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1844 - JANUARY

Mon. 1 This year opens with light breeze wind from SSW very mild, & dull. - Approved Frank Geary's a/c't for keeping Donovan in jail up to 31 Dec. 1843.

-Service at the church this morning Wind WSW mild moderate & clear, -more like May than January. - Mr. Hoyles dined with me to day

Tue. 2 Light air NE wind, with rain, sleet & snow, thawing freely dull & dark W'r.

My brother came from St. Johns having reached Capelin Bay last night from Toad's Cove - clockmaker came with letter from Ct Hs (courthouse) to deliver up his clocks - At night wind North, light showers of snow

Wed. 3 Wind strong NNE with frost, clear & dull. Beaufort came from St. Johns, LeMessurier in her, took Donovan's deposition in presence of J. W. Sanders & sent to Magistrate at St. Johns under cover to A Hogsett Esq.

Thu. 4 Calm, dull & mild, froze hard during the night, Robert left for St. Johns this morning at 4¹/₂ in company with T. Cannon, sent on Ct Hs Returns- D.

Moran's deposition, several letters & orders to Bank for salaries. Evening calm & dull very heavy seas heaving upon the land, a Brig going North

Fri. 5 Clear fine morning after a blowing & rainy & silver thawing night with the wind from West, thawing freely -at night gentle fresh wind off the land -

S at. 6 Moderate wind from NW mild & clear, the Beaufort came in from Johns, last from Capelin Bay - Service at church in the morning - Mr. Hoyles at Fermeuse at night - Boys dressed out as Mummers going about being 12th day

Sun. 7 Wind moderate NNW frosty & fine at 2 pm "Brigand" Jones passed South - Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse to day

Mon. 8 Light air from South dull & mild at 4 pm strong breeze at South, snowing fast.

M. Morry too ill to attend Court today. R't Laherty brought up for stealing Holdworth's flake and convicted thereof today - at night Wind SE raining & thawing

Tue. 9 Strong gale at West, with snow & drifts the Brigand was at Aquaforte on Sunday evening and left (not) again yesterday, I believe -At night gale continuing with snow.

Wed. 10 More moderate than yesterday, fine & clear, light frost last night, the Brigand still in Aquaforte, went to Aquaforte with Rev. Mr. Hoyles to look about a place to build a church upon. At night calm.

Thu. 11 Strong breeze SSE with heavy rain & free thaw at night NE thick fog & rain

Fri. 12 Strong breeze from W to NNW light snow showers and frosty through the day at night more moderate & frosty

Sat. 13 Light winds at SW dull & mild Recently at Caplin Bay Ann Cain was married to Ro't Power Jr & confined same night - at night dull & calm

Sun. 14 Strong gale at SSW with heavy and continued rain & free thaw - at night thick fog with rain, less wind, two services at Church this day, few could attend in consequence of the state of the weather - James here in the Ev'g.

Mon. 15 Moderate Breeze at SW light frost this morning - dull - afternoon fine wind West with frost at night

Tue. 16 Moderate NNW wind dull & frosty -at noon north with strong breeze at 3 pm "Symmetry" Jellard from St. Johns, the "Brigand" Jones sailed from Aquaforte for Cape Breton - Robert came home from St. Johns by land, brought word of the arrival of the "Active" at Plym'h in 18 days.

Wed. 17 Calm fine morning, smart frost in the night Wind v'ble from NE to SW moderate & dull at night - "Symmetry" still in Caplin Bay

Thu. 18 Wind at SW mild moderate & thawing dull- wrote my mother, Ridge, Bulley & W Culley & sent bills enclosed to each as charged in my ledger -John Goodridge & Miss Kelligrew were married at Reneuse by Mr. Hoyles on last evening - a private wedding.

Fri. 19 Wind N dull & thawing, light air-sent letters for England named above to Jas Gregory by land, in St. Johns directed undercover to J. M. Rendell to be forwarded - "Symmetry" sailed from Capelin Bay Sat.20 Strong Breeze NE wind, snowing fast at night clearer & wind more northward

Sun.21 Good breeze SW wind, fine & clear & mild - at night passed northward - Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte this forenoon.

Mon.22 Calm dull morning at noon NE wind with snow -evening wind W snowing fast

Tue. 23 Strong breeze NNE wind fine & frosty- a boat passed South this evening. walked up Capelin Bay & back before dinner

Wed. 24 Fine morning, nearly calm smart frost during the night -the harbour caught over in lolly at 10 am good breeze SSW wind -at night strong breeze - Robert serviced the Arrow - sent Rich'd Sullivan to Reneuse with the warrant issued against Thos Berrigan Jr last year, he was

there last week I could not find him, heard he had gone with [Norris?] Thu.25
Fine morning moderate breezes, variable at noon wind SW night, thawing a
little Service this morning at the church its being St. Paul's Conversion -
walked as far as Merry Meeting Pond the first time this winter tolerably good
slide path so far today Sullivan returned from Reneuse without Berrigan.[In
the margin:-having left the Warrant with M'l Jackman to execute] -Sent to
Rev'd Mr. Hoyles the book, papers and Act of Legislature respecting the
Board of Education by Frampton, Receipts, etc.

Fri. 26 Moderate and nearly calm all day some snow fell during last night, a very
gentle frost if any -at night fine, clear & frosty, delivered out some Provisions
to the Poor this day the first about 11 pm. James Henry Carter [ED: his
younger son] came from St. Johns having been three days upon the journey -
Ewen Stabb Jr. 1 at Caplin Bay.

Sat. 27 Moderate wind at E snowing fast, rec'd the Lease of premis from Mr. Morry
-so continued untill night when it came on to silver thaw and rain -

Sun. 28 Wind variable from NW to west strong breeze with sunat intervals, froze a
little, Mr. Hoyles returned from an attempt to go to Reneuse, two services at
the church today at night fine & clear with frost

Mon.29 Calm, dull morning at 11 am wind from the Southward looking dull & heavy
-at night wind ESE blowing hard with heavy silver thaw & rain

Tue. 30 Strong gale from S to W clear & fine between showers of snow, frosty at noon
fine & freezing at night, no good road in the woods up to this time

Wed. 31 Light air v'ble winds from S to SE -clear & fine, thawing freely - Tho's
Berrigan Jun'r came here to deliver himself up to the Court & was bound to
the Peace and discharged - Sent letters by Peter Gregory to St. Johns and for
England & to leave in the morning

1844 - FEBRUARY

Thu. 1 Strong breeze S. wind heavy rain during the past night & strong gale of wind
thaw'g freely Peter Gregory left for St. Johns

Fri. 2 Moderate breeze & west gentle frost dark & cloudy at evening very light air
from NNW, gloomy -My brother, some of Morry's family & Ewen Stabb Jr.
spent the evening with us.

Sat. 3 Wind NE moderate, clear & dull -transferred the Angerona & half Robert's
trade to James Henry - & Robert to carry on trade together as Partners -They
each paying £40 cur'y per ann. towards my share in expenses for Board &
Lodging

Sun. 4 Strong breeze NE with showers & light blinking snow at evening hazy with
silver thaw - walked to Aquaforte & back before dinner -

Robert & James with me, Ewen Stabb Jr. dined here & slept the night.

Mon. 5 Strong breeze NE silver thaw dropping from the trees open moist air -at the Court House this morning - Spent the evening at my brother's, at the Court House this morning.

Tue. 6 Wind NE strong breeze, raw & moist at 10 pm, a fine clear moonlight night - Robert & Mary spent this evening at Capelin Bay - my brother, Mr. Morry & James went by land to Reneuse

Wed. 7 Moderate SE wind, fine morning mild - at night dark and dull.

Thu. 8 Strong gale SSW wind, with hard rain and free thaw.

Fri. 9 Calm thick foggy morning, great floods running over the Hills, etc. at noon cleared off a little & blew strong from SW not freezing.

Sat. 10 Gentle frost during the night, wind at WSW - James & my brother returned from Reneuse - at 4 pm snowing fast the wind NE - at 10 pm, silver thaw & rain

Sun. 11 Strong breeze, NNE clear & fine a good deal of snow fallen last night - Messrs Geo. LeMessurier and John Morry came from St. Johns today left last Friday, afternoon service at the church, morning at Aquaforte.

Mon. 12 Wind NE dull, with frost - George LeMessurier & Jno Morry called, no business at the Court House this day.

Tue. 13 Wind NW very moderate & fine, smart frost during the past night the harbour caught over lightly - Pat Leary called for letters going to St. Johns

Wed. 14 Wind SW moderate & mild three vessels in sight going Northward - frosty during the night & fine - a Pic Nic on Deep Cove Pond today or rather a Sea Pie given by Robert & James to their young friends - The Symmetry Capt.

Jellard in here from Halifax in 5 days, brings an acc't that winter there hath been more severe than for the last twenty years -

Thu. 15 Wind SSW with rain, good breeze. Cleared away at noon & became dry the wind W. Goodridge Kelligrew & Morry dined with me. -the G'l Qr. Sessions of the Peace today - no cases for trial.

Fri. 16 Wind NW. moderate gentle frost, dark cleared off at 10 am & continued very fine all day. Symmetry sailed for St. Johns. Large party at Capelin Bay.

Sat. 17 Strong gale SSW hard rain & free thaw returned from Capelin Bay at 4 am this morning, from & with the party -at noon more dry wind W. Kelligrew and Goodridge left this for Reneuse.

Sun. 18 Moderate S wind, dull & hazy at sea. 2 services at the church today - fine afternoon very mild & moderate. Snow showers at 10 pm -My brother spent the evening with me -

Mon. 19 Strong Breeze at NW with showers of snow & fine between, light frost last night - M. Morry Jr. & Eliza Coleman married at the church

this evening at 4½ pm, a large party at Capt. Jellard's to keep up the wedding
- & remained there very late -

Tue. 20 Strong breeze NNW frosty with snow showers - at 3 ½ pm Sandwich passed
Northward, coated in ice flowing strong.

Wed. 21 Moderate W. wind, clear fine & thawing. Ash Wednesday, a meeting of B'd
of Educ'n called - present only Mr. Hoyles, J H Carter, M Morry and self.

James gone to Brigus -

Thu. 22 Strong breeze at NE with snow & drifty. at 2 pm cleared off fine, at night very
fine & moderate & frosty - wind NW

Fri. 23 Moderate SW wind snowing lightly - at noon NW strong breeze, snowing and
drifting very much at night hard frost

Sat. 24 Wind NW fine day, sharp frost last night most severe for this winter yet -
harbour caught over - Capt. Jellard & Ewan Stabb Jr. left for St. Johns
overland. St. Mathias's day, prayers at church.

Sun. 25 Wind moderate NW frosty during the past night, a fine morning & more mild
as the day advanced - no service at church Rev. Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse - at
night wind NE strong breeze & dark - Mrs. Carter sleighing to upper end of
Merry Meeting Pond fine roads first time this winter & 2nd of using the sleigh
- Thos Cannon started to cross to Conception Bay

Mon. 26 A very fine warm & clear day, quite calm morning, sunshining very warm, &
not a cloud in the sky - Angerona's crew at work preparing for the ice. Signed
a declaration for Stephenson to a plan of Holdworth's premises taken from the
one in the Record Chart

Tue. 27 A very fine warm & clear morning calm & smooth - quick frost last night only
enough to dry up yesterday's wet from effects of the sun - drove in the sleigh
as far as Rocky Pond & out, before dinner a beautiful warm day. Geo.

Lemessurier, Jno, Ben, Harry & Arthur Morry dined with me & spent the
evening.

Wed. 28 Good breeze NE wind smart frost during the night, a remarkably fine day and
calm in the afternoon many sealers' men passed towards St. Johns - George
LeMessurier, and the Morry's to leave for St. Johns tomorrow - letters rec'd
by James Power from Fanny & others -

Thu. 29 Wind from West to NW strong breeze and fine day, frost during the night,
thawing in the sun - sealers cleared out -

1844 - MARCH

Fri. 1 Light air from South with mizzling rain and thawing freely - very dark &
gloomy thick rain at night - Jess the cow calved about 10 pm tonight.

Sat. 2 Fine mild morning, light air wind at NNW the Aquaforte and Angerona sailed
for the ice at noon this day - Mr. & Mrs. M. Morry Jr. called with Mrs. Jellard
this day. towards evening the Pelter sailed for the ice

Sun. 3 Moderate SW wind thick mizzling rain at noon more clear & less rain falling -afternoon service at church, Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte to perform service this morning.

Mon. 4 Calm, dark morning very light frost during the night - my brother & Mr. Hoyles dined with me today -at night NE wind moderate breeze with heavy silver thaw. rain.

Tue. 5 Light air SW thawing freely at 10 am strong breeze SW at night squally at NNE smart frosty night & clear

Wed. 6 Strong NW wind fine morning frosty - Reddy's boat came in from St. Johns, at night very fine with smart frost

Thu. 7 Wind N very fine & frosty, at noon very warm & pleasant. Evening frosty & fine

Fri. 8 Wind at West, moderate & fine all through- at evening dull & wind SW mild not freezing. Robert & James about their fish on the flake

Sat. 9 Strong breeze

SW froze during last night fog hanging about the Hills this morning thawing & rain cold, at 10 am cleared off very warm & fine wind at WSW thawing very free 4 pm rain & very free thaw -

Sun. 10 Strong breeze at SW clear and dry. the quantity of ice & snow thawed away last night is astonishing, leaving the ground quite clear in many places - 2 services at church this day -stove made the church too warm.

Mon. 11 Strong breeze, SSW wind with light rain still thawing very freely -1 do not remember ever to have seen ice & snow go so fast as during last night - Richard Sullivan acknowledged his account and promised payment as he could afford it. Roads in the woods all broken up at present - at night NE wind and snow.

Tue. 12 Strong breeze N wind, ground covered 3 in. deep with snow -froze a little last night -Horse idle owing to badness of the roads -large grey owls have been plenty about of late, several having been shot near this place, at night calm, fine & frosty

Wed. 13 Calm morning, the harbour caught over nightly, smart frosty weather & fine - the sleigh in upon Merry Meeting Pond today and came back from the pond with difficulty the snow & ice so much melted and the gullies opened between its going in at 10 am & returning again at 2 pm - Robert, James & Eliza went in it - at night freezing moderately & clear.

Thu. 14 Wind SSE moderate & dull, part of this harbour covered by thin lolly -many seals seen during the winter about the shore -partridges very scarce all winter - at 2 pm wind at NE moderate with hard rain & silver thaw dark & gloomy

Fri. 15 Calm & foggy with hard rain in showers much of the snow & ice gone away- at 10am strong breeze NE with hail at night strong gale, showers of snow & frost

Sat. 16 Wind NE strong breeze, clear & fine, smart frost during last night -

at noon fine and moderate in the evening, night fine the sheep did not come home tonight.

Sun. 17 St. Patrick's Day. Moderate wind at SW & fine morning at 6 am found the sheep on NS {ED: northside} Gaze - the old ewe with two young lambs during the night - Henry Morry shot a deer inside Capelin Bay 15 or 20 miles on Thursday last. No service at church today Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse -at night wind S blowing hard & raining very much thawing freely.

[In the margin]:-

Mr. Norris & my brother at Capelin Bay to dinner & kept there the night by weather

Mon. 18 Strong breeze WSW very mild all the snow gone again that fell yesterday moderate at noon fine spring day -hard rain during the night, young ewe had two lambs this morning

Tue. 19 Calm, foggy morning as mild as May and the ground steaming as later in the year - Norris fitting out the Brothers for coasting -rain in the afternoon at night dark with strong breeze at SW. Cleared out sch'r Brothers for St. Johns.

Wed. 20 Strong breeze at West gentle frost in the night rather cold today but clear & fine - a Brig passed North about 3pm. Mr. Hoyles spent his evening with us.

Thu. 21 Calm morning & fine, lolly very thin upon the harbour, frost last night - Brothers towing out for St. Johns. Wind at S moderate -at night calm with heavy rain.

Fri. 22 Calm with thick fog very mild & free thaw at 10am good breeze NE wind & clear -at night hard rain with silver thaw

Sat. 23 Moderate NE wind thick hazy weather & rain occasionally -at 10am strong breeze at SW from thence NW afternoon

Sun. 24 Wind moderate at ENE raining thickly silver thaw during the night - Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte, no morning service at church -heavy silver thaw all day & at night frosty -my brother & Mr. Norris spent the evening here

Mon. 25 Strong breeze NNW frost & some little snow in the night -trees laden with silver thaw & freezing hard today, the ground quite hard - service at the church this morning being anniv'y of B.V.M. -afternoon fine wind NW dry & clear - Henry Morry dined at my house this day

Tue. 26 Strong breeze NNW wind, about 2 inches of snow during last night, freezing a little. At night clear with sharp frost

Wed. 27 Strong breeze NNW fine & clear, froze hard last night. "Brothers" Norris from St. Johns, Packet not arrived - Mr. R'd Langley dead some days since, aged 66.

Thu. 28 Strong breeze NNW sharp frosty fine & calm day - froze as hard last night as any night the past winter - cut fresh batch of Pea sticks, not being able to get them out that were cut long since upon the deep Cow Pond Road. The ink froze in the office & cow's droppings in the stable.

Fri. 29 Wind SW snowing and mild -at 11 am heavy rain & free thaw. Got pea sticks out today -at 4pm cleared away & the wind veered to NW

Sat. 30 Wind NNW moderate & fine froze a little last night wind raw cold today wind ENE at noon -freezing out of the sun, a schooner passed Southward one sealer into St. Johns leaky, left the ice on 17th inst. far to the Eastward of land. Robert & James got some few scollops at Aquaforte this evening - frosty at night.

Sun. 31 Calm, foggy & mild morning some little snow & hail fell during the night - Palm Sunday, 2 services at church today. Angerona came in from the ice 2000 seals -

1844 - APRIL

Mon. 1 Smart breeze NE wind, with sharp frosty weather & clear - a Brig in sight, bound to the Northward - the "Angerona" had received damage in the ice & brings accounts that there is no quantity of it & very large & hard -& they experienced much difficulty in saving their vessel & experienced two heavy gales of wind after they parted the ice, expect damage will be done to the vessels left among it.

Tue. 2 Calm morning & fine, two vessels in sight the harbour & ocean caught over during the night. Certified Frank Geary's account per Donovan's diet in jail to March 31st. Service this morning at the church. {In the margin}:-Goose sat this day

Wed. 3 Dull, calm morning Harbour caught over during the night -killed Jessie's calf last evening - Angerona started & came to anchor light air SE rain & silver thaw in the afternoon-Service at church this morning

Thu. 4 Calm thick foggy morning, free thaw at 1 lam. Angerona left for St. Johns wind SSW thick fog. at 4pm cleared off a little - service at church this morning. At night strong breeze & dark weather. Goose not sitting well today

Fri. 5 Good Friday. Strong breeze at West rather cloudy & mild - ground nearly bare of snow - the Pelter coming in from the ice - Two services at church today & a Homily read instead of a sermon -at 2pm dull with light breeze at North thawing freely -Pelter reports 2200 seals. Goose forsook her nest today -took in the eggs.

Sat. 6 Strong breeze NE wind frosty during the night, dull - three sealers standing in for the land - Several vessels in sight at noon supposed to be sealers a string of ice passing in the horizon appearing rough - made up Ladyday Q'r. Ct. Hs.(ED: Court House] papers - fine night with sharp frost. Service at church this forenoon.

Sun. 7 Easter Day. Moderate wind at NNW, some strings of ice driving by some little distance of -which appears rough -Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse today consequently no service at church. At 4pm wind NE with light blinks of snow, the mail boat "Chas. Buchan" passed southward, the

last trip for sailing vessels between Halifax & St. Johns, the steamer expected to be the next on the line with April 4th mail.

Mon. 8 Strong breeze NW very fine morning a schooner passing N at 8am - froze a little during last night - Old Mary Walsh died at Aquaforte today - Peggy Aylward at Cape Broyle died a few days ago - a brig passing Southward - at night wind SE very moderate & very fine. Goose sat again, 11 eggs

Tue. 9 Moderate SW with mizzling rain and thick fog with hard rain at times -Rev. W. Hoyles dined with me - service at the church this forenoon - at night clear & fine and free from frost

Wed. 10 Strong breeze at west, very mild & fine a very fine day - repaired little boat.

Thu. 11 Calm, fine morning, at noon wind NE several vessels [beating?] north - James Power from St. Johns by land - OConnell found guilty

Fri. 12 Moderate NE wind slight frost in the night, one sch'r beating to westward in sight, likely a sealer. Scarcely any patches of snow to be seen any where & those very small size

Sat. 13 Strong west wind, dry & clear. Pelter left for St. Johns -at noon wind from W to N & NE. Angerona came in from St. Johns about 6pm. Robert & my brother in her. landed 2130 seals at St. Johns & came here to undergo repairs -Rec'd paper etc for Court House, forms etc from Ct Hs -40 years ago this day I landed at Fermeuse from Falmouth, 13? days passage. [In the margin]:-

Sun. 14 Dull mild morning, light am SW. snow & ice all gone from the yard & back of us, ground getting quite dry -afternoon service at church this day

Mon. 15 Wind NW dull morning at 10am, NE cleared away fine with strong breeze- Sch'r Lancet passed southward at 6pm fine at night freezing a little. A schooner put into Aquaforte this evening

Tue. 16 Moderate & fine, light wind at ESE. At 2pm wind SW rather cold & raw freezing out of the sun - at night same -a sealer in Aquaforte belonging to Trinity Bay Taylor Master, no seals on board - one belonging to Greenspond left Aquaforte to day having 1600 seals, a small vessel

Wed. 17 Thick fog, mizzling, with light air SW rain occasionally during the day, light airs of wind v'ble from S to SW dull. Shanahan left for St. Johns today 1st trip

Thu. 18 Clear fine morning, wind northerly rather raw cold -at 8am dull looking for wind at 4 pm wind NE at night calm & fine. Eliza & Mary at Capelin Bay this evening, several boats and some vessels passing this day North and South

Fri. 19 Moderate & find, wind light SW very smart frost during last night, done nothing to kitchen garden to this time - fine summer day

throughout, put the [trees?] upon the terrace in order by cutting them out. at night fine wind WSW

Sat. 20 Light breeze SW smart frost during the past night, fine morning & clear-fine day throughout. Mr. Kelligrew passed from St. Johns in his boat for Reneuse at four pm-night fine.

Sun. 21 Light breeze at SSW dull morning grey or white frost during the night. Two services at the church to day. Mrs. Morry from Capelin Bay there for the first time since Mr. Hoyles took charge of the Mission - at night hazy.

Mon. 22 Moderate SW wind mild with fog hanging upon the Hills looking dull. Several of the men who have been out to the ice from St. Johns came home today bringing accounts of many losses of vessels with some lives, at night very thick fog & looking for W'er.[ED: weather] . John M. Rendell's son & heir born this day at St. Johns.

Tue. 23 Light breeze NE. wind with heavy rain and very dark looking weather -pm fine, Shanahan came home from St. Johns, rec'd no letters by him. "Steamer" mail boat from Halifax arrived at St. Johns on Monday, 1st trip steamer from Halifax.

Wed. 24 Moderate NE wind fine & clear frosty during the night -Pelter returned last night from St. Johns having landed her seals, at 4pm the mail steamer "North America" passed south. light air ENE dull

Thu. 25 Strong breeze southerly wind, rain and cold-at 4pm snowing fast & blowing strong-service at church this morning - churchwardens chosen for ensuing year - my brother & self- the anniversary of my wedding day 29 years married this day. Was at my brothers with M Morry, in the evening, determined on G'l Q'r sessions being held on Thursday, 9 May. Rain

Fri. 26 Strong breeze at NW rained during the night considerably, fine morning but the wind raw, all the snow which fell yesterday gone again. -Reports are that Geo Druling & another man have been lost from "Symmetry", Jellard at the ice. [In the margin]: -Report of Druling & other man confirmed.

Sat. 27 Holdsworth's premises taken in charge by Mr. Jno Morry to carry on business there - [In the margin:- firm, LeMessurier & Morry.] People preparing to go to St. Johns in their boats coasting -at night dull, strong breeze at WNW all day & fine day. Arrow loading fish

Sun. 28 Strong breeze at West, fine morning rather cold early. No services at the church here today. Arrow left for St. Johns, James in her - Junk left, & M Morry's sch'r Brothers -blowing hard at noon & after several craft passing N.

Mon. 29 moderate SSW wind, a light haze with the sun shining through it & mild.at 2pm wind ESE with snow enough to cover the ground again

Tue. 30 Strong breeze NE the ground covered with snow 2 or 3 inches deep & still snowing -frost during last night -evening moderate but snow

falling yet and freezing a little dark & heavy.

1844-MAY

Wed. 1 Fine morning with scarcely any wind smart frost during last night, the ground quite hard and covered with snow, at noon wind SW very fine thawing freely in the sun -good breeze several boats passing Northward -Mary Rositer left this evening her time having expired, and Cath'n Walsh came in her place

Thu. 2 Strong breeze SW with hard rain the snow that arrived the ground yesterday morning nearly all gone again, a brig stood in this evening bound South. Rec'd letter from Fanny dated 2 April.

Fri. 3 Light air SW dull hazy morning -Wrote J M Rendell per Reddy's boat that sailed this morning for St. Johns from here, considerable quantity of rain fell during the night -Aquaforte came in this morning from the ice with 740 seals at 1 pm wind NE -at 3pm hard rain- Shanahan came home from St. Johns this evening.

Sat. 4 Strong breeze NE wind, dark with fog on Cape Broyle, mizzling rain all day at night thick fog & wet - "Brothers" Norris came into Capelin Bay from St. Johns in her some of the Morry family & Mr & Mrs P LeMessurier, bring account of Capt. Jellard being in from the ice with 300 seals - of many others without seals & several vessels lost among the ice-

Sun. 5 Wind NE thick with mizzling rain & fog -Service at Aquaforte, morning the afternoon here - hard rain in showers fog between -at night calm dull & clear.

Cath'n Walsh took herself away with out saying any thing from my service

Mon. 6 Wind west, strong breeze & fine weather warm & pleasant but ground very damp -afternoon fine, many boats passing northward & southward

Tue. 7 Calm morning & rather dull - the Arrow in from St. Johns, Jas H'y Carter in her brings wretched accounts of the results of the seal fishery - few arrivals from Europe yet -at night rain, wind ENE light.

Wed. 8 Calm morning damp from rain during the past night -Shanahan & others left for St. Johns -[Garin?] left with former. Mary Rositer came yesterday, Mar't Tobin to day instead of those left.

Thu. 9 Moderate SW wind, fine morning approaching spring & summer visible -G'l Qu'r [ED: General Quarter] Sessions of the Peace this day only one case for trial - begin putting down kidney potatoes in kitchen garden today -Mail steamer for Halifax passed at 4pm strong breeze SW -went to Aquaforte to make Rob't Bowdens will at his request - M'l Norris at the house this evening speaking about King's Beach

Fri. 10 Fine morning wind NNW Summer weather, Tho's [Bow?] employed at the kitchen garden preparing the ground Set 6 rows next the gate

in middle, squares of Prussian Blue peas -wind NE cold & raw many craft in sight - "Symmetry" in from St. Johns on her voyage to New York to land sealing gear, casks, etc. Ed Power here [In the margin]:- Let Mr. Power have B'l of Sale of Wright Room to show his attorney. Goose hatching to day

Sat. 11 Wind variable from NE to SE light breeze fine weather, Disputes between Norris Sweeney & Conway about the main Beach - ordered M'l Deveraux to desist from building on Robert's property between Quirk's stage & other stage, measured along & found the rock with the ring in it to be Anchor Rock as stated in measurement.

Sun. 12 Wind NW fine morning frost last night -3 services at church today, no sermon in the forenoon -at night very heavy rain & strong gale at South with thick fog & heavy sea -Mr. Hoyles & my brother here in the evening.

Mon. 13 Strong breeze at South with heavy rain and fog - at 2 pm cleared & dry at night finer & quite calm- nothing doing in gardening and very little in outfit for the fishery

Tue. 14 Good breeze NE with snow which lays upon the Hills but melts much lower down on the dug up grounds - no fresh cod fish caught to this date flatt fish very plenty -at 1pm the "Symmetry" Jellard sailed for New York with strong breeze about NNE & looking for a continuance - Hearn's boat came from St. Johns. Mr. Elias Rendell³ in her to take back his little daughter Ada who hath been with us since November last.

Wed. 15 Wind moderate at NE by N snowing fast, ground quite covered & yet looking very heavy -at 2pm it became more clear and the snow melted away the wind at 4pm about West. Rev. W. Hoyles, M'l Pope & my brother at my house this evening & Elias Rendell.

Thu. 16 Fog with moderate NW wind at noon more clear at night. rain with good breeze, a large perfect rainbow at 6.30. At 3.30 Elias Rendell, his daughter Ada & my daughter Eliza left for St. Johns in John White's boat - M'l [ED: Michael] Pope dined with me - he came with Elias & by him was introduced has relatives in Plymouth or Atwater - signed a summons for John Cummins for Monday 20th at suit John Hynes. Anna Gavin came from St. Johns -and another servant girl for us - this being Ascension Day was kept Holy.

Fri. 17 Fog on the Hills, dull & heavy, light wind at South. Sat garden seeds as follows this day - spinach, turnip, carrot, raddish, lettuce, cauliflower- among the raddish and dwarf kidney beans, springled salt very lightly upon part of the bed of turnips next Mr Clow's garden after the seed was sown & the bed finished. - Thomas Sanders came from St. Johns, brings nothing new.

Sat. 18 Calm fine morning, it appears as if much rain had fallen during the night - put Jack on the island - hay put in for the cattle quite out. (5

tons hay for 2 cows 1 horse, 14? sheep.) Put in 4 rows of Knight Marrowfat peas next to Mr. Clow's the 2 rows next the wall the manure on over the peas the next four it is under the peas the two rows this side of the Marrowfats are Pruss'n Blue. Put in potatoes in drills from place for summer house over to flowers in upper terrace.

Sun. 19 Strong breeze ENE with snow, sleet and hail alternately- Rev W. Hoyles at Reneuse no service at church today. At 3 pm win changed and cleared off a little & blew hard at NNW with showers of sleet & sunshine between - The "North America" mail boat passed Northward at 8pm, strong breeze at NNW and appeared to go fast.

Mon. 20 Strong breeze NNW raw cold & dark -Robert's boat "Arrow" left for the Westward on fishing acc/t this morning, Norris's gone a few days since the only two yet gone from hence -Afternoon fine wind veered to Eastward and moved to Westward, night very fine -Sat out [stumps?] & turnips for greens in the garden today -Mr. Pope left for St. Johns with Mr. Norris at 10pm. fine time

Tue. 21 Wind SW dull & rather raw cold. "Brothers" Norris in from St Johns this morning -John Morry & his father in her. at Ham rain with strong breeze SW. very cold and rain, & so continued -

Wed. 22 Wind NNE moderate and clear, much milder than yesterday, Reddy sailed for the Westward, no fresh codfish yet. Planted potatoes while in drills 2 feet as under the potatoes 1 foot apart the dung over them, this day & will finish tomorrow. Mr. White's boat from St. Johns.

Thu. 23 Moderate ENE with fog, the sun shining through it at times. Wrote Mr N. Stabb to know terms of sale & particulars of Holdsworth s property he had for sale here by private contract - 3pm wind SW foggy, at times clearing away again. Heard a steamer pass at 4pm.

Fri. 24 Moderate SW wind, hoarfrost this morning -clear & fine, wind variable, fine warm day some fresh fish caught by Sil Kehoe & Robert, this morning - many vessels passing N & S - Set carrots in upper square 2 beds. Robert finished his potatoes.

Sat 25 Strong breeze at NNE raw & cold but fine & dry about lam the Lion came in from St. Johns, Eliza from St. Johns in her left that [ED: "place" understood] yesterday forenoon -slight shower of snow & very raw cold day - Mr. Norris came in his boat from St. Johns. Rec'd several letters from England and St. Johns.

Sun 26 Strong breeze NE raw & cold but fine smart frost last night at 5pm wind came round suddenly to SW. afternoon & evening service at church today - & Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte this forenoon - Whitsunday - W. Hoyles spent the evening with me -M. Morry returned from St. Johns in [Pat-?] at evening winds SW moderate

Mon. 27 Wind NW moderate & fine, froze last night a great many vessels passing northward. Lion left for St. Johns, Robert in her, finished planting down peas. Middle of the day pretty warm. Service at

church. Few fresh fish caught this morning.

Tue. 28 Moderate SW wind fine morning no frost last night -some boats caught several fresh codfish today-service at church this morning - put in carrots and kidney beans today at night small rain

Wed. 29 Moderate with fog & small rain, nearly calm and so continued all day - Papered Eliza's room today, fresh fish caught

Thu. 30 Wind NE moderate and clear, M'l Deveraux came from St. Johns no news -at 2pm a schooner with salt to LeMessurier for St. Johns at night rather cold & strong breeze - the young ewe had lamb yesterday evening

Fri. 31 Cold raw NE wind, good breeze, clear & dry at night moderate & fine -Mr. Hoyles spent the evening at my house.

1844 - JUNE

Sat. 1 Moderate west wind with rain mild & dull. Many small craft out fishing Shanahan & the John Brothers home from St. Johns. Wrote my mother & sent it per Maid of the Grove also replied to Secretary's letter with AHC's memorial per same opportunity. Set carrots, turnips & kidney potatoes yesterday at night hard rain

Sun. 2 Strong breeze NNW very fine morning and throughout the first warm day this spring with the wind as to day - three services at the church today

Mon. 3 Moderate SW wind tolerably fine morning. Garden seeds over ground that were set on 17th May - a very warm day the wind at NW after 9am - 11 am the mail steamer passed close in with her colours up & appeared to go very fast, passing to the Northward, some of the boats have one quintal of fish tonight -at night wind NE. [Jude?] Bryan at work on Zephyr today

Tue. 4 Moderate SW wind nearly calm a fine warm day -walked up to Capelin Bay in the evening - Jude Bryan & Martin Cullerton fitting out Zephyr & finished her this evening.

Wed. 5 Strong breeze NW wind very warm & fine all day - launched the Zephyr - Lion came in from St. Johns Robert & my brother in her - very little doing in the fishery up to this date

Thu. 6 Fine morning, good breeze off the land, warm & pleasant. "Corpus Christie", a Holiday with the Romanists - Saunder's boat came in from the offing with a full trip (25 Qtls) round fish went out on Monday last went far off "Maid of the Grove" & "Red River" coasters in here to land salt to White & Deveraux.

Fri. 7 Wind southwest, light fog- moderate, some of the small boats had two Qtls of fish to night - Robert sent a jack into the offing to look for fish 1st time today

Sat. 8 Calm at 6am & fine at 10 smart rain with light breeze at SW at Court House this day. at night cleared away & the wind came off the land-

some boats from the offing brought in good catches 15Qtls No less. R'd Sander's boat from St. Johns bringing account of a large fire at H'r. Grace & of the Chief Justice having gone to England & Att'ry Gen'l acting in his place for present.

Sun 9 Fine morning, strong breeze off the land about West at 10am blowing very hard at noon strong gale -a Sch'r attempted to come to anchor at [Stakes'?] point did not bring up & was obliged to heave to under small foresail & drive to sea. No service at the church - Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse. Boats in from offing this morning with 20 Qtls - K. Brennan 20 Qtls.

Mon. 10 Moderate at West with light showers of rain dull & heavy. - Lion left port for St. Johns. Wrote Miss Rendell & James McCully & sent by him - Robert's jack - Peter Bruit skipper came in having run out in all the gale yesterday and saved themselves with great difficulty & fatigue -& were at sea all last night in great danger -brought in 10 Qtls fish -at Court House today at night very fine, moderate & clear

Tue. 11 Calm clear morning "Brothers" Norris home from St. Johns - at noon NE light airs with hard rain of fog afterwards not much fish catching by the Bummers.- Service at the church, St. Barnabas

Wed. 12 Wind v'ble from NE to SW morning fine afternoon rain, boats from the offing coming in well fished. Peter Bruit in from offing 12 Qtls. P. LeMessurier' wife took tea this evening

Thu. 13 Light variable winds with showers of rain occasionally - Thos Sanders is full of fish from the offing - Jas Reddy's boat home from the Westward not very well fished -first boat home in Ferryland but several of the Fermeuse boats home. Stafford in Robert s small Jack at sea this night first time

Fri. 14 Light breeze NW in the harbour nearly calm outside dull morning. Wind v'ble through the day with very light showers at times

Sat. 15 Wind SW moderate & fine morning small boats no fish, those from the offing good catches from 10 to 12. at night moderate NE wind - Scarlet runners just coming up - other seeds all over ground

Sun. 16 Strong NE wind, raw & cold with fog driving along the coast at sea "Lion" came in from St. Johns left it yesterday morn'g brings a/ct of Rev'd Cowan's death. Son in law of Mr. Hogsett -Jas How Carter came in her Mr. Norris & others.[In margin: No letters per Lion] No service at church this morning, Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte giving service there . Afternoon & evening service, strong gale with hard rain ,

Mon. 17 Strong north wind, fine & warm, a considerable sea upon the land after the gale of yesterday and last night - killed a lamb weighing 5 po. per quarter. Lamb killed by Mountain. The light color4 cow calved this night. Wm Strachan slept at my house

Tue. 18 Strong breeze N. Wind fine morning all the boats out fishing moderate

in the evening & fine night, some of the small boats almost 1/2 or 2Qtls each some few caplin caught Wm Norris caught one tub in Capelin Bay -the "Sch'r. Brothers" came from St. Johns. Mrs. Jellard recently confined of still born & very ill -

Wed. 19 Light breeze from SW dull after early in the morning -caught one salmon to day put out a net last evening, the first, a boat load of capelin caught at the back of the beach this morning by Rich's Sanders the first in quantity -Capelin caught by Norris today at evening SW wind with fog. Very little fish caught on caplin. Mrs. Jellard very ill today, recovery doubtful

Thu. 20 Fine warm morning but clouded & not bright, light air off the land capelin taken again to day - the boats from the offing, out since last Tuesday morning with from 2 to 4Qtls each, the small boats from 1 to 2 Qtls each small fish, at night strong breeze from about west, squally & dull.

Fri. 21 Fog at sea, clear over land, good breeze at west inside the fog -warm & squally- went to Renewse in the boat to see JW Sanders about Studely's rooms in the Zephyr & returned here in the evening. Capelin & fish rather scarce offing boats laid by for the present

Sat. 22 Fine morning, moderate SW wind, very warm with light fog flying about at sea and falling in warm light mist afternoon, very warm all day. Capelin & fish scarce the small boats from 1/2 Qtl to 2 Qtl ea.

Sun. 23 Close warm morning with a good breeze at SW white fog on it is called blowing about sun shining through it. Wrote Mr. R Prowse yesterday & sent per Miss Clow this morning about Hoddy's(?) room at Renewse. Three services at church today. Not a vessel or craft of any sort in sight this day up to 5pm - rather a singular occurrence for time of year.

Mon. 24 St. John's Day - foggy morning, clear at 6am very fine day -some capelin taken but not in large quantities. Service this morning at the church. Weather warm for June & the vegetables appear growing faster than is usual. Boats appear to have but little fish.

Tue. 25 Strong SW wind, clear & cooler than yesterday. -Very little difference in the peas set on 18th May those under the manure not so strong or forward as the others but more regular, both now quite ready for being sticked. The Prussian blue not so forward as Marrowfats -raddishes fitting for use several days past, boat Arrow home 1st trip from the Westward reports 125Qtls & good prospects when they left Holyrood this morning - Small boats no fish, Capelin. Later- a ship of war passed Southward at 6pm

Wed. 26 Good breeze at SW dull with fog at sea. Greyhound came home blowing hard all day - no fish caught. Arrow left.

Thu. 27 Calm, clear & warm morning - day fine capelin plenty -fish beaching very plenty

Fri. 28 Calm & foggy morning at 9 am it cleared away fine, light SW wind In the afternoon light showers of rain the small boats from 1 to 3Qtls each capelin plenty & much fish reported to be on the ledges outside. Grey Hound left

Sat. 29 Moderate breeze E wind with heavy rain all night having been without it for some time great benefit will be derived from it - St. Peter & Paul's Day the fishermen keeping Holiday. Prayers at church this morning.

Sun. 30 Wind NE strong breeze - rain at times. Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse - Several light vessels passing S. & one Brig heading North-an island of ice in sight, passing

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1844 - JULY

Mon. 1 Good breeze, westerly wind, fine day - fish & capelin plenty - several vessels passing - sent letters for St. Johns & England per Hector McNeil from Trepassey by land, carrying letters dispatches making known the loss of a large timber ship upon the Eastern Head of St. Shott's a few days since bound from Quebec to Glasgow - laden by Gilmour & Co. Crew & materials all saved -boats appear well fished today -Mr. Norris' large boat home 1st trip 160 Qtls

Tue. 2 Strong breeze SW with thick fog rather raw & cold-preparing for transplanting cabbage plants today - not much fish today

Wed. 3 Calm, sultry, dark morning -light airs SW wind all day -little fish catching. Mr Morry haul'd 40Qtls at Capelin Bay

Thu. 4 Light NE wind, with rain evening dry -Steamer North America passed N. at 11 pm

Fri. 5 V'ble winds from Western quarter, very fine day - several vessels passing to & fro -Mr. Howley home 1st trip from Westward

Sat. 6 Wind off the land, very fine & warm Robert took 8 or 10 Qtls in codseine - salmon very scarce only 2 today, evening dull wind SSW looking for rain - finished C't H's Q'r Returns

Sun. 7 Strong breeze SW cloudy with sunshine between whiles rain during last night. Mr. Hoyles at Aquaforte, no morning service at church - but in the afternoon & evening - dull, wet & foggy

Mon. 8 Wind NNW fair breeze & fine weather at 10 ½ am Active passed southward, showed her bunting -No salmon in the nets a vessel from St. Johns coming in a coaster at 7pm North America steamer passed Southward - no fish by boats

Tue. 9 Good breeze from WSW fine day the Sarah & Elizabeth in from St. Johns letters from Fanny announcing her arrival - fish & capelin plenty but no fish catching with hook & line - a good deal in codseines

Wed. 10 Strong breeze at West, fine day - Wrote my mother, enclosing bill for Eliza also Mr. Gill at St. Johns enclosing him a bill for range rec'd.

