

Tue. 3 Wind NE -Arrived in St. Johns this morning left again at 2 pm with my daughters on board & Lucy Dixon, put back the wind dying away -

Wed. 4 Wind SW left St. Johns, Lucy Dixon did not come again -beat up to Le Petit Harbour & put in there, blowing too hard to continue

Thu. 5 Wind at SW put out of Petit Harbour & got home here about 11 pm -vble winds a fine day

Fri. 6 Wind SW fine day very moderate breezes towards night a few light showers -fish & squids not plentiful tonight -Large shoals of herrings in the Harbour

Sat. 7 69 deg 11 pm. Calm morning hard rain -at noon cleared away wind WSW. - Robert left at 11 pm in the Brothers with M. LeMessurier and N. Stabb for St. Johns-wind S

Sun. 8 70 deg at 10pm. Wind SW with rain & fog at times very warm & sultry -Lion left for St. Johns Mr. & Mrs. Smith & family, Miss [Muirhouse?] & Kate Carter passengers by her - Peter Carter Jr. here from Fermeuse this evening - no lecture at church today -2 services

Mon. 9 64 deg. 2pm, 63 1/2 10pm. Moderate NE Wind with rain -at the Court House this day -accounts of a Gen'l Election in England on 22 July rec'd yesterday - P. Carter Jr. here from Fermeuse -the boats doing nothing in the fish way this day -few squids caught -at night thick wet fog & calm

Tue. 10 Wind light at NW very moderate & clear -squids very plenty in Capelin Bay

Wed. 11 67 deg 7am. Wind NW rather dull & very warm -Squids plentiful fish very scarce. Sat turnip seed

Thu. 12 62 deg. 7am. Calm & dull morning -small rain at noon. Boats down from Cape Ballard Bank and report fish very scarce there

Fri. 13 Wind South, moderate inclined to be foggy -noon WSW good breeze damp hot weather Damp hot weather - Angerona put into Capelin Bay 25 days from Figuiera.

Sat. 14 65 deg. 7am. Calm dull morning NE al noon -The Lion came in from St.

Johns - Robert in her. Angerona sailed for Burin -

Sun. 15 57 deg. 8am. Wind N by W fair morning NE at noon S in the evening fine cool day -Services at church three times to day - P. Carter Jr. here from Fermeuse - many vessels passing

Mon. 16 59 deg. 7am, 67 1/2 at 5pm. Wind NW dry a fine day -Issued several writs for Mr. Holdsworth against persons in Cape Broyle & Brigus -some small boats two quintals fish this evening

Tue. 17 62 at 7am, 71 5pm. Wind SW strong breeze looking dull. Brennan came from the Bank bringing very little fish -5pm NE squall with dark [heavy?] clouds

Wed. 18 59 deg. 7am. Wind NE moderate dull -cleared away about noon -wind veered to SE Squids & fish scarce today

Thu. 19 Wind at NW very fine warm day Plenty of squids at Brigus -some small boats with 2 or 3 Qtls fish to night -Herrings plenty some taken in seines - Spent last evening at Capelin Bay -engaged at the Court House & otherwise about public affairs of writs, licences, etc.

Fri. 20 66 deg. 8pm. Wind at NW fine -noon showers of rain -dry dull evening light winds

Sat. 21 66 deg. 5pm. Fog & mist nearly calm morning -noon hard rain -some fish caught -Lobsters caught this day full of spawn & the finest I have taken this season - Com's. Kelly bro't under warrant from Cape Broyle -

Sun. 22 66 deg. 8am. Fine day -wind vble from NW to SW light -Service at the church 3 times, very few there in the evening - P. Carter Jr. here from Fermeuse

Mon. 23 63 deg. 8pm. Wind SW moderate looking heavy -hard rain at noon -nearly calm -NE at 4pm fog in the air and hard rain -Very little fish, no squids tonight

Tue. 24 62 at noon. Wind NE hard rain & thick weather -Mrs. Rendell Jun'r came late last night or this morning per Brothers from St. Johns

Wed. 25 Wind NW from S -moderate dull morning but fine afternoon and very warm

Thu. 26 68 at 7am. Wind NW all day -good fish day. Rob't very busy storing - Shanahan loaded for St. Johns with dry fish -wrote J. M. Rendell

Fri .27 Dull moderate morning light SW wind Cleared away very fine at 10am and so continued all day - Brothers & Lion left for St. Johns - Mrs. T. Morry & Mary Morry in the latter about 10 pm or thereabout. Wind NE

Sat. 28 63 deg. 8am. Wind NE moderate thick wet fog or light rain -At 11 pm Mr. Stephenson D'y Sheriff, called to state he was afraid of a Rescue in Capelin Bay of some fish under attachment - got assistants from Mr. LeMessurier & sent with him -

Sun. 29 Wind NE strong breeze -rather cold for the season -No Rescue attempted at Capelin Bay last night - a large steamer hove in sight to day coming from the Eastward & bore up for the Westward -a large one

Mon. 30 59 deg. at 9pm. Light NE wind, fine morning - a very fine day -several boats loaded with fish and gone to St. Johns - the schooner [Carthwright?] loading fish.

{last page written on previously used paper, part still can be read: "Statement shewing amount of arrears due on the estate late Rich'd Nason at the time of defendants transferring possession of the same to complainant."}

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Endnotes

1. This Lyon is just an alternate spelling for the ship Lion, and not a different vessel

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BOOK 10

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1841 - SEPTEMBER

Sat. 11 Robert at St. Johns with fish in Brennan & Kough's 2 jacks sailed on Thursday - James Martin left same night per Lion for St. Johns - Hay not taken in yet from Downs. Thos Macey mowing behind Pitts old House - salt fish out of the stage last evening - small boats catching from 1 Qtl to IV2 Qtl on herrings

Sun. 12 Wind at WSW sultry weather Shanahan came in last night from Saint Johns - Robert came from St. Johns in Sil'r Kehoe's boat left St. Johns yesterday - two services at church today - commenced raining hard at 3 pm

Mon. 13 Thick fog & dead calm -Furnished John White with P. Wright's a/c for rent etc. Cold NE wind, dull weather

Tue. 14 Dull NE wind, moderate

{ED: Journal skips two weeks}

Tue. 28 Geary went yesterday to Cape Broyle to serve a writ on M'l Bryan - whilst in Admiral's Cove was assaulted by Bryan & John Pendergast the latter throwing a large stone from the clift into Geary's boat & striking him on the knee -so as to disable him for the present

Wed. 29 Sent Sullivan off to Cape Broyle & Brigus to apprehend Pendergast Bryan & Coady - He returned without either of them

Thu. 30 Sullivan & Case at Reneuse with writs of attachment -Geary laid by -very unsettled weather, wet & miserable

1841 - OCTOBER

Fri. 1 Geary went off at night to Brigus on Horseback with Wm. Babcock to serve a writ of attachment & Dumey gave Geary warrants against James Coady & M'l Bryan and a letter addressed to E Power "see letter Book" desiring he would apprehend these parties & send on here - a clear moonlight night -

Sat. 2 Wind NNE dry morning & cool breeze

Sun. 3 Prayers at church twice today a tolerably fine day wind NE -frost last night

Mon. 4 Sent off Sullivan & Case to Cape Broyle for Mich'l Bryan - Pendergast & Coady having given themselves up [9 o'clock?] bound all the parties over & discharged them - a dry day wind NE

Tue. 5 Sent back a pair of trousers to Grace and desired him find another pair of same but larger -Wind NE with showers of rain

Wed. 6 Wind NE strong breeze dark & gloomy weather, with hard rain and to all appearance likely to continue so longer -Geary went off to Brigus late this night to serve a writ on LeNine for Batcock

Thu. 7 Wind NE & hard rain -a very strong breeze towards night with a very heavy sea on

Fri. 8 Strong gale of NE wind accompanied by hard rain & tremendous sea on the rocks -one breaker from Isle du Bois point to [Cold East?] point - Hearn's boat driven on shore at south side near J H Carter's stage & likely to be injured as the sea goes quite over her -

Sat. 9 Wind NE more moderate sea gone down something, dry & clear morning but looking heavy - remained dry until night when the wind veered to SE and blew hard gale

Sun. 10 Wind from SE to SW morning strong gale at SW with heavy rain at evening dry -Wind SW sea going down -service twice at church sacrament postponed in consequence of such weather

Mon. 11 Wind NNE showery all day -R. Brennen came from St. Johns -many craft passing N & S -In the Court House nearly all day with trifling cases

Tue. 12 Wind N strong breeze & clear The anniversary of my Birthday 51st year complete -Rich'd Gorman found dead in his garden at Caplin Bay - held an inquest on him -

Wed. 13 Wind NW dry at times no day for spreading dry fish -loaded oil Kough's boat for St. Johns out of [stow?]

Thu. 14 Wind at NW a very fine day the finest for six weeks -a very heavy sea on the shore, the narrows breaking across from side to side -boats not able to go out of the harbour for St. Johns

Fri. 15 Calm, dull morning Summons per Noonan at suit Patrick Walsh and for Wm Williams granted this day at night Wind at West moderate - Sil Kough sailed this night for St. Johns

Sat. 16 Wind moderate at SW dull -fish pretty plenty, herring & squids not plenty - Rec'd a memorial from [Wm?] Dullanty today at 1 pm - he was rather in liquor too much as to attend to business on it -

Sun. 17 Wind ENE Shanahan came from St. Johns -two services at church, sacrament administered today -

Mon. 18 Wind NE to South -hard rain & thick fog -At Court House this day

Tue. 19 Wind blowing hard at SSE with very heavy rain & sea on the coast at noon veered to Westward & cleared off dry afternoon -Stowed wine into my closet - 1 doz port 1 doz brante, 1/2 doz Med {ED: Madeira} 1/2 doz sherry - [J-?] Cain left during the night for St. Johns sent letters by him to Wm. R. Jr enclosing one to James and another to A. Milroy with order on Colonial Treasurer for my Qr salary

Wed. 20 Wind SW moderate dull & showery all this day
 Thu. 21 Wind South -moderate -rain in morning
 Fri. 22 Wind at W clear morning -Went to Brigus to measure Teage's Room
 Sat. 23 Wind SW moderate & mild-Surveyed Teage's Room and came home from Brigus - called at Mr. Coryear's in passing stated what I had done - in pm signed a summons for Directors of Hospital to appear in Court on Monday next at suit of William Dullanty -
 Sun. 24 Moderate SW wind & vble -dry day -2 services at the church by Mr. Bowman
 Mon. 25 Wind South, misty rain -Circuit vessel arrived - attended Court on Dullanty's case plfff made an appearance -delivered Mr. Simms returns of writs & depositions of criminal case to be tried - Nath'l [M- - in?]'s vessel -Mr. Geo Emerson as judge -Miss Emerson with him -
 Tue. 26 Wind vble NW to W showery. Sil Kough came home - C. Court opened by Judge Emerson
 Wed. 27 The Court opened this morning at 11 o'clock - Lion came from St. Johns - Robert & Fred'k Carter came in her Wind West dull with showers & strong breeze
 Thu. 28 Wind at NW show on the ground this morning but only appearing to have been a light shower - moderate & fine
 Fri. 29 Wind NW ground covered with snow, gone at 10am -fine day throughout - Mr. Peter Carter came from St. Johns overland this evening - Gave Mr. Coryear a plan of Teage's Room
 Sat. 30 Calm morning -blinks of snow -gentle frost last night
 Sun. 31 Services at church this day -moderate North wind fine day