Thu. 11 Good breeze SW wind fog at times very warm and fine plenty of fish and capelin but none catching except in the codseine -at night calm with rain

Fri. 12 Wind moderate at NE very heavy rain during the night and still falling the fog hanging on Cape Broyle & looking very heavy - at noon & strong breeze rising with very heavy rain - the Barque "Brothers" appeared off and came in about 1pm from Cadiz laden with salt to R Carter Jr & Co. at night still raining hard, fish was taken away out of a [baq?] moored at the back of the beach last night 5 or 6Qtls not known, examined Pat Walsh but nothing [-?]

Sat. 13 Strong gale at NE boats all kept in from sea - very hard rain during the night - raw and cold with rain, not much sea on

Sun. 14 Moderate at ENE dull but dry & clear -at 4pm lighter the sun shining through the clouds -three services at the church - Capt. Hay ward of the Barque "Brothers" dined with me today

Mon. 15 Moderate SW wind dull & heavy, St. Swithen's Day -Robert & Jas taking salt out of the Barque -at night hard rain & fog- the "Saint Elizabeth" coaster sailed from Capelin Bay. Mr. Hoyles & Eliz'th Carter were passengers⁵ in her. this vessel did not clear out before she sailed - small boat did well today, some landed twice - Jno Bryan did not go to sea with Stafford.

Tue. 16 Calm, foggy wet morning -at 10am cleared off fine wind west -at sunset Barque Brothers sailed for St. Johns

Wed. 17 Moderate & dull SW wind -preparing to go to St. Johns in the Zephyr -very foggy at 10am -at 2pm cleared off find afternoon very little air of wind SW. Boats catching a good deal of fish today

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Sat. 27) Wind SW good breeze rather dull morning - left in the Zephyr for St. Johns and arrived there on Friday morning at 6am - and remained there until Saturday morning, following when I left for home and arrived here at 6pm Saturday evening - Wind NE & fine we left in St. Johns HMS Erydice Capt. Elliott, French ship La Fortune Capt. Featle? and a French Man of War Schooner -dined with Sir J Harvey whilst at St. Johns - very rainy unpleasant weather all the time I remained there - Fanny went into her house last Tuesday, for first time.

Sun. 28 Moderate wind at NW clear but not bright cleared off at 10am & continued very fine all day. Geo. Rendell came with me - J H Carter dined with me - Mr. Hoyles at St. Johns.

Mon. 29 Moderate W. Wind capelin scarce today. Some boats not out early - Lau'ce Hunt a splitter belonging with Goodridge & Co. brought here from Reneuse deranged & put into jail for safe keeping - capelin yet to be got in small quantities -Geo. Gray here from Reneuse

Tue. 30 Calm morning, fog on the hills sun out through it -started with James in the Zephyr for Reneuse and reached it at 6pm to measure the bounds of Studdy's room

Wed. 31 Thick fog with misting rain & strong breeze at NE -and so continued with hard rain occasionally all day throughout

1844 - AUGUST

Thu. 1 NE wind with thick fog & misty weather cleared away about noon the evening fine, measured out marked the boundaries of Studdy's Room occupied by Gearing Jr. Capelin gone off herrings in

Fri. 2 Cleared off at 9am light breeze SW fine & fog occasionally at noon dull & nearly calm -at 2pm wind E light air

Sat. 3 Calm & light air occasionally from E & NE warm with sun peering through the fog. dull all this day without any wind of any account - Robert ready to leave for St. Johns

Sun. 4 Thick wet foggy morning with a light air from NE or ENE to SE. three services at the church but no sermon today

Mon. 5 Light breeze at SW thick misty Rain -thick dead foggy weather with hard showers at times, the boats fishing with herrings having no squids nor capelin for several days -some catch a good deal

Tue. 6 Moderate SW wind dull with fog laying upon the hills. Robert left in his Jack for St. Johns this morning at 6am. Mary went with him - at 3pm cleared off fine -wind NW & warm - Beaufort sailed for St. Johns on 1st trip -at 6pm steamer North America passed southward wind light from NW very little fish catching - salmon nets taken in. [In the margin]:- Duke of York born at Windsor Castle this day 8am - 3rd child Queen Vic. & Prince Albert

Wed. 7 Moderate SW wind, dull morning but clear and dry - at 3pm hard rain and so continued all the evening catching the people with their flakes spread full of fish

Thu. 8 Dull heavy calm morning, with rain at 8am cleared off fine, wind NW & was so all day at 8pm the Eurydice, H.M. Frigate, Capt Elliott came into Capelin Bay with Governor Harvey on board

Fri. 9 Fine calm morning HM Frigate Eruydice in Capelin Bay, Gov'r Sir John Harvey, Mr. Secretary Crowdy, Mr. Warwick Harvey & Capt. Elliott of the frigate came on shore here at 10am - visited the Court House, Church & walked round the Harbour, sat a few minutes in my house & walked to Capelin Bay from whence after taking some refreshments at Mr. Morry's embarked onboard the Frigate and proceeded on their voyage to St. Peters, All the principal inhabitants rec'd the Governor on landing & accompanied him round the harbour to Capelin Bay & until! he went on board the Ship's boat at Capelin Bay -the afternoon cleared away very fine -

Sat. 10 Wind at west, moderate fine & warm a very fine day throughout,

strawberries quite ripe turnips fit for use have had them twice - fishery at a stand still, no squids yet

Sun. 11 Dull morning close & warm, wind at West. Mr. Hoyles at Rene today no service at church Shanahan came in from St. Johns, no letters from Robert as his boat was to leave very soon afterwards -

Mon. 12 Warm, dull and rainy morning, with light airs of wind variable early nearly calm - Robert's boat came from St. Johns, he remained to see the Regatta on 15th Inst.

Tue. 13 Very nearly calm all day light airs v'ble in W & S Quarter, went to Aquaforte today with James, Geo. Rendell & P. Le Messurier caught 5 doz fine trout-squids started up the harbour tonight Geary took L'ce Hunt to St. Johns in his boat -M & H'y Morry went with him.

Wed. 14 Wind NNW moderate & fine morning all day very fine indeed. Robert's boat Arrow home 3rd trip from the Westward. Many vessels passing to the Northward.

Thu. 15 Wind very moderate & v'ble nearly calm clear fine warm morning - Holy day with the Romanists none at work to day a very fine day throughout ,

' " ' Fri. 16 Light air from SW rather inclined to fog at 8am cleared off and w very fine weather -quite a summer's day as has been all this week - little doing in catching fish

Sat. 17 A very beautiful morning wind off the land no squid up to this date of any consequence -other bait scarce a very fine day throughout - the dove escaped out of front door

Sun. 18 a dull morning, quite calm with a light shower of ram -wrote Fanny last night to go by Sander's boat, she is here yet. Several vessels in sight a Barque going southward that I take to be the Brothers Hayward for Quebec, a light air of wind at South in the offing -at 9 pm very heavy rain indeed calm & dark. 3 Services at church today candles in the evening lighted

Mon. 19 Light air at ENE very heavy rain & all night past the same an extraordinary flood in the river N of the house, overflowing the bridge very much a hen & 17 or 18 young ducks drowned under the barrel in the field beside the river - Robert came from St. Johns landed by one of the fishing boats onboard which Mr. Kelligrew put him out of his boat round to Reneuse, left St. Johns on Saturday evening. Arrow left

Tue. 20 Strong breeze NE dark and cloudy with rain occasionally - several flocks of Curlew flying about - Sam'l Case began to cut the grass on the Downs field- at night dark & gloomy

Wed. 21 Moderate NE wind dull and heavy- had kidney potatoes first time yesterday out of our own garden abundance of strawberries this season -at 4pm drizzling rain with every appearance of a continuance of bad weather -at night, small rain - Sam'l Case mowing today

behind Mr. Clow's

Thu. 22 Moderate NE with rain & fog at 9am cleared away and the wind veered to ENE & S. very moderate & appeared to clear. No boats fishing no squids to this time

Sat. 24 Calm morning, rather dull at 1 lam it cleared off a little at 2pm fine wind off the land a great many vessels & boats passing N & S. The North America steamer passed at 4pm a French Man of War like La Fortune soon after to the Southward. Spread the hay out of swarth6 on the Downs -having been cut several days ago. Service at church this day being St. Bartholomews day. Evening fine.

Sun. 25 Light breeze NNE wind & fine -James went to Reneuse in the Zephyr Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse today - Sandwich tacked off Cape Broyle, many vessels passing N & S. Gavin left in Sanders's boat for St. Johns

Mon. 26 Light breeze, S with fog & drizzling rain at noon cleared off a little the evening fine wind off the land & moon clear - some few squids taken on Capelin Bay

Tue. 27 Light breeze NNE dull morning at 10pm fine and remained so until 6pm when it came on to rain again. A meeting today of Pro't. Board of Education at the church. P LeMessurier attended as one of the Board 1st time since he was appointed -voted a gratuity to Reneuse Teachers (Sarah Garland of £5) and passed a resolution to that effect withholding any from Aquaforte Teachers in consequence of her letter to the Board - passed my account.

Wed. 28 Strong breeze NE dark & gloomy weather and so continued all day - Angerona on shore to repair

Thu. 29 Calm morning raining torrents -cleared away a little as the day advanced - became very warm and damp unpleasant weather wind SW Fri.30 Strong breeze at SW thick haze on the hills damp dead unpleasant heat the Walls

running water in streams -yesterday the Arrow and other boats went for Westward first boats with squid - Wrote Mr. J. W. Sanders about registry of voters also Mr. Morry, Mr. Winser & Constables at Cape Broyle & Brigus. - Capt. Jellard came from St. Johns in a boat having landed at Capelin Bay.

Sat. 31 Strong breeze NW fine morning several vessels passing Southward at 4pm. wind NE strong flurry of a breeze with rain - boat Arrow came in

1844 - SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1 Good breeze NE wind with showers light rain at 11 am cleared off dry with sun showing at times - quite cool air to what have had lately - service at church full service & prayers in the evening -Mr. Hoyles called in evening

Mon. 2 Moderate N Wind clear & cool wind variable but a fine day

throughout. Gathered green peas for the first time today - James H'y Carter & Geo. Rendell left in the Jack laden by Robert with dry fish several other boats left also for St. Johns. Sam'l Case mowing behind Pitt's old house.

Tue. 3 Moderate west wind, dull but looking as if it would clear away as the day advanced -fine day Sam'l Case mowing behind Pitt's old House - steamer "North America" passed northward at 3am

Wed. 4 Good breeze SW Arrow came in from Cape Bollard Bank in the night with 30 Qtls round fish caught yesterday -Mr. P LeMessurier goes to St. Johns per Maid of the Grove to night -looking heavy & dull

Thu. 5 Moderate S wind with rain & heavy- Mrs. Carter's Birth day anniversary, 53 years of age - continued rain all day

Fri. 6 Strong breeze N with light hazy rain assuming very much the feel & look of the fall of the year - at 2pm James came in from St. Johns in the Jack, many vessels passing to & fro blowing hard with showers of rain - at night moderate

Sat. 7 Wind NE dull with showers of rain 9am strong breeze hard rain, steamer North America passed Southward - at night more clear & moderate yet heavy sea on the land

Sun. 8 Wind NE good breeze - a good deal of sea -cloudy with sun peering through them Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse, no service here today. At evening rain & fog, & blowing strong.

Mon. 9 Wind NE thick mizzling rain & fog, very unpleasant weather for several days past - nothing doing in the fishery on shore or at sea - Jude Bryan commenced upon the Angerona today -the "Avalon" Leary, in Capelin Bay. a vessel from West Indies in Aquaforte -Mrs. Barron landed here from vessel going to Sydney, C.B.

Tue. 10 Wind NE weather much the same as yesterday - if anything a little dryer, at night blowing very hard, but stars showing out among the clouds - the "Jemima" now at Aquaforte ex Demarara -Road Commissioners met

Wed. 11 Strong gale NE wind with hard rain -at 1pm Shanahan Junk came in from St. Johns blowing hard with a heavy sea on the land

Thu. 12 Strong breeze NE damp air but no rain clouds dark & heavy but lighter than for last 3 or 4 days - let Mr. Morry have a young sheep last evening, sent it per Pat'k Finley one of this year -afternoon dry but very windy Rob't Brennan and M'l Kehoe came from St. Johns this afternoon.

Fri. 13 Wind NNE moderate, dark & cloudy but not raining - "Arrow" went out of Capelin Bay -finished gathering the currants in the garden last evening- the circuit vessel touched into Capelin Bay and passed along southward "Arrow" Leary left Capelin Bay at 10am

Sat. 14 Calm with thick fog - cleared off at 3pm and the wind came of slightly from westward

Sun. 15 Moderate WSW wind warm & clear but cloudy -3 services at the church today many vessels passing northward. "Arrow" from the bank no fish there -

Mon. 16 Moderate SW wind dull morning the Sch'r "Brothers" Norris from St. Johns gone up Capelin Bay -at night rain in showers -Martin Culloton came to work in Angerona several skiffs brought in a good deal of fish -squids in Capelin Bay

Tue. 17 Wind NE very moderate fine morning- change of wind round the compass & fine day -James & Eliza left for St. Johns this evening in the Jack -Mr. W. Hoyles with them, several boats left also laden with dry fish. Squids & caplin by Arrow left for fishery

Wed. 18 Light air SW fine morning surveyed [Jno?] Barron's ground two days & a half work- at 4pm hard rain, people who spread fish were caught by it. Mrs. LeMessurier a daughter born at 7am this morning. Jno Walsh from St. Johns in Devereux's boat

Thu. 19 Strong breeze SW wind with heavy showers of rain, foggy at sea & very sultry morning. "Beaufort" left for St. Johns -at 6pm strong breeze NE wind with hard rain. Beaufort returned & putback again at 9pm clear over the land - a very bright rainbow this evening near sunset of great extent, clouds looking strangely wild & flying about much.

Fri. 20 Strong breeze NE wind rather raw & cold -at 9am cleared off & wind veered to Northward and proved a very fine day at night wind West clear & fine, many vessels passing northward "Beaufort" left again for St. Johns -unrigged the Zephyr little fish catching now -Hearn's boat left for St. Johns at 10pm Mr. Morry in her wrote Fanny & sent her a basket by him & sent Mrs. Barron's plans of her land here. Court of Revision open

Sat. 21 Strong breeze WNW dry morning but not very fine - at noon cleared off very fine the warmest day for many weeks, small catches of fish made to day by some in punts - "Arrow" & other western boats home from fishing ground with poor catches of fish -evening moderate & fine -Halls fish bro't down

Sun. 22 Fine morning wind SW moderate -very warm day throughout - Mr. Hoyles at St. Johns, no service at the church. Several vessels passing - "Avalon" southward

Mon. 23 Calm foggy morning and remained so all day except a short time in midday when the sun shone out very warm

Tue. 24 Calm morning with very heavy rain till 1pm. when the wind came up NE strong breeze - Robert's men began on his Road Contract -several of the boats came from St. Johns this evening -at night good breeze & clear

Wed. 25 Good breeze NE wind clear & dry but dull at noon sun peering out between the clouds -at 4pm James came from St. Johns, Mary Carter

with him left this morning at 8am.

Thu. 26 Moderate ENE wind & fine & clear. Wrote Fanny. Wm & Mrs Noad & sent the letters per Robert's jack with fish at 6pm. wind South & hath been some hours past, not a good day for fish. Punts caught a little

Fri. 27 Moderate SSW wind with rain and so continued throughout the whole day - Boats came from the bank, did not get much fish -James spent the evening here.

Sat. 28 Strong breeze NNW, dark & gloomy morning, rather raw and cold - the day fine and dry & warm

Sun. 29 Strong breeze WNW fine morning the last night was the most beautiful we have been this season the moon was most magnificent and clear -no service at church today, Mr. Hoyles absent at St. Johns Lion left last night sometime for St. Johns. Wrote my sister & sent by her

Mon. 30 Strong gale SW with rain at 10 pm cleared off a little & wind veered to W.& blowing hard still -afternoon more moderate - Engaged at Court House about A H Carter's land & Commissioners of Roads - Mr. Morry took tea with me this evening

1844 - OCTOBER

Tue. 1 Moderate breeze westerly wind dry and clear but dull -at 10am cleared off fine, blowing strong from WSW. Showers occasionally - a Brig laying too off7 Cape Broyle appears lumber laden

Wed. 2 Very moderate nearly calm, a fine morning -offered to buy a ton of hay from Mrs. Jellard at £3. deliverable at stable door -at 12 noon wind v'ble with heavy showers of rain & so continued untill night fall.

Thu. 3 Moderate NE wind dark & cloudy, dull all day, the punts caught a good deal of fish yesterday from Southside -wrote Fanny & others by Jno Walsh

Fri. 4 Moderate SW wind dull morning -afternoon shining at times -dull

Sat. 5 Anniversary of my daughter Fanny's marriage with Wm Rendell - strong breeze SSW heavy dark & dull day went with Mr. Norris & others to change the Line of Road near the Bridge leading to Merry Meeting Pond - Came on hard rain with strong gale at SSE. Mr. Morry called in the evening

Sun. 6 Strong breeze SW heavy clouds passing over the sun - warm and mild but damp -Mr. Hoyles yet at St. Johns, no service at the church in consequence - Gathered peas today for dinner -White's marrowfats, a very nice sweetflavoured pea but require very tall sticks to support them 10 or 12 feet high -not a production sort of pea -very large size

Mon. 7 Calm dull & dark morning with rain -occupied at Court House all forenoon - Lion from St. Johns brings a/c of Mrs. Shea's death on 3

Inst Wind at E hard rain all afternoon -

Tue. 8 Strong breeze SW cloudy & rather dull -heavy sea on the shore sun showing up at times -afternoon Wind W strong breeze, dry & finer weather -John Shean⁸ from Round Cove bro't the ox purchased from him today ,

Wed. 9 Strong breeze SW dark clouds driving out from the land - Signed a petition for Jno [Co-man?] to Gov't, for Relief - at 5pm wind West good breeze, HMS "Eurydice" passing southward, bound for Bermuda having Lord Bishop of Nfld onboard

Thu. 10 Calm dull morning, rain fallen during the night -Occupied at the Court House this forenoon -made up Ct H'se Quarterly Returns to day ready to send per first opp'y. Wrote A Milroy Jun'r enclosing Orders for salary -Showery throughout today wind v'ble N to NNW -several craft passing, Beaufort came home. Schr Nancy last at Aquaforte

Fri. 11 Moderate SW wind dull & damp -"Arrow" left for St. Johns with oil Notified Jno White to desist from meddling with Crown Land & with that petitioned party Martin Connery in particular - Notice delivered to M. Conway to serve it on Mr. White this evening

Sat. 12 Moderate breeze NNE fine morning This is the 54th anniversary of my birth and I now feel quite well in health thank God - able to discharge my official & other duties quite as well as I ever was - Arrow came from St. Johns

Sun. 13 Fine morning, wind NE moderate first frost for sometime last night- Mr. Hoyles absent from hence, no service at the church today -Henry Morry spent this evening with us. a fine evening -

Mon. 14 Smart frosty night last night, ground quite white this morning - light wind off the land almost calm, several coasters making their way out for St. Johns - at noon SW strong breeze & fine W'thr. Coulman at work at 7/ per day

Tue. 15 Good breeze SSW wind dull & mild afternoon calm -Mr. Morry s schooner left for St. Johns -leaves falling from poplars - Coulman at work today

Wed. 16 Calm, dull damp morning -at 3pm blowing strong with hard rain -at 10pm thunder and lightening with torrents of rain & blowing hard at SW. Coulman at work

Thu. 17 Strong breeze SW dry but looking watery -punts catching a great deal of fish belonging to industrious people - 12 months ago Fanny left us.[In margin]; M. Rossiter.

Fri. 18 Calm morning dry and clear, several vessels in sight -Rd Kinsela & Luke Brown came to me complaining of interuption from A H Carter in making public road at Southside -Ellen Norris & John Morry to tea this evening. M. Rossiter.

Sat. 19 Calm morning, clear but not very fine - at night thick wet fog wind at

South very light air, caught a lobster to day. small boats still continue to catch some fish when they can procure herrings the only bait now to be procured.—
Sun. 20 Moderate SW wind with thick fog -Rev'd W. Hoyles not yet returned from St. Johns no service at the church of course -Very cold at sunset
Mon. 21 Strong breeze NNW with frost this morning fine clear morning, and a very fine throughout the finest for fish in all this month -a great many craft passing north & south all the boats and coasters home from St. Johns - Letters from Fanny and William, no particular news
Tue. 22 Wind at NW moderate, dull morning frost during past night -Circuit vessel went up Capelin Bay at noon went there myself in the afternoon & took tea at Mr. Morry's. Evening very fine. Took in the sheep.
Wed. 23 Moderate wind at west fine morning, the "Jasper" circuit court vessel came in here. Judge Lilly landed & opened Court, and adjourned it to Friday, 10 o'clock. The "Albion" came in from Sydney CB with coals. Coasters left for St. Johns.
Thu. 24 Moderate NNE wind, light frost in the night -Lion put back with strong NE wind this morning very early. Albion landing coals -
Fri. 25 Moderate SW wind, dull at 10am it cleared off fine, wind at NW good breeze -Court opens today -one case "Shanahan" & "Winser" settled —and adjourned to Tuesday at noon - Judge Lilly, Geo & Ja's Simms & my brother dined with me, asked M'w Morry but he was engaged with Stephenson onboard the "Jasper" -Atn'y LeMessurier presented a memorial against me to the Court not yet acquainted with its contents
Sat. 26 Wind NW fine -Albion left in the evening for St. Johns. Wm. Hoyles gone to Reneuse
Sun. 27 Moderate ESE wind dull morning - No service at the church today - dined at my brother's met there Judge Lilly, Geo Simms, Mr. Morry & Peter LeMessurier. at night calm, looking dull & heavy.
Mon. 28 Wind NE moderate with rain at noon strong breeze, at night blowing hard - dined at Mr. Morry's in Capelin Bay with my brother, Geor. & Ja's Simms & P LeMessurier by invitation the first time so for many years -Messrs Goodridge & Kelligrew here from Reneuse
Tue. 29 Strong breeze NE wind, dry & raw cold -Court open today -grand jury called, some cases settled -LeMessurier's memorial del'd into my hands by the Judge -Goodridge & Kelligrew dined with me -ordered Mr. Clow to prepare Precept
Wed. 30 Variable light airs of wind, thick fog with clearing at times - the Reneuse gentlemen went home - no court open to day
Thu. 31 Strong breeze NE with showers of rain dark and gloomy weather Court open to day laid the papers before the Judge in reference to LeMessurier, Judge read the memor'l of LeMessurier, notes of

Evidence of trial of Saunders & Co. and closed by saying that he fully acquitted the magistrate of any of the charges in LeMessurier's memorial -at night hard rain & strong breeze -young men at my brother's to eat ColdCannon, etc. James Simms Jr. slept here.

1844 - NOVEMBER

Fri. 1 Strong gale ENE with heavy rain & hail showers -Court not opened at 12 o'clock in consequence expect of the weather - Service at the church this forenoon - hail, sleet and snow during the day -hard gale at night. Applied to Mr. Clow for papers

Sat. 2 Blowing hard at NNE dark & cloudy but dry overhead -raw and cold wind - drew up a petition for Coulman to the Gov'r praying for more money for Deep Cove -applied to Mr. Clow for papers

Sun. 3 This morning opens clear fine & sharp a very smart frost last night, light winds - Two services at church -evening service notified to be discontinued -applied to Mr. Clow twice for papers today -Circuit vessel with Judge Lilly & suite went into Capelin Bay this afternoon intending to depart for St. Johns during the night -

Mon. 4 Calm morning rather dull - Mr. Clow came to me with the papers for Sessions to be delivered to D'y Sheriff, signed the precept & he went off to Capelin Bay, spoke to him of his conduct in plain terms & told him I should report his conduct to the Governor in case Mr. Stephenson should have sailed - at 10am North America steamer passed N -1/4 to 5 hard rain -clear at night

Tue. 5 Moderate W. Wind, clear, sharp & frosty fine all day at night clear but looking for wind from East quarter

Wed. 6 Strong gale ESE dark & wild looking hard rain, blowing very hard all day

Thu. 7 Moderate with wind SW very thick fog with hard rain in showers - "Garland" 42 days from London put into Capelin Bay this morning bound for St. Johns -at night hard rain & very dark & mild

Fri. 8 Strong breeze at WNW clear & bright, frost during last night or morning - several craft leaving for St. Johns - "North America" steamer passed Southward at 1pm -Beaufort left for Saint John's Wrote Mr. Crowdy transmitting to him the list of voters to Oct'r 31.1844 -at night, dull.

Sat. 9 Calm, dull morning with fog on the hills, appears to have rained much during the past night -Mary Carter slept at Capelin Bay last night it being too wet to return with her brothers who spent the evening up there. Vegetables yet out in the gardens no frost to this time to injure them - Mr. Hoyles gone to Reneuse

Sun. 10 Calm, dull morning, but mild -No service at church today -my brother dined with me today several vessels passing a fine clear day -

Mon. 11 Strong breeze NW wind dark & cloudy but not frosty -snowing all

day -Lion came home -at Court House to day -dined with my brother -at night fine

Tue. 12 Strong breeze N wind, showery & blinks of snow -Eliza came home this morning at 5am from St. Johns per "Brothers" via Capelin Bay Arrow laden with dry fish for St. Johns -packed my boxes to send off for England -fish, etc.

Wed. 13 Moderate NE wind - clear & dry, a sch'r with cattle from Guysford for St. Johns here wind bound - at night wind [?] with sleet and rain

Thu. 14 Strong breeze WNW the "Arrow" left for St. Johns Robert onboard her -strong gale & heavy rain last night but mild -Mr. P. LeMessurier's daughter christened this day at the church -Mrs. Carter myself James & Eliza spent the evening at his house with others

Fri. 15 Strong gale NW with snow showers the ground covered with snow - frost not severe -snow all gone at noon

Sat. 16 Good breeze NNW fine clear morning smart frost the day fine with light frost throughout -paid M'l Kehoe 26/. Junk came home from St. Johns. Mr. Stephenson in this boat, issued a Writ of Attach'mt to Jn Long & Mark Grace & summons to Martin Cullen for Pat Cain for 30/-

Sun. 17 Strong breeze NNW sharp clear frosty morning at noon more moderate & fine -two services at the church today

Mon. 18 Calm morning at 10am wind SW moderate and dark with blinks of snow at times, Norris & others left for St. Johns many craft passing northward, at evening strong gale with heavy rain and sleet. At the Court House this forenoon for some time. Rec'd instructions from Surveyor General

Thu. 19 Moderate NW wind with rain, very dark and gloomy -cleared away about noon -[In Margin: strong gale at noon] a Brig working into Capelin Bay said to be Jo:Hurlahan bound to Sydney, CB out several days from St. Johns now put in to repair damages

Wed. 20 Good breeze NW wind, fine morning a smart frost -Carrots & turnips taken up yesterday -Shanahan left at midnight sent Mrs. Wright's £20 by him to Wm. Rendell to purchase a bill for it

Thu. 21 Strong breeze SW drops of rain & mild general Qr. Sessions of the Peace held on this day -J. W. Saunders dined with me & spent the evening at my brothers

Fri. 22 Wind NE moderate, snow showers -at evening calm -Mr. Hoyles spent the evening at my house

Sat. 23 Wind S moderate mild & dark -at noon strong breeze & snow cold at 4pm the "North America" passed northward blowing hard with snow, at night strong gale with sleet and rain

Sun. 24 Strong gale at WNW with rain & appears as if had rained very heavy during the night, mild and warm -no service at church, Mr. Hoyles being at Renewse - at night a total eclipse of the moon from 6 to 10

o'clock -sky being over cast it was not very visible, though it became dark
 Mon. 25 Moderate NW wind, clear with light showers of snow -at the Court House to
 day - evening fine with frost & slight snow showers
 Tue. 26 Light wind WNW clear & fine, a slight covering of snow upon the ground
 frost last night -Arrow & several other boats came in from St. Johns this
 evening
 Wed. 27 Calm morning and dull -sharp frost in the night, Pat Brennan & Alice Dalton,
 Wm Kinsella & Mary Ann Sliney -Peter Gregory & Mary Whelan, and
 several other couples married this week -wind NW at night strong gale with
 showers
 Thu. 28 Strong breeze NNW sharp frosty clear morning a good deal of rain - several
 vessels in sight -Housed the cattle tonight for first time - Wrote Gov'r & C't.
 H's [ED: Court House] for leave of Absence
 Fri. 29 Moderate NNW wind -dull & sharp frosty weather -walked to Aquaforte on
 a fine slide path all the way -smart frost all this day
 Sat. 30 Very sharp frosty morning, ground covered with snow, wind NNW several
 craft missing - rec'd the writs & LeMessurier last night gave them to D'y
 sheriff today who served them - my brother & Mr. Morry left overland this
 morning for St. Johns.

 Attestations before Commission, 1844

-----Date	Officer	Attorney	Pl'iff	Dpo'n
22/5/1844	J. Stephenson	H. W. Hoyles	Pearce	M. Power
22/5/'44	Fm's Geary	W .B. Row	J. W. Saunders	Berrigan

1844 - DECEMBER

Sun. 1 Fine clear morning, calm, very sharp & frosty, it froze harder last night than
 any day last winter at 11 am wind SW -at noon milder with strong breeze at
 night blowing hard -two services at the church, very small congregation in the
 afternoon and very cold in church without a fire -several craft passing N
 Mon. 2 Moderate NNW wind fine & clear -very slippery owing to rain freezing
 during last night -Peter Dullanty left for St. Johns gave him a letter for Mr. H.
 W. Hoyles concerning writ & Lemessurier.
 Tue. 3 Moderate NW all day smart frost very slippery walking, a very fine day - Mr.
 W. Kelligrew passed along towards St. Johns.

END OF BOOK 13

of

Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. Ewen Stabb married Ann Tessier, the diary writer's first cousin. Ann's Tessier's mother was Joan Carter, daughter of Robert Carter I, surrogate Judge, Ferryland during the late 1700's.
2. Capt. Jellard is the bride's brother-in-law, having married Ellen Coulman.
3. Elias Rendell is the younger brother of Sarah (née Rendell) Carter, wife of the journal writer. His 2-year-old child, Ada, is motherless.
4. The words Harbour and Colour occur very frequently in these journals, always with the traditional "u". This "color" is quite unusual.
5. The journal writer is beginning to forego the old English "f" to represent a double S. Here, passenger is spelt as we would today, whereas it has been usual in his earlier journal years to use "pafenger".
6. Swarth is an old word for haycock - the cut hay would have to be spread to dry more than once.
7. There is indiscriminate use of "to/too" and "of/off" in the same context throughout the journals.
8. The voters' list of 1840 shows a John Sheehan, Round Cove, Renewse.

ROBERT CARTER'S JOURNAL

BOOK 14

December 4, 1844 - July 7, 1845

1844 - DECEMBER

Wed. 4 Good breeze at West "Lion" & "Junk" left in the night, Hearn this morning from St. Johns, very mild & dull to day looking much for a change of weather

Thu. 5 Strong gale at SSW with very heavy rain and free thaw at noon rain ceased & cleared off at 4pm. Wind NE blowing strong breeze

Fri. 6 Moderate N. Wind, froze during the night clear & fine - very fine day through

Sat 7 Calm fair frosty morning -at night wind SW -at 5pm the Am'n Consul and Capt. Stuart called, last from Reneuse - had landed at Trepassey from North America steamer, which had proceeded, but in such a state as not to be deserved seaworthy on her voyage to Halifax - they took tea here - P LeMessurier & M Morry Jr. came from St. Johns

Sun. 8 Strong gale SSW with hard rain & free thaw, Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse to day Robert walked from Cape Broyle where he came from St. Johns in "Symmetry" Mr. Delavon & Capt. Stewart dined with me today -Mr. Delavon Am'n Consul Gen'l.

Mon. 9 Strong gale WNW with showers of snow, ground covered and smart frost. Mr. Delavon, Capt. Stewart & others left for St. Johns over land - evening calm & dull

Tue. 10 Moderate W wind O'Dwyer's boat left for St. Johns, Symmetry trying to work into the harbour but went up Capelin Bay. -last from St. Johns

Wed. 11 Fine clear morning, moderate NNE wind with smart frost. Hearn's boat Shanahan & the Brothers came in from St. Johns -rec'd letter from Mr. Hoyles with two notices to be served on [-?]. LeMessurier gave them to Mr. Clow to serve who duly served them on him this evening Wrote Mr. Hoyles in reply enclosing the notices and returning the subpoenas for Cain & O'Dwyer they being at St. Johns -desiring Mr. Hoyles to proceed in the case exactly as he thinks best - Symmetry came in to lay up for the winter.

Thu. 12 Light air at E fine morning inclining for a change -smart frost during last night -at evening strong breeze ESE wind looking dark and mild

Fri. 13 Strong breeze ENE with considerable sea on -silver thaw and snow fallen during the night -very mild morning -at night thawing and raining w'h fog

Sat. 14 Mild, clear & calm, a slight shower of snow this morning, ground quite wet and the trees dropping the silver thaw -Sent letters to H. W. Hoyles by Trainer & to K McLea Jr. by Henley to start tomorrow

Sun. 15 Moderate air SSW wind thick fog and thawing freely, very wet

underfoot at noon cleared off. wind SW -two services at the church this day.

Mon. 16 Calm with fog & dull -thawing freely -walked to Aquaforte to see Rob't Hall who is ill -drew out a will for him leaving all he had to his wife at her sole disposal. Evening fine and mild

Tue. 17 Strong breeze at S. snowing fast at 10am hard rain at noon foggy blowing very hard -at 2pm quite a hurricane from SW and so continued until 8pm.

during which time the boats and vessels in the Pool broke from their moorings and drove foul of each other & damaged more or less Brazels Costelloes Peter

Dullanty's and McLean & Kehoes stages were blown down, some skiffs & punts blown off the beaches, some knocked in pieces & others driven to sea -

Barron's house partly blown down -M Morry's stage partly unroofed & much other damage done, the strongest gale for many years -at 10pm began to

moderate - at midnight quite lulled down & a fine night -Capt Jellard's [ED: or Jelland?] stow under the downs filled with hay blown to atoms & down -

Top of Mr. Hoyles's chimney blown down Hearn's boat sunk in the pool - chief part of Deveraux's flake down & part the roof of Mr. Sanders broken.

Wed. 18 Moderate W. wind, dull light frost during the night, moderate all day with gentle frost -Rec'd letter from Mr. Hoyles and agreed with Mr. Clow to go in

tomorrow. Mr. Morry came home from St. Johns.

Thu. 19 Moderate W. wind clear & fine & frosty some little snow during the night - Mr. Clow left early for St. Johns this morning -Went to Capelin Bay & stayed

dinner with Mr. Morry -evening fine & frosty

Fri. 20 Moderate SW wind with snow showers and clear between -went into the woods with M Norris & others & built a bridge nearly across Merry Meeting

River

Sat. 21 St. Thomas's-shortest day-Wind NNW moderate with snow showers, frosty - morning service at the church

Sun. 22 Mild & moderate wind W & fine O'Dwyer's boat came in during the night from St. Johns - Mr. Hoyles at Renewse -Jas H Carter & John Morry came

from St. Johns the Lion arrived during last night from thence -went to Capelin Bay to meet James

Mon. 23 Fine calm morning, frosty but not severe -at the Court House to day -Wind S at noon looking for a change at night -strong breeze

Tue. 24 Good breeze SSW with thick fog, free thaw and rain -at noon Wind NW & warm-at night clear & strong breeze

Wed. 25 Christmass Day - strong breeze NW mild blinking snow -light frost during the night -Mr. Hoyles dined with me, he administered the Holy Sacrament for

the first time, money collected 12[?] set apart to purchase church plate for sacrament -two services at the church to day

I sent up coals for the use of the church

Thu. 26 St. Stephens day -moderately frosty, clear and fine with light air from the land

Mr. T. O'Dwyer came from St. Johns yesterday brings account of arrival of Flirt sailing vessel of 62 hours from Halifax with the mail, brought no letters with him. My brother & M. Morry spent the evening with me. [In margin] : a vessel supposed to be the Flirt passed S with colours hoisted

Fri. 27 Moderate NW wind quite mild & free from frost, clear & fine- morning service at the church today

Sat. 28 Thick fog with light air at SW dark morning, snow & ice nearly gone again - promised Jas Coady 10/ for letters the winter -postman, service at the church today in morning hard rain at noon & free thaw

Sun. 29 Good breeze off the land gentle frost clear and fine for the season. Two services at the church today

Mon. 30 Calm dull morning not very frosty during the past night -fine & mild all day with variable wind, thawing in the sun upon open ground

Tue. 31 Strong breeze SSW clear and dry but looking for a speedy change in the weather -Coady the Postman was to leave this morning for Saint John's on his first journey -evening fine starlight - so ends the year 1844, a year that hath produced wonderful works in railways and locomotive carriages bringing places nearer together than possibly could be done by other means -Great

Western Railway extended to Exeter - and progressing towards Plymouth from thence by a coastline down the Exe, along the sea coast to Dawlish & Teignmouth & up the valley of Teign & on through Newton to Totness & Plymouth - Many wonderful improvements made in "Steamers" which now go to all parts of the world and heavily armed - the Great Britain, the largest vessel, a "steamer" upon the screw principal, that ever was built, was this year launched at Bristol & found too wide to pass the dock gates, but after much expense and trouble was released from her prison state in the fall - the Queen & Prince Albert on a visit to Blair Athol for sometime, also to the Marquis of Exeter's seat in Lincolnshire for same -the King of the French Louis Philippe on a visit to Her Majesty at Windsor Castle for several days and accompanied by his sons & suite, the principal minister "M. Guizol" landed at Portsmouth and embarked from Dover on his return - in consequence of strong winds his squadron remaining at Portsmouth - Early in the year fears were entertained of a war between France & England arising out of the French attacking the Emperor of Morean's Dominions and Queen Pomarras Dominions at Tahiti & insulting Pritchard the English Consul who was sent from the Islands & came to England. The French Government reprimanded their Admiral etc. & paid Pritchard a

compensation in money. . .

Affairs in China quiet & trade established between Great Britain & the celestial Empire apparently on a firm footing -

Lord Ellesborough removed from Governor-Generalship of India y E. J. Company Directors contrary to wish of ministers, Lord Harding appointed in his stead -India not quiet.

A Prince born this year -many of the crown heads of Europe in England on visits to Queen & Prince Albert this year -

In regard of our own affairs, Chief Justice Bourne was removed from office for having made charges against Governor S. J. Harvey that were not substantiated, Mr. Norton an Irish RC from [Demarary?] last appointed his successor -The seal fishery did not prove fortunate many vessels missed taking a saving voyage, several vessels lost, many severely damaged price 24/p cwt. [?]

The Cod Fishery very partial, the western boats with codseines very bad - others not good -the fishery to the westbound & some parts northbound very unproductive, Labrador very good in parts - the shore boats pretty well here by industrious men, others of course but poorly fished - the French fisheries most productive on the Banks -No English Bankers on the Grand Bank this year - CF Bennett & Co.'s whaler the last on this shore that I have heard of - particulars of Newmans & Co. at Forteau Bay not known -

Judge Lilly upon the Southern coast this year - Judge DesBarres Northern - This place was visited by severe storm of wind on 17 Dec'r doing considerable damage as will be seen on reference to that date - Sad a/cts of damage from the West India Islands by hurricanes

A large ship with treasure aboard from South America drove in upon the coast of Nova Scotia this year, with only a few hands onboard, the men were taken and tried at Halifax & found guilty of having murdered several of the crew the Master, etc. and were executed for Piracy at Halifax, she was the Saladin bound to Liverpool - the money was secured. Extensive fire at the Sydney CB mines this year doing very considerable injury to the works -

A Steamer, the "North America" running this year between Halifax & St. Johns touching at anchor with the mails, she did the work well untill on her voyage up in December when she gave out & put into Trepassey & was from thence got to Halifax in 7 days with much difficulty -the passengers left her -Mr. Delaron an Amr'n Consul was onboard he walked to St. Johns from Trepassey, passed through this & spent a day with me - a very tall stout man.

I feel thankful to the Almighty that he hath vouchsafed his protection & blessings upon me & mine for the past 12Mths -none having suffered illness & Fanny made two passages across the Atlantic in safety besides passages to & from upon this coast by myself & family in safety without accident therefore praised be his Holy

name for ever & ever Amen

Weather during 1844

The Spring was severe & frosty and somewhat boisterous the Drift Ice not jammed in upon the coast as is generally the case & little seen from the land & very few Islands - The Summer dull, wet & moderate without as much fog as usual -not at all a warm summer but very good for the green crops & not bad for curing fish, very few gales of wind

The Autumn was wet and rather raw cold occasionally the voyages retarded from being cured very much by hard rain & dull weather untill October when it became dry & fine for a few days together no early frosts - the Hay much damaged by continual wet The approach for winter very severe in latter end of Nov'r and a few days in Dec'r afterwards less frosty -very little snow fallen some sharp gales & at Xmass & to end of year moderately frosty & fine -

1845 - JANUARY

Wed. 1 This year opens without much snow or ice the ground nearly bare - Moderate WSW wind with very light frost rather cloudy but clear & mild -morning service at the church and a meeting of Prot B'd of Education -Mr. Jacob Winser appointed teacher for Aquaforte instead Anna Winser late teacher - Mr. Hoyles & my brother dined with me this day - mild for season at night

Thu. 2 Mild & dull wind SSW very light shower of snow during the night -at 10am hard rain and so continued until night when it became calm with thick fog - Had a few friends to spend this evening with me - Mr. P. LeMessurier, W. Carter, Jr. & Matt Morry Jr. Mr. Noms & Ellen, Capt. Jillard. .

Fri. 3 Good breeze at West, light frost towards morning the ground dried up again - Mr. Clow came from St. Johns left it on Tuesday - bro t letters from W. Rendell Jr. & H. Hoyles result LeMessurier s case 20/? damages -so ends that affair, damages [is naught to pay?]

Sat. 4 Strong breeze at North sharp frost clear but not sunshining looking for snow -at night wind moderate at NE fine- Sent Mr. Milroy order for £20.10 st'g on Collector and Receipts for Quarters Salary -Mr. Hoyles gone to Renewse

Sun. 5 Strong breeze WNW, fine morning a very strong gale about S during the night with hard rain & a little snow towards morning -mild all day -no service at church to day . .