1841 - NOVEMBER

Mon. 1 Wind N to NE dull day -Court yet open - little business before it - ram served the ewes this evening -
 Tue. 2 Wind NNE moderate & fine -Court opened today and closed the Session -
 Wed. 3 Wind SW -Circuit vessel sailed for St. Johns this day about 9 am- sent letters by her under care Geo. Simms -
 Thu. 4 Calm, Jn Bryan landed coals today raining chief part of this day Wind NE
 Fri. 5 Strong NE wind dull & heavy -dry towards noon -Went to Aquaforte
 Sat. 6 Wind S to SW foggy morning -clear & fine at noon quite warm
 Sun. 7 Two services at church - numbers of the Protestants did not attend - a sermon directing the attention to empty pews preached -
 Mon. 8 At Court House - only one J.P. present - case put off to Monday next - dry day throughout-Robert Hall at work about the chimneys
 Tue. 9 A fine day -Wind NE One Brig put into Capelin Bay another into Aquaforte -Robert Hall & John Carroll at work - Rebecca from Figueira in Caplin Bay - passage 32 days

Mon. 10 Strong gale ENE. Brothers came in from St. Johns -drove from her anchors on shore near Robert's stage - Put into the cellar -6 Bbls large 1 B'l small potatoes own growth -some trifling damage done to flakes & stages, etc.
 Tue. 11 Thick murky weather - Wind NE heavy sea on the shore -hard rain at times
 Fri. 12 Thick fog light wind at E & NE -heavy sea on the shore, rain at times
 Sat. 13 Thick fog light air at NE heavy sea very wet fog
 Sun. 14 Two services at church -vble airs from S to SW dry day -Lambert Bryand supposed to be missing not heard of since Thursday night
 Mon. 15 Wind SW to NW showery Rob't left with Hearn at 4 am for St. Johns - several others also left & many vessels passing. Angerona in sight to day -no account of Dr. Bryand -Paid Mr. Morry balance of church repairs & Mr. Lemessurier of the store a/c 2/6- at Court gave judgment in Austin vs [O'Connors?]
 Tue. 16 Wind SE heavy rain, strong breeze -Aquaforte from Figuiera into Aquaforte - Pelter went into Aquaforte from Kelly's Island
 Wed. 17 Dry day Wind NW -Went to Aquaforte to board the Aquaforte etc. - can get no account of Dr. Bryand
 Thu. 18 Fine day wind West -Angerona came out of Caplin Bay & put back - too much sea in the narrows - No account of Dr. Bryand -loaded R. Brennan wrote Robert by Shanahan's boat to St. John's
 Fri. 19 Wind NW fine morning -R. Brennan & Brothers left for St. Johns - at night strong breeze NE & showers of sleet -got all Robert's fish into store - No account of Dr. Bryand -[Wm/Mrs?] Crossman taken very unwell -several families gone from hence to reside in St. Johns
 Sat. 20 Wind NE dry morning strong breeze
 Sun. 21 Strong breeze ENE wind, light showers of rain during the day -Two services at church today
 Mon. 22 Strong breeze NE wind & rain
 Tue. 23 Calm nearly light NE wind -at night SW hard rain -about 4 pm Doctor Bryand's body was picked up in the Pool near Brazel's stage Head - an Inquest held -
 Wed. 24 Wind light at West -Sent off boxes of fish per Pat Cain for Shaldon this morning -dry but dull
 Sun. 28 Very fine clear day -Wind NNW smart frost -Mr. Bowman at Reneuse - preparing myself to leave for St. Johns tomorrow morning by land

{The Journalist did not make entries while in St. John's.}

1841 - DECEMBER

Sun. 19 Dull foggy weather, returned last night from St. Johns overland, Robert with me -left St. Johns on Friday morning about 10pm -Mr.

Evans, Sydney [Sullock] came at same time in company -slept at Blackler's at Toads Cove Friday night
Mon. 20 Wind at West strong breeze with showers of snow -Shanahan left for St. Johns -put the cattle in this night

Tue. 21 Wind at NW -strong breeze light frosty weather with snow showers

Wed. 22 Wind vble from SW to NW -frosty with showers of snow fine between -North at night fine W'r & frosty -Avalon passed South - Brothers from St. Johns

Thu. 23 Wind N & NE Lion came in from St. Johns today -no news by the mail Packet just arrived there

Fri. 24 Service at Church last evening Mild today, Wind at South, dull

Sat. 25 Christmass Day -a very fine calm clear morning -one Service at the church & sacrament administered

Sun. 26 Wind NE mild thick fog -moderate -Service at church 3 times this day -no frost or snow left in sight on the ground. Shanahan home this morning

Mon. 27 Wind NE dry cold not freezing but looking to do so -moderate to clear at night

Sun. 28 Not a sign of snow on the ground - a clear calm morning -a cattle frost only last night -Pat Power left for St. Johns over land -Sent letter to Jas How Carter by him & for my Mother -Went to Caplin Bay - Miss Morry at the house.

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1842 - JANUARY

Sat. 1 Wind SW clear, good breeze on much of snow fallen through the past night -

The past year just ended has been one during which there has been a great deal of wet weather particularly towards the fall of the year but open & mild & not very boisterous - Vessels have continued to arrive up to latest accounts & few have met accidents -Some few vessels have been lost on the coast (the Topaz) & one at sea (the Sarah) but I do not remember any season of less interruption to vessels coming on the coast - The War between England & China hath been prosecuted with various cessations & armistices, but the cunning of the Chinese appears fully equal to take in the British Commander Elliott now superceded by Sir Henry Pottinger -

The Americans confined McLeod a Btrsh subject in jail for burning the Caroline which produced strong feelings in both countries - a war was expected but happily has been prevented by the acquittal of McLeod and his restoration to Canada

The Voyage on the coast has been rather better than usual but was all caught

in a few days during the caplin & first squid and it was expected at one period the fish would all been cured in September - wet weather prevented it & it was late upon the flakes in consequence - the Western Boats made poor voyages no latter fish - Fish very plenty in October but not followed up - Herrings occasionally plenty squid very abundant

Provisions plentiful all the season through and moderate in price Molasses & Pork very low - fish in demand early but otherwise late - large [existencies?] in store owing to bad sales at market - Demerara the only exception there \$9 were obtained -Oil scaled from £24 to £28 in good demand for cash payment - Freights high for Britain -several vessels purchased bro't down from the Colonies - three timber vessels into St. Johns leaky -waterlogged bound to Britain -

Sir John Harvey & family arrived to take upon him the Government of the Island - Capt. Prescott & family left - [Henry?] Parsons went to England to be examined on the state of this country before the House of Commons - Parliament was prorogued & dissolved & a change of Ministry took place Sir Robert Peel & Colleagues in power - On 9th Nov. a Prince was born in England Heir apparent to the crown of Great Britain - Considerable activity in the naval yards in Great Britain and an increase in the Army Troops & ships dispatched to China & India —Syria wrested from Mohamed Ali the Bey of Egypt by the allied powers of GBritain France & Russia & restored to the [Porto?] who granted it to Mahamed Ali as tributary - Sir Robert Stafford commanded the fleet - before St. [Jean D'Aire/Arc?] when bombarded -

Several very extensive fires in England some of the principal Buildings -The Tower of London partly burnt down - Westminster Abbey attempted to be lit on fire - it is supposed the fires of late years to have been incendiary [risk?] -God send another year may not produce greater calamities -

Dr. [Connell?] Lord Mayor of Dublin -

1842 -JANUARY - {continued}

Sun. 2 Service three times at church to day - wind South snowing fast - church funnelling fell down about middle of the day - at night free thaw

Mon. 3 Wind SW thawing nearly all the snow gone off again

Tue. 4 Strong West wind, snow showers & most frosty weather

Sun. 9 Wind moderate at South -Winter weather appears set in -the ink frozen all the week - attested affidavits for Geary Clow Case & Sullivan this week on the heifer -Winser's concern May 1860 - Mich'l Kerney [here?] & Betsey [Seviory?] married -Mich'l Clancy & Peggy Neile of Fermeuse married - [Mr/W?] Sanders and Fanny Sliney (widdow) married - Mary Kehoe & Thos Farrell married -and several others in this District this fall -

Mon. 10 Took account of Boards brought from Aquaforte by E Walsh to this place, besides that taken to Pool -viz:

59. 52. 67. 56. 57. 67. 21. Total:379

To Angerona.....142
For boat.....237

Doctor O'Dwyer delivered a letter of Introduction from Kenneth McLea of St. Johns this day dated [24?] Dec 1841

To be continued weekly -

Mon. 17 Very fine day -moderate wind at SW -Dined at Mr. Morry's & went to meet James from St. Johns he did not come - a party on 3 Comer Pond by a Club of six persons - R C Jr, T Norris, L Lubbock, J Jellard, BS Morry & Doctor O'Dwyer - party proceeding, at liberty to invite guests -

Mon. 24 Miss Kelligrew came here to stay a few days with us - Mr. M Goodridge & Mr. Kelligrew came at same time & slept at J H Carters - smart frosty weather but not good roads far into the woods - 3 services at church yesterday - 4 vessels passed Northward

Tue. 25 A Club dinner on 3 Comer Pond, L Lubbock president -smart frosty day - strong breeze a Schooner passed Northward

Wed. 26 Wm Sanders put up keel of Roberts boat stem & stem posts - has been at her ab't 16 days self & Chas Boone - had the Bay folks & others to an evening party

Thu. 27 Thick fog -light frost in the night -James H'y Carter here from St. Johns since last Friday - went to Cape Broyle to meet him - Reneuse folks here yet -

Sun. 30 Mild day scarcely any frost or snow left wood paths quite open by rivers & gullies -Mr. Bowman at Reneuse -Sent in [No.62 shirt?] to St. Johns per Mr. Sanders yesterday - Doctor O'Dwyer left for St. Johns on Friday evening - last Thursday Rev'd Ward had a dinner party consisting of Mr. Morry, Stephenson, Deveraux, [?] Brazel, Luke Brown & Ward's brother, held at Deveraux's House —

Mon. 31 Free thaw - scarce any sign of snow left - work in the woods at a standstill-

1842 -FEBRUARY

Tue. 1 Wind strong from SW looking for snow or rain ground bare of snow, light frost last night

Wed. 2 Frost last night & showers of snow this morning Wind NW strong breeze - Kelligrew,& Goodridge & Miss Kelligrew here yet -

Thu. 3 Calm morning -smart frost last night -the horses not able to work in the woods yet the ponds very insecure & open in some places - Mr. & Miss Kelligrew & Goodridge went home

Fri. 4 Free thaw with showers of rain -a boat passed Northward this morning

Sat. 5 Free thaw all day -calm & fine -Wm Deveraux shot in the leg by

Peter Ward the priest's brother - W. Kehoe & Mahon sent off by land to St. Johns for Doctor O'Dwyer

Sun. 6 Strong NW breeze frosty -Three services at the church - heavy gale at NNW at night

Mon. 7 Strong breeze NNW smart frost during last night -looking for mild weather again -Issued precept for holding General Q r Sessions (22nd Feb'y) .