Mon. 6 Nearly calm, dull and free thaw appears to have rained during the

Tue. 7 Sharp frosty morning good breeze NNW wind fine James left for St. Johns at 7 ½ am with John White by land -at noon quite moderate nearly calm wind ENE at night good breeze SE dull & heavy

Wed. 8 Moderate SW wind thawing freely & raining, snow & silver thaw fell during the night -at night wind NW strong breeze, clear and freezing

Thu. 9 Strong breeze NW with light showers of snow and moderate frost, the Angerona hauled afloat this morning [Miss?] Mackay from St. Johns last evening brings no news in particular - Afternoon very fine, clear & frosty with strong breeze NNW wind -Mr.& Mrs. LeMessurier & Jno Morry passed the evening with us.

Fri. 10 Fine frosty morning, quite calm & clearing at noon wind SSW mild W'r, snow -walked to Aquaforte in the forenoon

Sat. 11 Moderate dull morning, nearly a calm - ground again covered by about an inch of snow our well dry in consequence I expect of the penetration of the frost into the ground -at noon a Brig with painted

ports passed Northwards

Sun. 12 Strong breeze ENE dull & raw cold -a Brig put into Reneuse, another vessel stood off again, a boat passed Southward -Two services in the church to day

Mon. 13 Strong breeze NE with snow, a good deal fell during the night and drifted considerably -afternoon, less snow

Tue. 14 Calm, snowing fast, gentle frost wind all round the compass during with hard rain & free thaw -at 10pm smart frost and clear fine night

Wed. 15 Strong breeze at NW & WNW freezing hard at 10am moderate & fine but very frosty -House of General Assembly opens at St. Johns today -boat belonging to Mr. Lush at St. Mary's at Aquaforte bound home from St. Johns and Mr. [—man's?] boat into Cape Broyle under similar circumstances -

Thu. 16 Strong breeze from SW to N with showers of snow, much drifts and severe frost -evening very severe & more moderate

Fri. 17 Moderate SW wind more mild than yesterday -a schooner passed Northward afternoon v'ble and moderate at night mild

Sat. 18 V'ble wind from NE to SE with snow to SW with rain & free thaw, a strong breeze - floods of water it came down in my yard & flowed into the porch & kitchen, my brother, John Morry & P. LeMessurier spent the evening here - Mr. White from St. Johns - no letters

Sun. 19 Very strong gale at NW smart frost with showers of snow & drifts, sun shining out between, the water drained off pretty well from the courtyard & back of the house. Service at the church today. Mr. Hoyles being unable to go to Reneuse owing to the weather.

Mon. 20 Very strong gale from NW freezing smartly, fine and clear overhead. Rev'd J. Ryan attested the will of Robert Power before me this day as a subscribing witness & that he saw John Carbin the other witness sign the [—ce?]. Mr. Lush came down from Aquaforte and dined with me -Mr. Hoyles the evening

Tue. 21 Moderate N. Wind sharp frost harbour caught over slightly -fine morning -at noon very fine and moderate, a beautiful winter's day -got Up [„_?] today and yesterday -Rec'd letters from St. Johns -letters rec'd per P. Dullanty - a party dining with James -a better slide path in the woods now than at any time of last winter so far as Spout Pond

Wed. 22 Wind ENE clear but raw cold, good breeze signed & issued precept & sent it to D'y Sheriff for G'l Qr. Sess'n in [—?] Thursday, 10am - Mary Carter's birthday anniversary 20 years of age this day -at night, strong gale NE snowing fast

Thu. 23 Strong gale NE silver thaw, it is said a Brig was off Cape Broyle last evening -A party at Capt. Jellard's in the evening

Fri. 24 Moderate NNE wind, light frost during last night, a very fine clear

day -Mr. Lush left Aquaforte for St. Mary's in his boat this morning -evening wind SW a Brig & schooner passed Northward -Went to Capelin Bay to tea with Mary & Eliza not by invitation ret d at A past 10 -Jn O'Donnell 56 & Marg't Sullivan 26, married today rather a clandestine wedding .

Sat. 25 Fine, mild morning, wind moderate at SW very little frost last night -service at church today -conversion of St. Paul. -Wm. Norris put in a pane of glass in church Mr. Hoyles left for Reneuse -evening fine & clear and nearly calm very gentle frost

Sun. 26 Calm, mild morning light air SW very slight frost during the night, no service at the church today. James came from St. Johns this evening left St. Johns yesterday morning. A brig off all day, going . - William LeMessurier & others came with James, they were all day coming from Bay Bulls

Mon. 27 Dull morning, NE moderate & free thaw Wrote my mother and sent her a bill RB & Co. dpt Nov. 15 -£10 -Also Mr Culley & sent him a similar draft for same amount, sent Mr .Rendell a cheque on Bank £24.8 to pay for those drafts -at night misty & free thaw Eliza Mary Robert & James at P. LeMessurier's

Tue. 28 Calm foggy morning & thawing freely -and remained so all the day –

Wed. 29 Calm and clearer than yesterday but equally mild, no frost during as night. Sea ducks very numerous about -numbers of them killed about the Head today.

Thu. 30 Moderate SW wind with thick fog freely thawing and the hills almost free from snow - a large evening party & dance at Peter LeMessurier s this evening. Lolly in sight.

Fri. 31 Fine morning, light breeze N. wind smart frost during the night -a ng passed north yesterday -a brig stood in from sea today & stood off again at night, a good deal of drift lolly driving by and m sight, wind NE. -a large party spent the evening with me –

1845-FEBRUARY

Sat. 1 Fine morning wind SW froze last night pretty smart drift lolly in the harbour noon -wind NW moderate -lolly going off to sea & out of the harbour

Sun. 2 Strong breeze W. wind, snow showers and smart frost during the night, lolly gone off & out of the harbour -two services at the church today

Mon. 3 Wind N good breeze, 2 or 3 inches of snow fallen during last night, smart frost -looking for a fall of snow still -a large party at Mr. Morry's at Capelin Bay this evening -Coady the messenger came from St. John's bringing letters and papers

Tue. 4 Strong gale at N with heavy snow drift and full of snow came from Capelin Bay at daylight having been kept there all last night by bad weather the whole party remaining up until light to see come home, in doing which had great difficulty -at 10am free thaw and rain at 4pm smart frost with strong WNW gale & snow -a few at James' spending the evening -

Wed. 5 Strong breeze NNW with smart frost and a good deal of snow, at 10am the wind more moderate & cleared off - service at church this morning

Thu. 6 Wind moderate SSW free thaw & rain -Genl Qr. Sessions of the Peace, the Constables all in attendance, no business - Jackman told that the magistrates saw no reason for changing their determination. -Mr. Morry dined with me to day

Fri. 7 Moderate variable wind from S to NNW fine over head but very wet under foot thawing very freely - Mr. Jno Goodridge & Mr. Saunders dine with me today -night fine the new moon visible, therefore Almanak wrong

Sat. 8 Good breeze WNW wind, some lolly in sight -a brig and schooner passing North off Cape Broyle, the latter like the Hound or Othello - Messrs Goodridge & Sanders went home. Mr. Hoyles to Reneuse

Sun. 9 Calm fine morning, froze a little during past night - B. Morry & Wm LeMessurier left by land for St. Johns no service in the church to day -Wrote to Wm. Rendell Jr. by Ben Morry -at 4pm wind NE moderate with rain and looking for a free thaw -

Mon. 10 Moderate NW wind dull -froze hard during the night Went to the Northside of Capelin Bay & notified to Mrs. Congdon to pay rent for place she living upon belonging to me - called at Athlone - the Brig [Glancus Haddon?] passed South about 1pm

Tue. 11 Moderate NW fine & frosty good bearing upon the snow, cut some pea sticks on Capelin Bay Road -fine day throughout and very moderate

Wed. 12 Moderate SW wind light frost during the night - mild all day & fine

Thu. 13 Light SW wind with thick fog & silver thaw -pm. NW strong breeze & frost. Robert in the woods for [—?].

Fri. 14 Moderate N. Wind, smart frost -strong breeze at noon about 2pm the barque James Stewart passed, showed her colours toward to Southwest -at night moderate clear & fine, very severe frost and nearly calm

Sat. 15 Moderate NW wind, sharp frost the harbour frozen over during the night - noon strong breeze & fine, very frosty

Sun. 16 Moderate & fine -wind N very strong -frost last night -Boys walking

on the harbour ocean all frozen -two services at the church, Matthew Morry's daughter Elizabeth Ann publickly baptized in church during aft. services

Mon. 17 Strong breeze ENE dull, raw & cold with silver thaw & snow occasionally the harbour & ocean frozen over Hard rain in the afternoon and thawing

Tue. 18 Calm clear and gentle frost -everything covered with silver thaw - lolly cleared off with West wind except in the harbour all outside gone off -

Wed. 19 Fine frosty morning, strong breeze NW Harbour still frozen over, ice or lolly in sight in the horizon, along the shore clear

Thu. 20 Fine morning, frosty ice on the harbour all broken up -wind strong at NNE - noon very fine & thawing in the sun

Fri. 21 Moderate NW wind smart frosty weather very fine morning -day fine throughout wind SW afternoon -four vessels passed N.-Mr. Hoyles came to tea & staid the evening.

Sat. 22 Moderate ENE wind, mild with some snow falling- lolly or ice outside- a schooner from Hr. Briton with herrings in bulk for St. Johns put in here today -Eliza of Sydney, CB.

Sun. 23 Good breeze NE wind, clear & fine moderate frost during last night -No service at the church today Mr. Hoyles at Renewse

Mon. 24 Moderate SW and dull frost smart during last night- herring vessel left for St. Johns

Tue. 25 Strong breeze NNW wind, frost during last night -Coady the letter carrier returned from St. Johns today brings an account of Mrs W. Lilly's death

Wed. 26 Moderate NW wind, smart frost last night very fine morning -about 2pm K. McLea Jr. came here overland from St. Johns. Sealers fitting out for the ice.

Thu. 27 Moderate SW clear & fine & mild thawing with rain pm.

Fri. 28 Very light NE wind, dull & thawing nearly a calm -dined with James today in company with Mr. McLea -at night thick fog with rain

1845 - MARCH

Sat. 1 S trong gale SW with showers of snow frost during last night, sun out at intervals and cold weather -at night very strong gale with drifts

Sun. 2 Blowing hard at NNW moderate frost during the night -two services at the church this day -My brother came down in the evening & W & J Morry at tea

Mon. 3 Calm, clear morning, not much frost during past night -noon moderate SW wind -Angerona Symmetry, Pelter & Aquaforte sailed for the Ice -No letter from Mr. Rendell Jr. per Mr. Henley from St.

Johns -at night blowing very hard SW with very heavy rain & free thaw -spent the evening at LeMessuriers

Tue. 4 Strong gale at West much snow gone, heavy flood & subsiding and freezing a little this morning -snow in the evening

Wed. 5 Strong breeze NW with frost & clear at 9 am. Mr. K. McLea Jr. left by land for St. Johns; Robert & James went part way with the horse & slide & man - a very fine morning -night very fine -Robert returned having gone to La Manche

Thu. 6 Strong breeze at S. snowing fast -rain at noon & silver thaw at night calm with blinks of snow

Fri. 7 Moderate NNE with snow showers at noon & pm. blowing very strong thawing with snow showers. Brought home the peasticks on the horse slide from Capelin Bay Road -very rough since the sealers left

Sat. 8 Very strong breeze NNE light frost, clear but dull & cloudy -a little snow fell last night -at 10 am found that Pat Reddy from St. Johns in his large boat from St. Johns laden with provisions etc had got on the rocks below Lance Cove, Capelin Bay, at night fall last night and the crew remained upon the rocks all night the crew were saved but the boat & all that salt water would damage a total loss - she left St. Johns at 1pm yesterday & in working up missed [stays?]. This loss may be set down to the crew being too weak to manage the boat in such wind. Robert left for Reneuse on his way to Trepassey.

Sun. 9 Moderate NE wind -dull & mild -No service at church this day -Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse -a Placentia boat came in here today that had wintered at Cape Broyle

Mon. 10 Strong breeze N with blinking snow and frost last night -at 10am cleared -aft fine & so continued all day -Sent letters off for St. Johns per Coady

Tue. 11 Moderate NNE with smart frost and a fine morning -Mr. Hoyles left for St. Johns -Thos Cannon came back from Trepassey whither he went with Robert -got home from Capelin Bay 14 barrel Pork 2/3 bag s.com & BirdCage from M. Morry Jr. store -went over alone. Evening very fine but freezing hard -the wreck of Reddy's boat towed in the gap. Young ewe had 1 lamb today

Wed. 12 Wind NE moderate, very frosty & clear, rather a raw cold -Mr. Morry Jn Morry & my brother went to Reneuse today to stay a few days there -[—?] not at work all this day but in the cookroom idle contrary to James' bidding.

Thu. 13 Strong breeze NNE with smart frost, clear morning- raw cold all day -Thomas Sanders son of Jn Saunders [ED: note different spelling] died today having been long ill. Old ewe had two lambs today

Fri. 14 Strong breeze NNE with light showers of snow, frosty but not so severe as yesterday -the ice in sight, it appears pretty rough

Sat. 15 Moderate NE wind, very mild with light cap of fog on Cape Broyle -ice all along the horizon -Mr. Thos Morry came from St. Johns & Mr. Hoyles also at night -a schooner reached in out of the ice & stood out again from off Cape Broyle about 6pm to day. Coady from St. Johns

Sun. 16 Moderate NE wind & hazy & mild -rather dark gloomy looking weather the ice coming pretty close in with the land -Two services at church -Mr. J. Goodridge here from Reneuse

Mon. 17 NE strong breeze with very hard rain at 4pm. Wind changed to NW strong breeze & rain ceased, the ice which was in upon the coast jammed in beginning to move off again -several vessels in sight amongst the ice - supposed sealers

Tue. 18 Wind SW in the morning with snow at noon NE snowing fast at night NW and clear, a good deal of snow fallen -a sch'r like Barrons passed N this morning -service at church

Wed. 19 Wind moderate at SW fine -a fine day throughout fine winter roads in the woods today to Spout Pond thawing freely in the sun at noon -service at the church today

Thu. 20 Dull morning, moderate SW wind light frost during past night -a Schooner passed N about 9am -at 12 wind SW in the evening NW very moderate & fine one large island of ice in sight & ice along the horizon -service at church this day -was at P LeMessuriers this evening to tea

Fri. 21 GOOD FRIDAY -Wind NW moderate & very fine, gentle frost last night the ice in sight some vessels in it -Full service at church this morning & prayers in the afternoon, two brigs the Herald & Maria Grace passed to the northward 4pm

Sat. 22 Good breeze WSW moderately frosty and fine morning, Coady the letter earner goes to St. Johns today, also Mr. Thos Morry from Capelin Bay -Robert returned from Trepassey where he has been spending a few days and left it this morning at 10am and arrived here just before 11pm

Sun. 23 Easter Day. Wind at West good breeze a very fine morning, gentle frost last night -at noon NE strong breeze & freezing tolerably smart out of the sun - Mr. Hoyles at Reneuse today -no service at the church

Mon. 24 Calm fine morning -very sharp frost last night, the harbour & sea caught over -4pm wind S snowing fast, sent letters per Mr. Norris to St. Johns and £5 to H W Hoyles by him -Mr. Morry came to the Court House today to uphold Mr. Power, Joe Gatheral, M'l Rositer & John Slaney in claiming one third of [share\store?] saved from the wreck of Reddy's boat lost in Capelin Bay

Tue. 25 Strong breeze at West not freezing blew hard with heavy rain, wind SW all night -Mrs. Jellard & Mary Page, Matthew Morry & his wife took tea with us this evening a very fine calm evening looking for NE
Wed. 26 Moderate NE wind, fine morning froze smartly last night -an island of ice passing - Jess the cow calved this morning, the mare did not come to her stable last night -two brigs & a Brig'e in sight, the latter going into Aquaforte, the ice in sight along the horizon, wind moderate at ESE
Thu. 27 Moderate WSW & fine smart frost last night -strong breeze at noon & fine all day -evening calm, at night NE with snow -Mr. Hoyles dined with me. James spent his evening at "Athlone".
Fri. 28 Good breeze NE wind frost & snow during the night the ground covered - Certified Sheriffs accounts today for the past Quarter -night fine and frosty- Coady the letter carrier came with letters
Sat. 29 Moderate NE wind, fine & frosty and continued so all day -at night light air SW wind, ice still in sight
Sun. 30 Moderate SW wind, snowing -at noon very mild & hazy -sacrament day today 16 communicants alms 14/8- set table - Two services at the church this day - Mr. Norris brought us letters from St. Johns this evening, he left it yesterday morning
Mon. 31 Wind NE moderate smart frost last night -at noon wind ESE at night calm & dull the ice in sight, in the offing far of -two vessels going northward at a distance -Jno Goodridge came from Reneuse to leave for St. Johns in the morning

1845 - APRIL

Tue. 1 Strong breeze at WNW frost during the night, clear morning rather raw-cold -sent letters per Jno Goodridge -at 10am thawing very freely, first spring day, snow & ice melting very fast
Wed. 2 Moderate SW wind with thick fog and thawing freely - the "Brothers" Norris preparing for St. Johns. Evening fine
Thu. 3 The "Brothers" sailed for St. Johns this morning 1 st coaster this year -James & several others went in her -wind SW moderate & fine considerable hoarfrost -fine & warm all day thawing freely at night wind SSW thick fog
Fri. 4 Dull morning light air NW very slight frost during the past night -day fine throughout "Devon" &, another schooner passed to the Southward -and came in from St. Johns with salt for LeMessurier & Morry the "Hope"
Sat. 5 Dull with wind NE moderate, the ground covered with snow fallen during the night -went to Aquaforte to get Mr. Winsor to sign my Co. Hs. [ED: Courthouse] papers at noon wind off the land strong

breeze -an Am'r vessel passed Northward -James Power brought letters from St. Johns at evening snow nearly all melted away again -"Lion" ready to leave for St. Johns tomorrow -Mr. Hoyles gone to Reneuse to hold service there tomorrow

Sun. 6 Strong breeze WNW gentle frost during the night, fine morning -no services at the church to day -"Lion" sailed for St. Johns this morning sent Custom House Apl Q'r Returns by her -evening fine and freezing gently

Mon. 7 Fine calm morning sharp frost -Wrote Mr. Conroy & sent the letter under the care of Sullivan -Signed Precept for 28th April for Gen'l Q'r Sessions -Sent forward via St. Johns notices to J.L. McKee Esq, [J'r?] Bay Bulls to be put up there about 10 days before meeting -Jas Coady the postman from St. Johns, no particular news, no ice in sight now for some days

Tue. 8 Fine morning light air off the land, smart frost during past night, harbour slightly caught over -at noon wind SE evening E. looking dark & heavy and raw cold. - Strong breeze at 10pm & sea making along the rocks

Wed. 9 Strong breeze ENE with silver thaw, ground covered in snow -At noon wind changed round to W thawing freely and cleared away -a brig passing Northward off Cape Broyle -At night SW strong breeze & snowing

Thu. 10 Blowing hard at NW snowing in showers, smart frost last night the ground covered with snow. Ed Walsh led home the mare this morning she would not go into stable last night

Fri. 11 Moderate SSW hard rain & free thaw, ground covered with snow that fell during last night -At noon dull and hazy at 5pm a large Merch't ship passing Northw'd -The Gauntlet sailed from St. Johns today for Coco Island to look for [money?] left there by some Pirates who were taken at [L'ile of Pines??] & executed.

Sat. 12 Moderate NE wind dull & hazy at sea at 4pm rain with thick fog & light air NE wind -at 7pm Lion came in from St. Johns bring accounts of 15 or 16 sealers being into St. Johns well fished & of others spoken to with seals -thick fog & calm at 10pm wind SW

Sun. 13 Moderate WSW wind, ground again covered with snow, John White's boat in from St. Johns James came in her, must have left yesterday - two services at church today -The "Brothers" Norris off from St. Johns - Mr. Kelligrew of Reneuse very unwell -Found fuel for Church today

Mon. 14 Good breeze WNW fine morning snow going away very fast in the sun -at 10pm wind NE snowing fast

Tue. 15 Strong gale NE wind, snowing fast not frosty -much snow fell during

the night -at noon cleared away & the sun shone out occasionally & the snow began to melt away -Less wind but yet blowing freely -Mr. Hoyles spent his evening with us

Wed. 16 Calm dull mild morning -Rec'd out of Sessions' stationary, 2 Qu'r long paper 2 blank one Q'r Books.- evening dull, calm and mild as all day -thawing a little. Messrs Norris LeMessurier Pat Morry & J H Carter spent the evening with us

Thu. 17 Moderate NE wind, light showers of snow, the Sch'r "Hope" from St. Johns with salt to LeMessurier & Morry a coaster -a sealer put into Aquaforte belonging to St. Johns, Ebsary Master -1000 seals, leaky & having much damage -left the ice 200 miles E. 20 days ago -

Fri. 18 Moderate NE wind, fine clear morning, smart frost last night -10am fine breeze SSW at 2pm wind NW "Lion" & White's boat left for St. Johns today -also a sealer out of Aquaforte -at night fine & clear

Sat. 19 Moderate NW wind, fine morning smart frost during last night - Blinking snow occasionally all day- at night fine and clear -Mr. Hoyles gone to Renewse -

Sun. 20 Moderate NNE wind, fine morning No service at church today -Sch'r "Hope," "Whelan" {ED: the master} left for Cape Broyle and St. Johns.- towards noon wind veered to Westward night very clear & fine with moderate frost -Sam'l Cose returned from St. Johns-

Mon. 21 Moderate air off the land, very fine morning -ground hard frozen-day fine throughout -several vessels passing N & S -Matt Sanders left for St. Johns wrote William by him, Capt. Jellard in with 3300 seals into St. Johns a few days ago

Tue. 22 Calm fine morning -the mare foaled- fine day throughout at work on the terrace, wind variable

Wed. 23 Fine morning calm harbour caught over, fine throughout the day variable wind -Surveyed the Beach for Mr. Norris today & marked it -one of Bland & John's sealers put into Capelin on her second trip

Thu. 24 Fine morning nearly a calm, the "Lion" gone out of Capelin Bay for St. Johns -Surveyed Thomas Cannons land to day by order of Surveyor General Wind breezed up about WSW fine & warm

Fri. 25 Dull morning moderate SW wind dry & clear, no frost last night -the 30th anniversary of my wedding day -Symmetry put into Capelin Bay on her 2nd trip sealing -strong NW breeze snowing in the evening

Sat. 26 Very strong gale at N by E, smart frost and some snow fallen, blew very heavy in squalls during the night, snow cleared away soon after 10am, it continued strong gale all day, wind raw & cold.- Steamer "North America" passed South at noon- & a brig drove by laying too -Set raddish and parsley seed in the upper part of the garden next the fence next the Lane- [sentence crossed out: Symmetry sailed from

Capelin Bay for the Ice at night.]

Sun. 27 Strong breeze at N by W rather cold & raw slight frost last night time & clear
-The "Aquaforte" from St. Johns today having landed 1119 seals value £450.
Two services at church today, the Symmetry still in Capelin Bay, sails tonight

Mon. 28 Light air NW wind, dull & clear, froze last night slightly -Finn's boat landed
several returned sealers this morning -G'l Q'r Sessions of the Peace holden
today -Angerona came in from the ice 740 seals left it [ED: the ice] about 10
miles off the place.

Tue. 29 Strong breeze at North with snow falling, the ground covered & raw " cold
-1 lam snow all gone. Wind NE blowing very strong -Wm Morry & Jane
Winser married at the church this day, privately. Mr. Hoyles spent the evening
with us.

Wed. 30 Strong breeze NNE smart frost during last night - moderate at night & fine -
several vessels passing to & fro three vessels (sealers) into Renewse no seals
-onboard one of them Mr. [Stoneman?] of Trinity who lost his craft with fish
onboard among the ice & part of his crew during Friday night's gale = Aurora
Borealis beautiful at night -Pelter came in with 220 seals

1845 - MAY

Thu. 1 Ascension -Moderate SW wind, fine morning 40 or 50 vessels passing
Northward the chief part of them are sealers - the Angerona sailed for St.
Johns, Mrs. Carter Robert & my brother with others went in her -Service at
church twice this day -

Fri. 2 Moderate SW wind but raw & cold dull and heavy looking for rain smart frost
last night -during the day showers of rain in large drops with cold damp fog
some four vessels passing north supposed to be sealers as the ice can be but a

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short distance away -Mary Rositer came last evening.

Sat. 3 Wind NW dark morning appears as if much rain had fallen during last night,
and continuing still to rain at 10am cleared off very fine & so continued until
6pm when it rained a shower, several vessels passing N & S the "Hound" or
Othello among them

Sun. 4 Moderate SW wind clear & mild No service at church today -Mr. Hoyles at
Renewse. some few vessels passing

Mon. 5 Good breeze SW wind thick fog at sea -mild and snow nearly all gone - 1/2
past 1pm rain and much wind -at night the wind moderated and veered to the
Westward

Tue. 6 Strong breeze NW John Shanahan left in White's boat for St. Johns, Mr. C. F.
Bennet's boat left for Isle de [Valen/Valeur?] -fine morning -send Fanny per
junk a bucket with butter and one bottle of Elderwine

per John Morry -find day throughout several vessels passing -set peas next
strawberry bed middle plot

Wed. 7 Moderate & mild light SW wind smart frost last night - "North America"
steamer passed northward at 11am- hard rain from? untill night, strong SW
wind and very dark

Thu. 8 Good breeze at W dull, appears as if much rain had fallen during night warm
air today -Mr. Hoyles spent the evening with us. hard rains at night Wind NE
moderate and thick.

Fri. 9 Wind NE thick rain, moderate raw "Lion" came home from St. Johns about
7pm. the "Angerona" about 11pm both left that place during the forenoon -
My brother and Robert came in them.

Sat. 10 Wind NE frost last night & slight showers of snow -at 11 am steamer "North
America" passed southward

Sun. 11 Whitsunday Fine morning, wind moderate SW Roofs of the houses covered
by snow, the sun removing it, none visible besides - Sacrament day at the
Church today two full services -Mr. Hoyles dined with me -Mr. Norris left for
St. Johns- at night snowing fast wind SSW

Mon. 12 Moderate N. Wind, snow gone again dull morning -Meeting to appoint new
Hospital Directors, none appointed -Dissatisfaction expressed by some of the
people after the meeting had dispersed. Service at church

Tue. 13 Strong breeze NE wind, fine & clear smart frost last night -the Arrow got off
the ground last night Service at the church this forenoon - Wind rather raw &
cold all day. [ED: Line crossed out.]

Wed. 14 Variable winds - "Lion" left for St. Johns a very fine day many vessels passing
Sullivan bro't Jas Dutton & others from Reneuse under warrants at suit of Mr.
Shanahan -Set carrot seed today

Thu. 15 Calm morning with fog -at 9am cleared away light wind at SW - James left
in the "Arrow" for St. Johns Set carrots & turnip seed today

Fri. 16 Wet fog, pretty thick & light wind S. At noon fine & dry wind West. Goose
hatched 9 goslings

Sat. 17 Moderate NE wind, fine morning. Old Goose bro't 9 goslings out of ten eggs
- Many craft passing South today strong breeze at noon & fine Mr. Norris
came home from St. Johns and some men who were to the Ice with Jno?
Hurlahan came home today

Sun. 18 Moderate SW wind fine & warm -No service at church today -Mr. Hoyles at
Renewse -wind raw at night

Mon. 19 Wind SW dull & moderate -rain all day sometimes very heavy

Tue. 20 Wind at West clear & warm & dry -fine throughout some fresh codfish caught
this morning not the first

Wed. 21 Moderate SW wind, ward & hazy at sea -Some peas peeping over ground and not all my quantity set yet -at noon heavy rain with thunder & lightening - very warm before the thunder

Thu. 22 Wind at West, warm and damp -foggy in the morning clear at 9am - "Arrow" came in from St. Johns this morning at 6'Tam left on Thursday lam. Mrs. Carter & James & my brother in her

Fri. 23 Wind strong from WNW fine -at night dull Wind SW -Shanahan from St. Johns & White's boat, no letters -a brig disabled put into Capelin Bay this evening with passengers from Ireland for Quebec short of water & loss of main masthead -Lerwick of Dundalk, Giffney Master 100 passengers 42 days out

Sat. 24 Wind NNW very fine -"Arrow" sailed for Westward -"Lion" from St. Johns -Letters and boxes from England, my niece E. Rendell married 1st May to Mr. Jo'n Wills of Gatwell -rec'd their cards today - Petitions & orders [- -?] from W. Corrigan Thos Hayden Mary Walsh [—?].

Sun. 25 Strong E Wind with hard rain -two services at church today, but a small congregation -at night thick fog and calm

Mon. 26 Wind at West dull morning -fine during the day - the "Angerona" left for St. Johns & Labrador, Robert in her -measured Mrs. [Martin?]'s land -boats out tonight, 1st time

Tue. 27 Wind S moderate & dull. Rain at times and cleared off in the evening newly papered the dining room today

Wed. 28 Moderate NW wind fine morning Potatoes at back kitchen garden set to day by the cookroom two days since -the "Lerwick" Giffney, put out of Capelin Bay today on her voyage to Quebec

Thu. 29 Moderate SW with dry fog

Fri. 30 Moderate SW with fog, sunshining thru- with hot flows off the land occasionally "Symmetry" Jellard came in from Sydney bound for St. Johns - no fishing boats employed to this date except [coast—?] boats -Mary Rositer left Ann Kelley came

Sat. 31 Moderate SW wind, thick dry fog "Lion" gone to St. Johns my brother in her - No boats except large ones employed fishing up to this date -"Symmetry" sailed for St. Johns, Capt Jellard taking his family with him to settle at St. Johns. Set carrotbed -cucumber & V. Marrow -about 3pm a ships long boat came on shore at back of the Downs with 3 of the crew of the Ann & Mary's of Stockton wrecked on Cape Ballard yesterday two other of the boats passed along just outside the Head, thick fog & clear alternately, strong breeze in with the land in squalls -the people who went to her plundered many things belonging to the people in the boat. [In the margin]: NB: take notice how the Carrots grow set today.

1845 - JUNE

Sun. 1 Moderate & variable wind -Mr. Norris left in his boat for St. Johns -2 sailors with him -kept the Mate here to prosecute the persons who plundered the things -Mr. Hoyles at Renewse -no service at church - Mr. Clow unable to do his duty -Sullivan Geary & Power away -Mr. Morry and Mr. Stephenson down here but thought better to defer the duty -untill tomorrow

Mon. 2 Moderate, clear & dull -Wind SW -Employed all day at the Court House committed [Nat?] Williams, Jno Reid and John Dullanty to jail - the

"Brothers" from St. Johns, no letters by her -Rich'd Sanders's boat came home

Tue. 3 Fine morning, good breeze WNW at the Court House all this day on the same business as yesterday -send of Sam'l Case with a letter to the secretary requesting his instructions

Wed. 4 Moderate NE wind rather cold & dull the Nth Amer'n steamer passing at 8am

-Robert & James boat came in from the offing with one Qtl fish -John &

Dwyer left for St. Johns. Wind S, foggy. Petitions [--?] today Mr. Deveraux,

Mr. [Cannon?] Jas Kelley, Rob't [—?]

Thu. 5 Moderate & clear, light wind off the land at 9am. wind NE & ENE moderate many vessels passing N & S. "Brother" Norris came in from the Bay to take long boat

Fri. 6 Moderate & v'ble winds dull & looking for rain, morning fine wind off shore

Greyhound came home leaky, no fish. Brothers sailed for St. Johns

Sat. 7 Moderate & dull wind west -as the day advanced it cleared away fine & blew

good breeze WNW. Mrs. Austin, her cousin & daughter with out servant &

May Johnson washed out the church today -Mr. Frampton employed coating

the roof of the house. Peter Bruit returned from the offing without any fish or

at best only 14 fish -no other boats out from this harbour -Mr. Norris from St.

Johns, a servant girl came in his boat for us - Mary Kelly - No letters

Sun. 8 Very fine morning wind NW -and all the day through, two services at the church to day not many there -Evening fine but rather chilly

Mon. 9 Very moderate, fine morning, light air of wind, SW -Evening foggy light NE

wind "Lion" came home 6pm in her rec'd letters respecting prisoners in jail

communicated through the jailer that the Magistrate would attend tomorrow

to jail them if they can procure it. Earl Cathcart, Commander of Forces in Nth

America & his wife & family put in to St. Johns bound to Quebec in HMS.

Vesuvius short of coals

Tue. 10 Wind moderate NE foggy but not [dis-ly?] thick -at the Court House from 10

to 6pm except for noon to dinner -no bail offered for Reid but those who had

been objected to in forenoon

Wed. 11 Moderate SW wind, rain during the night clear but raw cold - afternoon fine, Peter Bruit in from the offing with 4 or 5 Qtls fish out all this week -John Reid bailed out. Mr. Hoyles down this evening

Thu. 12 Dull but clear, moderate NE wind good breeze at noon -"Brothers" from St. Johns. Mrs. T. Morry, Miss LeMessurier & others in her - Robert came home by land -"Angerona" left St. Johns for the Labrador yesterday -boats in with very little fish from the offing - Kate of Pictou from PE Island put in here.

Fri. 13 Moderate NE & fine -noon, wind SW -out surveying nearly all this day the Kate sailed for Carbonear this evening

Sat. 14 Good breeze SW mild & warm & clear little or nothing doing in the fishery to this time, more boats in the offing than last year, but little brought in

Sun. 15 Thick fog with hard rain, wind moderate at SW. Rained much during the past night. No service at the church Mr. Hoyles at Renewse to day -Eliza left for St. Johns per Brothers about 1 ½ pm wind SW fine & foggy at intervals, the "Symmetry" passed southward

Mon. 16 A very fine morning, wind off the land, very warm & good breeze - afternoon fine and a warm day throughout -Bridget Sliney & Jno [K-- -ly?]'s Petit'n rec'd to day

Tue. 17 Fog at sea, strong SS? Wind - at noon raining fast at night dry but foggy & squally wind SW hot & cold squalls "Bruit" bro't in about 4 Qtls fish from offing went out Monday morning -John Sanders of this place died this morning about 1 lam -very little fish caught up to this date

Wed. 18 Moderate west wind, fog at sea & showers of rain, [clear?] warm airs sticked the upper 3 rows of peas today -Miss LeMessurier spent the evening with us Sold my breeding sheep at 18/- each to Vining & Frampton & to have use of Goose Island this year

Thu. 19 Wind moderate NE & ENE very fine day.-sheep put out on Goose Island - warm all day, evening dull full moon

Fri. 20 Calm morning, dull with rain -at 2pm hard rain -Brennen brought in 12 or 14 Qtls fish from the offing today went out on Wednesday morning -Killed a lamb to day -Robert's boat "Squid" brought in about 12Qtls fish -

Sat. 21 Moderate westerly wind & fine, Sch'r "Brothers" came in during the night from St. Johns, -all day fine several boats in landed from the offing with fish today

Sun. 22 Moderate SW wind with hard rain cleared off at 2pm & wind came off the land Two services at church

Mon. 23 Good breeze west wind & WSW fine -capelin taken this morning but not in large quantities, no fish caught on it by the small boats -

surveying this day

Tue. 24 St, Johns Day - No capelin this morning dull with good breeze SSW looking for rain & wind - capelin in Aquaforte but no fish upon it hard rain in the evening

Wed. 25 Strong breeze SSW with hard rain raw cold and thick foggy weather rain nearly all day foggy & clear at intervals, capelin plenty but no fish caught to day -at night Wind NE

Thu. 26 Fine morning, wind moderate from WNW to NW all day, went in the Zephyr to Bay Bulls with Mr. Hoyles, landed him then returned here same evening - Mrs. LeMessurier Mrs. T. Morry, sister & others spent the evening with us

Fri. 27 Thick fog with sunshining thro' it -clear at times -at night rain, plenty of capelin, no fish, except with codseine -at Aquaforte about 40 or 50 Qtls by Winser

Sat. 28 Raining hard at 6am with thick fog "Arrow" in this morning from Westward well fished -"Bruit" in with 3 or 4 Qtls from the offing- wind moderate SW - at 9am wind west, cleared away very fine -at night hard rain again

Sun. 29 Calm morning, showery & dull -Mr. Hoyles at St. Johns, no service at church St Peter & Paul's day with the Romans not working - evening thick fog NE wind

Mon. 30 Good breeze NE wind dry but dark -"Arrow" sailed for Westward again - small boats caught from 1 to 3 Qtls each to day -first fish caught this season to speak of by them in this District, plenty of capelin -Robert fitted & went away to Aquaforte with codseine crew 1st time

1845 - JULY

Tue. 1 Cold raw ENE wind, moderate with drizzling rain -Mr. McLea came in his boat from St. Johns today at noon brings no particular news - afternoon rain & wind ESE -Issued Writ to E Dwyer & Deveraux - boats 2 to 4 Qtls. fresh salmon today (one)

Wed. 2 Wind variable from S to NW strong breeze -fine after 8am -boats a little fish -spent the evening at LeMessuriers - 1 salmon

Thu. 3 Good breeze SW fine & warm & clear the boats had some of them good catches to day. Robert took a few Qtls in sean? 1 salmon

Fri. 4 Calm dull morning air from SW -H'y Coryear of Cape Broyle died yesterday aged 80 of which advised H.E. the Governor this day - K. McLea Jr. left for St. Johns in his boat this morning

Sat. 5 Moderate SW wind with thick dark fog & sun through it occasionally -Some fish taking in codseines but very little generally with hook & line -The late Henry Coryear of Cape Broyle was burned in the Grave

Yard at the Southside this day -Robert took a good catch in the codseine this evening

Sun. 6 Miss Hoyles married last Tuesday to Mr. Wilson of the firm of Wilson & Meynell from Liverpool the last of Mr. N.W. Hoyles's daughters -wind off the land hard rain during the night -a schooner from St. Johns came in last evening from Capelin Bay bringing letters from thence -No service at church today -Mr. Hoyles at St. Johns to his sister's wedding -very little fish taken by small boats all the past week but several good takes in the codseines about here -

Mon. 7 Strong breeze off the land & fine weather -went to Aquaforte & declared to No 63 that before Mr. Winser who dated it 6 July - prepared letters for St. Johns & Returns -small boats no fish to night -

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Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. In this one sentence, the diary-writer uses the word "passages" twice, spelling it the first time with the old English T while using the present-day "ss" for the second time.
2. Mrs. Carter was away, and so Mary Rositer would probably be hired to keep house.

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BOOK 15

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1845 - JULY

Tue. 8 Wind moderate NNW very warm & clear -at 10am, thick fog wind SSW at 1pm hard showers of rain & nearly calm considerable catches with codsean today about 60 Qtls with Robert & Jas' seine. Set out cabbage plants to day little or no fish by small boats tonight

Wed. 9 Moderate SW wind, clear & fine morning and throughout the day - large hauls made in Capelin Bay this morning -Robert & Mr. Morry each nearly 100 Qtls fish the small boats no fish at all, plenty to be seen none to be caught -plenty of capelin. Shoremen splitting day & night -

Thu. 10 Strong North wind dull with showers thick fog this morning -variable through the day fine at intervals - no codsean fish this forenoon, boats in without any fish worthy of notice, some not one fish & plenty to be seen shoaling at bottom - [-?] Guana & water on the turnips & in the kitchen garden -some boats in the evening 1 to 2 Qtls ea.

Fri. 11 Strong breeze SSW fine morning but at 10am rain and hazy weather. John & Dwyer went in his boat to St. Johns, wrote Fanny & others, sent on Custom House midsummer Returns -little or no fish with the boats tonight

Sat. 12 Strong breeze NW fine morning -the day fine - some of the small boats took as many as 3 Qtls but generally very little fish -some small catches with codseine -

Sun. 13 Wind NNW, moderate & clear but dull Mr. Hoyles not yet returned from St. Johns -The prospects in regard to the fishery very gloomy for the Bummers the best cannot yet exceed 20 Qtls & few have that -the afternoon & evening very fine

Mon. 14 Good breeze NW fine clear morning. Some of the High [boats?] loaded twice on [Pig?] ledge today, generally from 1 to 2 Qtls also some fish in codsean today -& plenty of caplin. Caught five salmon, the greatest number for this season at one catch - Robert has about 2 Qtls in his codsean today

Tue. 15 Dull calm, morning -at 10pm rain St. Swithens day & a wet one it is -rain & fog nearly all this day -boats from 1 to 4 Qtls each NE wind

Wed. 16 Moderate NE wind dull & heavy W'thr. fine at noon -evening wind SSW -the steamer "New Glasgow" passed South at 6pm -boats from 1 to 4 Qtls each - none in the codseans today.

Thu. 17 Moderate WSW clear but cloudy O'Dwyer's boat came in from St. Johns during the night, at 6pm came in here the Bishop's Yacht

"Hawk" from St. Johns, the Lord Bishop of Nfld & Mr. Bridge onboard her and Mr. Hoyles passenger -His Lordship etc. took tea with me last evening -

Some little fish in Codseine -small boats variable from 1 to 3 Qtls.

Fri. 18 Thick fog, light air at SW at 9am cleared off fine, the Bishops yacht proceeded to sea -at 4pm, heavy rain with thick fog and light variable winds -little fish caught

Sat. 19 Very thick fog light airs at SSW -at 10 am cleared off fine wind NW. Spartan frigate passed South at 6pm wind ENE fine weather -codsean 50? Qtls.

Sun. 20 Moderate SW wind a very fine morning Services at church today, many vessels passing N & S. evening beautiful

Mon. 21 Fine morning, light air of wind at SW started for St. Johns per Zephyr with James, Ben Morry, Mrs. T Morry child & Miss LeMessurier passengers arrived there at midnight

Tue. 22 Moderate SSW wind with thick fog remained at St. Johns, saw Collector [Pensions?] and obtained leave to defer my stay to a future time & return - very warm all day.

Wed. 23 Wind still SW with fog & moderate no time to put out for home - remained untill 12 at night when Capt. Meagher in North America gave me a tow abreast of Cape Broyle but a long distance off. left the steamer there -

Thu. 24 Light air of SW wind nearly calm at 4am parted from North America and made towards the land light wind S to NE made in at Stone Island at 1pm and 1

got into Ferry land at 2:30pm all safe - Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. passenger & found all well, -discharged the boat and went to bed at 6pm pretty well fagged out with the voyage

Fri. 25 Thick fog & calm -with showers of rain occasionally -no fish catching by the small boats & little with codseans-Mr. Brown left the Return of Census for examination with me today

Sat. 26 Light airs at S or SW with very thick foggy weather -nothing doing by the boats today -no codsean fish taken. Ex'd Census & returned it to Mr. Brown

Sun. 27 Thick foggy calm morning but drier than yesterday -Mr. Hoyles at Renewse No service at the church today, all this day it continued thick fog o& calm

Mon. 28 Thick fog and calm morning -signed the Census for Mr. Brown to day. No fish caught by small boats today worth speaking of. small catch codsean -very bad weather for the fish & very wet and sultry for several days past

Tue. 29 Light variable airs of wind fog in the hills clouds appear a little broken. Small catch with codsean, no fish with small boats, no

salmon scarcely

Wed. 30 Good breeze SW clearing away hard rain during the night, thick fog early this morning -several men passing through this place by land from the Southern parts having left their fishery in despair and gone towards St. Johns.

Thu. 31 Calm fine morning and all day -Winds variable many vessels passing -small boats caught more fish this day than for some time from 1 to 3 Qtls -Robert hauled about 40 Qtls in the codsean today capelin still very plenty

1845 - AUGUST

Fri. 1 A fine calm morning -no salmon in the nets, not above twenty take in the net during this season so far boats no dot appear to be doing any thing outside today -caplin still very abundant, fish in codsean none scarcely with small boats some 2 or 3 Qtls, but few have any

Sat. 2 Dull morning with fog on the hills wind SSW moderate -Michael Kearney and Sweeney's Boys have taken a considerable quantity of fish at the back of the gaps with a capelin seine without a boat have skiffs full of a day, for several days -planted out celery last evening -small boats 14 of a Qtl to four Qtls each -Robert hauled 35 Quintals today

Sun. 3 Foggy with sunshining through it very warm and sultry morning -two services at church this day -very warm with light NW? wind all day -Robert Hall brought us a few .new potatoes, white kidneys to day

Mon. 4 Fine morning moderate W. Wind v/ble through the day -Committed Jos'h Sullivan to jail as being unfit to be left at large being quite out of his senses -complained [--?] his Father in heaven. Fish with seines & a little with hook & line

Tue. 5 Moderate SW fog at sea & close in shore -very warm last night -The North America steamer passed S at 4pm -the small boats more fish today than for some days, nothing done with codseans to day capelin yet in but getting scarce & going off -Recommended Jo'h [ED: Josh?] Sullivan to Gov'nr [correspondence by letter per Col. ?]. Jo'h sullivan left in a whale boat for St. Johns.

Wed. 6 Calm morning with fog upon the hills, warm & close -Dan'l Lynch came last evening from St. Johns by land, brought an account of the total loss of the Angerona at Lance a Loup in June. -The principal part of bummers laden once today on capelin -Squids caught in the harbour this evening some over 100 per man -codseaning given up - plenty of capelin at Aquaforte this evening

Thu. 7 Wind NE moderate, dark but dry and clear -boats with squid filled their boats with codfish today -evening fine wind West -capelin yet

plenty & squids in some places very abundant.

Fri. 8 Moderate SW wind, clear but not bright, left with Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. & man & James in the Zephyr for St. Johns -run down to Bay Bulls Spout when it became quite calm.

Sat. 9 Wind strong NE thick misty weather -beat up during the night in the Zephyr from the Spout to St. Johns and arrived in there about 10am -The Rhine Frigate 60 guns arrived in St. Johns same day with Prince Henry of Netherlands onboard -and also HMS Hyacinth (28) and Unicorn steamer from Halifax in the latter Bishop of N.S. & daughters, Major Tryan & wife/and some others from Halifax - those in HMS Cunard the owner & contractor for transatlantic steamers from L'pl to Halifax.

Sun. 10 Very warm & fine weather, dined with Fanny -went to old church etc.

Mon. 11 Very warm & fine day -Prince Henry landed from the Rhine today at 2pm and was rec'd with great state by Gov'r & people -triumphal arches erected over Cochrane Street, flags etc. & a great many boats accompanied the Prince to his landing -Grand salutes fired, etc Service at Gov't House at 3pm -was there and introduced to the Prince -fireworks in the evening etc etc.

Tue. 12 Very warm & fine Weather nearly calm went to Mount Pearl to the Horse Races -lunched in the stands tent with Gov'r & Prince -went to the Gov't House in the evening to a large Ball & supper, etc. (shops in town shut)

Wed. 13 Very warm & fine -did not go to the Races this day it was too warm remained in town & was almost alone there

Thu. 14 Fine warm calm weather went onboard the Dutch Frigate with Mary & Fanny & others -also onboard the Unicorn steamer, a finely fitted up vessel. Her Saloon very handsome in panels of paper mache with enameled Chinese views green & gold

Fri. 15 Still fair weather-Unicorn left for Halifax Hyacinth for Westward - stirred about to get my commissions executed -was at Gov. Office, etc. etc.

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Sat. 16 Warm & fair -dined with SG [—?] today -spent a pleasant afternoon there.

Sun. 17 Went to lunch - Mr. Tuckwell & Mr. Pallaint? preached & did the duty, like the former the last as clergyman -walked to Munday's Pond in the afternoon

Mon. 18 Dined with Act'g Chief Judge (Mr. Simms) spent a pleasant evening, Mr. & Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. James & Mary & self -

Tue. 19 Calm warm morning very fine -sailing & rowing [matches?] on the harbour under auspices of Prince Henry a gay day — dined with [K?]

McLea Jr.

Wed. 20 Wind NE dull with rain & heavy swell on - left St. Johns, James & Meynell with me in the Zephyr and returned home and reached about 6pm in about 7 hours passage and found all quite well.

Thu. 21 Dull & mainly calm - Mr. Meynell of St. Johns and Mr. Hoyles spent this evening with us. Squids & fish scarce -

Fri. 22 Dull, light air of SW wind -clear & warm & fine until 5pm when some rain fell - Abraham LeMessurier left in the Beaufort for the Westward -Mr. Meynell spent the evening with us

Sat. 23 Fine morning clear NE wind -Robert left for Trepassey in his boat Squid - the sch'r Blenheim of St. Johns put in here from Chediac with lumber for St. Johns short of provisions & water -little doing in the fishery, salmon not in -

Sun. 24 Strong breeze SW dull no service at the church -Mr. Hoyles at Renewse - Blenheim sailed for St. Johns wrote Mr. McLea & Wm Rendell by her

Mon. 25 Strong NW breeze fine & clear -at noon NE at 4pm showers of rain wind SW at 5pm calm with hard rain for a short time & cleared away again -the boats doing nothing for want of bait -[Lance?] & herring only to be had

Tue. 26 Moderate NW wind fine morning and clear - at noon very strong breeze -more wind than have seen the summer from this quarter -first day fish shipping onboard Shanahan's boat today by LeMessurier and Morry for St. Johns - herring caught today in net

Wed. 27 Fine clear morning wind NW -11 am HM Steamer Vesuvius passing N in the offing small boats some [--?] tonight

Thu. 28 Moderate SW wind with rain. Noon NE clear & good breeze, many curlew flying about these few days past, Dined with my brother today, Meynell LeMessurier and James there - Two steamers passed Southward today, one suppose the Vesuvius the other one of Cunards Line from England -Little or nothing doing in the fishery Bait of all sorts scarce

Fri. 29 Strong breeze NNE fine & clear very cool air, grass cut yesterday and [spread?] first time today - showers towards evening, some [—?] showers - Robert returned from Trepassey at midnight, Miss Hannah Simms with him - a sloop came in from St. Johns

Sat. 30 Moderate, sw wind & fine morning - Junk left for St. Johns, Mr. Meynell in junk - a sloop sailed & Mr. Norris boat, both with dry fish in -squids scarce & not looked for.

Sun. 31 Wind strong SW with hard rain Mr. Jones Inspector of Schools put in here yesterday and sailed S. again -Services at the church today. Very strong gale for about two hours from SSW commencing at 2pm. it

broke down many limbs from the trees in front of the house, raining very hard.

1845 - SEPTEMBER

Mon. 1 Moderate, dark and foggy -light air at SW -curlew plenty in the Head at noon, cleared away at 4pm wind off the land & fine -salmon nets in

Tue. 2 Wind west fine morning -some few boats out with squids caught yesterday - and caught much fish

Wed. 3 Moderate SW wind, very closely warm with sun bright at intervals damp heat. Men employed bringing Hay from Southside. Shanahan left for St. Johns.

Hard rain with strong breeze SW last night - Mountain home without fish

Thu. 4 Moderate SW hazy and sultry -showers occasionally & strong breeze all day -at night cleared off

Fri. 5 Strong breeze off the land at NW dark thick clouds coming out over -The North America steamer passed N at 8am -boat Arrow came home from the westward reports fish very scarce -Mrs. Carters birthday anniversary 54 -

Sat. 6 Moderate NE wind, Norris's boat home from St. Johns dark & cloudy. About 5pm wind SW clear & fine a large Sch'r rigged steamer passed Southward, fine looking fully rigged vessel inc [including Q'r Badges?] -little or nothing doing in the fishery -boats & coasters landing & off with fish

Sun. 7 Moderate SW wind & fine day - The sloop Ella came in windbound in the evening -No service at church today Mr. Hoyles at Renewse to day

Mon. 8 Strong breeze at SW with heavy rain and looking for much wind & rain -at noon thunder & lightening -at 6pm wind moderated & rain cleared

Tue. 9 Wind N fine and moderate -Rec'd a Warrant from P. Doyle Esq.[P P?] and sent off Sullivan with it to Brigus -Many vessels passing N & S -at 10pm

Robert left for St. Johns in Mr. Norris's boat & Mountain & others also left

Wed. 10 Calm dull morning - good breeze SSW all day and looking for bad weather - at night heavy rain & blowing very strong

Thu. 11 Strong breeze WSW clear & windy looking afternoon clear with strong gale

Fri. 12 Fine morning -wind NW moderate went on Isle du Bois and drank tea - Messrs. LeMessurier, Hoyles, J Morry & self, Eliza, P Morry & William

Sat. 13 Nearly calm, light air NE & dull -at 10am good breeze NE wind, dark

-small boats continue to catch some fish occasionally when bait is got

Sun. 14 Strong breeze NE dark & gloomy with Showers of cold rain very like the

fall of the year - Two services at church today -very severe gale with great sea

Mon. 15 Strong breeze N by E a very heavy sea heaving in upon the land -fine & clear

morning with a tinge of the fall of the year in the air the trees & shrubs on the

terrace sadly blown about - Mountain came from St. Johns Shanahan laden &

to go to night sent by him for Fanny two baskets and a parcel in a cloth (2

ducks) -at evening wind off the land moderate

Tue. 16 Light winds from SW dull & hazy with much sea breaking on the land -Robert

& Mary came from St. Johns this morning left it yesterday were obliged to go

into Capelin Bay so much sea in harbour

Wed. 17 Moderate breeze at WNW fine -this day continued fine throughout -In the

evening Mrs. LeMessurier took tea at our house & after came in my brother

& Messrs. Morry & LeMessurier & passed the evening

Thu. 18 Nearly calm, dark with showers of rain -afternoon clear & fine, sent an Alder

tree to Att'y Judge Simms by Bruit - Lion & Norris's boat left with others for

St. Johns - "Arrow" went up along with a tub of squids -fish very plenty with

the boats that had bait of any sort many quite loaded

Fri. 19 Strong breeze SW dull & damp air -afternoon foggy but not wet & calm

Sat. 20 Strong breeze NW fine morning - in the evening, NNE & very fine - Mr.

Hoyles gone to Reneuse this aft'n. -Peter Bruit home from St. Johns

Sun. 21 Calm fine morning -Autumnal Equinox -at 10 am wind SW strong at 2'/2pm

the Bishop's Church Ship Hawk came in from the Westward -the Lord Bishop

& Mr. Bridge onboard last from [Oderin?] - Mr. Hoyles at Renewse service

at church at 4pm by his Lordship & Mr. Bridge, the Bishop preached they

took their tea and spent the evening at my house and retired onboard early -

The North America mail steamer passed Northward -also the Pearl from

Sydney CB and the Albion to the South for Cape Breton

Mon. 22 Strong breeze SSW thick wet fog with rain all day -Services twice at the

church the Bishop preached two sermons Mr. Hoyles & Mr. Bridge performed

other services they all took a luncheon with me or more properly perhaps a

dinner at 2pm and spent the evening as well.

Tue. 23 Moderate wind at West. Two services at the church -a confirmation in

afternoon Miss H. Simms the only person confirmed -The Lord Bishop

Messrs Bridge & Hoyles dined with me and left for St. Johns in the Hawk his

Lordship's church ship about 9pm -James H'y Carter

left in Norris' boat for St. Johns about same time Wind NNW Wed.24
Moderate SW wind dropping rain & dark at noon ENE strong breeze with
much sun and hard rain and so continued -Squids in Capelin Bay small boats
well fished

Thu. 25 Calm thick mizzling rain -and so continued all day untill 2pm -Wind then NW
& rain at 6pm. North America passed S. close in -small boats caught some
fish to day

Fri. 26 Fine morning, wind off the land went to Aquaforte and surveyed for E'd
Condon all day and returned about 6pm -Eliza Mary -H. Simms & Robert
drank tea at Capelin Bay this evening

Sat. 27 Calm morning clear & fine -James Mountain returned from St. Johns -
was at Aquafort surveying for Condon -some boats off for St. Johns today -
Many craft in sight passing N & S

Sun. 28 Calm clear morning but dull -no service at church today Mr. Hoyles having
left this Mission for Fogo -cleared off a very fine day - Evening quite calm

Mon. 29 Goodly breeze NW fine morning James came from St. Johns at 8am in Norris'
boat walked over to Renewse and remained there, slept at Evans's who
entertains for payment at his house.

Tue. 30 Wind off the land & moderate but not very fine light showers during the day
-walked up to the bridge dined with Mr. Goodridge & took tea with Mr.
Kelligrew

1845 -OCTOBER

Wed. 1 Returned home overland from Reneuse -thick damp fog -Fish plenty but bait
scarce found all well here on my return

Thu. 2 Wind SW moderate and dull

Fri. 3 Wind off the land, a fine morning -fine day throughout -Sent plans of Burial
Grounds & Church Land to Lord Bishop by James Mountain Jr. No fish to
night Arrow in to land her fish about 40 Qtls

Sat. 4 Good breeze at WNW fine morning -Robert left per Arrow for Trepassey
taking home Miss Hannah Simms with him -wind moderate NE "Lion" came
home at night from St. Johns

Sun. 5 Moderate air from SSW fine morning No clergyman in the district our late
minister having left to go to Fogo. This being 2nd Anniversary of Mrs. Wm
Rendell Jr. wedding day drank her health etc. after dinner -Peter Bruit came
from St. Johns no news or did not bring any letters

Mon. 6 Wind SW dull with hard rain - at noon wind NW moderate still raining at
night. NE good breeze with rain, thick gloomy weather & cold -Bait & fish
scarce to day

Tue. 7 Good breeze NE wind clear & dry but rather dull at 8am, Albion

passing on a wind -several vessels in sight beating to windward -[In the margin]: W. J. Hoyles married to Janet Emma Rennie at St. Johns today -

Wm? Kelligrew to Miss Julia Bradshaw at Placentia

Wed. 8 Wind moderate at South, clear & dry at night light air NE misty rain

Thu. 9 Wind NE moderate breeze dull, and feels very like the approach of the fall -

at noon cleared off very fine w'r. [weather]. John Whites boat from St. Johns

- Mrs. Morry came in her she brings an acc't of the Rev. W. Hoyles being

married to Miss Rennie on Tuesday morning last at Saint Johns -

Fri.10 Dull morning with light air NNW -at noon NE with showers occasionally at night gloomy & clear at intervals

Sat. 11 Strong breeze NE & ENE, fine day, the morning dull with sharp frost -

Mountain came from St. Johns no letters -was at Aquaforte this morning at

10am for the purpose of declaring to my Ct H's Acc/t before P Winser Esq

the Senior Magistrate -Robert came home from Trepassey this evening about

8pm walked over from Renewse where he put in in the "Arrow" having been

out ever since Tuesday night on his way home - A large five-masted steamer passed him off Cape Race bound Westward

Sun. 12 Calm fine morning this is the 55th anniversary of my Birth day to day thank

God I feel myself quite well and hearty free from pain & ache -No clergyman

here consequently no services at the church

Mon. 13 Wind SSW misty rain - sent Co Hs Returns and other letters by P. Bruit -At

the Court House this forenoon - Mr. LeMessurier & Mr. Norris left for St.

Johns -the "Beaufort" in here on her way to St. Johns

Tue. 14 Strong breeze N this morning & fine at noon more Easterly, several vessels

passing Southward -Arrow left with herrings for fishing ground

Wed. 15 Wind moderate SW dull morning but dry at present afternoon calm with thick fog -at night hard rain

Thu. 16 Strong breeze SW with hard rain very warm sultry air -some squids were

taken in Capelin Bay today the boat "Arrow" was obliged to quit Cape Bollard

Bank today having parted & it blowing too hard to come to anchor again, fish

plenty brought home about 9 or 10 Qtls

Fri. 17 Wind North moderate and clear but having a cold fall feel this morning -

Fainted in consequence of ammonia from some [—?] under my desk in my

office this morning about 9am

Sat. 18 Strong breeze from N to NNE with frost the Circuit "Ship" arrived here at

1pm. having the Hon'ble Judge Lilly & suite onboard -also James Simms Jr.

Rob't K. Lilly, [Theop't?] Stewart, attorneys - The small boats that get bait

continue still to catch some fish 1 to 2 Qtls

Sun. 19 Moderate West wind fine clear morning No clergyman here consequently no service at the church today -James Simms Jr. Dined with me today, took a walk with Judge Lilly & others to Fr'h Water

Mon. 20 Strong Breeze SW clear and dry, Peter Bruit came from St. Johns last night no letters by him - Arthur H O'B [ED: Hunt O'Brien] Carter was committed to jail under [copies?] from the Supreme Court of St. Johns - this day at suit of R'd Vining his servant of last year -Court of Sessions open today -Robert left for St. Johns in the Arrow

Tue. 21 Moderate NE wind dark and hazy at sea -thick fog at night - Rev d H. H. Hamilton came to day to take charge of this Mission -the Southern Circuit Court was opened today & dockets called over no juries summoned -A H Carter was released from jail by subscription of Mr. Norris, A. LeMessurier, P. LeMessurier and others - Left nearly 60 pounds curr'y at bail - Duder & Vining

Wed. 22 Strong breeze NE raw cold with drops of rain and looking dark -No Court open today -Judge Lilly Geo & Jas Simms, Rob't Lilly, & my brother dined with me & Rev. H. Hamilton came in the evening - The Arrow came in from Saint Johns left it this morning at 10am -night fine

Thu. 23 Wind NNE moderate and dull -an enquiry respecting Jackman s dismissal was held before Judge Lilly at Court House to day -[--?] Stewart retained by Mr. Winser to defend Jackman and he did so most impertinently indeed -dined onboard the Circuit vessel with Judge Lilly -grand jury in court today no other business before it than above -

Fri. 24 Wind moderate SW dull but mild Peter Bruit left in the night for St. Johns. - Jas Simms. R Lilly. J Goodridge & J W Sanders dined with me - P LeMessurier & Geo Morry came in the evening -Mr. Kelligrew left for St. Johns last night -at night wind NE dark misty weather .

Sat. 25 Wind NE moderate with hard rain, at noon blowing very hard at 2pm a heavy gale with hard rain and looking for worse weather -the Lion Shanahan & Pat Brennen came in from St. Johns, Lion inshore in Pool.- Judge Lilly & Mr. Simms dined with me, could not get onboard the vessel and were obliged to sleep on shore

Sun. 26 Strong breeze NE rain and cold during last night it blew very strong gale, all the leaves off the trees nearly and numbers of young limbs - Judge Lilly & Geo Simms left early -Two services at the church by Rev'd H H Hamilton first time of preaching -at night fine & quite calm

Mon. 27 Calm, clear morning & fine frost during the night but very gentle -the sea going down very fast -11 am Circuit vessel sailed - paid Geo

Simms for Keogh's grant -Sessions Court to day -issued precept for G'l Q'r Sessions of Peace. Delivered to Capt. H. Winser the cash left by Mr. Hoyles for him -Dined with my brother today Sent the Precept by Mr. Morry to be sent to the D'y Sheriff for G1 Qr Sessions 12Nov'r.

Tue. 28 Moderate and mild wind SW -dull & hazy all day with v/ble winds - Jas Mountain came from St. Johns -Gave Mr. Hoyle's clock in charge to Wm Sanders Master of sch'r "Beaufort" directed to H. W. Hoyles

Wed. 29 Very moderate NW wind dull but very mild and rather hazy

Thu. 30 Moderate SW dull and hazy but very warm & mild for the season - Beaufort left for St. Johns 11am -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with us

Fri. 31 Strong breeze NNW fine & smart frost -drew up Mrs. Austin's Will at her request this morning -it is placed in my desk in my office -she is very ill this evening and received the Sacrament at hands of Mr. Hamilton. Rob't Hall at work on wall in front -

1845 - NOVEMBER

Sat. 1 Moderate and clear morning light wind off the land - took up carrots & turnips -several craft left for St. Johns Alice Brennen confined her first son -Mrs. Jane Austin died at 7!2 pm to day after a few days hemorheage at nose and mouth -aged about 45 years -Wind SSW strong breeze & rain -Rev'd H. Hamilton gone to Reneuse

Sun. 2 Strong breeze at SW with hard rain in showers, very mild & warm - Wrote Mr. Sam'l Langley of Mrs. Austin's death & particulars of will etc. etc. this day

Mon. 3 Moderate NE wind very mild & foggy in the morning clearer at 10am but dark and gloomy like November -At Court House untill 12 am today rain and cold with more wind -Robert Hall at work at wall

Tue. 4 Moderate NE & ENE wind dark weather with light showers of rain. Mrs. Austin buried beside her parents at Northside grave yard -Joseph Cain & Mary Saunders married last night privately at her mother's house. Priest charged £5 and would not take it. The Roman Catholics attending the funeral did not go into the church although bearers & [Dr. Walsh?] one of them.

Wed. 5 Dull with fog at intervals -wind SW moderate -Rich'd Sanders left for St. Johns sent letter to Mr S Langley by W Walsh in his boat respecting Mrs. Austin's affairs -Surveyed for James Kelley -Robert Hall at work at the well -Robert Hall finished his work today

Thu. 6 Calm, foggy morning, very mild. Wrote Wm Williams, R'd Sullivan, Pat & Thos Ryan each a note and sent their a/ccts demanding payment towards it - Fresh codfish continues plenty up to this time, when bait can be provided so much as 2 or 3 Qtls for a punt.

Fri. 7 Dull morning, calm with fog on the Highlands, very warm and damp. -A considerable island of ice passing S. Wind moderate to SW & fine at intervals -at 4pm wind NE very gloomy weather

Sat. 8 Calm, foggy morning very wet. at 10 am wind NE at noon more from the Northward -Robert came from St. Johns in Pat Cain's boat and had a fine passage of a few hours only -Letters from Fanny -Hibernia transatlantic steamer in St. Johns leaky having been on shore at Cape Race

Sun. 9 Moderate NE wind, dull & mild Two services at church today, and a good attendance, a funeral sermon for Mrs. Austin preached. - Shanahan came from St. Johns.

Mon. 10 Strong breeze SSW with hard rain and raw cold -Hugh Ryme an old inhabitant of Capelin Bay died -at night thick fog & — ing?] fast. Calm

Tue. 11 Strong breeze SW with showers of rain and sunshine between the showers - Mr. Hamilton spent the evening at my house

Wed. 12 Moderate SW to NW wind light showers in the morning but clear & fine at 10am -Court of General Q'r Sessions of the Peace holden at Court House today

Thu. 13 Moderate NNW wind, froze during the night, a total eclipse of the moon to night passed off about 11pm -Eliza left per Lion for St. Johns at midnight then fine with light showers of snow falling. -

Fri. 14 Moderate at West -mild with rain in showers. -Wind v/ble through the day the afternoon fine fish plentiful

Sat. 15 Wind NE rain & cold but moderate ground lightly covered in snow -Snow all gone at noon and continued rain with very thick fog at night

Sun. 16 Light winds at SW mild dull & clear -a large island of ice in sight, an Am'er Brig'e passing N close in -No service at church this forenoon -Mr. Hamilton holding service at Aquaforte -service in the afternoon

Mon. 17 Nearly calm, dull and snowing wet snow -at noon strong breeze & same W'r -at the Court House this forenoon

Tue. 18 Strong breeze N wind smart frost & the ground covered in snow and ice -at night Wind SW & fine & clear & frosty

Wed. 19 Light air of wind from NE a good deal of tumble upon the rocks, the ground covered lightly with snow the air very mild -John Gorman? found dead near M. Morry's at Northside of Capelin Bay -Stars clear at night -Jane Eliz'h Austin was at my house & Mr. T Norris

Thu. 20 Calm foggy morning with hard showers of rain - snow all disappeared -at night more clear & fine at midnight

Fri. 21 Wind SW good breeze clear but not very fine, very mild -John Kinselo/ [taylor?] many years residing here died suddenly in bed - Mr. Clow left for St. Johns with James Mountain in his boat

Sat. 22 Calm and dark with heavy rain -at evening clear, the wind off the land
Sun. 23 Moderate wind WNW dull but clear No service at the church to day Mr. Hamilton at Renewse on duty -5pm Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Simms & son landed here from a boat on their way to Trepassey from St. Johns and remained at my house -wind at night SW
Mon. 24 Strong breeze SW clear but looking dark to windward -rain at 10 am and all day -Mr. Geo Simms etc. here still
Tue. 25 Moderate WNW wind dull & mild -a good breeze at 9am -Mr. & Mrs. Simms I son left for Trepassey -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening at my house - .
Wed. 26 Fine morning clear & frosty moderate West wind boats loading for St. Johns
Thu. 27 Moderate NNE wind smart frost very fine morning -a very fine day for the season little wind & very warm
Fri. 28 Strong breeze SSW looking dark and a heavy sea upon the land - Doctor Walsh left the district in a Fermeuse boat for St. Johns not to return here again -very mild
Sat. 29 Moderate west wind with drops of rain, very mild and very dark - James left in Norris's boat for St. Johns this morning at 8am
Sun. 30 Wind moderate at NE sharp frost but fine day -Services at church today - several boats from St. Johns today -Mr. Clow came back from St. Johns

1845 - DECEMBER

Mon. 1 A fine morning, frosty & clear, wind moderate NE. -Paid Robert 27/4 curr'y rec'd from Ed Power Brigus per Leonard Hickey to day
Tue. 2 Good breeze SW thick wet fog & mist, and so continued all this day
Wed. 3 Strong breeze at west by north, very clear & fine and mild -Wrote the Att'y General today & sent it per Geary see Sep't Book - the Lion left & Jas H Carter in her for St. Johns about 9am to day. Took tea with Mr. Hamilton this day. Mary Ann Dullanty died last night
Thu. 4 Very moderate to light wind off the land O'Dwyer s boat left for St. Johns sent Fanny's music stool in her. -up to this day Mr. Clow has been unable by drinking to attend to his duties -walked to Spout Bridge with Mary. -Mrs. LeMessurier confined this morning at 9am for her first son -2nd child
Fri. 5 Strong breeze SSW with heavy sea on and looking very dark - Mr. Jones the Inspector of Schools came in this morning last from Trepassey. -he called & was obliged to remain on shore during the night blowing hard and raining very much -wind West.
Sat. 6 Strong breeze at West dark clouds coming out over the land looking for Wind & showers of hail at times -no snow or ice to this date - Mr.

Dullanty & Wm Williams came overland from Saint Johns to day - Mr. Jones spent the evening at my house

Sun. 7 Fine morning, smart frost, light NNE wind -this proved a fine day - Robert moved the "Arrow" to the Pool packed some partridges for Fanny & Mr. McLea in a box to send per Mr. White in his boat

Tue. 9 Strong breeze NE Wind, rather milder than last evening - Shanahan & Mr. Norris's boat came from St. Johns rec'd letters by them- Mr. Hamilton & Mr. LeMessurier dined with me today

Wed. 10 Strong breeze ENE rather milder than yesterday but dark and hazy W'r - R'd Sullivan went for St. Johns overland -afternoon strong breeze and sleet

Thu. 11 Strong breeze off the land, & smart frosty morning with showers of snow - Killed the cow bought from Hugh Ryme it weighed 40/lb net the fore quarters.

Lost Jess the cow

Fri.12 Strong breeze at WSW Shanahan left for St. Johns -sent Fanny 6 fowls by him -Found the cow this evening jammed among the stones under Robert's store

Sat. 13 Light air NE wind dark but clear gentle frosty weather little or no snow -at night strong breeze -a Sch'r from Cape Breton put in bound to St. Johns with cattle, lumber, oats etc. very raw cold

Sun. 14 Strong breeze NE looking dark and hard -Robert left for St. Johns at 4-3/4am this morning by land -Lion in from St. Johns Mr. Hamilton at Renewse no service at church today -at night more clear & fine - Mat Morry home from St. Johns Arthur with him

Mon. 15 Strong breeze NE wind clear with moderate frost, -a good deal of sea making upon the rocks.

Tue. 16 Thick fog, wind SSW thawing - Put the Fish-Hook & Chain stopper & the Returns for Ct H's ordered 5 Dec'r onboard the Trial of Pictou here windbound addressed to M Stuart & Co.

Wed. 17 Thick misting rain, strong breeze at SSW considerable sea on the rocks -Frost and snow all gone again -much rain during the day & fog at night

Thu. 18 Calm and clear morning, very mild at night wind NE with rain. - Cattle housed for sometime but no snow or frost worthy notice up to this time -Mary spent the evening with Mrs. LeMessurier -no party

Fri. 19 Light air NE wind with thick rain the Sch'r "Trial" of Pictou came back again to anchorage during last night - Shanahan's & White's boats home from St. Johns no letters or papers by them

Sat. 20 Calm and foggy but dry compared to several mornings past. -Mr. Hamilton came down and spent the evening - the Trial of Pictou sailed again for Saint Johns. -Fanny's first child born to day at 1 lam.

Sun. 21 Thick fog with misling rain, light breeze from SSW no frost or snow

-This is the shortest day in the year -Two services at the church today -Rob't with Wm Kelligrew came from St. Johns left yesterday bringing letters announcing Mrs. W. Rendell s Jr. confinement yesterday -Wm Kelligrew did not stop only for refreshments

Mon. 22 Strong breeze SSW hard rain Wrote Jas & Wm Ridge, James McCulley and my mother and remitted bills to them asp'r daybook and sent the letters under cover to Wm Rendell Jr. to forward per mailb't

Tue. 23 Wind at West, snow just lightly covered with snow fallen during the night - Snow showers and frost during the day at night fine and not severe

Wed. 24 Light air at West, looking dark and blinking snow -froze during the night pretty smart

Thu. 25 Moderate Westwind, smart frost clear & fine - Christmass Day - Morning service & sacrament today 16 persons -fine day throughout, my brother & Mr. Morry came by land from St. Johns left it yesterday - Mrs. Carter & Mary walked to Cup Cove and back, no snow down -

Fri. 26 A very stormy night last night blowing very hard and snowing fast and drifting very much the yard at the back filled with snow the ground being frozen it blows off from the high grounds -All the boats moved in the Pool were driven out & on shore in the fore landwash - evening moderate - service at the church today

Sat. 27 Moderate SW fine morning, gentle frost. Service at church this morning - wrote to St. Johns and sent letters by Jas Mountain who leaves tomorrow overland

Sun. 28 Strong breeze NE wind dark and gloomy blinking snow -Robert up at daylight to secure his boat in the Pool having got her afloat again yesterday -service at Aquaforte this morning at the church here in the afternoon snowing fast nearly all day -opened 1 B'l potatoes today

Mon. 29 Calm, dull morning mild and clear -a fine day throughout James Mountain left by land for St. Johns this morning early -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with me. R'd King brought hay from Reneuse for his rent. -Several craft passing N.

Tue. 30 Light air from the N fine morning frosty last night. Sent home Mr. Goodridge's Blackstone by R'd King's boat -a whale in sight, blowing and a boat steering Northward at night S Wind & snow

Wed. 31 Wind SW moderate -dull and thawing freely some snow fell during the night day clear & fine at night wind NE snow

And so ends the year of 1845, one of the mildest as regards frost & snow during the latter part thereof that I remember during my residence in this Island being nearly 41 years -this year I thank God has passed over without any serious misfortune in my

family here or elsewhere for which I find myself unable to express my gratitude to the Almighty - The past year has been an extraordinary one, many events have taken place of great importance -

The Queen of England & Prince Albert went on the Continent for several days up the Rhine & were every where received with great demonstrations of joy & kindness & State on their return called at Chateau D'Ess? in France on a visit of four hours to the King of France and from there arrived in safety to Isle of Wight, Osborne House where the Royal Children then were living - Rail Roads carrying to wonderful extent - improvements in steamers immense, the Great Britain the largest in the whole world began her voyages between Liverpool & America and was found to answer fullest expectations -she was built at Bristol & when built it was found the Dock Gates would not permit her passing through, great delay & expences were the consequence before she was liberated -

Dan'l [Corwell?] & [Th Kessalen?] still agitating for a Repeal of the Union -A great movement for Reform in Germany under direction of Jean Rouge seceding from the Church of Rome -great numbers of followers -

Speculation & swindling in Railway shares creating quite a panic in England even to affect rate of discount and interest of money

Prince Henry son of King of Holland at St. Johns for a fortnight arriving & sailing in the Dutch Frigate the Rhine of 60 guns a fine ship -he was received with great Honors and in great state -Triumphal arches etc etc etc -

The seal fishery of this year was not in general production, the prices for seals high -several vessels came in clean & some lost -

The cod fishery during the capelin on Hook and Line very poor, with codseans great after the capelin and squids came in & much fish was killed so that on the whole it might be said a saving voyage was made - Labrador fishery very unproductive -more Spanish vessels at St. Johns to land fish this year than was ever there before about 85 or 90 sail in all -prices high in consequence -15/-13/- 11/- & 9/ per Qtl in early part of season. Cash payment and in great demand

Provisions plentiful & moderate all the season untill since the close of the fishery when the prices advanced in consequence of a failure of the crops of com in Europe & of potatoes also to an [-?] extent - Harvest in America very good & extensive, but demand for Europe very large -Vegetables & Hay plentiful here and never a better crop of potatoes supposed by the [census?] this Island produces this year - 320,000 Barrels in all & excellent in quality. The potatoes in adjacent columns affected by the disease affecting those in England, Ireland, Scotland, Holland & German States. -

Angerona lost this year on Labrador Coast partly insured, last was Lance a Loup in heavy Gale of NE wind early in June -

Robert & James purchased new vessel this fall - 24 new vessels bought up at St. Johns during last [-?] months - build & model much improved. My daughter Fanny confined in Dec'r for her first daughter & Eliza with her at St. Johns -

Several persons have died suddenly and after very short illness in this district and elsewhere during this year. Rev. Mr. Hoyles left this Mission, married Miss Rennie at St. Johns and went to Fogo. Rev. H. Hamilton came in his place - Mr Wm Kelligrew married to Miss Julia Bradshaw during this year & has purchased a new vessel - The foreign trade of this district almost disappeared, yet an increase of shipping in it & of fishery - Several old inhabitants have died in Ferryland during the year not from age. -No Doctor remains here now, Mr. Walsh M.D. having left it, in consequence of the Hospital Act being rendered a dead letter, no Directors having been appointed for it. This was done by Mr. Peter Winser and his political adherents

One of the Cunard Line of Steamers the Hibernia Capt Ryrie ran on Cape Race homeward bound and put into St. Johns to repair damages, which could not be stopped outside and was done on the inside by our celebrated townsman Mich'l Kearney of St. Johns now, but born here, a celebrated genius in Ship Building, [-?] uneducated Remarks of local matters will be found in preceding

Journal as regards the prevalence of winds & weather and upon a comparison it will be found to correspond with past years more nearly than a casual glance would imagine - God grant us the coming year may lead to no greater evils or share of trouble than the past — Old Year, Adieu - R. Carter

END OF BOOK 15

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Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. This person is the journal keeper's married daughter, Fanny
2. This most likely is his shorthand for Surveyor General, often mentioned in the journals.

ROBERT CARTER'S JOURNAL

BOOK 16

January 1, 1846 - July 18, 1846

1846 - JANUARY

Thu. 1 Moderate N Wind, snowing fast cleared away about 10pm, Service at church this morning, Mr. Hamilton & my brother dined with me, Mr. Norris came down and staid the evening -snowing a little at night, frost smart

Fri. 2 Strong breeze NNW very smart frost the Ink in the office caught¹ the first time this fall & winter - afternoon more mild and less wind One vessel passing north -A whale blowing off the harbour today -a good deal of snow down - James Coady commenced as travelling postman to day

Sat. 3 Moderate SW wind dark but very mild -strong breeze at noon & hazy at 4pm a deeply laden Brigantine under small canvas passed Northwd close in; at night blowing hard & raining and bad weather coming on very fast

Sun. 4 Good breeze SW snow nearly all gone again with rain during last night, looking dark & windy no frost -No service at church today, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse

Mon. 5 Light breeze NE snowing fast in showers -at Court House this forenoon cleared off at 10am & fine -Dined with my brother today

Tue. 6 Light air from North, gentle frost fine morning, at Court House today Joseph Gatheral came from St. Johns in his jack last night left yesterday morning - Morning service at the church today -a schooner passed North & another South -at night Wind NNW fine, frosty & clear

Wed. 7 Calm morning smart frost & Northerly wind in the night, sun rising very beautiful -Rob't Hall & Coleman left for St. Johns by land Sent letters & Co Hs Returns for Fanny by former -the Elizabeth Margaret at the Narrows at daylight from St. Johns - R & J new vessel -came in early

Thu. 8 Fine morning light air SW wind smart frost last night, John Carroll gone to St. Johns this morning overland -wrote Eliza by him -at night strong breeze SW with snow - New vessel in the Pool -

Fri. 9 Dull morning calm with fog & mild a considerable quantity of snow fell during the night very mild - Williams and others who came in the Elizabeth Margaret returned to St. Johns today overland - John Wall died

Sat. 10 Strong breeze NNW wind smart frost during the night, fine morning a fine winter day -Horses crossed the ponds today for the first time

this winter

Sun. 11 Strong breeze NW rather cold but clear morning -first fire lighted in the church for the winter this day - Two services at church today, fine weather - Mr. Hamilton taken ill in midst of his sermon this afternoon -evening fine John Curtis passed through from St. Johns (brought no letters) for Trepassey. John Wall buried.

Mon. 12 Light air SW wind, very mild -wind variable during the day - My brother, Mr. Morry & his son John went to Reneuse this day -Issued precept today - Mary Carter went to Capelin Bay in the afternoon - Robert & James walked up to Come with her after ten - Mr. Hamilton came down & spent the evening - showed H'y Winsers letter to him -

Tue. 13 Moderate wind at West, much sea on the rocks about 2 inches of snow fell during the night, fine & mild morning - A deep laden barque suppose the Aristides deeply laden passed N at nightfall

Wed. 14 Moderate West wind fine & clear with moderate frost - at night wind NNW a most beautiful night -Mr. Norris at tea here -James Henry Carter went to Reneuse

Thu. 15 A fine morning, moderate breeze off the land smart frost during the night - people working across the ponds all this week Went to River Head of Cape Broyle & back before dinner fine roads & fine day -

Fri. 16 Moderate N Wind

& blinking snow froze smart during the night the ink not frozen in the office today nor water in the bedrooms this winter, a fine day

Sat. 17 Moderate NNW wind freezing smartly the sharpest night for the winter so far -Ink frozen in the office & water in bedroom

Sun. 18 Wind at ESE blowing strong towards night three vessels passing two of them expected to have put into Reneuse -Clear all day though dull - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon -Service here in the afternoon -being poorly, I did not go -My brother spent the evening with us

Mon. 19 Strong gale during the night at ESE snowing fast and much sea upon the rocks, any yard quite filled with snow -strong gale and heavy sea in all day rather mild than freezing

Tue. 20 Very strong gale at NNE all night with a good deal of snow drifts, the morning less wind yet very stormy & all day - two islands of ice passed south

Wed. 21 Good breeze NNW fine, clear, frosty morning, more moderate than for last three days -Sent Mrs. Austin's a/ccts to N. Mudge [?] Esq're, 24/- Two islands of ice in sight

Thu. 22 Mild, calm and dull, nearly calm -Robert left over land for St. Johns at 7/2 am this day -at noon wind ENE with blinks of snow about 3pm Robert came back finding he would hardly be able to get to Brigus by nightfall and every appearance of bad weather snow waist deep and no tracks -At night, blowing hard, drifting & snowing -Mr.

Hamilton's chimney took fire -Postman left Cape Broyle this morning for St. Johns

Fri. 23 Blowing strong gale at NNW, snowing fast and drifting very much, sharp frost -Ink frozen in my office - snow in the yard higher than kitchen door and window -at night a very severe gale hard frost and heavy drift, with squall of wind and snow very heavy

Sat. 24 Strong breeze NNW clear & fine but drifting at times, much snow down our yard quite filled up over the well and kitchen door & window a very severe gale during last night -The vessels that put into Reneuse on 18 Inst, are the Clipper from Baltimore laden with flour and a vessel from Halifax with fresh beef etc. both bound for St. Johns -

Sun. 25 Moderate breeze West wind fine clear morning with smart frost -drift ice in sight along the horizon -Services here today Mr. Hamilton being prevented from going to Reneuse by the quantity of snow down. -My brother, Mr. T. Morry, P. LeMessurier and Mr. Norris called in in the evening Rev. H. Hamilton was taken ill in the pulpit this afternoon from heat of the stove and obliged to close the service. Vessels from Reneuse sailed for St. Johns today

Mon. 26 Moderate NNW wind dull some snow fell during the night -at boat passing N. Messrs Kelligrew & Goodridge came from Reneuse this evening -snow showers all day frost moderate

Tue. 27 Calm dull morning sharp frost Gen'l Qr Sessions of the Peace today -No criminal matter except nuisances to try -grand jurors in attendance -Framed Rules for Aquaforte Ferry

Wed. 28 Very fine morning, sharp frost -wind light air from Northward -a fine day all through; At the court House in an adjourned Sessions on Johnson's will case -a dinner party at M Morry's, Reneuse Gentl'n & several other persons there -

Thu. 29 A fine morning nearly calm, a sharp frosty night last night. Ink frozen in my office, the harbour & ocean caught over with lolly -Robert & James up the Bay last evening to tea at M. Morry's to meet the Reneuse Gentl'n and kept it up pretty late -people not able to work in the woods from the quantity of snow down, shovels employed to clear the path in the woods no horses at work in the woods for several days past - a Brig with Ensyn at Peak passed Northw'd at 1pm, supposed it to be New York Packet, Capt. D. Steward. {In the margin]:- the brig proved to be Sandwich Capt. Mayhew. Purchased a hare from M. A. Cannon killed near the Aquaforte road for 3/- killed last evening.