Tue. 8 Wind at SW soft mild weather with heavy showers of ram -Capt. Jillard cut his knee last night coming home from a party at Capt. Winsler's

Wed. 9 Ash Wednesday Service at the church to day - wind at NW strong breeze and hard frosty weather - men at work after prayers -Wm Deveraux considered out of danger from shot

Thu. 10 wind NW strong breeze smart frost with showers of snow-Went over to see Capt. Jellard - Thos [Keriton] left yesterday for St. Johns came here a few days ago. - a vessel passed Northward -service at church this evening few there Mr. & Mrs. Evans here from Reneuse they spent the day yesterday with Mr. Bowman & slept there - James H y Carter still here -

Fri. 11 A fine clear frosty day wind NW strong breeze -Went into Spout Pond in the sleigh with Fanny, Mary and James - no snow in the paths scarcely - H'y LeMessurier at Caplin Bay called here this day -

Sat. 12 Wind SW snowing all day, moderate -took Eliza to Merry Meeting Pond in the sleigh with two little Bowmans - -brewed beer -Wm Sanders commenced putting on the boards of the boat - Trainor came here from Fermeuse with a petition to the Governor about depositing Room stuff on Patrick McDonald's Ground at River Head of Fermeuse - promised to send it forward

Sun. 13 First Sunday in Lent -3 services at the church -a fine winter day -wind NW

Mon. 14 Wind SW snow in the early part of the day rain afterwards -At the Court House to hear a case Tobin vs Stephenson, no 2nd magistrate in attendance -

Tue. 15 Wind SW to NE thawing in the first part with snow, hard frost at noon & snow -with strong breeze

Wed. 16 A very fine clear day -wind NW very hard frost last night indeed Harbour in steam this morning & covered with lolly

Mon. 21 General Q'r sessions of the Peace -Bridget Hogarty & Mary Reid convicted of larceny from the shop of Jas H Carter and sentenced to 12 months in jail -Fine weather frosty but loads baie of snow

Tue. 22 Mild weather free thaw SW wind

Wed. 23 Sharp frosty weather Wind NW -Doctor O'Dwyer returned my call this day

Thu. 24 Sharp frosty weather very slippery on the roads except where bare

ground -service at church this evening -Doctor O'Dwyer's Club on 3 Corner Pond, very icy roads & bare ground -snow in the evening - wind SW. Sent Trainor's petition by Peter Gregory re Peter McDonald's Place, on Tue. 22nd inst.

Fri. 25 Wind NNE a few inches of snow last night -at noon some heavy showers of snow -James Henry Carter left for St. Johns by land with him H'y LeMessurier - sent Wm. Boone with him. frosty at night

Sat. 26 Wm Boone came from La Manche where he slept last night having accompanied James nearly so far as Toad's Cove -this has been a sharp frosty day Winds NNW

Sun. 27 A very fine winter day Wind NW harbour caught over, boys on it - Service at church 3 times this day

Mon. 28 Strong breeze NE with snow, sharp winter day not particularly hard frost Harbour filled with lolly - Mr. A LeMessurier came from St. Johns, dined with me -heavy fall of snow, ceased at night

1842 -MARCH

Tue. 1 Strong breeze NNW harbour frozen over not strong enough to bear - the snow that fell yesterday laying in heaps -a light Brigantine off from Island at nightfall bound Northward

Wed. 2 The vessel off last night supposed to be the "Golden Rule" Spencer for St. Johns from the West Indies - a dull day looking for soft weather - none of the sealers gone out yet. Harbour frozen over and people walking on it -

Thu. 3 Wind S free thaw and hard rain with strong breeze -Mrs. Coulman said to have died yesterday at Henry Winser's at Aquaforte -

Fri. 4 Report of Mrs. Coulman's death confirmed -strong breeze NW wind ice in the harbour broken up -very free thaw in the sun, the snow nearly all gone. Avalon from Reneuse for the Ice passed -A Brig going South & Schooner North in sight -

Sat. 5 Calm morning small rain & silver thaw -Mrs. Coulman buried this day at 4 pm

Sun. 6 Three services at the church today -Pelter & Aquaforte sailed for the Ice this evening -

Mon. 7 Wind West to SW very moderate & dull -Angerona sailed for the Ice - Trainer's schooner came in from St. Johns landed goods for LeMessurier & sailed again - good roads for hauling - Wm Sanders commenced planking the new boat under the [boards?] this day-

Tue. 8 Wind NE fine clear frosty day some snow fell during the night -Mr. Goodridge came from Reneuse in the afternoon & slept the night -

Wed. 9 Wind SW to W fine strong breeze and frosty snow during the night -Mr. Goodridge returned to Reneuse

Thu. 10 Wind NE snow during the night -strong gale NNE at noon with much drift and smart frosty evening

Fri. 11 Wind NW very fine day, frosty a& clear -Walked over to River Head of Fermeuse & examined into the place petitioned for by Pr McDonald - found the Room stuff landed there on the ground -Jno Brothers stated he had known it to be used for that purpose 50 or 60 years -14 sticks length off SW end would do for to ban for depositing stuff upon

Sat. 12 Wind NE very heavy gale with heavy fall of snow & great drifts, men unable to work yard filled with snow

Sun. 13 Wind North or N by E very strong gale in the morning with heavy snow drifts every place blocked up with it -at noon wind veered to NW still blowing strong gale & frosty -No service at the church -the funnelling over church roof blown away, very great collection of snow in some places -

Mon. 14 Wind SW quite mild & moderate -a very heavy sea on the shore indicating severe weather to the Eastward the last two or three days -at night dull & mild, light breeze from South -Butler's left in Gregory's skiff for La Manche - People employed digging a path in the snow through the harbour

Tue. 15 Wind NE to NNE fine day frosty with very light snow showers - several vessels in sight supposed to be sealers

Wed. 16 Wind vble very light from NE to SW Harbour caught over sea covered with ice & lolly -People shovelling away snow between the harbour & Jas Mountain's very deep in some places when drifted -Mr. & Mrs. Bowman spent this evening with us

Thu. 17 Light SW wind fine clear day and thawing freely in the sun -smart frost last night the harbour caught over thawed freely in the sun at noon -Service at church this evening only 16 persons present - freezing again at night

Fri. 18 Wind SW strong gale, snow at 10am rain at noon free thaw at night hard rain Sat. 19 Wind at WNW clear & light frost very strong gale -at 4pm more moderate wind at West -men at work in the woods today first day since the heavy fall of snow -7 barrels potatoes remaining in cellar -

Sun. 20 Wind SW to NW snow & thawing in the morning -fine & clear afternoon frosty at night -Sandwich passed south this afternoon -three services at church this day most excellent sermons but very bad attendance by the congregation the Protestants are remiss in going to church -notice for sacrament next Sunday - Thos [Henley?] an old resident of Capelin Bay died on Friday night

Mon. 21 Wind NW very moderate, blinking snow & frosty -men at work with woods Robert in a skiff to Aquaforte for boards for his new boat -Sil'r Kough came to work to day -Rec'd a letter from Wm. Trainer of Fermeuse at 6 pm acquainting me of the sudden death of William Summers at Fermeuse at 1 pm yesterday -

Tue. 22 Went to Fermeuse to hold an inquest on Wm Summers who died suddenly - returned same evening -fine walking -a St. Mary's boat put into Aquaforte Sound -Mr. Thos Gregory in her at night strong breeze, NE
Wed. 23 Wind SE strong breeze very cold & smart frosty weather -lolly driving along shore -a boat passed South
Thu. 24 Wind NE strong clear weather fine & frosty -wind very cold good roads to Merry Meeting Bridge - sleighing today
Fri. 25 Good Friday - Wind NE strong breeze ocean covered with lolly except some clear lakes of water -Mr. Bowman at Reneuse
Sat. 26 Wind NNW strong breeze -lolly all driven off harbour caught over not hard enough to bear -at noon very fine & clear -snow melting on the roads very fast
Sun. 27 Easter Day - wind ENE snowing the chief part of this day -two services and sacraments administered by Mr. Bowman - Many communicants -28
Mon. 28 Calm morning with snow showers at 11 am wind moderate NNW the lolly moving off a little the Hr. covered with it -cleared off fine - Edward [Harbrey?] at Cape Broyle died this day
Tue. 29 Wind NE strong breeze snow showers all day harbour full of lolly sea covered with it -not very frosty -Wrote to England today
Wed. 30 Wind SE fine day -some vessels supposed to be sealers in sight at 10am Wind NW moderate -lolly going off, frosty night & fine - looking mild
Thu. 31 Wind SW moderate and dry at noon wind South strong -several vessels passing¹ inside the ice Northward -the harbour clear of ice & lolly - My two ewes had each two lambs this day -one ewe this morning other evening -went to Capelin Bay with Eliza & ret. before dinner -rain at 2pm & very strong gale - sheep go four calendar months for lambs exactly (see 1st Nov'r.)²

1842-APRIL

Fri. 1 Wind NE & thawing -ice in sight hard rain all last night -Signed 3 summons at suit John Carroll for Monday next -at night frosty and dull -moderate
Sat. 2 Wind ENE at 10 am -chopped round to NW strong breeze & snow showers & drifts -evening cleared off fine & frosty -the Charles Buchan mail boat passed north -a brig a 3-mast schooner -& schooner without a topsail - a schooner went into Fermeuse -a vessel stood south like the Angerona -plenty of snow' down but no working in the winter for roads for some weeks -
Sun. 3 Wind SW strong breeze -snow & rain during the day -evening mild & moderate -night fine two services at church today -
Mon. 4 Wind very strong NW & frosty -2 Brigs passed Northward - this day

ordered by the Priest to be kept idle or Holyday because Ladyday fell on good Friday - last of the Board from Aquaforte today

Tue. 5 Wind NW to N & from thence to ESE strong breeze in the morning -evening moderate & frosty Mr. Bowman spent the evening with us Mon. 6 Wind ESE moderate -cold & frosty -ocean covered with lolly -one island of ice in sight -a boat from St. Johns for St. Mary's put in her[e], W. Neary - Treanor's coaster came in here to load hay -two sealers into Saint Johns loaded belonging to Greenspond. The [best?] roads as far in as Spout Pond there hath been during the winter for hauling -at night wind NE snowing fast. Purchased half a ton of Hay from [S.L?] Lubbock at the price there hay fetches at St. Johns less the freight of 2/ per Cwt.