Fri. 30 Calm morning and remarkably fine with smart frost, the harbour & ocean caught over, several islands of ice in sight and a good deal of drift ice in the horizon -A brig among the ice. -Report says that the track of a wolf hath been seen today in the woods near this - walked

to upper end of the Merry Meeting Pond with Mr. Hamilton. Messrs Goodridge & Kelligrew went to Reneuse today -they came last Monday evening -at night very frosty & clear, the men at work bringing out wood but the wood paths very heavy and soft and snow very deep among the trees -not a cloud to be seen all this day a really beautiful winter day as could be & quite warm in the sun at midday - Sat.31 Strong breeze SSW free thaw with hard rain, snow melting fast towards afternoon the rain ceased but yet continued to thaw very freely. Rev. H. Hamilton went to Reneuse. Sent [down?] yard & topmast of the new vessel.

1846 - FEBRUARY

Sun. 1 A fine clear frosty morning, wind Northerly -Robert went to Reneuse this morning, James & myself walked so far as Aquaforte with him -No service at the church today - 2 brigs passed to the Southward at 4pm -could not make her out with the heavy rising out of the water, the harbour catching over frost several of the islands of ice moved to the SW out of sight & the drift ice also - night calm very clear and severe frost. James got his ear touched by frost today -[In the margin]:- 2 Brigs and a Barque passed South this evening - Aristides for Brazil.

Mon. 2 Calm, fine and severely frosty morning the harbour and ocean all caught over . Last night was the hardest frost this winter -Boys walking from Point of Beach to Isle du Bois after the ice frozen in the harbour -Pool frozen fast strong -Scarlitina prevailing in this harbour and at Aquaforte Gahan's child died of it and several other children ill in it there

Tue. 3 Dark & cloudy day rather mild than frosty with good breeze at West, the harbour completely frozen over -at 3pm a Brig passing Southward -Coady from St. Johns with letters & papers

Wed. 4 Moderate North wind, quite mild, a little snow fell during the night -dull - at night wind S. snowing -at 3pm Brig passed North -ice in the horizon -Robert from Reneuse this afternoon in time for dinner -

Thu. 5 Strong breeze NNW looking for snow, not severely frosty -the harbour still caught over - some snow fell during last night -Sent letters by Guiney to St. Johns for Mr. Noad, Secretary etc. etc. Mr. & Mrs. John Goodridge came here from Reneuse to stay with me. At night dark and gloomy bit clear, much ice apparently off the coast by the large ice Glyn2 visible.

Fri. 6 Moderate, mild and dull, wind SE snow occasionally through the day at 4pm wind off the land & cleared away. Mr. Hamilton at my house this evening

Sat. 7 Strong breeze NW clear & fine but frosty -some snow fell last night. Mr. Winser's store at Aquaforte burnt down with all its contents last

night, consisting of sails & ice gear of Brig Pelter -Smart frosty weather Ink frozen -at my brothers this evening to tea etc. [In the margin]:- Point of Beach Store.

Sun. 8 Smart frosty morning but fine, at noon dull wind SSW harbour frozen so as to bear - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning -service in the afternoon. Mrs. LeMessuriers son christened during the service, Wm Morry. James down in evening.

Mon. 9 Strong gale at SW rain during the night but freezing again now - Mr. & Mrs. Goodridge left in our sleigh for Capelin Bay to visit Mrs. Morry - James drove up & the sleigh home again -a meeting of magistrates at Court House on Jackman's petition to the Governor "see Sessions Note Book. - wrote a letter to Hon'bl Col. Secretary about it -J. W. Saunders here .

Tue. 10 Moderate W. wind, dull & frosty some snow fell during last night, a large party at Mr. LeMessuriers -at night NNE wind & snowing fast -at midnight a very severe gale & snow drift & frost

Wed. 11 Extremely heavy gale all night & heavy fall of snow and drift, the party at LeMessuriers obliged to remain all night, Rob't, James, Mary & Miss Bradshaw got here at 8am & my brother obliged to come in as he could get no further and remain until evening - Mr. & Mrs. Goodridge got to my house about 5pm today. Several of Mrs. LeMessuriers party there all this day not being able to go home owing to the weather. Thos. Mackey's wife confined. Great difficulty to get water or coals, well & stable being buried deep under the snow & kitchen porch door quite under it.

Thu. 12 Gale still continued all night with a great fall of snow and sharp frost at noon -more moderate at 4pm ice on the harbour breaking up. Miss Bradshaw here yet. Brig Runnymede passed South at 4pm for Brazil. Wind North -harbour clear of ice this evening.

Fri. 13 Strong breeze at WNW, smart frosty weather with showers of snow - Robert & J. Goodridge left for Reneuse but were obliged to return, not being able to get much past the ferry at Aquaforte for depth of snow -Night fine clear and frosty -wind light³

Sat. 14 Fine morning, clear, mild & calm the harbour & ocean covered with lolly at 8am light air off the land, lolly moving off -Mr. & Mrs. Goodridge & Miss Bradshaw & Mr. J. W. Saunders left for Reneuse in a punt with four men, and arrived there in two hours -boat returned here in 1 hr. 40 m. from Reneuse - Got passages cut through the snow in the yard - Mrs. Carter so unwell as to be obliged to remain in bed all day, got up to see Mrs. Goodridge etc. away & went to bed again -at night wind NNW freezing smartly ice in sight in the horizon, immense banks of snow along the roads, Roberts Fishermen's houses completely covered over and the snow in the yard up to eaves of kitchen roof and almost level. Valentine's Day.

Sun. 15 Moderate breeze NW smart frosty weather, clear & fine winter day. Two services at church today. The weather being too bad for Mr. Hamilton to go to Renewse as he intended to do. at night very fine but severely frosty

Mon. 16 A fine morning, very severe frost, light air of wind -the harbour completely frozen over and the sea covered with lolly outside the land & harbour, at night wind NE dull. Robert & James at P. LeMessuriers -smart frosty night harbour caught over

Tue. 17 Wind moderate NE blinking snow -very smart frosty weather, harbour and ocean quite covered with ice & lolly -the first islands of ice that appeared off still aground in sight -at night good breeze NNW, freezing hard -Coady from St. Johns

Wed. 18 Blowing strong gale at NNE with considerable drift of snow, not freezing so severe as yesterday, the sun shining out through occasional show showers. Cannon from St. Johns

Thu. 19 a very stormy night & blowing very hard still, much snow and drift at noon more mild, thawing with light showers of rain, the ice in the harbour broken up again in part by violence of the gale last night - completely buried in snow at back thawing pretty freely all this day the ice still in sight in the offing - Messrs George, John, Wm & Peter LeMessurier, Jno, Arthur & H'y Morry & Mr. Norris & my brother spent the evening with me, tea & supper. Mr Morry and Matt were invited also, but did not come, broke up at 2am

Fri.20 Blowing hard at NE & snowing lightly not cold or freezing -thawing all this day -a large party & dance at Mr. Morry's in Capelin Bay this evening. Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with me.

Sat.21 Moderate ENE wind, moderate frost during the night, dull but clear, -the drift ice quite into the coast & all the harbour, snowing a little at night. Mr. Wm Kelligrew passed towards St. Johns at noon

Sun.22 Calm morning & dull -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no services at church today - ice in all along the coast, very mild about an inch of snow fell during the night - wind NE with blinks of snow all day

Mon.23 a fine morning with little wind froze during last night, but very clear sunrise today -ice all in every place, at my brothers this evening with LeMessuriers Morrays & others to tea & supper -blinking snow NE wind

Tue.24 Shrove - Fine morning light air NE ice all along the coast – sealers fitting out & travelling towards St. Johns all day long.

Wed.25 Ash Wednesday - Fine morning, moderate frost during the night, wind light air off the land -hemmed in with drift ice still. - LeMessuriers & Morry's left for St. Johns by land this morning from Capelin Bay - Robert's men will finish today digging out the roof of his fishermen's house from snow, the whole was quite buried 12 feet under snow. Men employed for upwards 4 days digging out Robert's

Fish'm house. Prayers at church today -

Thu. 26 Dull morning with light air off the land the ice moved off a short way yesterday & the space caught over again last night -Two brigs passed N at 10am boats from Reneuse going along and a Brig e & Sch r in the ice off the harbour Ice moved a little off towards night

Fri. 27 Dark morning some slight snow falling sharp & frosty, wind NE - moderate, ice all closed in again at 10pm wind WNW good breeze - Two Brig'e passed Northward at 4pm the Packet vessel Capt. Mengher passed North her colors up -the ice having moved off some distance -at night smart frost, blinking snow, good breeze.

Sat. 28 Strong breeze at NW fine morning but very severe frost and some snow drifts in the squalls at 10am a boat passed Norths'd afternoon very severe frost & blowing hard -quite a winter day the ice moving off-

1846 - MARCH

Sun. 1 Fine clear morning - wind NNW moderate, very severe frosty weather - froze as hard last as any night the winter, the harbour still frozen over and drift ice in sight all along the coast -Services at the church here today - Coady left Cape Broyle for St. Johns, the Post Man.

Mon. 2 Moderate breeze NNW wind very severe frosty weather, more severe last night than the winter -Ink froze on the Sideboard the first time since the fall. -Harbour fast and ocean all caught over - Capt. H Winser cleared the Aquafort today -Aquafort Harbour frozen over so far down as its entrance quite firm - Mary and Elizabeth begun to cut out- Garret Dalton an old inhabitant of this place died today or yesterday at Reneuse, he was living there with his Daughter he must be nearly, if not quite, 100 years of age -

Tue. 3 Fine morning, but severe frost wind NNW. Ocean frozen, harbour still fast, sealers cutting out their vessels got as far as Point of Beach nearly - Capt. Winser Jr. cleared out Pelter today ice about 6 inches thick on the harbour - Mrs. Morry from Capelin Bay called this evening

Wed. 4 Clear fine morning very moderate breeze off the land - smart frost last night, sealers yet making poor progress cutting out. Harbour & ocean all frozen

Thu. 5 Fine morning, moderate SW wind gentle frost during last night - at 1pm Elizabeth & Margaret got clear of the narrows having been cutting the ice from Day Break - the drift ice some distance in the offing, very mild at noon -at night good breeze at SW mild. Mr Hamilton spent the evening at my house Two nights frost of the salt water in the narrows would bear up four men today - and did so, under the bows of Elizabeth & Mar't going out -

Fri. 6 Moderate wind SW dull & mild, a little snow fell during the night - mild all day and blinking snow, moderate The Aquaforte vessels crews employed since last Saturday cutting out through the ice to day only abreast of Corneilius's Glen, -and the ice reaching down to Table Round. I walked up there today to see how they were progressing - nearly 60 men employed. Partridges scarce this winter -Bo't two hares only. -Good breeze this evening at WSW

Sat. 7 Light breeze at N. blinking snow, not very frosty, harbour still frozen over and plenty of lolly outside the heads -1pm wind NE moderate at 2pm mild the Brig Sandwich, mail boat and a schooner passed South. -Strong breeze with snow at night - my brother & M. Morry here

Sun. 8 Strong breeze NNE looking dark, raw cold the Harbour yet frozen over some snow last night, moderate frost, -this day is the 30th anniversary of my daughter Eliza's birth. No Service at Church this morning - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte. Mr. P. LeMessurier came from St. Johns last night, when he left few sealing vessels had left that port. Coady came from St. Johns this evening (PostMan) and with him James Simms Jr. on his way to Trepassey

Mon. 9 Calm, dull morning, moderately frosty last night, harbour the same as yesterday -a vessel off Aquaforte in the drift ice -spent the evening at my brothers, blowing very hard NE and looking for snow. -

Tue. 10 Strong gale NE snowing fast and drifting very much, and so continued until 10pm. Some vessels driving by in the ice supposed sealers. -My brother P. LeM. & J. Morry spent the evening with me

Wed. 11 Good breeze WNW. Ice driving off the land 30 sail or upwards in sight in the ice - James Simms Jr. & Robert left at noon for Reneuse on their way to Trepassey, At'r LeMessurier with them, Cannon as Pilot fine clear day but freezing smartly -At 6pm the Aquaforte and Pelter passed by this place steering NE light wind at NW. at night particularly fine & clear

Thu. 12 Fine morning moderate West wind smart frost during the night not so severe as lately, my Ink in the office not frozen, -fine day throughout this harbour still frozen over strongly

Fri. 13 Fine morning, moderately frosty last night -wind off the land light - Many sail of Sealers among the ice in sight calm all day - Mr. McLea came from St. Johns-

Sat. 14 Calm, dull morning very gentle frost last night -ice & vessels in it yet in sight not far off the land -calm all this day, thawing freely.

Sun. 15 Moderate wind at NE thick haze gentle frost during last night. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no services at the church. Ice close in, several vessels amongst it -foggy & clear at intervals, mild

Mon. 16 Calm with thick fog, thawing. Coady is to leave Cape Broyle for St Johns with letters this morning. Dense fog and free thaw all day and quite calm and very warm -Ice as yesterday but could not be seen

Tue. 17 St. Patrick. Calm thick fog, thawing freely with mizzling rain snow melting fast

Wed. 18 Same as yesterday this morning, dined at my brothers with Messrs McLea Morry J Morry P. LeMessurier & James -also Mr. Hamilton. At night same W'r.

Thu. 19 Thick fog, calm & mild with rain in showers, ice in the harbour & on the coast close in as for several days past -A man from St. Johns today reports that when he left it, 3 Sealers were remaining in and that five only had out of Concep'n Bay. Mr Morry & my brother dined with me P. LeMessurier & John Morry in the evening

Fri. 20 Moderate and dull wind NE thawing still - the ice in the harbour & all cloud upon the land - Smart showers at times with short spaces of clear Ice same as yesterday -one vessel off Cape Broyle

Sat. 21 Calm and mild with very thick fog. -at noon cleared off a little -Capt. Munn of Brig'e Rose a sealer, left that port on 7th Inst, was jammed in 6 days & ever since 2 seals -saw no northern ice, nothing but sheet ice -came on shore on the ice from outside Goose Island upon the Head - at night thick wet fog wind NE. Cleared a few minutes saw five vessels in the ice

Sun. 22 Moderate NE wind thick misty rain with free thaw (& all night) Snow much gone away & going -Midday strong breeze mizzling rain Two Services at church today -Capt. Munn of the Rose on shore today, the vessel not having started during the last night and today - off goose Island. Thomas Ryan of Capelin Bay came here having walked onshore from the Brig Aquaforte H'y Winser Master, having left here off Bear Cove in the ice today

Mon. 23 Strong breeze NE thawing, thick misty fog with showers of rain, ice the same as yesterday -the vessel in same position outside -Went up to my brothers and spent the evening

Tue. 24 Light air NE mild & dull, but clear many vessels yet in sight in the ice, The ice on the harbour melting away without any swell or motion to break it up - Jasper (White) and Rose (Munn) remain in same position as they were yesterday

Wed. 25 Moderate NE wind, dull but clear Ice jammed in upon the coast as yesterday -all the ice upon the harbour dissolved away quite & it is now clear of ice - Service at church this morning at 10am. Mr. McLea Jr. left by land for St. Johns -[ED: there is a drawing of a pointing hand in the margin here.] Capt. White of Jasper reports his vessel to have been driven Southward of Cape Race in the ice & E there off 30 miles and from thence E of Bay Bulls 30 miles & from there close in under the Castle4 of Cape Broyle Head and that some pans of ice are yet enclosed around the vessel. -Wrote Wm Rendell Jr & Eliza by Mr. McLea Jr. 35 sail of sealers in sight

Thu. 26 Wind NE moderate -dull & mild -ice jammed outside as before The

harbour quite clear, Vessels Rose & Jasper in same place, others passing South with the ice -Jess had calf this forenoon -Afternoon foggy & misty with little wind

Fri. 27 Morning same as yesterday, ice & vessels in the same position - several vessels coming in sight at NE one Barque among them

Sat. 28 Fine warm spring morning, the sun shining and clear for first time for many days, wind moderate NE ice and vessels as before. - Robert & James came from Trepassey at 1pm left it yesterday morning and Reneuse this -Sixteen vessels into Trepassey windbound -Evening nearly calm and looking dull - Coady came from St. Johns having gone all the distance with Mr. McLea

Sun. 29 Calm morning, clear and mild the ice and vessels therein as before - Service at church in the afternoon Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte in morning -About noon the ice outside opened a short distance from the land, the Rose & Jasper carried southward of their former positions -Thos Bryan at Cape Broyle one of the Eliz & Mar't crew, left her off Petit Harbour about 3 miles with 4 seals reports that she had been 70 miles E of Bonavista Light and brought back by wind and tide to her present position

Mon. 30 Light air from SSW with wet? falling and haze over the ice, which appears slack near the land & small pieces coming into the harbour, the Rose making way before the wind -up to Capelin Bay. 11¹/₂am quite calm with thick fog. Dined with my brother today as did James Simms Jr. Robert & James -at night foggy & NE wind

Tue. 31 Strong breeze at E with snow falling the harbour filled in with drift ice and the coast jammed quite in. 3pm snowing fast but not freezing, at night wind NE good breeze.

1846 -APRIL

Wed. 1 Good breeze NE two inches of snow has fallen during the night, ground quite covered again -not frosty Cleared off at noon, several vessels in night the tide running fast to the Southwards -only a few vessels to be seen NE of Cape Broyle

Thu. 2 Strong breeze NE wind, hazy with showers of snow occasionally - light frost last night - Capt. White brought up undercharge of Mich'l Power James Payne one of his crew deserting -at noon clearer, many islands of ice in sight Water to be seen off the harbour from the hills some few vessels yet driving along - John Curtis from St. Johns for Trepassey called as he passed through -Brig Samuel belonging to Geo. Forward of Carbonear on Bill? of Cape Broyle much injured. Brig Sally, Chas Forward Master trying to get in some place hereabout very leaky, keel twisted. Many islands of ice in sight passing

Fri. 3 A very strong gale at NE very hard rain all night, the last snow all

gone again, clear but wild looking -Part of the crew of a vessel of Punton & Munn's lost near Broad Cove passed through this Northward today - James Simms Jr. & my son James left by land for St. Johns today -at night still blowing very strong gale

Sat. 4 Strong breeze NE gentle frost last night, ice as yesterday -No vessels, -at noon one vessel coming round Cape Broyle that has been in off Brigus, some days.

-Capt White of Jasper & crew have taken in charge the Samuel (Taylor) this morning left abandoned by the crew on Cape Broyle, it is reported she was easily freed two auger holes discerned in her and masts cut away. -

Sun. 5 Calm fine morning (light air off the land at sunrise) smart frost during the night -Water to be seen from the Hills outside the ice & some vessels in it. -

The Star W Mountain in the Ice off the Head and two other vessels passing also jammed without any seals. -Light air at 10am off the land. No service at church, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today -at 4pm wind NE, a great swell heaving in on the shore, Many vessels outside the ice going Northward all day.

Mon. 6 Calm with thick fog over the ice, the sun clear, white frost last night, -a good deal of sea breaking upon the rocks the harbour filled up with lolly. -

Mon. 6 About 10am cleared off a fine day Wind SSW to SW. the ice opening a little from the shore -Several vessels passing North outside the ice in clear water - Jasper with the Samuel -and the Rose left Capelin Bay the former towards St. Johns with his prize, the other for the ice. -Snow drops open -a fine warm day, thawing in the sun -

Tue. 7 Fine morning, wind moderate NE. -at 10am, wind strong at N. ice keeping off. -at 4pm, strong breeze NE and cold the ice coming in again -many vessels in sight to leeward working up, a great many islands of ice aground on Bantam from the Head up past Reneuse close together

Wed. 8 Strong breeze NNE fine morning, cold -sharp frost last night, ice not far off. -from the Headlands. -Vessels beating to windward inside of it - Eliz.&Marg't went off through the ice abreast of this today at 9am -Aquaforte off Aquaforte same time - Packet Brig Sandwich, Meagher passed N. at 8am. fine warm day at noon thawing freely in sun Wind ENE

Wed. 8 At 3 ½ pm ice close in to the land Wind moderate at SW -many vessels in sight passing Northward

Thu. 9 Moderate at SW with thick rain some silver thaw this morning. Many vessels passing North, the ice moved off a little - among other the "Othello" -The sch'r "Rival" landed a sick man here one of her crew Wind at noon West, moderate looking dark and fog coming over the Hills -mild -at night clear & fine & strong breeze NW. -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with me.

Fri. 10 Good Friday. Good breeze at West, fine morning -froze smart last night Many islands of ice in sight, Several sealing vessels beating to Windward 10am, wind strong at NNW one a Barque I suppose O'Brien's "Margaret" - Edward, second son of Thomas Norris, died just now. Coady's boat just came in from St. Johns where she hath been blocked in by ice upwards 5 weeks -Service at the church this morning. -Sent off Co. Hs. Ladyday5 Qr. Returns per Richard Vining in Sanders' boat to mail tomorrow.

Sat. 11 Moderate NNW wind, mild, clear & fine -at noon NE -Unicorn passed S -a Barque with loss of bowsprit in over on a wind -At 6pm light air from SW dull -James returned from St. Johns which place he left yesterday overland. - Brings account of many arrivals after most tedious passages, and that upwards of 50 sealers are in Concep'n Bay which have been unable to get out for the Spring, no sealers in yet

Sun. 12 Easter Day. Moderate SW wind, rain & silver thaw dark and heavy. _at noon, West and free thaw - Sacrament at Church this morning Mrs. LeMessurier, my family, Parson & clerk all that were present on the occasion & partook thereof - ice in sight -Rd Sanders left in his boat for St. Johns having onboard Duder's cattle - Afternoon full service at church.

Mon. 13 Calm, dull morning, with drops of rain very mild, and frost last night -Ice in sight, not far off the coast - The body of Edward Norris (dec'd)6 carried overland to Brigus for interment today, at 10am. One sealer in sight beside the ice. PM. Wind NE moderate & misty - Service at the church this morning very few present in consequence of the funeral.

Tue. 14 Clear fine morning, wind West, gentle frost during the night, many islands of ice in sight coming from the N. with the tide - went to Fermeuse to measure Evelyn Hill's Room per order Surveyor Gen Is -finished at 5¹/₂pm and went to Reneuse and slept at R. Evan's Lodgings.

Wed. 15 Strong breeze NW all day, mild & fine remained at Reneuse, dined at Mr. J. Goodridge's, slept at Evans's lodgings.

Thu. 16 Strong breeze, NE with a good deal of snow falling, at noon SE with heavy rain. Evening calm and foggy, staid at Evans's lodgings until 4pm, spent the evening at Mr. Kelligrews

Fri. 17 Strong gale at N by W, with snow in the morning and drifty at noon still blowing but thawing freely in sun at times -walked home from Reneuse, snow deep in some places, and bad walking -

Sat. 18 Wind N good breeze -smart frost during last night, morning clear & fine - Wind v'ble during the day - 2 or 3 sealers in sight near the ice which is about two leagues off the land - a Brig, [ED: In the margin: Mercury - ?], like a Scotch vessel passing South close to the ice, with painted ports and head - deeply laden -Robert & James boarded Brig

Ann of Conception Bay, Taylor Master, today - no seals -only got clear of the ice within a day or two, got clear 130 miles S of Cape St. Marys - had 12 men part of a sealer's crew onboard who had lost their vessel -At night clear - Wind SW

Sun. 19 Moderate SW wind, clear & fine The ice but a short distance off - many vessels and boats passing N & one Southward -Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon no service at the church here - sent letters by Coady the Postman for St. Johns. - Service at church this afternoon & Vestry meeting. Mr. Winsers sealer the Pelter came in at 3pm from the ice, reports 2000 seals taken 21st Mar. near Cape Bonavista -saw few vessels there then

Mon. 20 Moderate wind at SW, mild but dull. -Showers occasionally through the day -Same weather in the evening - several vessels passing Northward, some sealers.

Tue. 21 Same as yesterday morning -Some sealers arrived in St. Johns quite full lately -the largest trips ever known taken in Bonavista Bay by the few vessels that could get in there - nearly a calm all this day very mild and dull.

Wed. 22 Moderate SW wind, mild and dull with smart rain & fog on the hills -at noon wind NE with thick snow -at night strong breeze and quite winter weather - Thos Sliney & M? Cannon from St. Johns left that place this morning report only 3 sealers in yet with seals and several without any or having seen any - No drift ice in sight today

Thu. 23 Moderate and fine light air at West froze very sharply last night and the ground is every where covered in snow 2 or 3 inches deep - thawed freely in the sun all today a good deal of the snow going and very wet under foot. Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with me -

Fri. 24 Calm fine morning, little frost during last night, lolly formed on the harbour - Went to Aquaforte with Rob't. Jas. my brother P LeMessurier & J. Morry dredging for scollops only took three? though day moderate & fine wind SW at evening some vessels passing and four boats put in here, it blowing very hard at night and snowing and drifting

Sat. 25 Strong breeze at SW fine and clear the ground all covered with snow to some 2 or 3 inches deep in drifts much deeper -The thirty first anniversary of my wedding day - the boats all sailed again that put in last night, it blowing heavy during last night -at night snowing fast wind v'ble W to SW

Sun. 26 Wind SW good breeze blinking snow, ground completely covered by it -have seen no drift ice since 22nd M'ch. Strong breeze SSW at noon, snow falling pretty thickly all day, raw cold but not freezing - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, no services at the church in consequence

Mon. 27 Strong breeze SSE blinking snow and looking rather winterish -at

noon wind E. blinking snow & thawing as it falls on the ground - General Quarter Sessions of the Peace holden this day - no Business -Spent the evening at my brother's

Tue. 28 Strong breeze NNE cold & raw with sleet - the ground covered with snow but thawing and wet underfoot. Aquaforte in reports to have 900 seals -At noon somewhat warmer & dry

Wed. 29 Good breeze NNE clear day & dull -clear & fine towards noon, Coady the Postman from St. Johns to day

Thu. 30 Moderate to NE wind, dull, dry & mild -fine in the middle of the day, at night moderate SW wind and thick fog -Several craft passing -a Fortune Bay Schooner that put in here wind bound put out also one from Aquaforte with a crew of a shipwrecked vessel onboard - Served with a notice for S. Court cause J. [Nunan/Noonan?] 1st day Term, wrote Hoyles to do the needful there.

1846 - MAY

Fri. 1 Moderate SSW wind rather dull -froze during last night, nothing in the garden done yet - Pelter sailed for St. John's this morning, sent a Qr. of veal by her to Fanny and several letters - Service at church this forenoon -Rain at noon & very moderate and dark.

Sat. 2 Wind NW moderate dark & rather moist -considerable rain fell during last night -cleared off fine at 10am -planted out cabbage stumps for greens - Mrs. Wills called with a letter from Mr. Noad about his property at Fermeuse. Instruments came from Fermeuse

Sun. 3 Calm with thick fog & mist -Service at church this forenoon, Mr. Hamilton taken ill in midst of it & I was obliged to finish reading the prayers. Wind v'ble from S to SW hot & cold flows. - with occasional heavy showers of rain -At night hard rain -Mr. Norris came in to tea this evening. Some vessels passing Southward.

Mon. 4 Wind NE dull but clear, the Eliz'th & Marg't came in this morning early from the ice, reports having 1100 seals - At 11.45 steamer Unicom passed north - Surveyed Mr.[Adly's?] Place this morning. Mr. Morry called in this evening about arrangement of his Accounts -

Tue. 5 Moderate NE wind dull & mild -

at 10am cleared off fine, went up Capelin Bay surveying for Mary Haley -at 5pm the Marg't & Eliz'th left for St. Johns, Robert went in her. -Rev. Jas Murphy took tea with me -Wind strong at WNW & fine evening

Wed. 6 Moderate W wind, fine morning - Went to Brigus to survey Cranes Room in a skiff and returned by land at 6pm A fine day, wind NE at 3pm strong. Jess the cow with Bull at C. Scoggins

Thu. 7 Moderate SW wind, dull & mild -Sat Australian Peas with Guana sprinkled on some earth drawn over them with the rake with stable litter under them - wind off the land in the evening and very fine -left out the horse tonight, 1st time

Fri. 8 Moderate breeze NW clear & fine -wind viable through the day, many craft passing along, several ice bergs driving about & coming South. Eliza returned from St. Johns in the Pelter it falling calm they sent her on shore from off Brigus in a punt to this - she got here about 9 1/2 o'clock after 6 m'th absence

Sat. 9 Wind SW good breeze, fine morning -Strong gale during the day, misting rain in the evening set some turnip, spinach, carrots & celery seed today -

Sun. 10 Wind moderate NW fine, clear & warm morning. Two services at church this day at night rain & NE wind

Mon. 11 Thick fog, wet mist & calm, the boat Arrow commenced fitting out. -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with me.

Tue. 12 Thick fog with light SW wind, at noon cleared off after some heavy showers of rain and wind veered to NE and blew good breeze -at night strong breeze

Wed. 13 Strong breeze & west, fine & clear planted peas turnips, spinage, raddish and lettuce to day -put Guana thin on the earth after a light coat had been drawn over the seed and then covered with earth -set parsley and sage next the crop path -James & Mary left per Arrow for St. Johns at 3pm fine time -evening fine

Thu. 14 Moderate SW wind dull. -John Whites boat and the Lyon left last night for St. Johns. Many boats beating to the Southward today, clear at 10am & fine the remainder of the day. Warm as in August to day

Fri.15 Strong breeze at West, fine morning & warm for the season of the year the snow all gone from the ground at last. Many ice islands yet in sight aground. Warm as in August today

Sat. 16 Moderate SW wind rather dull but clear at 10am, cleared away very fine Wind NW. Several vessels passing Northward today Evening wind NNW & at night NE pleasantly cool in the evening after tea Lyon from St. Johns -Pat Brennan came home -

Sun. 17 Moderate SW with thick fog. At 10am cleared off very fine, with a very strong breeze at West & very warm. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte & Reneuse today, no services at Church here today

Mon. 18 Wind NE good breeze, clear & fine - Arrow came in from St. Johns left at 4am this morning. Robert in her - at noon hard rain wind ENE -at night wind SW still raining

Tue. 19 Strong SW wind, dull with fog at sea -at noon West and more dry but showery

Wed. 20 Moderate NE wind, dull some ice bergs still drifting from the NE along the shore -at night SE wind, raw cold. -Many vessels & craft passing to day.

Thu. 21 Wind SW fine morning, left for St. Johns in Lion with my brother and arrived same evening about 8pm. all well.

Fri. 22 At St. Johns attended at Mr. Hoyles's to see about Nunan's Bill in

Equity -hard rain nearly all day wind SW -was kept in doors until the afternoon & then went up to Fanny's for the evening

Sat. 23 Fine day - reported myself to the collector and attended to other business all the day

Sun. 24 Still at St. Johns, spent the day with Fanny went to church twice - Bishop Feild arrived from Bermuda in his yacht. -

Mon. 25 Attended to my affairs all day, very fine day except only a few showers at 7

times -Dined with Mr. W. Grieve today at 5pm

Tue. 26 Fine day - dined with Mr. McLea Sr & Jr large party -a very pleasant party

Wed. 27 Put out from St. Johns at 11am -got outside the Narrows (onboard Mr. Norris's boat) & finding it calm with thick fog returned - & spent the evening at Mr. William Rendells with Fanny & others

Thu. 28 Left in Mr. Norris's boat this morning at 6am with light air at South, moderate all day fog in the morning, but clear at noon & after proceeded to near Bay Bulls N Head by night

Fri. 29 Arrived here at 2pm after a smooth but tedious passage made in fine weather & much calm, rowed nearly all the distance -Mr. Norris very attentive and kind & accommodating, a Beautiful day wind v'ble NW to ESE & NE -

Sat. 30 Wind NE clear & dry, good breeze small boats took from 2 to 3 Qtls fish yesterday only two or 3 boats at sea yet

Sun. 31 Wind SW moderate, & fine. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon no service in the morning at the church -service in the afternoon - several craft left for St. Johns in the Brothers Mr. Stephenson & family for H'r Grace as D'y Sheriff there

1846 - JUNE

Mon. 1 Moderate NE wind with thick fog -At noon wind SSW same weather, at 2pm Favorite Lass went into Caplin Bay 30 days from Figueira

Tue. 2 Moderate SW wind dull, fine after 10am and very warm -winds variable & moderate all day, out surveying all this day, at night wind South

Wed. 3 Moderate SW wind dull -fine after 10am and very warm - wind variable & moderate all day, out surveying all this day, at night wind south.

Thu. 4 Wind SW moderate & foggy -at noon smart rain at 8pm James came from St. Johns on a boat purchased for Stamp.

Fri. 5 Moderate SW wind fine morning with a low fog over the water at sea. Fine in middle of the day afternoon warm evening dull & hazy - Surveying all this day

Sat. 6 Moderate SW & foggy at sea, damp & warm -fine weather for the gardens. Surveying all this day - Mr. Norris's & other boats came from St. Johns -some boats well fished from the offing - small boats

no fish -wind West at evening with hot air & fog

Sun. 7 Strong breeze, NW light fog flying out over the hills otherwise fine, some rain fell during last night, -no service at the church, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse -

Mrs. LeMessurier took tea with us this evening

Mon. 8 Fine morning. Wind off the land & warm Strong breeze all day - Many vessels passing Northward -Favorite Lass left for St. Johns today Surveying all this day. Lion, Brothers & other coasters came home from St. Johns during last night & this morning - My brother came per Lion - at night good breeze NE wind and cold raw air -small boats a few fish

Tue. 9 Fine morning, wind moderate NNE. -Strong breeze NW off the land all day and very fine warm weather the Beaufort came in from St. Johns -all this day surveying - at night strong breeze [In the margin, obviously added later]: - This day the awful fire at St. Johns occurred destroying 2300 houses yet only 3 lives lost -12000 people left houseless & homeless

Wed. 10 Strong breeze WNW fine weather -Robert & James' boat (Bruit) {ED: master} came from St. Marys today (20 Qtls) small boats some little fish this evening could not do much so much wind - very warm day throughout

Thu. 11 Strong breeze off the land, sun & moon very red for Three days & night past, very warm and dry weather -St. Barnabas today Service at church this morning, left letters for Aquaforte & Reneuse this morning with Mary Sullivan for her father to take -Mr. Hamilton spent the evening with us. [In the margin:] :-N.B. All the redness of the sun & moon may be attributed to the smoke of the burning of St. Johns the smoke being very sensibly felt here today

Fri. 12 Wind NE clear and dry, moderate & dull in the morning at noon fine Wind E & evening Wind SW moderate -some burnt timber seen

Sat. 13 Strong breeze off the land & fine weather -Thomas Mackey came from St. Johns & brings the melancholy news of the town being burnt down on Tuesday last from end to end.

Sun. 14 Left in the Zephyr for St. Johns in consequence of the Fire, wind SW -and moderate, got so far as Bay Bulls, North Head when the wind came NE

Mon. 15 Wind NE strong breeze & clear, beat during last night from Bay Bulls to St. Johns where I arrived at 10am & found that the fire was as extensive as represented but that Mrs. Wm Rendell Jr. had escaped from the fire as regards her house, it not being burned - the fire extended from Newman & Co to Chain Rock nearly destroying over 2000 houses & the most valuable part of the town & property - - property destroyed is estimated at £1,000,000

Tue. 16 Wind v'ble & fine, remained at St. Johns this day -people putting up

temporary sheds for shops & offices, was astonished to day at the melancholy appearance of the place - fires yet burning among the ruins and an immense amount of property destroyed -12,000 persons rendered houseless & great part without food as well as without shelter

Wed. 17 Calm fine weather - remained to day at St. Johns, business again commencing many merchants established shops in their [—?] at Southside & elsewhere, a very short supply of provisions found to have been saved only it is supposed sufficient for 3 weeks. Legislature assembled, & embargo put on - Large amount of property scavenging in consequence of priests address from the [—?] that had been plundered on Tuesday during the fire.

Thu. 18 Wind SW thick fog -very light air of wind got under weigh this evening & proceeded as far as the narrows passed the Guardbox & by showing the pass - & came back for the night

Fri. 19 At 4am put out from St. Johns for home light NNW wind, the harbour covered with oil, seal fat & burnt timber -got home at noon, a fine day - many vessels passing Southward -Mr. Morry Mr. Simms also came home in their craft today at night wind NE light & fine -

Sat. 20 Light wind ENE drizzling rain, some capelin taken yesterday and this morning. Mr. Hamilton left this a day or two since for St. Johns by land to go to Nova Scotia - James & myself slept onboard the Zephyr during our stay at St. Johns, no places on shore to sleep. - at 10am the Unicom steamer passed Northward at noon hard rain with strong ENE & E wind -capelin scarce fish plenty if bait -

Sun. 21 Strong breeze NE wind with heavy rain and sun cold gloomy weather Wrote W. Rendell Jr. J. M. Rendell and K McLea Jr. intending to send them by Coulman -cheques in those letters for M & N Thomas -at night rain

Mon. 22 V'ble winds NE S etc. with heavy rain very little capelin, fish plentiful - Those who got capelin landed today early with codfish - at night rain. James H'y Carter's birthday.

Tue. 23 Calm, dull morning with fog on the hill -capelin more plentiful this morning Islands of ice plenty along shore yet -boats that got capelin all in landed early. K McLea Jr.'s birthday

Wed. 24 Saint John's day - thick fog & wet - wind NE moderate. Several boats not out fishing this morning. -Boat Arrow home from the Westward first trip 190 Qtls -Jas Mountain ditto 60 -Several vessels in sight, capelin scarce -at night wind WSW moderate & fine

Thu. 25 Moderate SW wind dull & moist -cleared off fine at noon, capelin plentiful, the boats catching good catches in some parts of the ground -the Eliz. &Mar't came in from St. Johns, bound from hence to Meramichi for lumber for J & W Stewart

Fri. 26 Calm morning with heavy showers of rain occasionally - Eliz &

Marg't went out for Miramichi at 6pm. wind NE light dry afternoon but dull & fog at times -Arrow left for the Westward at 7pm small boats pretty well fished to night

Sat. 27 Moderate NE wind, dull but clear -Transplanted the first cabbage plants. Fish scarce today -Surveying on LeMessuriers premises & plotting today. Fish plenty & bait

Sun. 28 Calm, thick & wet foggy morning -Mr. Hamilton away from hence, no service at church in consequence - 3pm wind SW thick fog sun shining through at intervals -Called on Mrs. Thos Morry at Capelin Bay this forenoon -At 9pm much thunder and lightening

Mon. 29 Light air SSW thick fog - St. Peter & Paul's day today, no people out fishing or working -Two vessels passed North during the day - afternoon fine wind off the land.

Tue. 30 Moderate & dull -wind SW the crew with the codsean this morning for first time this season belonging to Rob't & Jas. -James Mountain in charge as skipper and caught 40 or 50 Quintals to day -small boats all laden -capelin abundant in the landwash -At night strong breeze NE wind & wet mist

1846 - JULY

Wed. 1 Strong breeze NE wind rather raw for the time of year, dry & clear fine as day came on and moderate at noon -Some boats well fished others not good catches -capelin very plenty -no codsean put today - Beaufort for St. John's

Thu. 2 Dull morning, afternoon fine, wind off the land, the boats in early laden with codfish -finished LeMessuriers survey. Schooner Prudent left for St. Johns Wrote William by her and sent some rhubarb

Fri. 3 Dull with fog upon the high land Wind SW good breeze, but dry overhead At 8am. rain & wind South strong breeze. At noon cleared away. Wind off the land

Sat. 4 Fine morning, wind NW ward & clear Beaufort left for St. Mary's Bay - Anniversary 71 of Am'n Independence. Fish scarce on hook & line. Robert Codseaners hauled 60 Qtls last night & today. -At 6pm wind came up NE good breeze -Out surveying for Sullivan all this day 9am to 6pm.

Sun. 5 Strong breeze NNW fine clear warm morning. -Mr. Hamilton still absent - Wind variable all around the compass with fine weather - several vessels & Codsean boats passing both ways during the day.

Mon. 6 Calm dull morning light air from SSW Capelin plenty fish not so, nothing taken in the Codsean today by any persons

Tue. 7 Wind off the land good breeze Morning rather dull, cleared off fine as the day advanced - Went up the Bay to get Mr. Morry's signature to my 62 sheet declamation. Mrs. Tho. Morry & others spent the evening with us - Caught the first salmon this evening. The last island

of ice in sight moved off at last having crumbled in pieces, not any in sight to day -they have been on the coast ever since early last Autumn

Wed. 8 Morning fine but hard rain at 10am the wind SW at 6 pm wind off the land & fine with good breeze -Fish scarce no salmon -A good deal of rain hath fallen today fair weather for the vegetation being very warm

Thu. 9 Fine morning - good breeze at SW -plenty of capelin, no fish with boats or codseans today yet. Small boats very little fish & that very small -

Fri. 10 Fine morning, wind SWS moderate A Barque and a Brig tacked just abreast of this, the former I take to be the Hannah Capt. [Jn?] Bartlett -no salmon this morning -Boat Arrow came home from Westward with 140 Qtls away only a fortnight on their trip. 12 codseans at the back of the beach but very little doing there with them.

Sat. 11 Wind SW good breeze, smart showers of rain - Arrow the only Western boat at sea out of Ferryland this season, no less than five laying up in the Pool.