Tue. 7 Wind variable from NE to NW fine weather, good roads in the woods (Service at church)

Fri. 8 Wind vble from NW to NE a very fine day good roads in the woods -boats for St. Johns loading

Sat. 9 Wind vble from NW to ESE a very fine day the ice about 6 miles E of the land two vessels in it - several ice islands passing a Schooner passing South - the men at work in the woods today

Sun. 10 Wind SW to SE Three services at the church today -free thaw -a very long flat island of ice off this place & ice all along the coast - moderate & dry

Mon. 11 Calm with thick fog and hard rain Harbour full of lolly -thawing fast

Tue. 12 Wind at West, dull but clear -the ice & lolly moving off the coast, the harbour quite clear, thawing very freely at night Wind NW light frost Wed. 13 Wind NW dull & frosty light showers of snow -Shanahan & Sanders left for St. Johns first boats from hence this year - Robert went in Quirk's boat with Clow & others at evening gentle frost, wind NNW looking dark and heavy

Thu. 14 Wind NW moderate beautiful morning sharp frost during last night -free thaw in the sun all day & strong breeze of wind -a large circle round the sun -some people working in the woods today paths not broken up, plenty of snow down No evening prayers at church

Fri. 15 Wind at east snowing fast in the morning at 9am, the ground covered by what fell this morning - clear at noon thawing a little

Sat. 16 Wind vble NW to SW good breeze fine day mild, but snow not melting very fast -at night very moderate

Sun. 17 Wind ENE snowing very fast -Services in church in forenoon -at 6pm ceased to snow -ice in sight 2 miles off

Mon. 18 Wind NW fine day thawing free in the sun -much snow down Shanahan came from St. Johns brings poor accts of sealers only 9 in -

Tue. 19 Wind NNW good breeze fine morning smart frost last night -Rec'd the blank forms from the Ct Hse St. Johns last evening per Shanahan - Robert Brothers landed things for Robert Carter Jr. from Trainer's

schooner

Wed. 20 Wind SE silver thaw in the morning at noon calm, free thaw & rain

Thu. 21 Wind NE fine, good breeze -several vessels passing Island of ice in sight craft home from St. Johns today

Fri. 22 Wind West fine warm day, free thaw -Robert came per Lion from St. Johns this morning -Heard of Mrs. Rendell's death³ -Angerona came in from the ice this evening - reports 1800 seals speaks of a very rough season & that many vessels are out of trips

Sat. 23 St. George's Day -Wind NE dull & heavy moderate at night light showers of snow & frosty -cattle yet in by night ground covered by snow, pretty deep in some places

Sun. 24 Ground covered by snow, good breeze NE wind, fine & clear but rather chilly -at 2 pm Sandwich passed North wind NNW -at night clear & frosty

Mon. 25 Wind NW cold for season -clear -Wrote A. Milroy & sent him an order & receipts for him to receive my Apl Salary

Tue. 26 Wind vble all day very fine - Angerona ready to sail for St. Johns - Rob't & Eliza going in her - Shanahan left this morning -snow going, frost at night

Wed. 27 Wind at South - Angerona left for St. Johns Robert & Eliza in her Snow towards noon silver thaw at night, packet Sandwich passed on a wind Southward at 6pm, mailboat - three Burin boats in here

Thu. 28...Wind South very heavy silver thaw every place & thing covered with it -at 2pm cleared off Wind at West & fine

Fri. 29 Wind S & West afternoon fine, a little fog in the morning -some boats belonging to Burin wind bound put out again -several flat islands of ice in sight -some vessels going North -Some boats belonging to Burin wind bound put out again

Sat. 30 Wind at West strong breeze & fine Aquaforte in sight from the ice - the snow thawing away rapidly -wheeled out what was in the yard - Brennan spread his winter fish -

1842-MAY

Sun. 1 Wind at West rather cold, a clear morning -Three services at church today, very few protestants attended service snow melting very gradually

Mon. 2 Wind at SW very moderate & fine snow going rapidly but a great deal yet in some places, smart frost this morning No doing any thing to the gardens yet - Sil Kough not at work

Tue. 3 Wind from E to NNE Snow rain & sleet then snow again, blowing very hard & freezing -ground quite covered by snow, last night John Sanders came from St. Johns brought letters from home confirming Mrs. Rendell's death on 7 Mrch last. aged 84 yrs - at noon desperate weather for May, cattle obliged to be housed

Wed. 4 Wind vble from N to SSE & E dull but mild -froze hard last night at evening snowing fast Wind SE and looking very heavy -10pm wind NE snowing

Thu. 5 Ascension Day -wind at NE strong -silver thaw & drizzling rain - service at the church this morning 7 persons attended -Shanahan came from St. Johns - Bottled the Port Wine sent by John Rendell measured eleven gallons contained in 5 doz & 9 bottles -night fine moderate & mild

Fri. 6 Wind vble from N to SW moderate and warm Angerona coming in from St. Johns - Robt & Eliza came in her left St. Johns yesterday - snow melting again

Sat. 7 Wind SW warm & mild morning and continued all day through -rain at 10pm

Sun. 8 Wind NW good breeze fine day -3 services at church this day -at night gentle frost snow nearly gone

Mon. 9 Wind SW fine day -thawing free the ground drying up a little - Robert's man began about his boat -

Tue. 10 Wind light at South, hard rain & free thaw -snow going rapidly Tim'y McCarthy at work on the Angerona to be paid for it

Wed. 11 Wind vble N to NW good breeze & showers of sleet -Junk went to St. Johns Mary Ann Berne married to Mr. Cannon last night against her [Friends?] consent -Jas Sisk at work for 2/ per day on Angerona

Thu. 12 Wind NE cold raw wind Service at church this evening

Fri. 13 Wind NE sleet & snow in the morning cold raw wind strong breeze at night looking heavy & wet

Sat. 14 Winds variable & moderate all day from NE to S -fine warm clear day -No garden seeds yet

Sun. 15 Wind at South dull with fog -Lion left for St. Johns -- Lion left for St. Johns - Letters of advice per Velocity_ having sailed for Cadiz rec'd from John & William -Mr. Bowman at Reneuse today

Mon. 16 Fine day wind at West & SW -launched the Arrow

Tue. 17 SW wind & fog moderate -fine afternoon

Wed. 18 Wind SW very fine day sat garden seeds - carrots Peas Beans, etc

Thu. 19 Wind at Southwest morning fine -afternoon foggy with showers of rain - service at church

Fri. 20 Wind vble round the compass fine day but very moderate -the morning strong breeze SW for a very short time -Caught dabs in abundance - Arrow ready for sea but crew turned out & would not sign agreements

Sat. 21 Calm morning -no fresh cod fish yet -Wind NW al noon good breeze the Arrow & Greyhound started for the Westward Norris's boat left a day or two since - Snow remaining yet in spots

Sun. 22 Wind at SW line -three services at church today

Mon. 23 Wind at E & variable -thick fog hard rain occasionally -wind at South

in the morning

Tue. 24 Wind vble NE to SW fine day but rather raw & cold -No fresh fish yet - cattle turned out by night

Wed. 25 Wind SW moderate & fine -Boone went to La Manche -Lion to Aquaforte & back -Junk to St. Johns, Robert in her - cleared Transit Coastways to St. Johns in Ballast from Reneuse

Thu. 26 Wind at South strong breeze -raining "Corpus Christi" -men keeping holiday -fair at night wind West & clear -Two vessels bound to America put in here windbound - No service at Church this evening

Fri. 27 Wind at West strong breeze -fine dry day

Sat. 28 Rev. Hoyles' subpoena for Tuesday -calm nearly -Capt. Jellard from St. Johns -Boats out again this evening but did not find a cod fish - none up to this date

Sun. 29 Calm morning thick fog -at 11 am began to snow very fast & continued until sunset the ground every where covered -Wind NE. Housed the cattle again for the night - two services at the church this day

Mon. 30 Ground yet covered by snow several inches deep - thawing - light NE wind

[Author in St. Johns for several weeks]

1842 - JUNE

Mon. 20 Returned per Lion from St. Johns -none of the western boats home yet - & little or no fish caught by small boats

Fri. 24 Wind NE No fish scarcely & no caplin to this date - Boats all in except Boone's they had about 2 Qtls each boat -

Sat. 25 Wind vble & moderate -Stafford bro't in 10 Qis fish from the offing -went out St. Johns Eve -small boats % to 1 Qtl

Sun. 26 Wind S -Mich'l Sliney from the offing with good catch of fish taken St. Johns Day - 3 services at church - Measles in Capelin Bay several laid up with it - Joe Cain home from Westward in Deveraux's boat, the first boat home this one appears well fished -

Mon. 27 Wind SE fresh breeze with rain - R'd Mackey upset a punt at [Cold— ?] point and a Boy (Mullaly) was lost

Tue. 28 Wind vble moderate -Sandwich passed southward this morning -very little fish some punts nearly 2 Qtls the best - a few caplin caught by Noms but only a few

Wed. 29 Wind SE moderate showers of rain

Thu. 30 Wind vble nearly calm all day, dry day

1842 -JULY

Fri. 1 Moderate NE wind dull-no caplin yet - boats taking very little fish - Went to Fermeuse to survey Chapel ground and remained the night - Eliza & Mary went with me in the Zephyr and walked home from

Fermeuse same evening - slept onboard

Sat. 2 Returned from Fermeuse - Wind SW several western boats home today - Coyle passed to the Southward - a cutter with white Flag with a Red Cross came in & out the Narrows two or three times & bore up for the Northward she was Mr.[Haril?]'s boat - Arrow home 1st trip since capelin scarcity - fish plenty if had bait.- {In margin} - Boat Arrow home from Westward - 140 Qtls reported

Sun. 3 Wind v'ble from NE to NW moderate fog & fair as it veered - 3 services at the church - the Cutter that was here yesterday came in again this morning with a Red flag having a mitre on it hoisted to Masthead - on enquiry found the Lord Bishop was not onboard her but had landed from Coyle's schooner at Bay Bulls during Friday night & had proceeded from there in a boat for this {ED: "this" means this place} -Capelin caught to day first of notice -

Mon. 4 Wind NW very light fine morning -Arrow's fish washing out - Wrote Mr. Brocklebank and sent him a cheque for 50/ for 5 bags com -cutter left for St. Johns in her Geo Carter4 - boats pretty well fished today, some capelin taken to day in the Harbour

Tue. 5 Wind NW strong breeze fine weather some few caplin & small fish plenty on bait - Arrow's fish spread

Wed. 6 Fine weather, strong breeze at west - small boats all baited fish plenty some boats made two trips but not general -small sized fish

Thu. 7 Wind at West fog flying occasionally the Islands of Ice diminishing but are very numerous aground at the back of the Head yet - some gone off - Salmon very scarce only 3 taken to this time in our nets

Fri. 8 Wind vble from NE to NW a very fine day -some caplin taken, boats nearly twice laden that had sufficient bait

Sat. 9 Wind vble & nearly calm -Caplin very scarce to day -Fish so small that Robert's men were in the stage until past 11 o'clock am to day - Set peas dry to fill the 3 failing rows in the garden - fish plenty, bait scarce

Sun. 10 Wind SW warm with fog. Rain during last night -a very fine warm day -3 services at church

Mon. 11 Wind NNE dull -strong breeze with light showers -no caplin this day Tue. 12 Some few salmon to day -caplin scarce

Wed. 13 Wind vble fine, strong NW in the morning - Active called off and went onboard rec'd letters & newspaper but no letter from JMR & Co {ED: Rendell}- heard James at St. Johns had the measles - the Active proceeded for Sydney wind SE 6 pm few of boats out caplin scarce

Thu. 14 Wind NE thick fog moderate -Caplin scarce - bait boats catching little or none for their boats - fish plenty if plenty of bait but small -this evening capelin have struck in more plentiful at Caplin Bay & Aquaforte

Fri. 15 Wind vble from SW to NW very warm day -Went out to look for a

vessel in the boat to send off letters to St. Johns - not one having passed close for many days - plenty of capelin in the Harbour this evening - fish not plenty

END OF BOOK 10

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Endnotes

1. A most unusual use of our present-day ss in the spelling of "passing" instead of the old English f-shaped letter.
2. Actually, the journalist miscalculated, it is five months from Nov. 1st to 31 March.
3. He is referring to his mother in law who lives in Shaldon, Devon
4. George Carter was the eldest child of Lt. Robert Carter, RN and would have been 20 years old at this time - later he became a minister.