Thomas Stamp's second son dead today after several days illness - Wind NE afternoon at night calm -fish scarce capelin plenty -caught one salmon

Sun. 12 Wind SSW dull with rain & very light air -fog at sea & on the hills - No service at church today - Mr. Hamilton still absent on a visit to his friends in Nova Scotia

Mon. 13 Calm, dull morning, "Arrow" left in the night for Westward on her 3rd trip, - the "Prudent" in from St. Johns a coaster - brings an a/ct of the death of Pope Gregory 16th at Rome on 1st June -The sch'r [Bison?] at Reneuse with salt

24 days from Figueira -very little fish to day -none per codseine - five salmon

Tue. 14 Very fine morning strong breeze off the land about NW -went in Zephyr to Reneuse surveying and sent boat hack

Wed. 15 At Reneuse surveying for R.Evans & other

Thu. 16 At Reneuse - ditto

Fri. 17 At Reneuse untill 3pm at ditto -then walked home overland fine day very warm and dry. -got here at 7pm and found Mr. McLea -Mr. Channell & Mrs.Donnolly had just left for St. Johns having spent a day or two here.

Sat. 18 Strong breeze NNW fine morning -Went to Reneuse in the Zephyr for the surveying instruments & back at 3pm fine day, blowing fresh - fish scarce

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Endnotes

1. "Caught" in this context matches his use of it "the harbour caught over meaning an ice surface. In earlier books of this Journal, when he reported that the ink froze, the entries for the following few days were faded and a different colour - we must assume that some way to counteract it was found as time went along.
2. Distant glint or glow
3. The writing on this date and the next, Feb.14, has been traced over. If it was done by the journal writer, he may have thought it too faint due to the frozen ink. There is the possibility that someone else did it at a later date.
4. Cape Broyle Head had an area known as Castle Hill.
5. The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25. In Britain, it was also the day of the spring quarter when quarterly rents and accounts are due.
6. Let us hope so!
7. The Surveyor General from 1845 - 1848 was Walter Grieve, and Robert Carter worked under him in his surveying capacity. It is likely John is a relative.

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BOOK 17

July 19, 1846 - December 31, 1846

1846 - JULY

Sun. 19 Wind moderate NNW dull with showers of rain - Mr. Hamilton still at Nova Scotia - no service at the church, at 10am cleared off & became very fine a very warm day - the "Unicom" steamer passed north and several vessels N & S

Mon. 20 Fine morning - Wind strong at NW -very warm day - a coaster belonging to little Placentia came in from St. Johns -Mr. Morris the new Deputy Sheriff came in her. -took in salmon net, no salmon The boats from 1 to 4 Qtls fish, this day

Tue. 21 Dull morning, strong breeze off the land -capelin very scarce to day -small boats that had bait pretty well fished - the Beaufort passed N to day -James got capelin at Aquaforte

Wed. 22 Calm dull morning -very sultry & warm a few light showers of rain during the day - No salmon -very little doing in the fishery by the boats, -in the evening plenty of capelin, no fish per codseine

Thu. 23 Dull, calm, close morning with fog upon the hills, very warm -At 4pm the Eliz & Marg't put into Capelin Bay from Miramichi - the Unicom steamer passed Southward at the same time -a fine day -Squids taken in Capelin Bay and capelin at Crow Island

Fri. 24 Wind moderate SW, clear & fine at noon fog gathering in upon the land with some showers of rain & sun at times at noon the Eliz & Margaret left Caplin Bay for St. Johns - Mary and James went in her - Roberts Codseiners gave up that mode of catching fish to day - Some squids were taken yesterday in Capelin Bay & fish found very plentiful upon them today Sat.25 Strong breeze at North rather dark -but clear and looking like northerly Winds generally do at first coming up -at 9am wind NE blowing strong -Robert left for Trepassey in the Squid after breakfast -at night moderate and fine

Sun. 26 Moderate breeze off the land, fine morning - Mr. Morry's Sch'r "Brothers" left for St. Johns -Mr. Hamilton not yet returned from Nova Scotia - At 9am wind SW several codseine boats going Northward apparently light -a fine day throughout - At night Wind light NE and fine weather

Mon. 27 Calm morning, fine & clear, no bait this day, capelin gone & no squids a great many boats here & at Aquaforte yet with codseans, they bring very bad accounts from the Northward of the state of the codfishery, scarcely any having been caught there up to the period of their leaving & the capelin then off -

Tue. 28 Moderate NE Wind, fine morning, Many squid taken in Capelin Bay last night and much fish caught today with them, strong breeze in middle of the day at evening moderate and very warm. -Robert yet away at Trepassey, James at St. Johns Small boats well fished to night

Wed. 29 Calm with thick fog, caught 5 salmon in the net this morning and 6 yesterday -at 5pm wind moderate SW -boats catching a good deal of fish today upon squid -

squid plenty in Caplin Bay. David Hearn died at Capelin Bay after a long tedious illness, a native of that place

Thu. 30 Moderate SW wind, dull & warm -caught five salmon in the net this morning strong breeze & fine during the day -Several vessels passing North & South - A schooner put into Capelin Bay. Robert returned at 10pm from Trepassey. Miss Simms & Geo. Simms Jr. with him

Fri. 31 Moderate ENE and dull - Some rain fell during last night - No fish catching today by the small boats at evening very dull looking for rain -

1846 - AUGUST

Sat. 1 Dull morning with thick fog & sultry heat -as day advanced more clear but very warm The "Brothers" arrived from St. Johns at 8am & having onboard Mr. Hamilton and his bride from St. Johns, late from Halifax by Mail Boat Steamer Unicom (a Miss E. Buyers of Unionville, N.S.)

Sun. 2 Very warm morning. Clear but fog flying out over the land -Wind West. Service at church in the afternoon Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte in forenoon - several at church - Mrs. Hamilton not - two vessels passed Southward to day -very warm in forenoon at night NE Wind & rain

Mon. 3 Strong NE wind, rather raw cold for the time of year - the insects doing much harm to the leaves of the poplar trees - strawberries fully ripe for many days - Vegetables in the garden pretty good except cabbages - sat out celery on Saturday rec'd from Trepassey -Wrote my mother and remitted as per Day book. No fish by small boats to night. Squids plentiful

Tue. 4 Calm & fine -at 9pm wind SW & so remained all day - Went to Capelin Bay in the Zephyr with my brother, Robert, & Geo. Simms Jr. catching squids caught 13 or 1400 in a short time - never saw such abundance of them.

Wed. 5 Strong breeze SW dull morning -at 9am, a large four masted steamer passed to the SW coming in from Eastward at 11. hard rain - John White's boat home with 14 Qtls fish caught at Mistaken Point to day upon Squids - small boats little fish

Thu. 6 Light air NNW wind dull, close & warm. Sent banking Book to James at St. Johns per Geo Simms Jr. - called upon Mr & Mrs. Hamilton this day, the wedding visit - Wind NE thick fog & light showers at times - the fish appears to have struck off - the boats have caught none today -

Fri. 7 Moderate NE wind clear & fine - at noon wind veered to ESE & SW some boats caught a good deal of fish since the wind changed were quite full, those that remained out, those in early no fish -Geo Simms Jr. left with Brennan's boat at 7pm for St. Johns by him sent my letters -

Sat. 8 Calm morning, & fine - SW moderate all day -at 6pm the "Unicom" steamer passed this steering SW going very fast -expect that Sir John Harvey our late Governor is onboard

Sun. 9 Calm fine morning -Strawberries only just ripe last year at this time now all gone - Mr. Hamilton gone to Reneuse, no services at church this day - Scarcely any vessels of boats passed by during today a very fine day throughout wind SW. Gathered S. A. peas for dinner today the first this season.

Mon. 10 Light air of SSW wind dry fog, with the sun shining through at times, very warm

very little doing by the boats with fish A great number of vessels passing this day -Eliza, Mary Simms & Robert at Capelin Bay this afternoon & evening.

Tue. 11 Calm, dull morning -clear & warm -At lam smart rain, light air SSW wind at 7pm James came from St. Johns in W. Kough's boat, left it last Sunday morning and hath been out ever since - Small boats some fish tonight 2 or 3 [qtls?]

Wed. 12 Strong breeze N wind, fine morning - the "Arrow" home from the westward with about 120 Qtls fish her third trip - the small boats picking up some fish daily a great number of vessels passed this day -

Thu. 13 Good breeze, west wind, rather close and warm damp air -Strong breeze all day and very clear and warm -Peter Bruit came from Mistaken Pt brought 8 or 9 Qtls round fish - the small boats but little fish today

Fri. 14 Moderate and dull, wind SW - Wm McCarthy went off to St. Johns by land - no salmon this morning -Mr & Mrs. Hamilton and my brother spent the evening with us by invitation, a very warm day throughout

Sat. 15 A very fine morning moderate W Wind a Holiday with the Romanists, Took in our salmon net last evening only one salmon in it. - they have been scarce here all this season - My brother, sons, Mr. T. Norris & John Morry went to Cape Broyle in a whale boat on a party of pleasure squidding

Sun. 16 Dull morning with fog upon the hills & at sea - wind light SW - Two services at church today thick fog at evening with wind at South -extremely warm weather the wells, rivers and springs nearly all dried up -Jn White's boat home from St. Johns no letters

Mon. 17 Light breeze SW dead, damp heat -a heavy shower at 7am of rain thick fog at times but remarkably hot & close. W. W. Gill here about roads, a meeting of the commissioners at 6pm today

Tue. 18 Moderate S. Wind - dull and warm - WW Gill left this for Bay Bulls today - hard rain towards evening Wind SW - George Morry buried at North side Graveyard today, died on Mr. Norris's Room two days since, a native of Dartm'th England many years in Ferryland.

Wed. 19 Strong breeze at West, the air much cooler than yesterday & fine morning - Some person went into my garden last night & plundered the Gooseberries before ripe - Shanahan loaded fish for St. Johns first [—?] sent a basket & letters

Thu.20 Strong breeze NW fine morning - gathered raspberries in Aquaforte Road today - Eliza, Mary Simms & self.

Fri.21 Wind WSW moderate and dull - went to Cape Broyle in Zephyr with James returned at 6pm - Steamers Unicom passed North at 3pm -fine day, strong breeze WSW

Sat.22 Calm dull morning with drops of rain - Robert's men brought down the Hay from behind Pitts old house -

Sun.23 Strong breeze at NW. Went to Reneuse with codsean skiff & five hands found the sch'r Only Daughter of Gloucester there no register, no papers, no cargo onboard - Detained her & removed her to Ferryland for safe custody, hired boat & crew & sails to do so. -this evening Messrs Morry, J H Carter and Mr. Norris came in to tea & remained the evening, unexpectedly

Mon.24 Calm, dull morning, rain during the night - Wrote to Collector respecting seizure

of Only Daughter & sent Case off express to St. Johns with it. - Afternoon & evening fine wind off the land - Favorite Lass gone into Capelin Bay -from Cadiz - Robert & James at Athlone to spent the evening - Mrs. Forrestall & her daughter at tea here.

Tue. 25 Moderate WSW wind fine morning expect Sam'l Case is on his Road express to St. Johns early today

Wed. 26 Good breeze West wind & fine morning. Sent Mrs. Rendell per Robert in Norris's boat some gooseberries, peas, french beans carrots & a pair of fowls -boat sailed about 10am - a fine strong breeze. Shanahan's boat from St. Johns today. A great number of swallows or Martens flying about these few days past - McEachern of the "Only Daughter" is I believe gone off not having seen him or Walker at all this day onboard or on shore.

Thu. 27 Strong breeze SSW with hard rain - opened a package of tea for house use. At 2pm cleared away & wind came strong off the land with light showers of small rain & sunshine at intervals - Wrote to J. W. Saunders per Winsor & Ed Power about Lists of Voters & sent forms to same - Sam'l Case came home last night by land from St. Johns bringing letter from [P C Martin?] in reply to mine of 24th

Fri. 28 Moderate breeze of the land, close & damp, at 10pm cleared off fine wind NNW Favorite Lass came in here - Brothers from St. Johns. R'd Sanders's boat from St. Johns McEachern in her - Went over to Athlone in the Zephyr took little boat also & landed Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton there & brought them back again - boats with bait caught fish to day - Arrow left Caplin Bay for Westward -Issued writs of Attachment per book - told A H Carter that did not expect his writ filled under his express directions would stand -

Sat. 29 Calm fine morning -as day advanced Wind SW & SSW good breeze, Shanahan & some other boats left with fish for St. Johns. Mrs. Hamilton with us this evening

Sun. 30 Light breeze SW dull, close morning -No services at the church this day. -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, went last evening Robert came from St. Johns in Norris's boat about 10pm left it last night, little news.

Mon. 31 Rain this morning at 8am wind strong off the land & clearing away very fine, -and becoming at noon extremely warm. Went to Reneuse per Zephyr with James and carried home Johnsons Sails & Rigging that had hired for "Only Daughter" on 23rd - & paid him 20/- for hire before James -and returned at 4pm -at 6pm wind NE & thick fog

1846 - SEPTEMBER

Tue. 1 Moderate SW wind dull, close & warm -Went to Capelin Bay to day to inform the J. P. respecting the List of Voters & time for taking it - Norris's boat left for St. Johns today . At night strong breeze WSW

Wed. 2 Strong breeze SW dull & close, found at daylight this morning that Sch'r Only Daughter had been made off with during the night - at 10am, took the Zephyr & Frank Geary & James with me & proceeded so far as Bay Bulls but she was not in place between that & this, heard of vessel of her description being seen pass this morning Northward, came back again at 10pm - & wrote the Collector of it.

Thu. 3 Very fine morning wind NW moderate James Mountain left early today sent the

Collector's letter by him - Issued a Warrant against Val Keefe at suit of Geary & sent after him to St. Johns, sent it by PM [postmaster?] In Morry Constables threatened by Dan Keefe whilst in charge of the fish under attachment - "Favorite Lass" Rhodes left for St. Johns this evening moderate SW wind & fine w'r.

Fri. 4 Strong breeze SW dull but warm & close. At noon strong breeze and fine day - Several of the Coasting craft from St. Johns today - bait & fish scarce - "Arrow" in Capelin Bay from fishing ground - Robert Morry took tea here, first time of coming to my house since he came from St. Johns

Sat. 5 Strong breeze SW dark, close & warm with light showers of rain occasionally, a large barque reached in close to Goose Island and tacked & stood to sea again, apparently light - The Circuit vessel passing Southward today - good breeze at West at 10am. - Consulted with Mr. Morry about the case of the ships boat plunderers today at Capelin Bay and agreed the papers should be placed before the Judge of the Southern Circuit Court upon his arrival here. 55th Anniversary of Mrs. Carter's Birth day.

Sun. 6 Strong breeze NW dull with light showers of rain & very warm - at 1 lam strong breeze NE and fine - many craft passing - Mr. Norris came home but no letters - Two services at the church this day - R. Sanders home today no letters -

Mon. 7 Light air NE dull morning - at 9am the Unicom steamer passed Northward, there appeared a good deal of steam or smoke issuing from the Qr Deck near the Mainmast very unusual in its appearance - Calm - Robert made a good haul of herrings sent off his own boats and gave the residue to the neighbours around for bait - Squids scarce but fish plentiful

Fri. 8 Wind West, good breeze dark morning the air much cooler than yesterday - Arrow came in with 25 Qtls round fish from the Bank on herrings very large fish - Mary Carter landed from Morelle's Sch'r from St. Johns today at 2pm after an absence of some weeks, - at night strong breeze NE with showers of rain

Thu. 10 Strong breeze NE clear & fine, but very cool to what it hath been and may be called 2nd day of Autumn [per?] fall weather 10am. heavy cold rain & strong squalls of wind - Several heavy showers during the day. "Unicom" passed at 8pm, wind strong NE.

Fri. 11 Strong breeze NW dull but clear & dry Sent off letters per Foran's boat to 1

Wm. Rendell Jr. for Mrs. Woolcombe with Bill J M Rendell dft [draft?] the second Bill - Sent carrots turnips runner beans & fowls to Fanny. Judge Lilly died at St. Johns on 9th Inst, one of the Asst, judges of Supreme Court after a few hours illness. [—?] - A teaparty at Mr. Morry's Capelin Bay, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton & my family & others there - not Mrs. Carter or myself. James Mackey, an old inhabitant in Capelin Bay died today at Jn Mullally's.

Sat. 12 Wind moderate SW, warm, close & hazy. The Lioness at Reneuse from Labrador with green fish - at 10am Val Keefe gave himself up to me - some of the boats that had bait have some fish to night - P. Walsh 4 Qtls

Sun. 13 Wind NE light, fine clear warm morning "Lioness" in Reneuse with green fish from Labrador it is said she is full. - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning, Service here at the church this afternoon - A great haze in smoke all day & very warm

Mon. 14 Moderate ENE wind, dull & hazy and smokey - no water in my well yet, nor hath there been any for months owing to the very great drought, the rivers are all nearly dry and marshes and bogs in the woods parched up, what is generally a Pond at Southside under the flakes is as dry as if no water was never there - and water is become quite scarce. -Began on a barrel of sugar for house - packed it into four tubs. -

Tue. 15 Dull morning, nearly calm, appears as if a little rain had fallen during the night - light SS wind considerable swell bearing in upon the rocks, bait scarce - Snipefish upon the coast a good deal of fish is caught by boats who get bait - Thos Bow injured his finger very much by a crowbar falling upon it with a stone under it - looking very dull & hazy

Wed. 16 Strong breeze SSW fog on the hills & raining very fast - no fish or bait today - Stafford from St. Johns no letters by him or Junk

Thu. 17 Moderate SW fine morning -very heavy shower of rain at 10am & very strong breeze at West, several crafts passing North Evening strong breeze looking dark & rainy

Fri. 18 Moderate WSW & dull morning - at 10am went in the Zephyr to La Manche to see the new Road just opened, remained there the night, day fine Wind WSW good breeze. -& very warm caught some trout

Sat. 19 At 7am left La Manche and came here in time for breakfast, strong breeze NE & ENE with very heavy rain at noon strong gale - at 5pm a very severe gale with a most tremendous sea on, part of Mr. LeMessuriers roof blown off. Fences blown down, trees blown & broken to pieces Walsh's stage blown out of place, a large willow tree standing 16 or 17 years at back of my house blown out by the roots - at night severe storm & dark -the river swollen amazingly, breaking down all before it -at 9pm a little less wind -at bed time the storm very violent, but less rain

Sun. 20 Strong Gale at NNW, clear & sunshining much damage done yesterday - Gatheral's boats driven out of Capelin Bay -several stages & flakes blown down, Molloy & others lost oil & fish Several boats lost at Reneuse yesterday it is said upwards of 20, several people drowned by it - 7 drowned at Reneuse -the number not yet ascertain, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no service at church today - Some of the men, belonging to Conception Bay passed through this going home by land today who have lost their boats at Reneuse

Mon. 21 Good breeze SW clear & fine, several craft in sight - Pat Cain gone into Caplin Bay, was out during the gale - The losses at Reneuse confirmed -6 lives known to be lost, Mr. Kelligrew 4 boats & 200 Qtls fish, his flakes all down - Mr. Goodridge 2 boats, 2 boats belonging to Trepassey, 2 to St. Johns, 1 to Parnell of Petit Harbour and 19 boats from Conception Bay all lost besides punts & skiffs - One of the Trepassey boats belonging to Mr. Simms the other to Mr. Pennell the Cutter a new boat - Many boats & schooners passing Northward today - very bad accounts from all the coves and harbours so far as Bay Bulls - Two men killed & one an arm broken at Bay Bulls by the falling of a roof of the house on a boat engaged putting out an anchor on wharf for one of the vessels - Mr. Bryans two oldest sons - boats, stages & fish lost to a large value - Boat Arrow and all hands lost in the gale of the 19th inst. Joe & Wm Cain - Edw. Keefe, Dan'l Lynch,

[Pritchett?] and Forrestall

Tue. 22 Dull warm morning, light air at NE -Rich'd Sanders from St. Johns today brings reports of very extensive damages by the gale on Saturday at St. Johns & Northward of it with considerable loss of life at St. Johns. "Unicom" passed N.

Wed. 23 Moderate NW wind dull & warm -at 10am cleared off fine, Mr. Chambers's yacht passed to the Southward - Many boats & other craft passing Thos Stamp left for St. Johns Fanny Mayo late our Serv out in her - Sent K McL Jr. a pr bk ducks by her & desired WR Jr. to send me coals back in Stamp's boat & other things

Thu. 24 Strong breeze SSW clear but rather dull - at 2pm, a steamer with two masts, a long low vessel passed Northward some distance off the land - & blowing very strong at WNW -Wrote Mr. Crowdy under date 22, see Session Book.

[In the margin beside this sentence, a hand with pointing finger has been drawn, I suppose instead of N.B.] Robert loading his Jack with fish - Peter Bruit left at 9pm this night for St. Johns

Fri. 25 Moderate NE wind, dull but clear - nearly calm all day - at night thick fog with showers of rain - went to Aquaforte -Meeting of Protestant Board of Education at the church this evening account passed - Boats that get bait catch some fish daily with it -

Sat. 26 Calm with thick wet fog -at 4pm light breeze at SSW thick fog and rain cold air. Wrote Wm. Rendell per Mangan's boat

Sun. 27 Wind SW good breeze, raining fast & looking for a continuance thereof - warm sultry wet morning. Two services at the church today - Mangan left for St. Johns today in his whale boat, sent letters by him

Mon. 28 Strong breeze ENE dull, dry morning mizzling rain all day - a light brig passed S about 4pm close in to the land

Tue. 29 Fine morning clear & warm with strong breeze at WNW, hard rain during las night, -wind NW some part of this day -many vessels and boats passing N & S. no signs of the boat "Arrow" it may be presumed & it is much to be feared she was lost with all hands - Six men in the gale of the 19 inst. having been seen between Cape Ballard and Reneuse when the gale was very severe & could not get in there - Account today reached here that the S. Circuit Vessel was stranded at Langlees and the officers all arrived at St. Johns- Gave up the Arrow for lost. Mrs. LeMessurier up to tea this evening

Wed. 30 Wind good breeze at SW - raining fast. a schooner put in here wind bound this morning a shallop from Carbonear for Sydney CB put in here wind bound this morning & a schooner from Burin for St. Johns into Capelin Bay this morning - Smart rain nearly all this day -Rob't Hall at work on Downs

1846 - OCTOBER

Thu. 1 Wind NE moderate dull & misty -Peter Bruit came from Saint Johns today at 9am; Mr. Noad Surveyor General & son came overland from St. Johns - left that last Monday on a survey Southwestward, came to my house breakfasted and left again for Reneuse at 1 lam - At court today, a case Byrne v Carroll - see Sessions Book. - Accounts of wreck of Circuit vessel confirmed officers sent to St. Johns in Flambeau French Steamer from St. Peters by French Governor - Rec'd List of

Voters from JW Sanders Esq for Fermeuse & Reneuse -

Fri. 2 Wet stormy morning, wind NE strong with wet misty showers of rain - afternoon a little drier but quite a fall day only without frost or snow. Left Hall at work on downs.

Sat. 3 Wind SW dry but raw cold morning Afternoon very strong breeze with mizzling rain. - and continued until night - a barque working to the SW today. Rob't Hall at work on downs

Sun. 4 Strong breeze at North, fine dry & clear morning. -Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon -Many vessels passing S. Service at church this afternoon Tho's Stamp from St. Johns this evening

Mon. 5 Moderate ENE wind, dull -Robert's men landing 10 Hhds {hogsheads} coals from Stamp's boat and wheeling them up. - Walked to Fermeuse and surveyed Evelyn Wills's Room and returned home after night, light showers today - Wm Trainer present at Survey. R. Hall at work

Tue. 6 Calm dull morning but dry & cool. -Notified Wm Gehan to remove fences off crown land or comply with forms of Law -at evening wind SW moderate & clear Showers during the day of light rain -R. Hall at work

Wed. 7 Moderate N. wind, clear & dry, sharp frost during the night - 9am Unicom passed Northward - Returned from Surveying at Aquaforte just before 6pm - Peter landed from St. Johns - R. Hall at work

Thu. 8 Moderate SW heavy sea on the rocks dull, Peter left at daylight for St. Johns - wrote Fanny by him and sent Mr. Crowdy 8 geese by desire of Mr. Noad - Raining all the first part of the day, dry after 3pm and wind off the land - A schooner gone into Capelin Bay - Several craft passing northward - Mr. Norris complained of Rich'd Gorman of assault. R. Hall at work

Fri. 9 Strong breeze North wind, fine & clear but raw cold - at Court House today upon trial of R'd Furlong for assault & battery. Mr. Geo. Simms called off in a boat & Miss Simms went onboard to return to Trepassey with him having been with us on a visit since 26th July -Wind moderate NNE dull with sea on. R. Hall at work

Sat. 10 Calm dull morning with rain, at 9am Wind NE with rain towards evening less wind still dark, chilly & heavy looking - R. Hall at work

Sun. 11 Strong breeze NE, raw cold but dry - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse to day -No service at the church here - Smart showers of rain & some sleet during the day the wind N by E afternoon at 5pm Peter Bruit came from St. Johns

Mon. 12 Win NNE moderate and clear. Showers at times of light mist today with strong breeze -at Court House with Bryan Morrissey to take his complaint, etc. A vessel from [Pilbra?] for St. Johns put into Aquaforte at 5pm bound to St. Johns 39 days at sea (Spanish vessel) -56th Anniversary of my Birthday. R. Hall.-

Tue. 13 Wind SW, moderate & fine, the Spaniard left Aquaforte for St. Johns this morning as did John Shanahan. -At Court today - Geary went to St. Johns this morning as Pilot of the Spanish Vessel - a find day for fish - Robert & Jas launching Foran's boat -R. Hall at work

Wed. 14 Light air SW thick fog mild & close -cleared away at 10am and remained so -At Aquaforte all day surveying for T. Payne returned at five in the evening. R Hall at work

Thu. 15 Strong breeze at South with thick misty fog -at the Court House at 10am to 3 1/2pm cleared off at 2pm -closed in thick again at night with rain -R. Hall

Fri. 16 Light breeze SSW dark and close, hard rain during last night - James went for St. Johns in Mr. Norris's boat this morning at 11am. -Gave Jas Molloy certificate of his losses in the gale. R. Hall

Sat. 17 Fine morning wind moderate at West -Went to Fermeuse rain hard and surveyed Trainers land there, got back here at 5pm. R Hall finished the Downs

Sun. 18 Dark morning with very light air at NW. dry and mild and island of ice in sight between Cape Broyle and Goose Island - Sacramento Sunday today 8 communicants two full services at the church. -Lion went last evening to St. Johns Mr. Clow and others passengers in her

Mon. 19 Strong breeze SW with heavy rain much rain has fallen during last night and blew very hard indeed at night Wind NE misty rain & dark -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us.

Tue. 20 Strong breeze NE thick misty weather -Rich'd Sanders & Shanahan from St. Johns today - no letters -rec'd 62 sheets from Co Hs. -Sent Sullivan with a warrant to apprehend John Bryan of Aquaforte signed P W Carter, JP

Wed. 21 Strong breeze ENE with thick rain - continued raining & wet all day Sent of letters for St. Johns by Pat Gibbings to start by land tomorrow morning - Minna put into Capelin Bay this ev'g did not see it fog thick

Thu. 22 Moderate breeze WNW fine morning - Capt Jellard Symmetry passed N from Reneuse - [In margin: did not know this vessel had put in the Bay 2] The Minna from Malaga for Quebec out 60 days put into Caplin Bay short of provisions & water & out again - Peter Bruit left for St. Johns, sent the letters by him that were to have gone by P. Gibbons who went in Peter's boat. Sent John Bryan's Bond to Mr. Mogrett by Peter LeMessurier in Pat Cain's boat -Priscilla Morry went in same boat to go to school at St. Johns to Mrs. Frazer -a fine day throughout for fish - Jas Costelloe caught 4 Qtls fish today

Fri. 23 Calm clear morning. Wind SSW strong breeze at noon - Several Vessels and boats passing at 3pm very strong breeze -"Unicom" steamer passing N. smart rain at evening at night fine & clear

Sat. 24 Moderate breeze WNW fine morning Marked out the N Side Burying Ground for fencing in - very fine at night. -

Sun. 25 Strong breeze SSE very dark & gloomy with heavy rain - Matt'w Saunders died last night a young man son of Jn Saunders - a vessel went into Aquaforte bound to Westward - At noon cleared off & wind came off the land strong breeze - No service at church in forenoon, Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte -Several vessels passing N this evening, blowing strong from NW The Brig'e "Hope" belonging to J. Tobin & Co. into Aquaforte bound Westward.

Mon. 26 Good breeze NNE wind, dark raw & cold morning with snow blinks -Peter Bruit came home from St. Johns this afternoon bringing letters & an a/c of the loss of the "Great Britain" steamer in Dundrum Bay on Coast of Ireland

Tue. 27 Light air of wind off the land & clear very sharp frosty morning - Peter Bruit left for St. Johns at noon wind SW good breeze sent letters to Co Hs & Sec'y by him A strong gale at night, many craft passing N. -Matt Sanders buried this evening.

Wed. 28 Strong SW breeze, mild and Clear -St. Simon & St. Jude -Service at church this morning. Planted 30 potatoes from 2 to 3 each in two drills next the fence at this end of garden above the wall - 6 inches deep 2 feet between the drills 1 foot between the potatoes which are whole, upon stable dung -each potato covered with coal ashes covered up well with loose earth, the drills are marked by sticks and show above the surface of other parts.- white early potatoes, I think, for seedlings. [In margin: Saw this plan for setting on a Greenoch paper of 18 Sept 1846 recommended by W. J. Johnson -] At 4 pm misty rain, looking heavy & dark

Thu. 29 Strong gale SSW, smart rain but very warm -much rain during last night, -and so continued all this day

Fri. 30 Moderate breeze at WNW -Showery & clear between the showers. - Matthew Morry Jr. son born at Capelin Bay to day -Wind NE at 2pm many vessels and craft passing Southward -Mr. Norris's boat came home and the Lion -James came by land from St. Johns left it last Wednesday and was kept at Bay Bulls on Thursday -Mr. P. Morris D'y Sheriff came with him - at night moderate & fine.

Sat. 31 Wind Northerly, rather cold but fine morning Light showers occasionally between fine day - several craft passing, a Sch'r [North?] with ragged sails appears to be English

1846 - NOVEMBER

Sun. 1 Fine clear morning, gentle frost Wind NNW good breeze - No service at church to day Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us. Saw Mrs. Adams at Mrs. LeMessuriers this afternoon Mrs. Carter went with me. -

Mon. 2 Fine morning, frosty and clear wind NNE very moderate - At Court House today but the second Magistrate was not present. Went to Capelin Bay in the evening with Mrs. Carter and took tea at Mr. Morry's, night very fine - Peter Bruit from St. Johns

Tue. 3 Wind NW moderate, rather dull but warm - General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Sessions today - no Business for the former - Messrs Kelligrew & Goodridge here from Reneuse today - the former called at my house, the latter did not - old Mr. Ed Power took tea with me.

Wed. 4 Wind NW fine clear and dry morning - Packed & shipped per Peter for St. Johns few boxes fish & capelin for J. Rendell Esq, Mrs. Carter, Miss Rendell, Gatwell & Miss Rendell Shaldon. -[In margin: Boxes of fish for England.] Kelligrew & Goodridge gone home. Robert & James boat went to capelin Bay to load for St. Johns

Thu. 5 Calm, rainy morning, looking heavy - at 3pm rain ceased and wind came off from NW. - Pat Cains boat went up Caplin Bay from St. Johns. -Mr P'r LeMessurier in her at night fine clear starlight & moderate

Fri. 6 Strong breeze at North, raw & cold with rain. At noon NE blowing very hard Mrs. Geo Simms & son John put into Aquaforte in Deveraux's boat on their way to St. Johns from Trepassey, & came to my house in afternoon and remained - very stormy at night

Sat. 7 Light air of wind from N. much sea on smart frost during the night, clear & fine

wind NNW all latter part of day, some vessels passed Northward

Sun. 8 Moderate wind off the land, dull. Two services at the church today Mrs. Geo. Simms left for St. Johns in a Trepassey boat Brennen & Saunders from St. Johns no letters - Mr. Morry & my brother at my house this evening - James Reddy died at Fermeuse

Mon. 9 Moderate NNE wind fine & clear - Unicom passed N at 10am -walked over to Fermeuse to survey for W Trainer

Tue. 10 Strong breeze NNE the ground covered lightly with snow this morning, gone again at noon - at Fermeuse surveying

Wed. 11 Fine morning wind NE gentle frost day warm as it advanced, moderate - walked home from Fermeuse got here at 1pm -several vessels in sight - Eliza & Mary walked to Athlone today

Thu. 12 Calm, dull mild morning light air ENE as day advanced fine & warm -at Aquaforte on land business & plotting off Trainer's diagrams all this day.

Fri. 13 Moderate NE wind, very dark, the ground lightly covered with snow, which disappeared by noon, rather cold weather and likely to continue

Sat. 14 Good breeze NE dry & cold, frost last night, ground quite hard

Sun. 15 Calm clear morning smart frost during the night -Mr. Hamilton at Aquafort this forenoon Service at church afternoon, the boats that left here went and

Mon. 16 Wind NE moderate, froze lightly last night, several vessels came back again at night 3 in sight, little

wind all day & fine afternoon W light SW at night fine & quite calm, freezing

Tue. 17 Fine morning, light breeze NW wind smart frost last night. -Surveying at Aquaforte all this day - at night calm -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us

Wed. 18 Wind NE dull & sharp, blinking snow -very lightly -moderate breeze. At Aquaforte surveying all day, came home at dark, ground hard frozen

Thu. 19 Moderate SW wind, dull & mild -at Aquaforte all day surveying for Jas & Ford Winsor - Robert went off by junk for St. Johns -Mountain's boat also left for same place - several vessels passing. Frampton at work

Fri. 20 Mild and dull moderate SW wind. Foran left for St. Johns. -Surveying at Aquaforte today until 2pm -plotting after -Frampton at work

Sat. 21 Strong breeze WSW. hard rain during last night clearing away a little at 9am -At Aquaforte surveying all to day, strong breeze SW with showers of rain occasionally

Sun. 22 Wind NNW moderate, rather dull but mild morning - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no service at church - An immense squid (dead) was driven in near Scoggin's Cove today, said to be over 12 feet long in the body and the horns nearly as many feet more, I only saw a piece of the head, the boys destroyed it by cutting it to pieces the Head which I saw was immense the Homs larger at upper end than a man's arm at largest part some of the suckers I preserved but not any of the large ones -[In the margin]:- Squid the body 16 feet, horns 8 feet

Mon. 23 Light air off the land, gentle frost & dull morning - Peter Bruit came in last evening but brought us no account of JM Rendell - Eliz & Marg't came in today at 11am from Cadiz in 21 days passage - The Unicom steamer passed N this

morning early.

Tue. 24 Strong gale at SE with hard rain, much sea on the rocks -the Margaret Eliz'th drove and was kept afloat with much difficulty the codsean boat much damaged, stages etc.

Wed. 25 Calm clear morning, light breeze from SW -with a good deal of sea on the rocks - Engaged at office work of Surveys all day

Thu. 26 Wind at South with rain & hazy weather much tumble in upon the coast, Peter Bruit put out & was obliged to return -Peter Power, son of Ed Power, Brigus was killed in St. Johns on Tuesday by falling thru a wharf on the old shores sticking up since the fire -

Fri. 27 Calm dull morning very mild -Unicom steamer passed south at noon -Light showers during the day wind SW

Sat. 28 Moderate SW wind, dull with white frost -Thomas [Bru?] came from St. Johns Peter Bruit left this morning in Roberts boat for same place - Wrote Fanny to send by the Lion NNW wind

Sun. 29 Strong breeze SSW cold & raw with rain & appearing for bad weather. Two services at the church today a good deal of rain fell occasionally during the day, strong breeze SSW at noon

Mon. 30 Strong breeze at South thick wet fog raw and chilly - at noon hard rain & strong gale at SSW. Service at church this morning being St. Andrews' day. - at night blowing strong & wet fog & rain

1846 - DECEMBER

Tue. 1 Calm rainy & foggy morning -owing to scarcity of green food obliged to give the cows hay by night & morning, no after growth of grass this fall at all -

Rec'd letters from Robert by Pat Dullanty & Felix Hare from St. Johns this evening - My brother went to Capelin Bay to start for St. Johns overland with Mr. Morry tomorrow. Mr. Whelan died.

Wed. 2 Wind NE good breeze dull with light frost - Several boats from St. Johns to day, Letters from Robert - Lioness Kelligrew came in here from St. Johns to lay up for the ice in the pool -at night frosty, -a/ccts of loss of "New York Packet" Stewart, near Trepassey

Thu. 3 Wind NE gentle frost during last night -Mrs. Garland died at Reneuse yesterday Several vessels cruising about today - Gave the cows hay today, morning & evening. E&M discharged her salt today

Fri. 4 Strong breeze SSW dry & clear but rainy

Sat. 5 Calm clear & mild morning, Went to Reneuse to Mrs. Garland's funeral remained there at Mr. Evans's the night Spent the evening at Mr. Kelligrew's

Sun. 6 Returned from Reneuse at 1pm wind moderate NW, light frost in the night, fine day clear day - Mr. Hamilton remained at Reneuse today no service at the church - "Lancet" passed N: -night fine & frosty

Mon. 7 Wind strong breeze N very sharp frost, ink frozen in the office, ground lightly covered in snow. Snowing fast at noon ground quite covered -Certified Mr. Clow's account for "Lists of Voters for 1843 -4 -5 & -6.

Tue. 8 Strong gale at NNE with much snow and drift, Ink frozen in the office and ground

covered with snow - at 10am snow ceased wind veered to NE and snow began to thaw fast away -at night quite moderate and star light -Coady came from St. Johns

Wed. 9 Calm nearly clear and dry, mild -light air NE -thawing all day, the snow going fast - afternoon hazy & damp

Thu. 10 Moderate NNE wind clear & dry gentle frost last night -at 4pm Peter Bruit & Norris's boat came from St. Johns which place they left today -at night wind NE again rather dark

Fri. 11 Moderate NE wind with thick haze frost during last night - Sch'r Rover from Sydney Holly master, put in

Sat. 12 Calm with thick fog and damp

Sun. 13 Same as yesterday - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning no service at the church in the forenoon, but in the afternoon -at 3pm cleared off the fog and the wind came from SW. at 4pm Eliz'th.Marg't sailed for St Johns, James in her very light air of wind & heavy sea on the rocks

Mon. 14 Calm with thick fog & lumbering sea tumbling in upon the sea coast, at night cleared off fine light air SW

Tue. 15 Clear & fine morning with white hoar frost, calm, sea gone down much, at noon moderate SW wind fine & warm - "Rover" Holly went this morning for St. Johns, Shanahan at 2pm

Wed. 16 Nearly calm, very light air NW, a shower of snow fell, enough to cover the ground - Jas Mountain left in his boat for St. Johns this morning - Mrs. Carter & self spent the evening with Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton -"Lion" & Jn Whites boat from Saint Johns left it today.

Thu. 17 Wind WSW, good breeze, with light showers of snow, gentle frost last night

Fri. 18 Moderate WSW wind, clear but dull at 4pm wind NE with hard rain strong breeze and very dark -at night wind SSW strong breeze

Sat. 19 Strong breeze SW dark with fog very mild and appears if much rain had fallen during the night

Sun. 20 Light air SW mild dark & rainy cleared off at 9am -wind WSW -a deeply laden vessel passed North -Two services at church this day - no stove set up there yet

Mon. 21 Wind moderate NW rather dull but very mild much rain fell during last night -at Court House from 12 to 3pm -At night light showers of snow. Killed the cow.

Tue. 22 Moderate wind at W light covering of snow down -dry and clear -at 3pm Robert came from St. Johns by land, left yesterday morning, the Elis'th.Marg't left St. Johns for Spaniards Bay on Sunday morning with a fine time - Gatherall's boat came in from St. Johns

Wed. 23 Good breeze NW wind, moderate frost during last night, fine morning & clear - Mountain, Shanahan & Sch'r Brothers from St. Johns -took up my cabbage to put in

Thu. 24 Strong breeze ESE with a good deal of snow falling - at noon thawing and misty moderate NE wind

Fri. 25 Strong gale NW ground quite covered with snow, freezing smartly - Christmass Day -Service & sacrament at the church - Seven communicants - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us - My brother and Mr. Morry reached Capelin Bay from St. Johns today, last from Brigus - Snow getting beaten down and

making good walking -

Sat. 26 St. Stephen's day - Wind SW mild and looking heavy -good breeze & increasing Service at church this forenoon, wet and thawing at noon Wind S & SW -At night very strong gale at SW.

Sun. 27 Strong breeze WNW gentle frost the snow down nearly all gone again -No services at church, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse -Sent letter to Collector by Fermeuse man. -In Halifax paper, is an account of Sch'r "Only Daughter" having been fallen in with at sea on 11th Sept without provisions, water or sails, her crew 2 men taken off by a vessel and landed in Quebec on 11th Oct'r. The above vessel was detained by me for want of Register, etc. and stole away from out of my custody through the Main Gap in the night of Tuesday 1st Sept'r last, assisted by some people.

Mon. 28 Strong breeze SW with rain, some snow fallen during last night - moderate at noon thawing very fast -

Tue. 29 Calm & dull but dry and clear, light frost last night - a fine day at 10am Sent letters per Jas Gearing Jr. to St. Johns

Wed. 30 Strong breeze N. Wind smart frosty morning clear & fine but cold -Went to Capelin Bay this evening to settle about killing Ann Ryan's Cow

Thu. 31 Moderate SW wind, mild, snowing very fast, but continued only for a short time when it became a free thaw with little or no wind - at night little snow remaining thick fog & calm.