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BOOK 11

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1842-JULY

Sat. 16 Wind NW nearly calm - a very fine morning - Measles still at Capelin Bay where they have been spreading for some time scarcely a House escaping having it among the Family - No case of it here yet - it was brought from St. Johns by Eliz'th Fitzpatrick, daughter of Jane Johnson -

Sun. 17 Fine day - 3 services at church -

Mon. 18 Went to St. Johns to see James who has had the measles found him quite well got in there 9 pm

Tue. 19 Wind v'ble all round the compass came back from St. Johns at 5 p.m. per Zephyr -fish scarce - squid & caplin plenty -N. Shean left Jno Hines

Wed. 20 Hard rain this morning - Wind SW very warm weather - opened a barrel of sugar for house use, had it from E & N Stabb in June

Thu. 21 Wind SW to West, dull morning, evening fine - a large ship brought off here this evening by Wm Williams - the Britannia Capt Cook Lpl [ED: Liverpool] to New York having been on the rocks at Chance Cove this morning in a thick fog, being salt laden when the tide rose the salt melted & she floated off the Rocks, she is nearly up to lower deck in water - the passengers 200 were sent to Reneuse in boats - the small boats were well fished to night - squids & capelin plenty, salmon scarce -

Fri. 22 Wind SW fine & moderate - Britannia in the Narrows - strong breeze during the day the warps parted & the ship drove out again to her anchor and the People gave up pumping -the mates & crew in charge at 10 pm. Ship afloat still but low in the water -

Sat. 23 Wind moderate SW -I see the hull of the ship yet afloat but totally dismasted - save who can appears to be the present plan for I see several boats out alongside - about 11 pm the ship went down - the passengers that were at Reneuse came on by land & were brought here in boats by Mr. Goodridge from Reneuse in number 205 men women & children in a most destitute state having lost their all many of them - provided stores & covered them for the night

Sun. 24 Agreed with Walsh of the Industry to take the shipwrecked people to St. Johns for 7/6 per Head for each adult with Baggage - the children free - but not to look to the Magistrates if the Government would not pay the cxpence - Mr. Morry agreed to send his schooner on same conditions - dispatched the Industry with 94 besides children - the Active came in from Sydney C.B. coal laden - sent her off again - put onboard her one woman 3 children - Three Services at the Church but few attended in consequence of the uproar in

sending away the shipwrecked people

Mon. 25 Wind South thick foggy weather, moderate

Tue. 26 Wind vble from NE to NW at evening -the Sandwich passed Southward - the passengers of the Britannia left at night in Mr. Morry's schooner for St. Johns & some of the sailors - boats yet getting some fish occasionally -

Wed. 27 Fine day - sale of Britannia's materials

Thu. 28 Fine day wind West -caplin not gone but scarce -some few squid taken today

Fri. 29 Wind at West, good breeze fine morning -squids plenty and capelin bro't from Cape Broyle by the bait boat - Greyhound home 2nd trip from Westward appears deep -

Sat. 30 Dull morning wind SW hazy out to sea -Capt. Enoch Cook his daughter, son William & remainder of passengers & crew of ship Britannia left per Shanahan's boat for St. Johns except one or two passengers ill at Mr. Bowman's - Capt. cook resides at Holmes' Hole, Martha's Vineyard, Masachussets, United States - Some punts in early with fish to day Wind strong SW at night with heavy rain -the schooner Brothers came from St. Johns in her Wm. Rendell -squids plenty this evening

Sun. 31 Wind light NE dull morning Mr. Bowman at Reneuse to day -at evening dull with drops of rain

1842 - AUGUST

Mon. 1 Wind South moderate with thick small rain Rec'd 4 abstract cash book forms from Court House and filled up one for midsummer Qtr -ready forward to St. Johns first opp'y - squids plenty the islands of ice not yet broken all up

Tue. 2 Wind SW foggy at sea a deal sultry heat good breeze SW inside, South outside boats all at sea -hard rain in showers with distant thunder -afternoon very wet -boats from 2 to 3 Qtls ea -herrings plenty squids in abundance - Wrote my mother to day -

Wed. 3 Calm dull morning with showers of rain -fish rather scarce squids plenty - John Shanahan came home from St. Johns -wind moderate with heavy showers of rain

Thu. 4 Wind NW a very fine day -several of the boats home from the Westward very little fish catching., some herrings caught by C. Boone - Went on Isle du Bois to tea - at J H Carter's to supper - the Bay folks selves & visitors etc.

Fri. 5 Wind NW fine morning & continued all day At evening Arrow came in from Westward 2nd trip - M'l. Kough & other boats came from the Bank with from 10 - 15 Qtls [round?] fish large

Sat. 6 During the past night torrents of rain fell for a short time -this morning very fine & clear Wind NW - Wrote Brocklebank to say I would pay George Fowler of Round Cove £4 curr'y & he to deposit as much in the Bank for me at St. Johns

Sun. 7 A very fine warm day - Therm. 93 in the Sun Wind moderate NW -no service

at church Mr. Bowman complaining of being weak

Mon. 8 Wind NW & variable fine day Fish & Squids plenty also Herrings

Tue. 9 Wind variable & light left for St. Johns in the Zephyr last evening and came back overland - hard rain at 11 pm - having taken a hand at the oars to get back very wet -

Wed. 10 Thick fog this morning -left again at 1 pm for St. Johns and proceeded with S & SW wind so far as Cape Liddick took the wind NE and returned home again - an immense number of pot heads or squid heads about

Thu. 11 Wind NE strong breeze -fine cool day -boats all now in from North -the Sparta frigate came off here and landed Bishop Spencer & daughter - went to Capelin Bay with them -

Fri. 12 Wind NE in the morning at 2pm South -fine day - took the Bishop his daughter, & servant, M Lightburn & Mr Bowman to Reneuse in Zephyr & returned

Sat. 13 Fine day -wind WNW good breeze. The Bishop, Mr. Lightburn, Miss Emily Spencer & Wm Rendell dined with me - Mr & Mrs. Bowman & Miss Moorhouse S. Tullock & others came to tea etc. Little fish catching by the small boats -

Sun. 14 Wind SW looking rather inclined for change -It is intended by the Lord Bishop to consecrate the Church to day, hold confirmation & administer the Holy Sacrament. - there were present 52 communicants - 52 received the Sacrament & there were at church in the morning about 130 - two services, consecration in the forenoon and confirmation in the afternoon - Sermons by the Lord Bishop both times -

Mon. 15 Calm foggy morning Wind NE in the evening-Downey from St. Johns brings accounts of 16 Spanish vessels having arrived there to fish - measles yet prevalent there - the boats all in today being Holiday with the R.C. fishermen -

Tue. 16 Wind NE good breeze clear, but looking very like a continuance of this wind -the boats not out this day wanting bait -The John McAdam steamer came in from St. Johns today with about 50 or 60 ladies & gentlemen onboard & remained for 4 hours & left again for St. Johns, wind NE - Eliza & Fanny went in her under James' care - the first steam boat ever into this harbour - steamer started for St. Johns at 4 pm reached St. Johns at 11 pm Eliza & Fanny in her -

Wed. 17 Foggy calm morning Wind South at noon -left in the Zephyr for St. Johns in company with the Ella cutter belonging to Henry Harvey Esq'r son of the Governor -

Thu. 18 Wind South thick fog nearly calm all day -at 5 pm got into St. Johns & went to Regatta on Quidi Vidi lake - slept on board the boat this night - noon clear evening foggy

Fri. 19 Wind at E left St. Johns at 7 am -the wind brought us to Petit Harbour Bay

& became calm and so remained all night - rowed sometimes

Sat. 20 Light SW wind thick fog, worked up to this place by 2 pm when it came clear

Sun. 21 No service at Church, Mr. Bowman at Reneuse - wind south thick fog & clear at times, hard rain during the forenoon evening more clear, but damp & sultry & nearly calm -a schooner passed supposed to be the Charles Buchan Halifax Mail Boat

Mon. 22 Wind NE good breeze fine dry day -all hands employed about the hay, etc. very little fish caught today no salmon the ice islands all gone at last today Fish scarce & squids scarce here but at Cape Broyle plentiful - plenty of herrings

Tue. 23 Dull day Wind NE & ENE very moderate little doing in fishery by the small boats

Wed. 24 Wind South & SW to West, fine with fog at intervals -fish scarce -a boat race this day by amateurs

Thu. 25 A very fine day -wind good breeze at West Fish scarce Squid plentiful

Fri. 26 Wind at W to NW very fine warm day -the Boats home well fished from the Bank -the John McAdam steamer passed south at 5 pm - appeared to go fast - housed the first hay this day

Sat. 27 Wind vble nearly calm all day toward night mizzling rain -wind at South light airs -squids plenty fish scarce

Sun. 28 Wind SE moderate & fine -three services at church this day -large shoals of herrings playing up in the harbour -at night dark, looking for change

Mon. 29 Wind at South, moderate, with heavy rain and fog passing out over the land - just continuance of heavy rain all day -Norris in the Brothers put out for St. Johns & put back again - boats all in to day

Tue. 30 Wind SW thick fog & mizzling rain, no boats out fishing

Wed. 31 Painting and papering the office and attending Court House on Noonan's Affairs before Mr. Winser and Mr. Morry the Arbitrators -

1842 - SEPTEMBER

Thu. 1 same as Aug.31

Fri. 2 same as above

Sat. 3 same as above - finished on Saturday -Friday & to day fine days put dry fish in store -

Sun. 4 Wind WSW strong breeze & heavy clouds passing under the sun -a vessel like the Charles Buchan passed Northward at 6 am - strong breeze during chief part of the day -at night moderate & fine, heavy showers of rain about noon -two services at church morning & afternoon -Arrow in Capelin Bay -

Mon. 5 Wind SW fine day -Shanahan & Brothers home from St. Johns - attended at Court House on the Arbitrators, Messrs Winser & Morry in the cause Nunan v Carters - a/c approved to 1821 - Lease of Pool Room admitted -

Tue. 6 SW wind with mizzling rain, moderate breeze looking for an increase of wind

-the fishery appears quite up by the small boats they get no fish although squid & herring are plentiful -hard rain during the day. Mary Parrel's child buried

Wed. 7 Wind NW dark & threatening -at 10am cleared off very fine -Lion left for St. Johns Miss Moorhouse in her - wrote to Miss Rendell by the Lion - fishery appears quite at an end with the small boats - sent cream to Mrs. Hoyles by John Sanders punt this evening

Thu. 8 Wind SW strong breeze dry morning -the last of Hay brought in - kidney beans plenty to gather -dull with strong breezes from WSW

Fri. 9 Very strong breeze NNW showers of rain during the forenoon & very fine between them -a rainbow early this morning soon after strong breezes pushed up to strong gale -Shanahan back from St. Johns - [Mich'l Beber?] left for St. Johns wrote to my mother by this boat - Arrow came in 3rd trip ab't 70 or 80 Qtl

Sat. 10 Wind West moderate dull morning -Agreed with Tho's Payne for him to tow the Britannia's long boat to St. Johns for Mr. Rendell for 15/- curr'y -put onboard her the Zephyr's anchor & 46 [foot?] blade & 24 [foot?] large hawser - a sheet of Britannia's - & wrote Mr. Rendell - Circuit vessel passed southward to day -

Sun. 11 Wind NE dark chilly morning the approach of fall -the craft bound to St. Johns stopped by this wind -several craft returned from St. Johns this day - two services at the church only today - James Langley at Capelin Bay in Snipefish

Mon. 12 Wind NW moderate dull -at 10 pm wind South Shanahan for St. Johns today -rain at 1 lam & all the day through, Arrow went away for bait -herrings & squids in some places plenty

Tue. 13 Wind NNE good breeze fine morning afternoon showers of rain -walked over to Reneuse & slept at Mr. Goodridge's -

Wed. 14 Rain & fog with NE & ENE wind spent the day at Reneuse -went up the river and gathered some Hazel Nuts in company with Jn Goodridge & Wm. Kelligrew

Thu. 15 Wind vble from NW all round the compass -dry clear fine day walked home to dinner from Reneuse -evening fine

Fri. 16 Wind from SW to ENE -during the day a fine dry day and moderate -Hearn & the Arrow left Caplin Bay for the Westward with some herrings for bait Several boats taking in fish for Saint Johns -small boats doing scarcely any thing

Sat. 17 Wind from SE to ENE and back to SSE moderate and dull with rain towards the evening -Boat Arrow home no fish or bait

Sun. 18 Wind very light at South -hard rain, very dull & heavy -two services at the church this day few people at church owing to wetness of the day

Mon. 19 Fine day wind variable many craft passing Northward & Southward Wind

NW -the Lion left about 1 pm & [Mr?] Kehoe for St. Johns - Robert went in the Lion with his uncle & others - brought the sheep off little Isle du Bois - Jude Bryan at work to day on the Angerona first day at her. Arrow at home not bait to go away - Some snipefish caught here & up the Bay. Fanny returned from St. Johns in the Brothers arr'd ab't 4 am on Tuesday morning Tue.20 Wind NE to SE during this day -the Arrow left for the Westward -hard rain towards afternoon -hauled up the Zephyr on the platform -at night blowing hard at SSE with very hard rain -the sch'r Brothers from St. Johns 4 pm today -Jude Bryan John Carroll at work 1st day

Wed. 21 Wind at West strong breeze dull heavy clouds -Mr. Holdsworth's shop & store goods sold at public auction today -afternoon dry wind moderate at NW, at night moderate & fine. -Jude Bryan

Thu. 22 Wind at S & SW all day -fine throughout -the Sandwich passed N about 10 am with the mail from Halifax & must have English dates to 4th Ins't. some herrings caught today in nets -Jude Bryan, John Carroll

Fri. 23 The past night hath been windy with very heavy rain -this morning rainy & wind South good breeze -at 11am cleared away & the wind came off the land, afternoon fine -Jude Bryan, Carroll not

Sat. 24 Calm morning dull with light showers of rain -more clear at noon at 4pm wind at West & fine -the Arrow gone up Caplin Bay from Cape Broyle -some fish catching by some boats whose crews are attentive in following it up - Brig Aquaforte Capt. Winser sailed for St. Johns to land fish for Portugal to return - Jude Bryan & John Carroll at work

Sun. 25 Wind SW moderate and clear -Mr. Bowman gone to Reneuse consequently no service at church here - evening fine went up Capelin Bay -

Mon. 26 Wind NNE fine & moderate several craft come home from St. Johns -at noon rain & wind at ESE and continued all the day -Robert returned from St. Johns in the Lion - Carroll & Bryan at work

Tue. 27 Wind at NE dry & dull good breeze Light showers during the forenoon - afternoon fine -Arrow came in to be laid up & her crew discharged - and moored off the stage head -small boats 2 to 3 Qtls fish Carroll & Bryan at work

Wed. 28 Wind SW strong breeze -Joe Cain in Devereux's Western boat home with 20 Qtls from Bank left this last Monday -strong breeze at night Not much fish today bait scarce Carroll & Jude Bryan

Thu. 29 Wind SW strong breeze & moist -some herrings taken this morning in nets - afternoon more moderate Wind W and something clearer & dry

Fri. 30 Wind NNW strong breeze fine morning -at 10am hard rain and so continued all day with very strong breeze from NW & heavy sea on the rocks -Several boats between Cape Broyle & the Harbour, blowing very hard NNW & clear

1842 - OCTOBER

Sat. 1 Strong breeze NW with dark clouds over the land -Sent Batcock & Sullivan their a/cts
Sun. 2 Wind at NW to West, moderate a remarkably fine day throughout -At 9 am towed off the long boat alongside the sch'r Active for St. Johns, she passing from Placentia - Shanahan in from St. Johns last night & Mr. Goodridge here from Reneuse who returned again today - wrote Wm Rendell Jr. per Active - No evening service at church - John Sanders left for St. Johns
Mon. 3 Thick fog with light winds from S & SW heavy rain nearly all the day through -Capt. Jellard returned from St. Johns during the night past - Mr. Goodridge here from Reneuse -at night calm looking dark & heavy, the boats caught from 2 to 3 Qtls fish on herrings today
Tue. 4 Wind SW fine clear day -considerable quantities of herrings taken in nets today & codfish very plenty, those having plenty of bait taking from 2 to 4 Qtls -Sent away the clerk of the Peace's Return to the Secretary's office directed to Mr. Crowdy - Rode on Meg to Caplin Bay
Wed. 5 Wind vble from SW to NE moderate fine morning but showery towards noon & after -Went to Brigus & Cape Broyle and returned the first time on Horseback - found the roads bad
Thu. 6 Wind NNE. Mr. Winser canvassing & parading the place with a flag "The Tyrants' foe the People's Friend" - moderate & dull - went to Fermeuse to take an a/c of the fishery and to Reneuse in the evening & slept at Mr. Goodridge's the night -two cases of [merchant Aft?]
Fri. 7 Wind NE to NW -dull morning evening fine Returned from Reneuse about 6 pm
Sat. 8 Wind SW moderate and fine, at noon NW -the Charles Buchan passed northward (Mail Boat) Evening very fine a good deal doing with dry fish
Sun. 9 Wind at West dull & moderate several boats left last night for Saint Johns -at noon wind NW strong breeze -Three services at the church - the first evening service for a long time, very few attended
Mon. 10 Wind SSW strong breeze with rain -The Avalon from Reneuse coming in at 8 am -Mr. Luke Brown came before me today with John Hines and stated that Terrence Tool told him that he caught Wm Shean cutting John Hines's fish tails on the stage head some days before Hines caught Shean & will come forward to prove it if required - Mr. Glen arrived here by land this evening - John Holehan & Philip Jackman came before me the latter to make affidavit to the execution of a deed of gift by the former of lands etc at Reneuse to James [Foley?] & others - deed dated in April 1842 - Property all given away -Witnesses: Geo. Jackman & Philip Jackman
Tue. 11 Wind at moderate and fine -smart hoar frost Mr. Glen canvassing for votes against the day of Election - a good day for dry fish - some boats laden -& away for St. Johns this evening
Wed. 12 Wind SW strong breeze dry morning -this day is the anniversary of my birth

day I now complete my 52nd year and am, thank God strong & well for my Age which may God continue as is long as he pleases I am to remain in this world -At noon rain accompanied Mr. Glen as far as the Aquafort Ferry in company with his committee and several voters on his way south to canvass the district preparatory to ensuing election - Went to Capelin Bay in the evening to get my CoH:No.63 signed and returned after night - hard rain & blowing hard from the Southward

Thu. 13 Wind SW blowing strong, showery in the morning -commenced to dig potatoes at the back of the cookroom -the Avalon left for Fermeuse & was obliged to put back into Capelin Bay - Wrote J. Templeman Esq're and sent him a sample of [sketches?] for sample for Agricultural Society -Jude Bryan at Rails for Grange

Fri. 14 Wind NNE strong breeze, fine dry morning but showers in the afternoon - Several boats home from St. Johns, orders to take the List of Voters brought this day - ordered Sullivan to paste up List of Ferry land voters against chapel door who was prevented by Martin Conway per complaint -Mr. Glen returned from Reneuse - Angerona drove from her anchors but another anchor was put out - Issued notices for voters to claim before the 21st October - List to be made before first November - Jude Bryan not at Angerona

Sat. 15 Wind NE moderate dull -Sent of List of Voters & notices to E. Power and Hy Coryear by Mr. Norris with Letters of Instructions how to proceed - about 11 am Martin Conway came and delivered himself up to me to abide the consequences of his proceedings last evening

Sun. 16 Wind SSW strong breeze dark & heavy -the Lion left during last night, Mrs. Bowman and her two sons in her for St. Johns on their way to England - No service at church to day - Mr. Glen left for the northern Division yesterday morning by land - Mr. Morry & Matthew his son came from Capelin Bay this evening making great complaints of turbulent and unruly conduct by Foote, Cains, Bolan & Rositer at Capelin Bay - no written complaint was made - at night hard rain and dark cloudy W'r

Mon. 17 Wind NE light air, thick fog -put up this notice - A Court of Revision of Voters is now open at my office between the hours of 10 & 2 daily and will be so continued untill further notice Where all persons interested and authorised may attend to establish their claim to be placed on the List of Voters or object to any voter placed on said List in accordance to Act 4 Wm 4 cap 15 Sept 2 - Ferry land 17 Oct 1842

Tue. 18 Wind moderate SW showers of rain, Keogh left lor St. Johns - Perriman came to complain of Winsor knocking down his fence at Aquaforte, not officially - declared he would go to Mr. Clow if he wished any thing to be done in the complaint - heard no more this day of it -

Wed. 19 Calm with thick fog & mizzling rain -at night same sort of weather

Thu. 20 SW wind thick wet fog, moderate breeze -at night something clear when the moon rose
Fri. 21 SW wind thick fog & small rain -Rec'd List of Voters from Mr. Coryear Cape Broyle -at night dark gloomy weather with a great sea making in upon the land
Sat. 22 Strong breeze NNE hard rain, with a great sea making and remarkably high tide -at noon strong breeze from NW & rain Stuck up a notice that the Court for the Revision of Voters would close on Monday 24 Inst.
Sun. 23 Wind SW good breeze -clear, dry day but hazy on the sea -several craft passing -Service at the church only in the forenoon - Circuit Vessel arrived at Caplin Bay this evening - prayers of congregation asked in church today for Mrs. Bowman & family on passage to England
Mon. 24 Wind SSW dark and heavy looking with considerable swell along the coast - Objections delivered at 10 am against voters by James H Carter -Judge DesBarres came down from the Bay with Geo Simms and returned there again - very hard rain nearly all the day -gave Mr Clow the List of Voters to enter on the Records - Closed Court of Revision for Ferryland.
Tue. 25 Wind moderate at West -dull morning -clear at noon and dry afternoon
Wed. 26 Calm morning looking rather heavy & dull Richard Sanders home from Saint Johns. - Circuit Court opened to day & closed at 11 am - Judge DesBarres Goodridge Simms, Morry & my brother dined with me - sent by Trainer & Jackman lists of rejected voters for Reneuse & Fermeuse -
Thu. 27 Wind SW good breeze looking dark -Kehoe home from Saint Johns - no business done in the Court this day -
Fri. 28 Court held this day - Grand Jury met Wind SSW thick fog, moderate -Rec'd a Notice of Appeal from Peter Winser
Sat. 29 Wind NE strong breeze dry & clear but not fine Circuit Court still sitting daily with little business to do - Brothers & Lion from St. Johns - Miss Morry came home in the former -
Sun. 30 Wind NNE wet sleety morning dry & cold rather the remainder of the day - Morning service at the church & the Sacrament administered -
Mon. 31 Wind NNE smart frost in the night, morning fine -dry day - every one busy at fish -

1842 - NOVEMBER

Tue. 1 Calm morning light frost last night -Court opened this day one criminal case tried. Galway & Saunders - latter acquitted by a special Jury at night wind SW, dull
Wed. 2 Moderate breeze from SW with small rain -at noon WSW clearer -the Circuit Vessel ("The Lady of the Lake, Taylor") sailed for St. Johns having closed the Court at Noon. - Sent List of Voters per Geo. Simms
Thu. 3 Wind light from NE smart white frost last night, at noon breezing up strong

looking wind -some vessels passing along Northward Wind ENE Wind more to the East at night blowing strong