So ends one of the most eventful years that hath been known for a long long time for the world in general and Newfoundland in particular -

Last winter from 1 January was severe with some heavy gales of wind and heavy falls of snow & snow drifts, so that travelling was difficult and seldom any path to the woods - the 7th July was a dreadful day and following little better, the snow fell so that my yard behind my house was filled up level to the windows of second story - and at one time there was 12 feet snow perpendicular over the ridge of Robert's Fishermens' houses, the slide path passing high above the chimney of them - the house was broken down by the weight thereof and the snow was shovelled off to prevent its total demolition - Mackey's house or chimney top could not be seen from the road or my terrace - The Harbour froze over early and so continued untill it melted away -the drift ice came along very early and continued untill very late

The Sealers got out at the usual period but were jammed and driven about in all directions up to 1st April in consequence of which a very bad sealing voyage was made (except Mr. Barron who brought in the greatest trip ever known here, 10,000 seals) few else brought any seals

The Codfishery was but partial, four places better than this district - some parts quite a failure - codseans generally very unsuccessful -56 at back Ferryland beach at one time - Western boats did well for two other trips afterwards nothing
A dreadful gale of wind on 19th Sept'r causing amazing wreck - Robert & James's fine boat Arrow & all hands perished, above 20 Western boats & [seven?] men lost at Reneuse, many boats & crews in Placentia Bay - Many vessels in the Western ocean - among them I fear poor Mr. J.M.Rendell⁵ - B. Sweetland Jr.⁶ family & many besides - indeed it would be tedious to note the extent - stages, flakes, houses, boats with fish & oil, huts, etc. etc. without end destroyed - many lost all the catch of the season -

On 9th June all or very nearly all the town of St. Johns from Newman & Co. down to Chain Rock burnt to the ground, £885,000. worth of property destroyed - 12,000 persons left houseless, in one day - only two lives lost -the flames of the fire set Southside Hill on fire, & burnt the roof off the powder magazine under Signal Hill -not a wharf house or store along the waterside remained -stone or brick buildings did not escape -and yet dreadful as was this fire, the Gale was more so in its effects - little fish was taken or looked for after the gale except by few individuals
Many families are in great need & poverty in the out-harbours this winter - some relief has been given by the Government - In St. Mary's & Trepassey the potatoes all went under the prevailing disease and some few places besides suffered a little from same cause. -

The Circuit vessel lost on Miquelon Island & one man - consequently no Circuit Court this year.

Provisions high, fish and oil low

Large subscriptions made and sent from all Quarters except Ireland for the sufferers by the Fire - Bt'sh Gov't £30,000 sovereign - in all from various quarters besides provisions, etc. £100,000. This sum distributed overall be at St. Johns, though the other inhabitants are greatest sufferers -

Scarcely any salmon taken this year, here

The West Indies, South & North America all suffered more or less by hurricanes & tempests since the Equinox, few could conceive the force of Sept'r gale -

The Great Britain steamer the largest vessel in the world, constructed with iron, having screw propeller not wheels went on shore in Dundrum Bay, Ireland a few hours after leaving Liverpool having on board 180 passengers, the Master mistook the light on St. Johns Head for Calf of Man [ED NOTE: on S tip of Isle of Man] -wet rainy night and thick weather -

Americans & Mexicans at war with various [-?] in favour of former - Santa Anna who was exiled from Mexico recalled to [-?] them again

Mr. N'l Johnson of Greenock who went into the Pacific from this Island to look for Treasure deposited on some island there returned to Greenock without having succeeded Heaney Nancy deceived him - the man that induced Mr. Johnston to speculate in the matter - he proceeded in Sch'r Gauntlet, built at St. Johns by Mich'l Carney - with a native crew of 21 men they were soon scattered after the failure of the expedition & some are not yet returned here.

The Queen & Infanta of Spain married in October this year the latter to the Duke of Montpensier son of the King of France - upon which occasion many protests and much discussion passed among the Crowned Heads of Europe - Revolutions in Spain & Portugal Oporto in the Hands of the Rebels, the Queen's authority opposed - Pope Pius 9th came to the papal chair, many changes in his dominions and reforms of a liberal tendency - Muhumid Ali's son Abraham visited Europe - spent some time in England -

Sir John Harvey left this government for that of Nova Scotia - Lord Metcalf died in England, late Gov'r Gen'l of Canada. The Com Laws altered and large duties taken off - great distress in Ireland in consequence of potatoe failure throughout Great Britain much com sent to Ireland and heavy sums voted for Relief of that country almost in state of famine A division in the Repealers - Mr. O'Brien leaving D. O'Connell - rent almost dwindled to a Cypher Repeal becoming unfashionable in Ireland Extension public works in hand to employ the poor Irish and afford them means to keep from [starving?] - The Queen of England visiting in her yacht many ports in England and also visiting

some of the Nobility at their Seats - Lord John Russel [-?] of England on the resignation of Sir Robert Peel and colleagues - Lord George Bentick making great movements on behalf of protection to agriculture

Railways in England proceeding with wonderful strides throughout the country - the Highlanders & Islanders of Scotland in great want in consequence of potatoe failure - Immense imports of Com flour etc. from America into Great Britain & other parts of Europe - Awful inundation near the large Rivers in France - great destruction to life and property there - large grants by that Gov't to support the sufferers through the winter - A considerable fire on the Island St. Pierre on this coast - fish on French shore a failure -

The weather this season dry and warm for many months indeed beautiful untill 19 Sept'r since that wet and boisterous in the extreme - Vegetables & fruits as well as flowers were all to fullest perfection this year, but hay and potatoe and there was a very short crop.

The steamer Unicom plying between St. Johns and Halifax keeping her time with precision to the time since her arrival from England last spring. At the time of the fire at St. Johns, so much provisions were destroyed that next day it was found enough remained only to support the people then there for 21 days - but it soon began to drop in there again from all quarters and no scarcity hath since been felt though prices advanced

Labourers and tradesmen's pay advanced to unprecedented daily hire and buildings of all sorts and descriptions were immediately begun.

We are now arrived at the commencement of another year May God in his infinite Mercy grant that at its conclusion we may not have received greater Chastisement and fewer of his bountiful Mercies —

END OF BOOK 17

of

Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. The journal keeper's married sister Eliza in Exeter, Devon. Their mother lived there with her.
2. The journalist's concern here has to do with his position as Customs & health officer dealing with foreign vessels in port.
3. One of the first appearances in these journals of the word "vessel" spelt with a double s rather than the old-English f.
4. The journalist seems to have trouble with this ship's name, sometimes he writes "Elizabeth & Margaret" and others he transposes to "Margaret & Elizabeth".
5. This would be the journalist's nephew, John Mortimer Rendell, son of his wife's brother.
6. The son of the journalist's first cousin, William Sweetland, who was JP at Bonavista.

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BOOK 18

January 1 - December 31, 1847

No. 15

A LIST1 of all Ships and Vessels that have entered Inwards at the Port of Ferryland, Newfoundland in the Quarter ending the 5th July, 1837.

Date of Entry	Ship's Name	Master's Name	From Whence
1837			
April 7th	Pearl	Richard Avery	Liverpool
" 15	Mary	Sam'l Wills	Torquay
May 26	Oscar	Jno B. Pearse	Cadiz
" 27	Phoenix	John Poland	Dartmouth NS
" 30	Albion	Duncan McKay	Sydney NB
June 2nd	Henderson	Isaac Simon	Liverpool

When & where Registered, British ships Foreign Ships
 if Br. Ships; and if Tons Men Tons Men
 Foreign, the Country
 to which they belong.

Exeter, 9 Mar. 1835-9	85	5
St. Johns 18 May, 1834-49	74	6
Dartmth 6 Jan 1836-1 2	21	12
Dartmouth	94	10
Sydney CB 2 Sept, 1836-21	44	4
Whitehaven 6 May 1836-53	164	10

1847 - JANUARY

Fri. 1 New Years day - Wind very moderate NE very mild and clear - Scarcely any remains of snow upon the ground, very little having fallen up to this date -A deep laden Brigantine bound N off Cape Broyle -morning service at church -my brother dined with me to day

Sat. 2 Wind moderate at NNE fine frosty & clear the ground covered with snow that fell last evening about 2 inches deep - A meeting today of Prot. Bd of Education to take into consideration a Letter to the Chairman addressed to him by J. W. Sanders of Reneuse relative to appointment of Teachers. Spent the evening at my brothers -

Sun. 3 Moderate fine & clear frosty morning nearly a calm. -Two services at church to day -no fire there yet - a very fine winter day. The "Sealer" Jno Kearney Master from Sydney for St. Johns was in Aquaforte last night & put out today wind NNW -Mr. & Mrs. Morry called in after the afternoon Service - Ben Morry came in during the evening & took tea here -

Mon. 4 Wind NNE, good breeze, smart frost, & blinking snow, raw and chilly winters morning - At the Court House this forenoon -wrote a reply to Mr. Sanders' letter to Board of Educ. Messrs J. Goodridge & W. Kelligrew here -

Tue. 5 Strong breeze at N. severe frost, fine and clear -at noon wind moderate SW at night blowing hard and snowing fast - Mrs. Morry, Esther, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came in to tea -Mr. Morry about 8pm -Sent off by Jas Mountain Jr. the Custom House Returns & letter to A. Millroy Esq.

Wed. 6 Strong Breeze NW and clear morning, it blew hard during last night but there was not a great deal of snow fell -Service at the church this forenoon - very strong breeze all day

Thu. 7 Good breeze NW fine & clear, gentle frost, Two boats passed N at 10 am - John Goodridge and his man passed through overland for St. Johns -Alan Goodridge at St. Johns in the " Viola" to load for Brazil - 22 days from Limerick -A brigantine passed N at sunset deeply laden -Elizabeth Margaret sailed from Spaniards Bay for Mediterranean.

Fri. 8 Moderate S. wind raining fast & thawing very freely -dark & foggy - at 10 am hard rain at noon blowing hard S at night West strong gale.

Sat. 9 Strong breeze W.-moderate frost, looking dark and blinking snow - blew very hard all day -Shallow landed 80 br [ED: barrels) flour and took 40 to Fermeuse with him. Sent notices to clergy & Magistrates to meet at the Court House on Monday about the flour -spent the evening with my brother -

Sun. 10 Strong breeze at West, snowing fast, moderate frost -service at Aquaforte this forenoon here in the afternoon a fine winter day with occasional snow showers - a vessel passed N whilst in church

Mon. 11 Moderate NWE fine morning, smart frost Two vessels past -engaged at Court House today with Court Business and a Meeting of Clergy and Magistrates to submit the Gov't letter to them - Rec'd another letter from J. W. Saunders to the B'd of Education -

Tue. 12 Strong breeze NE with a good deal of snow falling and drifting - the ink frozen in the office and continued so all day - Robert's men could not go into the woods, the well in the yard buried in snow -

Wed. 13 Strong breeze NW find morning, very hard frost during last night & still - Vessel in sight suppose it to be the "Lancet" steering Northward-Went to Aquaforte to show Mr. Winser the letter about the flour etc -

Thu. 14 Light air NNE smart frost, fine morning R'd Sullivan went for St. Johns by land today James Mountain Jr. came from St. Johns & brought a letter from James & a/c of his sailing -light snow with moderate SW wind -Eliz'th Marg't sailed 7 Jan

Fri. 15 Light air NE very mild, snowing fast.-Cleared away at noon & wind off the land

Sat. 16 Nearly calm with smart frost & clear weather at noon wind SSW -at 4pm snowing fast at 10pm sleet with strong breeze & thaw'g

Sun. 17 Strong breeze at West a good deal of snow gone during last night, mild and dark -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service here -at night very strong gale at NW with showers of snow -freezing smartly -

Mon. 18 Strong gale NNW smart frosty weather, with occasional snow showers and drifts over the hill -very strong gale -D'y Sheriff arrived from St. Johns - at the Court House to a meeting for poor Flour distribution -

Tue. 19 Strong breeze SSW snowing fast at noon hard rain and very strong gale at SW at night free thaw and calm at 10 pm good breeze at NW & clear & frosty -At the Court House all day in Meeting

Wed. 20 Strong gale NW smart frosty clear morning -Precept for G'l Q'r Sessions del'd. D'y Sheriff yesterday for 4 Febry (Thursday) - Packet Man Coady called for letters today to start from Cape Broyle tomorrow -Robert at Capelin Bay this evening -

Thu. 21 Strong gale NNW, smart frost & clear water taken up in sheets by the wind - little snow down very slippery walking Rich'd Sullivan came from St. Johns

Fri. 22 Light air NNW. Harbour caught over lightly-clear & fine, very slippery along the Roads - A few days since Mr. [M/W?] Kilian of Hunter's House at St. Johns died suddenly -sharp frost at night

Sat. 23 Strong breeze NNW, clear & fine but freezing very hard -fine winter day throughout at night less frosty but fine

Sun. 24 Moderate breeze SSW, snowing fast, during all the past week the tides have been remarkably high - Full services at church here today - Mathew Morry the son of Mathew Morry Jr. was baptized at the church today after the 2nd lesson in the afternoon service-afternoon and evening fine clear & moderate -

Mon. 25 Moderate NNW smart frost clear & fine-A Meeting at the Court House today at noon present self & M. Morry- Rev'ds Ryan & Hamilton & P. Winser-at night very fine - wind NNW freezing hard

Tue. 26 Moderate NW wind, fine & clear but very severe frost Harbour caught over -land so continued all this day -Rev'd James Murphy here about flour for Poor

Wed. 27 Calm & clear but severe frost salt water chilled over -cloudy - Roads inside Island Pond & up that river good -At night wind SW snowing fast and a free thaw approaching very fast - Jas Coady the Postman came from St. Johns yesterday & here today -

Thu. 28 Moderate E wind with fog and heavy rain thawing very fast and so continued till 2pm when the rain ceased & wind veered to SSW

Fri. 29 Blowing hard from NNW, moderate frost and some little snow down during the night, clear, but dull & raw wind at night still blowing very hard

Sat. 30 Moderate west wind, dull looking for snow, smart frost last night-at night wind SE blowing strong -at midnight a very heavy gale.

Sun. 31 Moderate SW wind with fog and thick rain, much rain fell during the past night - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon -service at church afternoon I lighted the fire there today -was unwell all day - very slippery walking -My brother came down in the evening

1847 - FEBRUARY

Mon. 1 Good breeze wind SW rather mild for the season froze very little last night clear and dry - and fine throughout for the season - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Eliza Mary & Robert went to Capelin Bay to tea -Wm. Sheehan passed for St. Johns, he did not call for letters -my brother went up the Bay also - Very slippery walking

Tue. 2 Fine, calm morning, the harbour & sea chilled over by last night's frost the springs boiling up in all directions very much making the walking & roads very slippery and [sideling?], very little snow down morning service at the Church -Sent two barrels per Mayer to the care of Ed Power Brigus in charge of M'l Green -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton and my brother took dinner with me at four pm, Ben Sweetland came in to tea.-wind NE at 10pm.[In Margin]: M.

Laing?, J. Martin.

Wed. 3 Fine morning, wind NE smart frost and clear, the springs continually rising over the ice have made the roads and every place uneven & slippery the cows have been kept in three days past being too slippery to let them out. -Suppose Mr. Benning at Cape Broyle in schooner from St. Johns for Burin must have left that place this morning he having been there several days windbound -

Thu. 4 Dull morning, moderate frost, wind moderate NE looking heavy -the Gen'l Qr. Sessions of the Peace today -No business except presentments & the like. Mr. Morris, Geo LeMessurier, & B'n Morry dined P. LeMessurier, Jno & H'y Morry spent the evening with me. Kelligrew & Goodridge here from Reneuse.

Fri. 5 Good breeze NE wind, mild and dull but clear, ice thawing under foot a little -very free thaw at noon and at night Kelligrew [bending?] sails in the "Lioness" he with J. Goodridge & my brother dine with M Morry at Capelin Bay -Robert went up there in the evening at 8pm thick fog

Sat. 6 Wind ENE mizzling rain & silver thaw good breeze -Midday thawing freely - Wm Kelligrew & John Goodridge returned to Reneuse Mr. Hamilton went there also to hold service tomorrow there -very wet underfoot

Sun. 7 Dense fog, free thaw, light air from SSW Harbour full of lolly made in it some days ago. No services at the church today -scarcely any snow left on the ground -how different from last winter, now all frost, then all snow -walked to Aquaforte with Robert & back before dinner very wet underfoot except where the ground was bare, which it was on made Road.

Mon. 8 Fine morning, light air SW very little frost during last night -free thaw in the middle of the day -Brig going N at night

Tue. 9 Calm with showers of snow & fog frosty in the morning, quite mild at noon -4pm a fine large Brig passing Northward. Strong breeze WSW just sprang up & clear - Robert walked away for St. Johns at 7am today

Wed. 10 Good breeze W wind, about an inch of snow fell during last night, now thawing again, looking dull & hazy.-"Lioness" Kelligrew left for Reneuse to fit out for sealing this afternoon -at night dull with heavy clouds

Thu. 11 Calm, foggy morning silver thaw fill in small quantity during last night, very mild, dull and heavy -At noon a very free thaw, good breeze SSW wind & fog -Evening very hard rain & free thaw

Fri. 12 Nearly calm with snow falling very mild -at noon wind NE very mild with a bright glare at sea -at night very clear & fine with the stars clear & freezing -Mr. Wm Grieve & Jane LeMessurier married at St. Johns today

Sat. 13 Wind moderate SW clear & fine, the frost moderate last night, harbour a little caught over and the water on the Roads frozen up hard -at 4pm wind NW showers of snow and freezing moderately -at night clear & fine not much snow -a Brig'ne passed N this morning at 8am lightly laden

Sun. 14 Moderate WNW wind, very dark and blinks of snow falling -moderate frost last night, water very smooth -Two services at church to day -Fire lighted for Robert. -James staid the evening at night wind strong SSW snowing fast

Mon. 15 Good breeze NW wind, smart frost last night no snow since 10 past night about 2 inches down on a level, much benefit to the Roads for hauling -Some snow fell in showers today -Coady came from St. Johns brings accounts of Sam'l Langley & Wm Grieve being married and arrival of Lord Bishop

Tue. 16 Strong breeze N wind severe frost and snow showers and drifts, bright & clear at times - Sent Boards order etc. per Guiney today -Robert returned from St. Johns Sydney Sullick? came with him, they left it yesterday morning & had fine walking-

Wed. 17 Fine clear morning, wind N very severe frost, the Harbour & ocean as far as can be seen caught over in thick lolly during last night - I st day of Lent today - service at the church this

forenoon -afternoon strong breeze SSW very raw cold wind -snowing very fast- Jess the cow had a calf this morning

Thu. 18 Very strong breeze NNW drifting very much a good deal of snow fell during last night wind SW & now coming off the hills -Continued to drift much all day the Road through the harbour quite filled with snow next the Inside - Sydney Sullick & my brother came to tea in the evening Jno Morry, P & J LeMessurier w/them.

Fri. 19 Very strong breeze at NNW. freezing very hard clear & fine except the drift from the hills the steam rising out of the water & lolly making over the salt water, very fast - Blowing hard and drifting very much all this day, quite a winter day.

Sat. 20 Moderate NW wind, fine & clear but very hard frost, harbour caught over in lolly & the ocean as far as the horizon -no drift as yesterday but very sharp w'r. At 4pm snowing a little freezing hard the wind rather more westerly but quite a winter day-the men shovelling snow out of the public road - Yesterday & this day as cold as any during the winter so far -

Sun. 21 Moderate N. Wind fine and clear the Harbour & ocean caught over thicker than any former night this winter very severe frosty weather - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon no service here Service in the afternoon, strong gale-

Mon. 22 Wind NW good breeze, fine and clear but very severe frost, the Harbour still frozen over but not passable yet, much lolly at sea made -Rec'd Mr. & Mrs. Wm Grieve's cards by John Cahill-Spent the evening with my brother at the Court House this forenoon at night Aurora Borealis very vivid all round the horizon & upwards

Tue. 23 Strong breeze at N mild and clear, gentle frost last night, harbour frozen all over but no people venturing upon it as yet.

Wed. 24 Service at church this forenoon -Mich'l Guinan came from St. Johns this evening brought letters from Fanny & as well the Acc't of Emma Bradshaw having been married at Placentia on Shrove Tuesday last to the Capt'n of a vessel put in there in distress. Evening party at Capelin Bay.

Thu. 25 Fine morning, good breeze NW smart frost the ocean caught over in lolly during the night a fore & after passed N about 8am -a Brig steering N and Brig'ne steering SW were in sight this morning -the Harbour quite firm today and freezing hard all this day Fred'k Morry came from St. Johns last evening

Fri. 26 Moderate NW wind fine clear morning froze very hard last night -Harbour quite firm, ocean covered with lolly- freezing sharply all this day -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us, night fine & frosty Engaged in taking angles on the Harbour

Sat. 27 Strong breeze NNW and very severe frost clear but dull - the sea covered with lolly Harbour quite firm 7 or 8 inches of ice- A Reneuse whale boat full of sealers past Northward and several walked on towards St. Johns to go to the ice -sharp frost all day

Sun.28 Calm clear morning, looking for a change smart frost last night, but milder this morning Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no services in the church here today -the Harbour quite firm, the ocean covered in lolly not any water visible anywhere -Sent Mrs. Evans a cheque for her Q'r salary by Mr. Hamilton yesterday -Sydney Sullick? and my brother dined with me -Mrs. Hamilton came in the evening & slept here - strong breeze SSW smart rain & silver thaw

1847 - MARCH

Mon. 1 Nearly calm, mizzling rain & thawing freely -trees covered in silver thaw almost to breaking down. Mrs. Hamilton staid to dinner -at 2pm strong breeze SW and clear at night wind from Westward and clear

Tue. 2 Strong breeze SSW mild & blinking snow, no frost last night the edges of the ice upon the harbour breaking up near the gaps a little -at 3pm the "Lioness" Kelligrew from Reneuse for the ice passed wind West with thick showers of snow

Wed. 3 Moderate WSW wind, blinking snow very slight frost during last night -snow showers all this day good breeze at WNW.

Thu. 4 Good breeze NW smart frost during the last night, rather dull and heavy & raw cold the Ice broken up in the Landwashes but the Harbour still fast - a Brig passed N covered in Ice about the Hull -Packet Brig Sandwich passed south -Coady came from St. Johns with letters & papers -Sch'r "Active" lost on 120W L44N.

Fri. 5 Light air at ESE very fine morning the frost severe and wind sharp -at Court House today on business of destitute poor. - at night fine and quite calm.

Sat. 6 Calm, clear fine morning sharp frost last night Harbour still frozen firm, the sea all covered over in lolly of last night's making -Drove Eliza & Mary to Spout Pond, very fine Road -

Sun. 7 Strong breeze -NNE early this morning, very cloudy and raw cold -a little snow fell during last night with sharp frost, -at noon wind NNW good breeze clear & fine - my Family put on mourning today for my nephew Jno M. Rendell, supposed to have been lost on his voyage from England to this Island in 19 Sept'r gale onboard the schooner "Beau Ideal" having embarked in that vessel early in Sept'r & never heard of since his embarkation in Devonshire - Two services at the church here today -

Mon. 8 Strong breeze WNW moderate frost last night, very fine clear morning, with some drift - Robert left for Reneuse at noon with Geary intending to proceed for Trepassey tomorrow - Fred'k Morry left for St. Johns this morning. At night, the wind was at S. moderate, very dull

Tue. 9 Good breeze NW fine and clear, very little frost last night, a little snow fell, quite mild today - at 2pm a Brig passed Southward went to Capelin Bay about the Poor Flour [In Margin: 12 B'rls bought S. Sweeney.] The "Pelter" passed out at 4pm for the ice -this vessel hath a square new patch in the middle of her foretopsail, no flying Jibboom only. The "Aquaforte" passed at 5pm.

Wed. 10 Strong breeze NNW, freezing hard & cold raw air -looking very dull and heavy -at 10am cleared off very fine & continued so all day freezing sharply

Thu. 11 Moderate SW wind dark morning and blinking snow moderate frost last night Was in cutting peasticks today first time

Fri. 12 Strong breeze NNW sharp frost & very drift -Harbour still firmly frozen over to the Narrows -Capelin Bay clear and Aquaforte partly so -Heavy gale of wind at noon this day

Sat. 13 Strong gale NW with snow & drifts & sharp frosty weather -at noon wind W still blowing very hard and drifting much -Mrs. LeMessurier confined for a daughter today at night blowing and snowing -Blowing a very strong gale at midnight

Sun. 14 Strong breeze NNW very mild, some snow fell during last, but very little frost, blowing very hard all last night, thawing freely in the sun today, quite clear & fine, Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte -Service at church in the afternoon -Mr. Morry and my brother came in the evening. Peter Walsh's wife a son today.

Mon. 15 Good breeze NW clear, fine, & mild, gentle frost during last night, free thaw in the sun Harbour still firmly frozen over to the Narrows -at 5pm Schooner passing South close in - Harbour began to break up at 6pm and was quite clear of ice at 10pm -strong breeze & swell

Tue. 16 Strong breeze WNW a good deal of sea upon the rocks & in the landwash -Roberts flake partly thrown down by Barricades -the Harbour clear, smart frost last night, fine morning, -thawing in the sun but freezing in the shade. -Some stages lifted by the ice. Jas. Coady to leave Cape Broyle today -

Wed. 17 St. Patrik's Day -sharp frost last night moderate N wind and fine morning -Drove Eliza & Mary into upper end of Spout Pond and walked from thence to Island Pond River a very fine Road - at 2pm light air SW-very fine warm day throughout, thawing in the sun -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent this evening with us -wind light NE

Thu. 18 Fresh breeze NW very smart frost in the night, fine and clear morning - Two brigantines passed N today -Robert came from Reneuse, left Trepassey at 10am yesterday -arrived here just at 3pm in time for dinner. A brigantine passed South at 4pm

Fri. 19 Fresh breeze NNW fine clear morning with sharp frost -thawed in the sun at midday - evening calm and dull- Walked to Aquaforte -River head there quite frozen over strongly to

Point of beach. Thos Payne cutting a channell for his boat -two boats passed N this morning Sat.20 Fresh breeze NE wind, dark but clear, and looking heavy, smart frost last night -very fine day -thawing freely in the sun at night calm and very clear & frosty

Sun. 21 Very fine clear morning, the salt water chilled over lightly, light air NE -at 10am wind moderate SW -sent per Thos Payne a box and a Qr veal for Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. St. Johns and a hare for Mr. Noad S'r G'l -carriage paid here Coady the Postman came from St. Johns today No service at church today the parson at Reneuse -Payne could not get out of the ice in Aquaforte -Mrs. Hamilton dined with us. Mr. Norris came in to tea.

Mon. 22 Fresh breeze NNE with light showers of snow, gentle frost last night, clear & fine between the showers -day fine throughout a Brig and a Schooner passed Southward

Tue. 23 Fresh breeze ENE dull -moderate & fine all day -a fore & after beating Northward all day -some strings of lolly in the offing -Went to Capelin Bay in the afternoon and staid Tea -took up Mr. Crowdy's letter of 9 Dec'r

Wed. 24 Moderate ESE wind fine morning light frost -at 8am wind S by E moderate & fine, Thos Payne left Aquaforte for St. Johns - some strings of ice off -Spent the evening with James -Mr. Hamilton informed me today the church Service Books at Reneuse were taken away out of Room used for holding prayers in there.

Thu. 25 Strong gale SSW wind with hard rain & free thaw, a string of ice came into the Harbour yesterday and last night broke down -Roberts flake to high water mark - Thawed freely all day at night calm

Fri. 26 Moderate breeze SW dull & heavy -froze a little last night - Payne's boat at Cape Broyle -at 10am cleared away very fine wind fresh breeze at W a large Brig passed Northward -thawing very freely in the sun

Sat. 27 Calm -fine and clear, gentle frost last night -at noon wind SW moderate, free thaw with considerable haze rising, at night dark and heavy -Mr. Hammond to St. Johns gave him a Certificate

Sun. 28 Moderate SW wind, raining very fast thawing very freely. -Two services at the church today. James & John Morry came in and remained the evening at my house

Mon. 29 Thick fog with rain & nearly calm -At noon wind W cleared off fine

Tue. 30 Fine morning, gentle frost, quite calm -at 10 am moderate SSE wind at 6pm wind E by N. snowing fast -a schooner passing Northward came out of Fermeuse. Mr. Simms came here from Trepassey on his way to St. Johns

Wed. 31 Fresh breeze WSW clear & fine, froze a little last night & some snow fell, blew hard in the first part of the night -John Simms went for St. Johns 9am. Robert brought his boat from Aquaforte

1847-APRIL

Thu. 1 Moderate S wind, with silver thaw lightly -service at church this forenoon -at noon fresh breeze and raw cold looking murky at sea and thawing -

Fri. 2 Good Friday -Moderate W wind, clear & mild, no frost last night -full service at church this forenoon Wind NNW dull & mild -light shower of snow at 6pm.

Sat. 3 Light breeze SW wind rather raw cold & ground covered with snow -Prayers at church this forenoon -a Brig passed Northward about noon -Coady the Postman came in from St. Johns at 8am & brought us letters from James advising his arrival in Lisbon per E M [Ed: Elizabeth Margaret] on 1 Febr'y having experienced a stormy passage of 20 days with loss of sails & part cargo thrown overboard. Several sealers into Saint Johns with full trips it is said 3 to L&Bristol, 1 J. W. Waring.

Sun. 4 Easter Day - Moderate SW wind with thick rain & thawing freely. - 2 full services and the Sacrament at church today -9 Communicants -at 2 pm wind NW cleared off fine

Mon. 5 Moderate W wind very fine morning, moderate frost last night -at 4am James came here having arrived per Eliz'th Marg't from Lisbon in Capelin Bay last night -Wrote Geo. Simms

Esq. and sent him E. [Heyley's?] bill of sale to record & return to me - Prayers at church this forenoon -Schooner Hound passed North. -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came down this evening -

Tue. 6 Moderate NE wind light frost last night Thos Payne's boat came in from St. Johns - Sent off Qr. Co Ho Returns & letters for St. Johns by Geo. Frampton sent on by land by Robert - Eliz'th Marg't remoored in here from Caplin Bay -

Wed. 7 Moderate NE wind fine morning, froze sharp last night fine day throughout

Thu. 8 Fresh breeze NE moderate frost last night, swell coming high on the rocks strong breeze all day, a sch'r put into Aquaforte dry & fine only rather raw cold, thawing in the sun.

Fri. 9 Moderate NE clear & fine, light frost last night at 10am. light air SSW the Brig out of Aquaforte and sealer out of Fermeuse passed along N. Thos Paynes boat went to Cape Broyle -at 4pm the Eliz'th Margaret went out for St. Johns -Rob't and James, Capt. Adams, John LeMessurier & others went in her, very moderate breeze of wind & dull

Sat. 10 Fresh breeze WSW sleet in showers, some rain fell during the past night -at noon strong gale at WSW, showers & cold

Sun. 11 Moderate SW wind, clear & fine but frosty -Reported that P Winsor Esq're J.P. for Aquaforte to have become Roman Catholic - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today -Richard Saunders's boat for St. Johns at 10am raining pretty heavily -James [ED: his brother] came down and remained the evening -

Mon. 12 Fresh breeze WSW fine & clear, raw cold and the ground covered with snow. - At noon wind W. strong gale, snow going - Rec'd the Accts of the distribution of the flour from Fermeuse and Reneuse -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came down this evening

Tue. 13 Moderate W. Wind, gentle frost last night, a sprinkling of snow on the ground -Went to Aquaforte to notify D H Winsor to keep his fence 20 feet from the centre of the Road -The snowdrops peeping over ground today -a Brig passed N

Wed. 14 Light air SW gentle frost last night the snow which fell yesterday gone again Walked to Capelin Bay with Eliza & Mary, and returned to dinner- WNW wind -and a very fine day, the Reneuse schooner and other craft passed South

Thu. 15 Fresh breeze, W fine morning, smart frost last night, R'd Sanders's boat from St. Johns - Rec'd Co Ho [ED: Court House] Forms per Jas Coady.

Fri. 16 Fresh breeze SSE -raining very fast the ground deeply covered in snow fallen during the night - a days rain throughout Wind SW thawing very free snow gone again

Sat. 17 Fresh gale at West, moderate frost in the night, clear & fine but rather sharp -A heavy gale at NW since 10am -a fine day

Sun. 18 Fresh breeze at SW smart frost last night rather dull and chilly wind -2 services at church Peter Winsor at R Chapel today first time since turned

Mon. 19 Fresh breeze at West, dull, appears as if much rain had fallen during the night and thawed freely -At noon a very strong gale at NW. Wind raw & cold otherwise very fine & clear

Tue. 20 Fresh breeze SW dull, smart frost last night - as day advanced the day became finer & warm -Wind NW strong

Wed. 21 Light air at West, gentle frost last night, rather dull morning - a Brig'e passed N at 3pm - Made up Flour a/cts & wrote Mr. Crowdy, enclosing them today

Thu. 22 Moderate S wind -Snowing a little the ground slightly covered in snow -at 2pm wind moderate NW snow gone -Eliz'th Marg't put into Capelin Bay landed Robert & James from St. Johns left that place yesterday, went in wind light SW foggy dined with James today met there Messrs Hamilton, Norris & Morry -Eliz & Marg't sailed again from CBay at 3pm Wind North at night Wind NE -dull but mild

Fri. 23 Moderate and dull Wind NE mild and dull all day with fog occasionally and blinking snow very thinly

Sat. 24 Fresh NE wind snowing fast, and nearly 6 inches of snow fallen during the past night where it has drifted -At noon Brig Aquaforte went in from the ice -thawing in the eye of the sun very fast -At night light air from SSW frosty

Sun. 25 Fresh breeze NE clear and dry, froze smart during last night - The Anniversary of my wedding today, thirty two years ago - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning to perform service there -Payne's boat home -the Aquaforte & the Pelter report between 5 & 600 seals each -James dined with me today on wild goose -Service at church in the afternoon -Coady brought some newspapers from St. Johns

Mon. 26 Moderate WSW wind, clear & dry, froze smart last night several boats passing N. Rich'd Sanders's boat left for St. Johns -Mary Cains child died this morning -wind raw & cold

Tue. 27 Fresh breeze at SW fine, clear & mild -at noon thick fog and misty & calm

Wed. 28 Calm with thick wet fog - at noon wind fresh at West and cold at night ground covered in snow

Thu. 29 Strong breeze WSW. snow of last night remaining, clear & fine but chilly Wind at noon very strong gale, snow all gone again Walked up to Aquaforte & back before lam -Surveyed Johnson's ground partly today

Fri. 30 Strong breeze SW mild and dull- a good deal of rain fell during last night Thunder, lightening and rain during this day with smart showers of rain & fog Winser's boat left with seals for St. Johns

1847 -MAY

Sat. 1 Light air NW dull clear & mild -Surveyed the Public Road from Devereaux's comer to large Gulch this day - at night light winds and variable, S with fog.

Sun. 2 Very strong breeze WNW fine & clear but not warm -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, no services here in the church - Two vessels passed Northward fine day throughout but not very warm

Mon. 3 Fine morning fresh breeze NNW and clear light frost last night - R'd Sanders from St. Johns -New Gov'r & family arrived in the Unicorn a few days since at St. Johns - Many boats passing snow at night -Ed Power took tea with me

Tue. 4 Strong breeze at West some little snow that fell last night yet on the ground, -dull & raw cold. Gen'l Qr. Sessions of the Peace today, the deputy Sheriff not in attendance having left last Monday week to attend Mary Shea's wedding at St. Johns. - no business before the Court -The "Eliz Marg't" came back into Caplin Bay this afternoon, it blowing very strong gale at NW not having been able to get to Sydney CB for ice in the gulf, in which she has been for the past week. Mary Rositer came in service - Wm Frampton came to work @ 2/ per day

Wed. 5 Light air off the land, fine morning moderate frost last night -warm as the day advanced, afternoon very fine One vessel passed North, several boats -wind at S. at noon moderate then West. Frampton at work-

Thu. 6 Moderate W. wind, clear & fine. Planted Carrott, Raddish, Spinash & Lettuce & Celery today in the garden. -Frampton not at work today - Capt. James of the Eliz'th Marg't dined with me. -a warm day

Fri. 7 Calm fine morning, frost last night, light Set peas & Turnip seed today, fine warm. Robert caught 21 [Dats?] this morning the first taken, the Lion & Shanahan came home - Rev'd J. Ryan RCP left for St. Mary's

Sat. 8 Light air SW dull morning -at 3pm raining fast -at 1 pm the "Unicorn" passed north and the "Eliz Marg't" went out of Caplin Bay for Sydney -several boats passing Set more peas today in square back of shop. Sent Surveying Instruments to Cape Broyle yesterday -Wrote Wm. Rendell & Fanny

Sun. 9 Calm with fog on the Hills and heavy rain -Two services at the church today -Became dry but foggy as day came on -"Lion" left for St. Johns. -Eliz. Marg't back to Capelin Bay, no wind outside scarcely. Peter LeMessurier came home from St. Johns

Mon. 10 Light air SSW with fog -mild & dull about 10am cleared away and wind came off the land - the Eliz Marg't proceeded again for Sydney. Mr & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us

Tue. 11 Light air NNW fine morning, warm & clear R'd Sanders home from St. Johns, Mr. McLea Jr. at St. Johns per "Unicorn" -Potatoes 11/- per barrel & Hay 9/6 per Cwt, Coals 15/per Hhd, Flour 45/per B'l. Bread 25/per Bag? at St. Johns very scarce even at those prices -

Wed. 12 Wind light NNW misty and dull -at noon wind NE mizzling rain, several craft passing N & S. "Lion" came from St. Johns

Thu. 13 Ascension Day -Wind fresh NE dull & clear but dry & mild -Full service at church today - fine towards afternoon

Fri. 14 Light NE with thick fog. -cleared away towards noon, & calm morning

Sat. 15 Calm fine morning, white frost. Had the garden fence put up by Robert's men today next his garden. Fine calm day throughout, John White's boat came from St. Johns - brings accounts of provisions being scarce, high & little coming in there -

Sun. 16 Fresh breeze NE dull hazy at sea - the old cow calved this morning at the gate - Afternoon service at church, several of the Aquaforte people there, though service was performed in that place this forenoon this is rather an unusual occurrence -a Barque, a Brig ("Queen") & cattle vessel bound North

Mon. 17 Calm morning with fog, sunshining thru" Light air S at 10am -Robert started for St. Johns in his boat -Mrs. Carter & Mary & Jno Morry went with him -Men about fence round place tonight from Ed Healey -Bow & Mullally.

Tue. 18 Calm, fine morning, light air at SW as the day came on -Several craft passing - Walked over to Cape Broyle and back before dinner at 4pm. the Schr "Gazelle" being there and not entered -3 men setting my potatoes

Wed. 19 Light breeze S. wind, thick fog. -2 men fencing today - at 7pm hard rain wind moderate at SSW several craft passing today -Deveraux's boat left -

Thu. 20 Calm fine morning -at 10am moderate SW wind, several vessels in sight all day - fresh fish caught occasionally

Fri. 21 Light air, sw raining fast very mild and warm - things in garden growing fast -at 3pm cleared away very fine Wind fresh from NNW and very warm -several vessels passing N & S today at 10pm "Lion" from St. Johns, brought us letters

Sat. 22 Moderate NE wind clear weather & mild - Rec'd letters from Agricultural Society per "Lion" -Potatoes all set in today - Mrs. Winser of Aquaforte became a Roman Catholic last night was baptized & married

Sun. 23 Moderate SW wind, fog on the hills and dull - Mr Hamilton at Reneuse today no services here -At 9am James left with John Shanahan Jr in his boat for St. Johns, Brennen left At 5 1/2 pm "Eliz Marg't" passed N from Sydney

Mon. 24 Moderate NNW-fine morning and continued all day -Deveraux's boat from St. Johns, winds variable & moderate Several boats and vessels passing. Engaged painting the Parlour today

Tue. 25 Calm dull morning - cleared up fine at 10am, winds variable all day Several vessels passing North & South

Wed. 26 Calm fine morning, sw Wind at 10am. Mr. Norris left in his boat for St. Johns -put up a temporary fence at the corner and opposite of green yard Gate South side in a line for the high Rock in Landwash to shore -R'd Roberts' Bounds to Devereaux who is about to encroach further on that property than already, Devereaux came & threatened with high words to knock it down which I expect he will. I desired him to allow it to stand until my sons came from St. Johns when they could do as they should, advised by PW Carter.

Thu. 27 Moderate SW with thick fog & rain - Devereaux set up his fence nearer Roberts' Room this morning, that I put up removed - John Shanahan's boat came home brought us letters from St. Johns -the "Lion" left and my brother in her. -

Fri. 28 Strong breeze NNW dull & misling rain "Brothers" from St. Johns -many craft passing Wind variable & weather very fine - K Brennan came from St. Johns also White's boat brought acct of my son Robert's marriage yesterday to Mary Ann Simms - Rec'd subpoena from Hoyles.

Sat. 29 Fine morning light air NNE -Set Swedish Turnip & Raddish where the flies have eaten down what was up - Sent Governor's Letter to P. Winser Esq'r for perusal per Sullivan -At 9pm Robert returned from St. Johns in his boat, with him his Bride and Mother -
Sun. 30 Light air NNW dull & heavy - Left for St. Johns in Shanahans boat at 6am -under subpoena in case Nunan Vs. Brazil to attend Supreme Court - arrived in St. Johns at noon on Monday, 31st inst and remained there until Saturday 12 June when at 10pm left with my brother per Lion to return home, having got discharged from Court on Friday at 5pm

[Mon. 31 May - Fri. 11 June, 1847]

1847-JUNE

Sat. 12 Put into Bay Bulls in the Lion and
Sun. 13 remained the night -sailed again on
Mon. 14 Monday morning and reached here at noon found all my Family well - Fine day - wind variable very warm -Mary Carter² my niece came here from England -last from St. Johns -
Tue. 15 Calm with thick fog. -Some of the fishing I find since I left have brought in from 20 to 30 Qtls fish out of the offing -Returned to Peggy Brennan a new bell instead of one removed from her last year
Wed. 16 Fresh breeze SW warm moist & fine some boats br't in a good catch offish out of the offing today out since Monday.
Thu. 17 Moderate SW wind, rather dull -fine at 10am -Set Raddish & Turnip seed where they had been eaten down by flies 2nd time -Little doing in the fish catching -Wind NE at 4pm
Fri. 18 Wind NE moderate & dull air cool. Boats report from 3 to 10 Qtls from the offing
Sat. 19 Wind light SW fine morning -nearly calm, John Shanahan Jr. died this morning an old inhabitant of this place, leaves a large family -Set carrott seed where it appeared coming up scarce. A few caplin taken this morning at back of beach
Sun. 20 Moderate ENE dull & clear -at 4am James landed from the "Eliz Marg't" from St. Johns -on her passage to Bay Chaleur 2 Services at church today -"Brothers" home
Mon. 21 Calm with thick fog -went to Cape Broyle Surveying and remained at Cashin's the night
Tue. 22 At Cape Broyle surveying, returned home at night very fine day & very warm. Robert went to live in his own House -
Wed. 23 Light air SW dull with rain. Some capelin taken but not much fish on them
Thu. 24 Fresh breeze SW with smart rain. Prayers at the church this forenoon. Set out plants given me by Mrs. Hall the first this season -Turnips & Raddishes all cut down by flies & set again twice
Fri. 25 Fresh breeze at North -dull morning -at 10am NE fresh breeze -4pm "Unicom" steamer passed South -no colours
Sat. 26 Fresh breeze WNW. fine morning -at night NE. "Harold" going North and several vessels to Southward -Rec'd the Secretary's letter about Potatoes from Rev'd Jas Murphy today & a letter to forward -
Sun. 27 Light air SW fine morning Jas Coady bro't my surveying Rod from Cape Broyle mislaid paid him a Dollar for his trouble. Service in the afternoon at the church.
Mon. 28 Fresh breeze at West, fine & clear frost yesterday morning the ground quite white at day break. Very little fish taken by boats today
Tue. 29 St. Peters' day - calm morning with thick fog very warm and close -Service at church this forenoon cleared away at 10am & became very warm at 7pm "Viola" Goodridge hoisted colours passing Southward -
Wed. 30 Calm morning with fog on the Hills very moist and warm, cleared off at 10am and became fine -Some small fish taken in the codseans today -the boats well fished tonight with very large fish- and report that plenty of fish & bait is striking in

1847-JULY

Thu. 1 Moderate NE wind with fog, very cool -clear at noon but very little fish going looking thick & for rain at night

Fri. 2 Good breeze NE wind, heavy rain and apparently to have continued all night from the state of the streams from the Hills, and continued raining all day very fast.