Fri. 4 Wind at ESE blowing hard and raining very heavy, with a tremendous sea coming in upon the land. Robert's new punt knocked to pieces -

Sat. 5 Wind NE strong breeze with a very heavy sea on -dark gloomy weather Stapleton going off by land - afternoon hard rain, blowing strong gale -at night raining & blowing very much

Sun. 6 Wind NE moderate thick fog sea subsiding -Two services at the church this day -thick fog & rain all day but mild

Mon. 7 Wind W something clearer than yesterday fog & showers coming out over the land. Robert loaded in part the Arrow for St. Johns between the showers -Mr. Morry & Mr. Winser sat upon Nunan's affairs and went over the Boundaries on the hill side of it -

Tue. 8 Wind NNW with showers of sleet very moderate the Arrow left & Robert in her this morning at 2 am -showers up to noon Afternoon fine night very fine

Wed. 9 Wind NE moderate -drizzling rain all day -John Shanahan came from Saint Johns. -

Thu. 10 Wind NE good breeze with showers of rain Issued receipt returnable 28 Nov (Monday) this day - placed in Mr. Clow's office in the afternoon -

Fri. 11 Wind ENE strong breeze with showers of sleet & snow -sent away half Barrel of salmon to Shaldon per Arrow to JMR & Co. care -

Sat. 12 Wind NE strong breeze clear & cold. Housed the carrots for the winter

Sun. 13 Wind NE moderate with dark gloomy weather, heavy sea on the land Mr. Bowman at Reneuse today - The Transit left for Reneuse this morning - the Arrow Thos Sanders & John Gregory came from St. Johns this evening - Robert in the former

Mon. 14 Wind NE moderate & dry, afternoon wet

Tue. 15 Wind NE blowing hard with showers of rain -afternoon same sort of weather & nothing doing

Wed. 16 Wind NE strong breeze dark and gloomy & wet

Thu. 17 Wind NE good breeze -night snow showers & dry between, heavy sea on the rocks still

Fri. 18 Wind NE moderate -dry day & fine at intervals cloudy towards afternoon People moving about the fish on the flakes

Sat. 19 During last night the wind came from the SSW with hard rain & blew strong and continues so this morning

Sun. 20 Wind SW moderate and clear but not very fine -two services at the church. Lion & others left for St. Johns -frost at night

Mon. 21 Wind SW moderate smart frost in the night Eliza came home from St. Johns she came to Reneuse in Mr. Goodridge's Avalon and here this morning - some cases at Court House this morning see "Book" - Mich'l Keogh's boat left for St. Johns

Tue. 22 Wind SW moderate slight sprinkling of snow on the ground with frost in the night
Wed. 23 Wind at WNW moderate & dull Frost last night -several vessels passing Northward all this day -
took the sheep in from off Goose Island today
Thu. 24 Wind NNW moderate a remarkably fine day throughout the finest for many weeks smart frost
during last night
Fri. 25 Wind from E to NE very strong gale with considerable fall of snow but mild
Sat. 26 Light air from NE fine mild morning Light frost during the night -at the Court House this day to
meet the Arbitrators on Nunan's Affairs - evidence examined
Sun. 27 Wind NW fine clear fresh morning -Morning & afternoon service at church the afternoon service to
commence at halfpast two o'clock until the end of January next - Deveraux's boat left for St. Johns at
evening - dull & calm
Mon. 28 Wind SW strong breeze and cloudy, hard rain during last night with strong breeze of wind from E
or SE quarter Gen'l Qr. Sessions of the Peace to day - John Goodridge slept at my House
Tue. 29 Wind NNW strong breeze all day with showers of snow -pretty much snow down obliged to house
the cattle for several nights -
Wed. 30 Wind NE strong breeze & heavy sea Several of the boats home from St. Johns. Light showers of
snow all this day -

1842 - DECEMBER

Thu. 1 Calm morning and dull, sea much gone down no frost scarcely last night - So much sea in the
narrows last evening the Lion coaster could not venture to enter them - Capt. Jellard purchased Sch'r
Symmetry at St. Johns, £950. - heavy gale at NNE at night in harbour -
Fri. 2 Wind NE strong breeze with heavy sea on the land Misty with sleet occasionally Mr. Evans passed for
Reneuse having walked from Cape Broyle having [narrowly?] escaped wreck near Brigus - Nunan's receipt
found by JHC - Subpoena for Brazels case rec'd this evening -
Sat. 3 Wind NNE good breeze fine day frosty last night heavy sea upon rocks - accounts rec'd from
Fermeuse of the loss of Trainor's Sch'r & all Hands except Trainor & one man coming from St. Johns on
Thursday night lost in Harbour's Mouth of Fermeuse on a Rock there. -
Sun. 4 Wind ESE snowing fast blowing fresh breeze -M'l Kehoe came from St. Johns during last night No
service at Church today -evening clear & moderate Mon. 5 Wind at SW moderate & dull morning slight frost
last night Court of G'l Q'r Sessions holden today -present Mr. Winser Mr. Morry and self, see Sessions Book -
Went to Capelin Bay this evening and embarked during the night for St. Johns in Sch'r Brothers and arrived
at St. Johns Wednesday morning 2 am {At St. John's:}
Tue. 6 Attended at Government House, Co. House

Wed. 7 Court House this day nearly all day -

Thu. 8 Got permission to leave for home by being examined "de bene [esse?] which was done by Mr. Archibald at night in Nunan & Brazel & finished at 9 pm - and left St. Johns

Fri. 9 on Friday morning at 10 am with the man hired as messenger to bring in the Writ for Gen'l Election - walked to Bay Bulls & arrived at night settled officers for election etc. there, and left next day

Sat. 10 for Toad's Cove, got there in time to go to Baliene to appoint Step'n Gatherall Jr. and left next day -

Sun. 11 and with great difficulty got to Coryear's late at night - met Mr. Morry, Jas H Carter & others at La Manche Woods labouring on in dreadful hard walking - {In the margin: No service at the church this day}

Mon. 12 Left Cape Broyle on Monday & got home to dinner, the walking better - [Howley's?] Eliza lost at Cape Broyle on Saturday night, crew safe -

Tue. 13 Fair sharp frosty morning, wind N.

Wed. 14 Wind NE & E & SW with snow, The day for nominating candidates for Members took place at the Hustings at Sullivan's - Mr. Winser by Brazel - Mr. Glen by A. Goodridge Esq. People in attendance on Mr. Winser & the two priests rather noisy when Goodridge spoke & would not hear him - Winser spoke in his address but soon left.

Thu. 15 Wind NE with snow in the morning at noon clear Killed a cow - the Reneuse gentlemen who came yesterday gone home

Fri. 16 Wind moderate at SW Winser left for Bay Bulls district electioneering - other craft went North - Mr. Morry's Schooner came in from Capelin Bay and landed some things from St. Johns for me -

Sat. 17 Wind SW moderate fine morning dull at noon, at night thick rain and free thaw Sliney took in fish for Robert. -It appears to be brewing a great change -James Dutton shoed the Horse, could not get it done sooner the Smith having left -

Sun. 18 Moderate winds from N had a fine day slight frost but not at all cold -service at church in the forenoon only this day - Mr. Bowman very slack in discharge of his clerical duty - Messrs. J H Carter, Morry, Jellard & White came from St. Johns overland -snow at night.

Mon. 19 Wind light SW clear day -dispatched Robert & Sydney Sullock for Cape Broyle. Poll booth ready for tomorrow morning Brennen, Keogh & Deveraux only today putting their Jacks on shore to haul up -

Tue. 20 Left early this morning to prepare for the Election the Poll Booth opening at 7 am - fine moderate morning frosty & clear - at 10 am snowing fast, wind SW - Sliney left for St. Johns - attended at the Poll Station from 8 am to 4 pm polling votes - polled 19 for Glen 81 for Winser at this time poll closed - Wind NW snowing and drifting very much with hard frost. Sydney S. Sullock frostbitten in the left Hand coming across Cape Broyle Barrens with

Robert this evening very severely -

Wed. 21 Wind SW moderate and mild the Schooner Avalon belonging to Mr. Goodridge called off here on her way to St. Johns - Robert my Brother & Mr. Morry went onboard her - Mr. Bowman called in this evening -

Thu. 22 Wind S dry day towards night free thaw blowing hard Rec'd Bay Bulls & Toad's Cove dispatches from the Election there -

Fri. 23 Wind S. foggy hard rain all night free thaw all day snow going fast - went to the Hustings to day & opened the Poll Books in public, made up the Polls & declared Thos Glen elected by majority of 29 - made up dispatches for Gov. House & delivered them to Comerford the messenger, securely packed and sealed, towards evening -

| Place | W[Winser] | G[Glen] |
|--------------|-----------|---------|
| Ferryland | 81 | 19 |
| Cape Broyle | 45 | 1 |
| Reneuse | 117 | 13 |
| Toads Cove | 10 | 60 |
| Whitless Bay | 3 | 98 |
| Bay Bulls | 2 | 95 |
| | 258 | 287 |

Majority 29 in fav'r of Glen -

Sat. 24 Christmas Eve comes in with strong gale of wind SW with very hard Rain and thawing so freely that all the snow on the ground and which was a great quantity has been thawed away during the night and the fields laid quite bare -at noon wind NE raining and thawing still, at-night thick fog and light wind Comerford the Election Messenger kept by the weather from leaving for St. Johns

Sun. 25 Christmass Eve {ED: too much Xmas cheer?} Wind N smart frost & clear moderate breeze -ground quite hard & snow in small quantity has fallen in the night Comerford left this day - morning service at the church this day only no stove being up there yet -

Mon. 26 Wind SW moderate Boats home from St. Johns, [Jno?] Shanahan R'd Dullanty & Mr. LeMessurier's schooner-The Dutches of Beaufort no account of Mich'l Sliney's boat that left for St. Johns last Tuesday at noon -at night moderate from Westward & light frosty evening looking heavy

Tue. 27 Wind North, very moderate with snow gentle frost last night Sent John Keefe in the woods the first time today - Mr. Winser, Dan Henry & John came to day to attest some papers which they did as well also Robert [Hutchings?] they had reference to the late election - Mr. Winser declared he would bear me harmless if in attesting these papers I should commit myself under the Act

relating to oaths -

Wed. 28 Wind NE moderate blinking snow moderate frost Rich'd Sanders came in from St. Johns - at 4 pm the Schooner Devon Capt. Payne 35 days from Oporto put in bound to St. Johns - having met damage & lost one man -

Thu. 29 Wind NE strong breeze with thick snow showers. Lion came in from St. Johns last night - a Brig stood in from Cape Broyle with colors at fore topmasthead -she did not come near enough to be hailed - tacked & stood out to sea again - several men passed along to day part of a crew of a vessel wrecked back of Trepassey -at night more moderate & clear over head

Fri. 30 Wind NE moderate snow mild some more shipwrecked men & women from another vessel lost near Trepassey passed along towards St. Johns - those vessels belong to St. Johns & were bound to Sydney & Placentia Bay - Wrote Mr. Crowdy under cover to Elias Rendell respecting having sworn Mr. Winser & others to the Affidavits respecting the Election, stating that I considered it extra judicial & that I knew nothing of the Contents of the Documents - that movements now making to upset the Election etc etc and mentioning the shipwrecked people and requesting he would speak to the Governor on the subjects to try to get funds placed at the disposal of some persons to be applied as circumstances may occur -

Sat. 31 Wind SSE strong breeze, clear & cold - towards 2 pm hail & snow & rain with thick fog and wind at South - Mr. Stephenson lodged complaint against the Berrigans of Reneuse for assaulting him whilst in the execution of his duty at Reneuse -

This ends another year, one in which the fishery hath been unproductive, the prices low and markets unprofitable - many foreigners took many fish from St. Johns or it would have been of less value - the Cull there beyond all bounds & severe Provisions have been plentiful through the year prices have ranged for Bread 18/ to 21/, Flour 28/ to 38/6, Am'n Pork 35/ to 47/6 - Molases 1/4 to 1/8, Butter 9 to 11, Tea 2/9 to 3/3 per package [-?], Oil from £30 to 32 per Imp'l ton, - The Revenue Act Colonial expired on 1st July all duty since not collected - No House of Assembly to enact a new Bill - Constitution altered and I wish I could say improved General Election took place on 20 Dec'r in all places at same time -Conservatives appear to be in majority

The gales this fall have been very severe attended with much shipwreck & loss of life all along the coast, many coasters, boats and vessels totally destroyed & many crews also

It has been an extraordinary year for wonderful events, war in India & China settled -Boundary question with America set at rest -Niger Expedition relinquished & the few survivors returned home -The Boers at Cape Natal near Cape of Good Hope rebelled and again [-?] Sir Thos Cochrane made Admiral & sent to China to which place he arrived in 97 days the shortest passage ever made in sailing vessel

Berries & fruits more abundant than ever known or at least for many years, potato crop good Cattle cheaper at St. Johns in Aug't than known before, good oxen sold for from

40/- to 80/- each & cows lower, Beef 2 & 2*/2/w at auction Potatoes 2/3 per Bl, Oats 1/8 & 2/ per bush'l Turnips 6/ per [-?]

It hath been upon the whole a most unusual and extraordinary year -ice islands on the coast very numerous last Sep'r & once again in Dec'r long flat islands many miles in extent

A steamer visited this port in August the first that ever came into it, remained a few hours only -Halifax line of steamers seen occasionally very near our coasts -But one vessel with a cargo from England or foreign entered any port in this district this year -Mr. Ab'm LeMessurier & Dr. O'Dwyer commenced business as merchants in Ferryland -Mr. Holdworth's concern closed, trade gone almost to nothing in the District - No account of Sliney's boat it is doubtful if they did not perish on the night of 20 Dec'r -Heavy falls of snow in November without frost & it held so untill Xmass Eve when a free thaw took all the snow away & left the land bare

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1843, JANUARY

Sun. 1 New Year's Day comes in with the wind at West moderate breeze, the ground quite free from snow and but little frost in the ground though the Ponds are fast & passable, the Gullies are all open - free thaw last night - the Schooner Devon left for St. Johns this morning having been here windbound since last Wednesday evening - service morning & afternoon at church and sacrament administered to 19 - Brig Aquaforte went into Aquaforte last night 6 weeks from Figueira - George Carter & a son of Doctor Tremlett's called here this morning, staying at Mrs. Carter's [ED NOTE: George Buchan Carter], Sydney Sullock dined with me -at night snow falling & dark weather Warrants for the Berrigans sent for signature about 9 pm this night.

Mon. 2 Wind N West & blinking snow, frost Went to Aquaforte & boarded the Brig Aquaforte, Hy Winser Master from Figueira - Shanahan loading fish for St. Johns in his Jack for Doctor O'Dwyer -

Tue. 3 Strong breeze SW wind, snow in the morning a fine thaw early in forenoon At night very hard rain & free thaw -I delivered to Capt Jellard the Protest for the Aquaforte to be delivered Capt. Winser

Wed. 4 Wind vble moderate from S to NW dry -a Brig passed North & Shanahan left for Saint Johns -much rain last night snow nearly all washed away again - Robert returned from St. Johns by land

Thu. 5 Calm fine morning gentle frost last night Wind at West all day moderate, a sch'r with 3 masts passed Northward

Fri. 6 Very fine morning, gentle frost last night Wind SW & moderate ground quite clear from snow -Sent my watch by Cap Jellard to St. Johns to be repaired & put in order.

Sat. 7 Wind NE fine day good breeze, slight frost last night, ground clear of snow - John Goodridge passed through from St. Johns by land -Sullivan &

Constables back from Reneuse could not execute the Warrant -

Sun. 8 Wind NE moderate & thawing freely -at evening thick fog at 10pm quite clear & moon & stars very bright -two services at the church this day - no fire lighted there

Mon. 9 Calm morning, a hase over the land -a hoar frost last night -at the Court House to-day, Gregory & Cannon -A very fine moderate & mild day throughout

Tue. 10 Moderate nearly calm, as mild as June and clear, with bank of fog at sea as in summer Wrote at Mr. Morry's request to P Winser to say that he (Mr. Morry) is ready to go into the Arbitration between Nunan & Carter's whenever it shall suit - PW Esq to attend at Ferryland for that purpose. - dated 9 Jan'y, 1843. - at night mild with fog

Wed. 11 Wind South with fog. The Avalon appeared in sight off Capelin Bay. Delivered to John White Mr. P. Wright's lease of Room and receipt on it for the interest -

Thu. 12 Wind NE with thick haze on the hills no frost quite as mild as May or June & like it in appearance. Hove down the Angerona on one side & [payed?] it up as well as in summer - at night thick foggy weather

Fri. 13 Wind SW moderate -rain during the night all appearance of winter thawed away, at night same extraordinary weather - John Shanahan (Junk) came in during last night from St. Johns - brought no letters or a/c of Sliney -

Sat. 14 Wind SW very moist soft weather. Wrote Mr. J W Sanders that I could not place the jurat at foot of Mrs. Saunder's Certificate unless I were present to see her swear to it - Mr. Bowman left for Reneuse I sent the letter by him & wrote Mr. Goodridge to urge Jackman on to apprehend Wm Berrigan - Constable returned from Reneuse again last night without the Berrigans -

Sun. 15 Wind at West dull and dry but not frosty Mr. Bowman at Reneuse to day - at night Wind NW light showers of snow & fine

Mon. 16 Wind SW moderate ground covered with snow, light frost last night snow freezing

Tue. 17 Wind NNW smart frost fine morning -At 9 am today died Mr. Rob't Pitt a native of Devonshire residing in this place since 1802 a Blacksmith aged about 70 years, an old and respectable inhabitant - and at Reneuse last night Garnet Dalton aged 90 years, a very old inhabitant of Ferryland and a man who was universally esteemed by all who knew him, he was the father of a large family scattered about this district, several of them dead - he was a native of Ireland & came early in life to this Island -[Note in Margin:] G. Dalton's death not correct -

Wed. 18 Wind vble from NW to West, moderate a fine day smart frost -towards evening some small quantity of snow fell -Ordered Sullivan and the Constables to go to Reneuse to take up the Berrigans and remain there untill done - Wrote Mr. John Rendell at Ringmore and sent the letter per Martin

Cannon by land to James at St. Johns, sent a bottle of capers to Nichl's Stabb by him - spent a few hours at James's whist clubb at night

Thu. 19 Wind NW dull & moderate -smart frosty weather no snow down to speak of up to this date since last thaw that cleared all away that had fallen

Fri. 20 Wind SW moderate snowing -at night fine winter weather Horse at work for Jude Bryan to day towing out Junks -

Sat. 21 Wind NNE strong breeze Sullivan & Constables returned from Reneuse, could not apprehend the Berrigans family - Mr. Goodridge here -

Sun. 22 Wind moderate nearly a calm heavy sea on frost during the night but looking dull -One service at church today - Mr. Pitt buried in the afternoon at Northside Burial Ground

Mon. 23 Wind ENE good breeze very mild a few inches of snow fallen during the night -A vessel supposed to be the Packet Chas Buchan passed North yesterday -at night fine clear starlight & frosty night -people able to use their Horses to day in the woods nearly the first time -Mr. Goodridge went home

Tue. 24 Wind at West, good breeze fine morning, frosty but not severe -showers of snow during the day - Drove Eliza & Fanny to Aquaforte in the sleigh and back again before dinner - very little snow down yet -

Wed. 25 Wind NE strong breeze & raw cold, some snow fell during last night, drifting today Evening boisterous with silver thaw -Capt Jellard came from St. Johns late this evening brings account of the House of Legislation being sitting

Thu. 26 Wind NE mild with snow blinking all day -at night thawing freely & open air Wind at East -dull & heavy -Miss Ann Hoyles & Mr. Thos Row married at St. Johns today to day

Fri. 27 Wind NE gentle frost last night clear day -Mrs. Morry from Capelin Bay here today, preparing cake for Mary's wedding1 -

Sat. 28 Calm morning gentle frost last night -A Brig passing northward in the offing - James Johnson of Capelin Bay has this winter opened the forge of Mr. Holdsworth for carrying on business on his own account in it - Ab'm LeMessurier left by land for St. Johns -

Sun. 29 Wind North moderate & fine, sharp frosty morning two services at church this day Mr. Morry found the fuel for church fire - Mrs. Morry & Priscilla dined at my house -1 did not go to church to day

Mon. 30 Moderate NW wind smart frosty weather & fine -Peter Ryan came from St. Johns last evening bro't letters from Custom House & from James. - James Henry Carter came from St. Johns this evening left St. Johns yesterday morning.

Tue. 31 Wind NW fine morning good breeze moderate -frost last night Mrs. Alice & Bridget Berrigan came here this day & were turned over to keep the Peace and appear to take their trial at the Sessions -

1843 - FEBRUARY

Wed. 1 Wind SW very moderate considerable hoar frost morning fine -Foggy with an appearance of thawing Weather at night -Dined at Sydney Sullock's with my sons, brother, Mr. Morry & Capt Jellard - Messrs Morry, Stephenson, O'Dwyer & J H Carter have a Card Club Wednesday evenings at each others' houses in rotation, this the evening for Dr. O'Dwyer. Wrote my sister, Miss Rendell, & Ridge enclosing to them seconds {Ed: copies?} of Tobin's Bills on Robinson & Brooking, London - Martin & Bully per Miss Rendell -

Thu. 2 Candlemas Day - the people all thronging to chapel to get blessed candles - Wind SW dull clear morning, hoar frost & a change approaching -Peter LeMessurier and some others came from St. Johns to Capelin Bay last evening

Fri. 3 Wind SW very mild, thawing -moderate & hazy with heavy sea breaking on the land -at noon dull with hard rain & free thaw -at 10 pm cleared away & froze a little Mr. Bowman called & spent the evening - Robert was at Aquaforte & caught scollops - James & self at Capelin Bay to call this morning

Sat. 4 Wind NE fine moderate & frosty morning at noon dull & heavy At 2 pm the Mail Boat Charles Buchan passed southward -

Sun. 5 Wind NNE good breeze smart frost, clear day - John Morry & Geo LeMessurier dined with me - two services at the church today - Letters from Saint John's today by [Guiney?], Mr. Goodridge's Master of Voyage, no particular news from thence - Gave [Guiney?] a letter rec'd from St. Johns for Mr. Goodridge - S. Sullock lit fire²

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Endnotes

1. Mary Morry of Caplin Bay married Peter Paint LeMessurier of St. John's, at Ferryland on 7th February; Mary's mother was first cousin to the Journal writer.
2. I feel certain this is not to catalogue a case of arson, but refers to the stove in the church - the lack of heat during the church services in winter is regularly remarked; on the previous Sunday, Jan. 29, it is mentioned that Mr. Morry had found the fuel for the church fire

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