Sat. 3 Fresh NE wind with continued heavy rain with every appearance of continuance Same sort of weather all day & at night

Sun. 4 NE wind, moderate, thick heavy fog & very dark & dull, every place saturated with water, Mr. Hamilton at Renewse, no Service at church here today -raining all this day

Mon. 5 Calm morning, dull with fog on the Hills -Cleared away fine at 10am -Small boats all in laden early with fish today -Went to Caplin Bay to get M Morry to sign my Q'rs Returns the boats were then in there laden with fish. [ED: sentence written and then crossed out -"a report of Pat Levy & crew being lost & the crew of a Northern boat".] Walked over to Renewse at 4 1/2pm, went alongside the Brig'e "Susan Ann" Fox master, of [Brisban?] 28 days from [Bur Hann?] with 53 passengers for St. Johns NB short of water - ordered the passengers not to land -the Master to provide himself water & proceed -

Tue. 6 Calm foggy morning left Renewse at 4 1/2 am and came home to breakfast -at 9am cleared off fine wind West -3pm wind NE chilly. Small boats bring in good catches nothing doing with the codseans -drank tea all our family at Robert's the first time since he went in his House.

Wed. 7 Fresh breeze NNE fine and warm -at 9am wind NE. "Unicorn" mail steamer passed this going N. close in - a Meeting of Education Board held today same officers re-elected -five present - J. W. Saunders not. Nothing doing with codseans yet.

Thu. 8 Nearly calm, light air off the land dull morning -Evening wind NE fresh & raw -at night calm again -Mr.& Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us -Boats pretty well fished

Fri. 9 Light air SW wind clear & fine -towards noon dull a fire in the Parlour not at all unpleasant.

Sat. 10 Light breeze NE wind rather raw & drizzling wet - cleared away & blew a fresh gale all day - at 9pm steamer "Unicorn" put into Capelin Bay staid a short time and proceeded again - Robert's boat sent away to Mistaken Point -Several vessels passing

Sun. 11 Fresh breeze NE fine morning - Mr. Stephenson landed from "Unicorn" last evening at Stone Island -No letters per Mr. Stephenson from our folks at St. Johns -Two services & Sacrament at the church today, more numerous congregation than usual

Mon. 12 Moderate SW clear & fine -at 3pm raining fast and continued till night -capelin rather scarce today boats doing but little today

Tue. 13 Calm with thick fog. & so continued -Sat out last of my cabbage plants- Swore Francis Geary in as Sheriffs Bailiff. Bailiff sworn - no fish tonight

Wed. 14 Light air SW thick fog - It is reported many squids were taken & seen yesterday -A meeting of Pro't Bd of Education today

Thu. 15 Dull morning, moderate NE wind -cleared off at 10am fine- 4pm wind SW - Surveying for Plan of Harbour all today. No fish catching by the boats, plenty bait

Fri. 16 Fine morning moderate WSW wind. Peter Bruit brought home 20 qtls fish from Southw'd- Surveying Pool Field & Garden -Called at Mr. Stephenson's today the first time -warm day

Sat. 17 Moderate SW dry & warm but a haze over the horizon like smoke -at 5pm steamer Vesuvius with the Governor onboard returning from St. George's Bay put into Aquaforte His Excellency, Mr. Noad, Mr. Rushworth & (Mr. Breeze, the purser) came down here I met them on other side of Spout Bridge & returned with them, the Governor did not come below Furlong's Point and returned again to Aquaforte - R'd Sanders from the Point with a good catch of fish tonight - Surveying before & plotting off after dinner

Sun. 18 Strong breeze WNW dark over the land and looking dull and very hazy -Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning 8 1/2 am. Vesuvius HM Steamer passed the Narrow out of Aquaforte towards Saint Johns - was 5 minutes passing behind Isle du Bois-&

opening north of it some distance off-at 2pm fresh breeze NE wind, several vessels passing. "Jane& Susan" in Aquaforte

Mon. 19 Fine morning wind WNW fresh -Surveying Dunn's plantation today very warm beautiful day. Very little fish br't in.
 Tue. 20 Moderate SW fine morning -engaged finishing Survey of Dunn's property today - strong breeze at noon -"Eliz Marg't" passed north from Bay Chaleur for St. Johns. Captain Chambers's yacht from Southward came in James Simms Jr. & Mr. Brocklebank & Capt Chambers in her - at night dull looking for rain -at 10pm Thunder Lightning & rain strong breeze South
 Wed. 21 Dull, moderate NNE wind, fine day until 4pm when it became calm & foggy. -Capt Chambers Mr. Brocklebank James Simms Jr & Robert dined with me my brother, his daughter & others in the evening
 Thu. 22 Moderate SW wind -fine morning -Mr. Chambers took out Eliza, Mary O & Mary Ann in his yacht for a sail, and 2pm returned took a lunch and proceeded for St. Johns, James went with him a fine time Wind SW good breeze and clear -Mike Kough & R Brennan came in from a waterlogged barque off Reneuse partly laden with flour out of which they took some Barrels much damaged -doing which M'I Kough got his leg broken - name of vessel not known
 Fri. 23 Fine day -fresh breeze from Westward The waterlogged Barque in sight from the Hill surrounded by boats, a fine warm day -Jas Mountain came well fished from Westward
 Sat. 24 Moderate NE wind fine morning -all the boats of the place & adjoining harbours out to the wreck about 8 or 9 leagues off -nearly calm all today very warm & fine -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton gone by land to Reneuse -small boats from 2 or 3 Qtls fish -Capelin plenty in Cape Broyle
 Sun. 25 Moderate SW wind very fine morning Some of the boats from the wreck with flour - Sent [W/M?] Power to Cape Broyle with a letter for Carew & one for Ed Power for Carew to send to Brigus gave Power a similar letter. Sent letters & notices to Mr. Evans & Trainer by Mr. Hamilton yesterday & notice by Cou also for Aquaforte - requiring all Salvages? to report what quantity of Articles they have saved - At 9am "Unicorn" steamer passed South -fresh breeze SW at 11pm. No service at church today - Wrote the Collector a hasty note respecting the Flour saved and sent it by Michael Kearney of St. Johns
 Mon. 26 Dull with moderate SW wind -Fresh breeze at S at noon at 3pm raining Capelin plenty in Cape Broyle thick fog - boats report that HM Steamer "Vesuvius" is gone out to the wreck which it is said is sinking
 Tue. 27 Fresh breeze -dark close sultry morning with fog on the Hills and out to sea -Walked to Aquaforte & back about the Flour
 Wed. 28 Wind NE dull & misty fresh breeze -Set out for Reneuse about the Flour could not get satisfactory accounts and walked home again same night, thick wet foggy weather
 Thu. 29 Calm with thick fog. cleared away in the day and closed in again at night
 Fri. 30 Light breeze SSW with thick rain -at noon cleared off fine & warm -the waterlogged Barque in sight off Cape Broyle surrounded by boats - some herrings taken but no fish
 Sat. 31 Fine morning. Moderate NE wind the waterlogged Barque not in sight - at night wind NE light air, thick fog- caught one mackerel in the Salmon net today no Salmon

1847-AUGUST

Sun. 1 Thick fog and calm - Two services at church. "Mary Jane" LeMessurier christened in church this afternoon after 2nd lesson - Mrs. Toole of Capelin Bay died two days ago in Typhus Fever it is said & is being buried this afternoon. Wind fresh SW clear over the land and warm - fog at sea.
 Mon. 2 Light air SW thick fog. hot & sultry through the day good fresh breeze SW. clear at intervals with hot squalls -Took tea over with Robert, Mrs. C & Eliza with me. Peter went up with squids

Tue. 3 Strong breeze SW close, hot sultry & foggy -went with Mrs. Carter Robert and his wife & Eliza up to my brothers to tea, (except the latter) and to partake of Strawberries & Cream there -No squids to be had today, no salmon -very little fish catching, hard W'r for curing

Wed. 4 Light air, vble -with smart showers of rain heavy rain during the last night & very warm - Continued rain all day with little interruption, with thick fog & thunder quite calm -Peter bro't 9 Qtls from CB Bank

Thu. 5 Light hair NE wind foggy & raining and continued so all the day nearly - evening it cleared a little, Eliza went up the Bay to tea with Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton not by Invitation

Fri. 6 Light air NE wind with fog on the Hills close, damp and sultry, at 3pm thick wet fog. Boats doing little with fish Squids & Herrings very scarce and the most of the boats laying on jiggling ground.

Sat. 7 Fresh breeze SW thick fog hanging & driving along the land, dead damp sultry heat. Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came uninvited to tea and staid the evening. Robert & his wife, James & daughter came upon being sent for, some before some after tea - cleared away a little towards noon & became fine

Sun. 8 Calm with thick small rain -cleared away a little as day came to noon, evening quite thick again - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning - Service here in the afternoon - Robert his wife my brother & his daughter took tea with us this evening

Mon. 9 Wind ENE light air with wet mizzling rain at 7am schooner R.M.C. came in from St. Johns out two days - Mary & James came in her also A.M'l Colman -spent afternoon at James'

Tue. 10 Wind NW moderate & very fine day, the gentlemen gone to Cape Broyle squidding took their dinner with them & came back at night - the Brig "Hope" Wm. Morry, Master belonging to Brooking & Co. passed Northw'd.

Wed. 11 Fresh breeze NW fine morning -very warm Went on Isle du Bois to a picknick dinner at 2pm and dined at four o'clock tea -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson; Mr. Jas H Carter & Mary -B & H'y Morry, P LeMessurier & John Morry, myself, Jas, Robert & his wife

Thu. 12 Fine morning - fresh breeze SW very warm all day -little doing in the fishery -Toby Jackman appeared today & gave bond

Fri. 13 Fine morning, wind light off the land-at 5pm, wind ENE moderate with fog Robert & Mary Anne -James [ED: his brother] & his Mary, Mr. & Mrs, Esther, Henry & Benj'n Morry -Mr. & Mrs. LeMessurier, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson & Mr. Hamilton took tea & spent the evening with us, and danced until lam.

Sat. 14 Fresh NE wind fine dry and clear morning - Went to Aquaforte this afternoon & back to look about [T-?] bid. Wind NE at night & fine

Sun. 15 Wind moderate NE fine morning -Mr. Hamilton at Renewse, no service here. Robert and his wife dined with us

Mon. 16 Wind NNW fresh breeze fine morning, SW as day came on - Went with my brother Stephenson Robert & James, Jno & Ben Morry, P LeMessurier up to Aquaforte caught but few trout dined there and returned in the evening

Tue. 17 Wind SW fine morning. Several vessels passing N today -Jno White's boat from St. Johns

Wed. 18 "Elizabeth Margaret" sailed from Bonavista today-Calm, fine warm morning - Fresh Breeze SW at noon at night wind SSW looking dull at 10pm smart rain -

Thu. 19 Light air SW raining fast -a little cessation at midday, went to Capelin this evening to a large party and dancing remained all night it rained so heavy -

Fri. 20 Came from Capelin Bay at 5'/2am, misting and foggy -light air S -at 10pm cleared off Wind W fresh breeze - very fine & very warm -Mr. M'l Colman left for St. Johns in a boat with Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Clow and others

Sat. 21 Calm dull morning, dead sultry heat Light showers of rain during the day, at 4pm cleared off fine Wind SW moderate

Sun. 22 Moderate SW Several vessels in sight Two Services at the church today - fine morning Mr.

Morry took tea with me, also my Brother and his Daughter.

Mon. 23 Moderate and dull almost calm, close and sultry. Afternoon & evening fine.

Tue. 24 Moderate, air NE to NW fine, Sch'r RMC from Trepassey, Mr. Geo Simms in her bound to St. Johns landed a cow for Robert. Wind NE

Wed. 25 Light air NNE fine morning, warm & clear "Lionel" Mills master arrived at Reneuse in 24 days from Figueira - to sail tomorrow for St. Johns

Thu. 26 Moderate NW fine. Vble during the day SW afternoon and dull -Surveying on Sighting from the Downs Station all today. Several vessels passing -Snipe fish on the coast not plenty today

Fri. 27 Fine morning Wind moderate SW. at 6pm smart rain wind SSW & strong breeze

Sat. 28 Light air at SW fine morning very warm -Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon. Service at church the afternoon -Letters from Fanny by John Shanahan -

Mon. 30 Moderate SSW wind, with thick rain very warm and sultry - Little or nothing doing in the fishery no bait consequently no fish taking.

Tue. 31 Calm with thick fog. -and so all day. Spent the evening at Roberts with Mr. & Mrs. Morry, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson, Mr. & Mrs. LeMessurier and my Brother, their first party since they were married - Herrings plenty this evening

1847-SEPTEMBER

Wed. 1 Close, sultry & damp with thick fog -calm- Wrote Fanny by Mr. Stephenson & Sam'l Langley same day

Thu. 2 Same weather as yesterday - Spent last evening at Mr. Hamiltons by invitation only Mrs. Carter & self. - Mr. Stephenson left for St. Johns in a whale boat. Boarded the Portuguese Schr. "Milhuo Primero" from Funchal {ED: Portugal} with wine & onions for St. Johns out 9 days -she put into Aquaforte windbound

Fri. 3 Calm, foggy close & sultry - flies in every part of the house very numerous & very troublesome - Very hot sunblasts at times & fog again in succession Wind Vble - Robert had a bultow³ put out on trial baited with salt squid -

Sat. 4 Moderate NE wind, misty rain, heavy rain during last night sultry & close -The Potatoe disease has made its appearance here within the past few days in a slight rot it is feared the former is the case

Sun. 5 Moderate NNW wind clear & dry but rather dull warm air -Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today, no services in church -Received Letters from St. Johns by R'd Sanders. Mrs. Carter's Birth'(y)

Mon. 6 Moderate SW dull, close and heavy -and continued through the day -Several vessels passing N & S. very close. James Langley here

Tue. 7 Strong breeze SW -dull & clear but sultry close w'r -several vessels passing -James Langley dined with me

Wed. 8 Fresh breeze NE dry & clear but dark -Two schooners from Nova Scotia with cattle & sheep & butter for St. Johns -"Lark." Robert McNeil, entered

Thu. 9 Light air SW wind clear morning all the dead heat appears to have passed -cattle vessels went out - Steamer "Unicorn" passed N at 6am - Robert left for St. Johns in his boat about 3pm. fresh breeze SW. Frampton cut his barley today

Fri. 10 Calm & clear but dull & very warm -a Steamer passed South supposed to be the French steamer "Flambeau" - "Symmetry" worked South, light air SSW all day Out Surveying all this day behind Pitts

Sat. 11 Calm with thick fog, very warm & close with sun occasionally through the fog. At Court House and Surveying this day - Some boats with 1 to 2 Qtls fish -Several blue fish of large size taken

Sun. 12 Moderate NE with thick wet fog Two services at church here today - a coaster from St. Johns & Shanahans boat today

Mon. 13 Strong breeze SE dull, close & sultry -at the Court House today with Sullivan O'Keefe's case. At night calm with fog.

Tue. 14 Fresh breeze at SW wet & warm weather and continued so through all day

Wed. 15 Thick fog, calm, close and sultry and so continued through this day - Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us. Roberts punts from 2 to 3 Qtls fish a few herrings this evening.

Thu. 16 Same as yesterday - Potatoe blight fast spreading throughout all the district - Evening a little drier & clearer than morning

Fri. 17 Light air NE clear but dull - cleared away fine as the day advanced -Robert came from St. Johns in his boat

Sat. 18 Fresh breeze NE dry, clear, and cool. The wheat grown on the Downs quite ripe & fit to cut four days ago -I think. - Evening fine

Sun. 19 Fresh breeze NE dry, clear & cool - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon. Service here in the afternoon - Robert & Mary Ann dined and my brother his daughter and Henry Morry took tea in the evening. This day last year was the storm that damaged so much.

Mon. 20 Strong breeze N. cloudy -clear & dry but quite cool -Sent Roberts two men to Cape Broyle with Instruments, day fine. Lady of the Lake put in to Caplin Bay toward noon.

Tue. 21 light air NNE fine morning left for Cape

Wed. 22 Broyle surveying - and remained the{re} so

Thu. 23 occupied fully every day and

Fri. 24 returned home late on Friday evening.

Sat. 25 Strong breeze NNW fine morning, but showery at 9am. Several boats left today for St. Johns also Norris's schooner in which Mr. Hamilton & his mother went -the latter part of the day very fine Wind NW

Sun. 26 Moderate NNW wind clear but dull "Unicorn" steamer passed south today -No service at church, Mr. Hamilton being at St. Johns -Deveraux's boat came home

Mon. 27 Fine morning, quite calm -vble during the day but fine & moderate -engaged plotting surveys all this day in my office.

Tue. 28 Fresh breeze SW. Morning at sunrise seen beautifully & extensively red to the Eastward dull as day advanced - 3pm " Vesuvius" passing South -Robert's boat in from Saint Johns at 10pm

Wed. 29 Moderate South wind, dull & looking for rain -

which soon came & continued till evening Thu.30 Fine clear morning, but close & sultry & appears as if rain had continued to fall during the night. Showed Mw Morry the Governors last letter rec'd on Tuesday

1847 - OCTOBER

Fri. 1 Fine morning light air SW -warm all day. A schooner came in at dusk from St. Johns for Cape Breton the Lion from St. Johns Several vessels passing

Sat. 2 Calm, with thick wet fog -cleared off at noon. Robert's boat left for St. Johns at night - R'd Sanders & Jno Shanahan came home today from St. Johns -the sch'r for Cape Breton went out in the afternoon

Sun. 3 Moderate N by E wind fine clear morning and cool. Sent the Gov'nr's letters to Rev. Jas Murphy by And'w Ryan respecting money voted for [Ponds?]

Mon. 4 Moderate SW fine morning -tolerably good day throughout not very bright -Killed a sheep today -some punts that got Herrings caught a good deal of fish today S of the Head

Tue. 5 Clear and nearly calm morning, very light air from NE -heavy dew heavy close air nearly all day very sultry at night dark and heavy looking

Wed. 6 Very strong gale at NE very heavy rain all night, dry towards noon, a very heavy sea heaving in upon the land & high tide.

Thu. 7 Strong gale at NE dark and raw wind -less sun than yesterday still very heavy day

Fri. 8 Fine morning, fresh breeze at West -blowing very strong all day - Peter Bruit from St. Johns at Anchor under Stakes? Point at 2pm. -many vessels passing North today.

Mr & Mrs Morry

at Capelin Bay ill in bed -Robert's boat came in about 7pm brought no letters.

Sat. 9 Moderate SW dull & mild -towards night smart rain, calm & breeze alternately. James went to Aquaforte in Peter's boat.

Sun. 10 Strong gale at SW dull & sultry -very strong gale with much rain last night from SSE no boats or vessels passing today -a strong breeze at 9pm -very heavy rain & thunder and lightening -very dark & strong breeze SW. potatoes getting worse in the ground daily

Mon. 11 Moderate SW fine morning -at noon heavy squall of wind & heavy rain

Tue. 12 Light air NE dull but mild heavy showers during the day with thunder and lightening -some middling catches of herrings last night & from 3 to 4 Qtls fish today by those few boats who took them -the Blackbirds singing on the Hills, rather unusual I think.

Anniversary of my birthday 57 years old

Wed. 13 Fine morning, light frost moderate & clear Wind S as day advanced a fine dry day Surveying Mr. Goffs premises all this day.

Thu. 14 Wind fresh at SSW thick wet fog with thunder and lightening during the day -Some caught some herrings today but not generally - Boats no fish. Engaged in office plotting survey all day

Fri. 15 Raining very fast nearly calm & dull -Keeley left for St. Johns in his Whaleboat & Ret'd - the large store belonging to late Judge Carter blew down in the Pool a few days since, several tons of Hay in it quite destroyed -Took up the produce of the Potatoes I sat last year on 28th Oct'r in my kitchen garden, found them of excellent quality, good produce & very little affected by the [blight?—unreadable -] stalks were all withered

Sat. 16 Moderate NNE dry & clear but not fine morning -Many vessels passing to the Northward, the "Lion" and other boats came from St. Johns today - Mr. Goff left for St. Johns with Keeley in his Whaleboat

Sun. 17 Moderate SW & fine, the "Hawk" Circuit vessel working in the Narrows at 8am -Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today no services at the church here. Called onboard on Judge Simms today Mrs Geo Simms & two children landed from a boat for St. Johns from Trepassey today

Mon. 18 Fine morning light air W -Robert had 5 Bbls herrings in his net today, some of the punts caught 4 qtls fill today -at night dull with a shower of rain

Tue. 19 Light air SSW dull morning -mild the SC Court will open here today at noon and adjourn -Judge Simms took tea with Robert we were over there to meet them -night very fine, Shanahans boat left for St. Johns.

Wed.20 Dull clear mild morning, wind light at SW light showers towards 2pm -dined with Judge Simms onboard the "Hawk" today -my brother and two sons⁴ were there also.

Thu.21 Fresh breeze NE dark but dry at noon cleared away very fine, court opened, Grand Jury here - one case only -Messrs Geo & Jas Simms Jr., Mrs. Simms, Robert and his wife, my brother & his daughter dined with me today. -Judge Simms took tea -James left in his boat in the night

Fri.22 Fine morning, wind NNW. light Court opened today -one case only - that withdrawn, Morry & Shean -dined onboard the "Hawk" with Judge Simms and walked out on the Head with him. Unicorn passed at noon, North

Sat.23 Dark morning, light air at WSW dry. No Court this day -Dined at my brothers in company with Mrs. Carter [ED:"& Mary" crossed out] Mr & Mrs. Geo. Simms, J. Simms Jr. Robert and his wife - Mary came up to Tea. Judge Simms dropt in in the evening.

Sun.24 Strong gale WNW clear and dry -fine. Two services at church today -Wind at 10am N by W blowing a severe gale -Judge Simms could not land, & James Simms remained on shore all night & slept at my house.

Mon.25 Moderate NNW wind, frost in the night fine clear morning -Sea gone down at night strong gale at SSW with very heavy rain and so continued - took tea with Mrs. Stephenson with Mr. & Mrs. G. Simms, Robert & wife & Mrs. Carter -remained there until late

Tue. 26 Strong breeze SW dark and sultry -with showers of rain during the day -took tea at Roberts & spent the evening Judge Simms was there & my brother etc.
Wed. 27 Strong breeze NW cool & fine & dry -9am the "Hawk" Circuit vessel left for St. Johns - Several vessels passing South
Thu. 28 Calm, clear fine morning, sharp frost A Public Meeting at Court House today also meeting of Comm'ers for Poor Relief - all Comm'ers present - Roberts boat came home from St. Johns in her Eliza James & P LeMessurier
Fri. 29 Strong breeze at WNW -dull afternoon
Sat. 30 Strong breeze NNW fine & clear -Several vessels passing sent off boxes of fish for England per Shanahan to St. Johns
Sun. 31 Moderate N Wind, sharp frost & fine Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service at church in the afternoon

1847 - NOVEMBER

Mon. 1 Strong breeze at West dry & clear - sent off returned Co Ho papers per Mr. Morry's man Whealin & letters per Sandy McCoy? overland -R. Hall at work
Tue. 2 Light air at SW dull but mild -[Vining?] killed a sheep -Frampton at the potatoes dug about two barrels good & bad together, left several ridges for the spring in hope of saving the seed
Wed. 3 Moderate W Wind fine mild morning. Towards evening dull wind SSW a Brig and Sch'r "Hawk" passed South -Mr. Hamilton had a large tea and evening party -we did not go tho' invited -Robert & wife Jas Eliza & Mary there
Thu. 4 Moderate NE wind dull mild & damp Planted fifty four kidney potatoes today in two drills, manured with stable dung near the strawberry bed -about 4 in. deep 6 in. apart the dung uppermost (1848 the potatoes [—?]). M Culliton at kidney potatoes.
Fri. 5 Moderate NE wind dull and heavy -at Aquaforte surveying today -M. Culliton-
Sat. 6 Fresh breeze NE with very slight snow showers, at Aquaforte finishing survey of White's Place -M. Culliton-
Sun. 7 Strong gale NE raw cold with light showers of snow, that does not lay upon the ground Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today no services at the church
Mon. 8 Strong breeze NE wind, wet mist and so continued all day & heavy sea on -M. Culliton-
Tue. 9 Moderate NNE light snow showers fallen during night some little remaining - "Unicorn" steamer passed N at 8am
Wed. 10 Fresh breeze SW dropping rain & etc
Thu. 11 Fresh breeze NW fine morning -at Aquaforte surveying this day
Fri. 12 Moderate W snowing lightly -at Aquaforte all this day surveying -fine after 10am - wind fresh NW -delivered "Meg" the mare to Thos [—?]
Sat. 13 Light NW wind blinking snow -Peter Bruit went for St. Johns during last night & several other boats -at night Wind NE several vessels passing N.
Sun. 14 Fine morning, nearly calm -some rain fell during the night -Sacrament at the church today -few remained- Mr. Morry, Matt Morry & my brother came to tea after evening service was over
Mon. 15 Fresh breeze SSW small rain & raw cold -G'l Qu'r Session of the Peace to day - In Court from 10am untill dark -adjourned to tomorrow at 11 o'clock -hard rain -Matt'w Morry Jr. dined here
Tue. 16 Light air SW dark and gloomy much rain appears to have fallen in the night - Court House nearly all today
Wed. 17 Calm, clear fine morning, white frost Several vessels passing North today
Thu. 18 Moderate W wind, dry & clear - Killed the cow had from [L—ey ?] for Meg. Eliza, Mary Ann & Mary O. at Capelin Bay. Mills at work 2nd job -
Fri. 19 Calm dark morning, dry & clear -Set Mills at work by Commissioners' at 2/- per Perch & to

be paid for drains -set Flaherty at work by Luke Brown's at/6 per Perch -Jno & Tim Bryan from Stoney? River Eastward at 2/- per perch to open drains, level & gravel Road

Sat. 20 Fresh breeze NE with snow & sleet, rather raw cold, between 1st of this month & this day a good deal of fish has been caught by those who got Herrings so much as 6 or 7 Qtls for a days catch - Herring have been rather scarce, -at night blinking snow & blowing hard.

Sun. 21 Strong gale NE a heavy fall of snow in the night the ground covered & deeply where drifted - at 1 lam clearing off - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service at church in the afternoon -My Brother & Mary -Robert & wife, Mrs. LeMessurier & H'y Morry came in to tea after this evening

Mon. 22 Wind moderate SW fine morning -froze during last night, quite winter like today - "Eliz Marg't" returned here from Market - 20 days from Cadiz with salt -thawing today wind at West night fine

Tue. 23 Light airs SW fine morning -Capt Mills of the "Lioness" came from Reneuse to enter his vessel from Oporto in 27 days passage. -Went to Reneuse this afternoon and remained the night at Evans' very fine day smart frost

Wed. 24 Light breeze NW in the morning - froze my hand last night, left Reneuse at 1 lam and came home - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton & Mary O. spent the evening with us.

Thu. 25 Fine morning wind fresh at West and quite mild snow melting very fast

Fri. 26 Fresh breeze SW mild & dull -Strong gale as day came on with showers of rain -at night blowing hard -spent the evening over at Roberts

Sat. 27 Moderate, mild & misty wind SSW -10am James left her per Eliz Marg't for St. Johns. Snow quite gone again, cattle turned out at night again -Sent Kavanagh's cow over to the Downs last evening to stay there

Sun. 28 Fresh breeze SW with heavy rain - a strong gale all last night -Received copy of list of voters from Mr. Clow last evening

Mon. 29 Moderate SW frost last night -at 8am Mr. McLea Jr. came here by Mountain's boat last from St. Johns

Tue. 30 Strong breeze NE with snow the ground covered all over already Very strong gale all day with snow

1847-DECEMBER

Wed. 1 Very sharp frosty morning with a considerable quantity of snow down -wind NNE - Dined with Robert & spent the evening there

Thu. 2 Fresh breeze SW mild & clear the snow thawing away -Wrote W Rendell Jr. by Peter Bruit today -At the Court House this forenoon -very wet underfoot

Fri. 3 Fresh breeze W with heavy rain & free thaw -snow all gone again -a very heavy gale all the past night at S - Deveraux's boat left for St. Johns

Sat. 4 Very strong breeze SW hard rain & dark & gloomy weather - a strong gale with much rain all this day, James came in evening

Sun. 5 Moderate NE wind, dry & clear Two services at the church today, the stove not set up there yet - very wet under foot day very dull - several craft passing N & S chiefly boats

Mon. 6 Moderate NE wind, thick wet mist and so continued all through the day Spent the evening at my Brother's house

Tue. 7 Moderate NE nearly calm, thick fog on the Hills & misting -Robert & Kenneth McLea Jr. left for St. Johns overland at 9am

Wed. 8 Fresh breeze at NNE, strong gale all night gentle frost -dry and clear today & the water much drained off the ground - Men at work on Aquaforte Road under Dan'l [- ?] yesterday, the 1st day -

Thu. 9 Fresh breeze NW light frost clear & dry -account rec'd yesterday that La Manche Bridge was carried away by flood - Flaherty and Mills at work by the day on the Roads - boats left for St. Johns

Fri. 10 Moderate SW mild and dull -Rain as day passed in showers
Sat. 11 Strong breeze NW mild and clear had the kitchen chimney swept by Wm Frampton and Thos Bow this morning -My brother went to Capelin Bay this evening to start by land tomorrow morning with Mr Morry for Saint Johns
Sun. 12 Fine morning with strong gale NNW wind clear and dry - Lion sailed in last night for St. Johns -Mr. Norris's boat came home brought the acc't of the Lion being at anchor off Petit Harbour with loss of all her sails. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning - Service at church in the afternoon. Mary O. Carter sleeps here tonight.
Mon. 13 Moderate SW wind & fine, employed arranging & ordering the work on the Roads walked to Aquaforte & back
Tue. 14 Strong breeze NW mild and clear -at noon North with mizzling rain very mild for the season, no snow down
Wed. 15 Moderate SW very dark & mild Rain occasionally during the day at night cleared away Wind NW
Thu. 16 Fresh breeze at N blinking snow, frosty 10pm James came from St. Johns in Peter's boat left it at night fall -Strong breeze and smart frost
Fri. 17 Calm clear & fine frost pretty sharp -Walked to Aquaforte to superintend the men working upon the Roads -Parsons on the Roads -
Sat. 18 Fresh breeze NE dark but dry & clear, smart frost - South side men at work today - the North side men not --Rev. Jas Murphy here today
Sun. 19 Moderate SW with fog & mist the ground lightly covered with snow -at 4pm Robert arrived from St. Johns by land left it yesterday morning - Mary Anne, Mary O and little Simms dined and spent the evening with us. RC brought us the ac/ct of Fanny having been confined yesterday of a son & all well -
Mon. 20 Moderate S wind, hazy and thawing freely Men at work upon the Roads in Ferryland still -Deveraux ready to leave for St. Johns in his boat
Tue. 21 Calm morning moderate frost & fine at noon wind SW moderate H'y Winsers & Deveraux's boats left for St. Johns others passed N -Service at church today in forenoon -Went to Aquaforte to forbid delivery of meal at H'y Winsers without my order.
Wed. 22 Fresh breeze at NE smart frost the ground sprinkled with snow -Strong gale at from ENE to SE towards night with snow & at last Rain -men on the Roads at Aquaforte & Ferryland discontinued their work
Thu. 23 Fresh breeze at West & beginning to freeze grounds covered with snow -Killed the cow bought from Pat Kavenagh.
Fri. 24 Calm morning, & blinking snow, the ground lightly covered with snow - Mary O spent the evening with us -strong gale at SW with much rain -
Sat. 25 Christmass Day - Strong breeze NW smart frost, fine clear morning ground nearly cleared from snow again - Morning Service and Sacrament today - Robert his wife [G/E?] Simms & Mary O dined
Sun. 26 Moderate NE wind about 2 inches of snow down during the night - Two full services at church today at 3pm raining very fast - Two boats appear to be coming in here from St. Johns - At night raining & free thaw -10pm very strong gale NW & clear
Mon. 27 Fresh breeze NW clear fine morning -Sharp frosty weather, ground covered with snow and ice -Service this forenoon at the church
Tue. 28 Fine morning, clear & moderate NW freezing smartly -Wrote W. Rendell Jr to go by Mountain's boat tomorrow - Mary O slept here
Wed. 29 Moderate SW fine, clear & mild -Mountain left for St. Johns this morning Snow showers and rain during the day -thawing freely at night - at Robert's to tea
Thu. 30 Wind fresh at West thawing freely -dull- Mr. Morry & my brother came from St. Johns by land -Mat Ben Jno & H'y Morry- P LeMessurier Mr. Stephenson Robert & wife & Mary O took tea & spent the evening with me - Satisfactory letter from Mrs. W. Rendell by my

brother -

Fri. 31 Fresh breeze WNW mild and clean snow nearly all gone again - the Acc't of Mudge's & Co, premises S Side St. Johns having been recently burned down reached us -Killed the cow old Joan yesterday -Thawing freely all today -at night cleared away fine & clear -Several vessels passed North today suppose one of them to be the Packet Sandwich -My brother came down from Capelin Bay & St. Johns last night -saw him today.

So ends the memorable year of 1847 - no snow on the ground and weather fine and mild - The fisheries this season have been very partial in some places very bad -some parts of Labrador good - Western boats that were employed caught much fish along the early part of the summer upon the whole had better voyages as to quantity than for years -The prices for fish were rather low in comparison with the very high prices all sorts of provisions commanded at commencement of the season - Fish 13/11/ 10/ 9/ per Qtl -Oil 20 to 25 in the season

Some fires in St. Johns this summer the principal Tobin's & Mudge's & Co. on South Side - Building at St. Johns providing to a great extent much labour & material expended some fine stone buildings putting up by principal Firms -

Many Spaniards at St. Johns for fish most of them to C H Bennett & Co. the other merchants assisted this House to provide fish as they required thereby keeping the price of fish down to the severe injury of the catcher & their own losses as well -

The Fishery prosecuted almost entirely in 2 Handed punts & Whale Boats the catchers curing their own fish, a system entailing poverty & destitution on all sides. Fish caught up to end of November this season, more plentiful latterly than at Midsummer - Public Meeting praying the Governor to relieve their wants held here

The Potatoe disease made its appearance here early in September and before long destroyed the whole crop, except a few taken up and made use of early afterwards; Potatoes now a great rarity could not be purchased & few held even as small quantity for own use these very bad - Wheat & Barley came to good perfection here & yielded fair returns to tillers, Hay crop beyond an average crop, the after grass the best I remember, indeed very luxuriant - Very few gales or storms, fine weather prevailed throughout the summer not a good fish curing season a great heat in the atmosphere with dampness -

Fever prevailed at St. Johns on arrival of passenger vessels from Britain brought by them to St. Johns - some few youngsters brought into the district died of it, the inhabitants took it but did not end fatally in many instances though some persons were seriously ill from it & recovered - Mrs. Toole of Capelin Bay died of it - Mrs. Ed Power of Brigus died the last month (Dec'r) both those old inhabitants and natives of the district

Peter Winser of Aquaforte and several of his family went over to the Roman Church, causing great domestic discomfort to his children & they being dependent entirely on him for support had choice of going to doors or turn, very much like a persecution -

Considerable quantities of Meal & Molasses brought into this district to assist those in distress by employing them to work on the Roads paying them in above sort of food -The sums of £200 -£50 -£25 -£ 100 were granted by Governor at various periods for this purpose - Mr. Morry, Rev. Hamilton, Rev. Murphy & self appointed Commissioners for distribution thereof etc. - Several families no doubt are very much distressed but in general the extravagant, improvident & lazy compose the greatest portion of those in want - had the potatoe crop not been destroyed much want would not have been felt -

A singular occurrence of an abandoned Barque laden with Flour drove upon this coast the month of July and what is so singular & unusual in this is, that she drove Northward with the current for ten days contrary to usual course of the current - Many Hundred Barrels of flour were taken out of her, landed here and in other parts of the Island from boats & vessels. She was towed nearly into St. Johns by HM Steamer "Vesuvius" and off Petit Harbour she was again abandoned by the Steamer not because she could not be towed in, but is surmised a large Pic Nic party was to come of at St.

Johns which would be over before they could get in if they held her in tow, -the wreck was then left to drive along the coast, she then came Southward and remained a long time floating in the waters Edge not visible scarcely about upon Cape Ballard Bank to the great danger of the boats & vessels, several boats ran in & over the wreck & Robert's boat lost Rind & Anchor by her. She was a new vessel and a very fine one was called the "Emma" was laden at Quebec with 7 or 8000 B'ls flour for Europe - the build [ED: meaning builder?] of that place launched this year - She was in collision at sea with another vessel, her side stove in, she filled & her crew left her in the vessel that ran into her - so far what information we have of her -A careless & a dangerous proceeding on the part of the Steamer belonging to H.M. and with Lloyd's Agent onboard at the time - Last spring opened very early & very fine little or no drift ice seen along the front of our seaboard during the Spring, little snow or frost after first breaking up of winter

Severe events in many of the States and Countries in Europe & America - War in full vigor between America & Mexico the Mexicans losing ground fast, City after City considerable destruction of Life by battle and disease - Great consternation in Papal States on Ascension of

Pope Pius 9 to the Chair - Warlike movement of troops by Austria on the Pope's Dominions, Naples & Sicily also in uproar Great civil discord prevailing in Spain & Portugal, the Queen & King of Spain not being able to live in harmony the latter is driven from the Palace - that Country kept in civil war by Emissaries & providings of Louis Philipe - Murders & suicides in France amongst first of the Land to an alarming extent among the nobility in particular - Great frauds discovered then amongst the Ministers & Officers of the State - Duc de Pouslin murdered his Duchess his son 17 yrs old committed suicide -Count Bresion who was principal in advancing & bringing to pass the Spanish marriages committed suicide - several others high in station in France

Great scarcity of money in Britain owing partly to our speculation & hopes in Com Trade - enormously heavy & numerous failures of Mercantile Firms and Banks in Britain & in Europe as well, of first rate Houses concerned in Trade in all the various parts of the World, the most extensive & first rate Houses and for heavy liabilities - Manufacturing districts feeling severely the effects Labourers being thrown out of employment -

Heavy influx of paupers from Ireland into Lpl, Glasgow & other large places to great loss of those places. -Destitution & famine in most parts of Ireland, Millions of money expended in endeavouring to avert & relieve the Evil -Subscriptions pouring in from all parts for the relief of Ireland - America sent cargoes of food to Ireland -Scotland suffering in [Island?] & High lands very severe want -HM Steamers running in all directions with food for relief of sufferers and victualling offices in full work day & night grinding & baking - foreign ports that against the exportation of grain in Spain, Portugal & Med'n.

HM Queen Victoria & Suite visited High Lands of Scotland and sojourned there sometime, indeed untill the weather gave notice of winters approach. She went by water & returned to Lancashire by water landed at Fleetwood and thence overland to Winsor.

Cholera ongoing in the East, even approached so far as Russia & westward of it, expected in England from its travelling so fast Westward -

Most extensive dissolution among the Emigrants to Quebec somewhere about 10,000 died at [Grape?] Island in St. Lawrence of the passengers, many others of those who came as nurses, Medincal & Clinal [ED: copied as spelled] attendants on the sick, many inhabitants at Quebec died also of the disease called the Ship fever, supposed to have been created by sufferings of the poor creatures before they left Ireland by famine.

The Rev. Frank Willoughby, long in this country as superintendant of Nfld Schools died there - The Episcopal Cathedral at St. Johns commenced building this year - Mr. Hays the Architect -the Col'l Building also erecting, Purcel, Architect - Col'l Sir John Gaspard LeMarchant, Governor this year in this Island -Hon. Thos Norton Chief Justice resigned this office as Chief Justice to avoid being dismissed for some political offence at Demerara or in Br Guiana - E.F.[Bundy/Bindy?] appointed Chief Justice, an Irishman & Catholic, brother of the celebrated barrister of that name.-

Legislature prorogued, charter having expired No general election under any other form of

Government, a great disappointment to many of those hungry wolves who look to their seat as a means of supporting them -

The Poor in the district very badly supplied for the winter, Famine was much to be dreaded early in the fall but the late fishing afforded great relief and the Food sent into the district by the Governor for the winter will I hope & trust prevent famine -want is, will & must be severely felt. - Thank God for the Mercies & blessings secured & vouchsafed to me & mine through the past year & may his never failing Mercies be showered down upon us & on all as it most fitting [ED: words missing] New Year - AMEN –

END OF BOOK 18

of

Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. This printed form, filled in by hand as follows, formed the first and last pages of this book. It is obvious that the blank pages, used for the daily journal writing, were left overs from previous uses to do with his various jobs as surveyor, Customs & Naval Immigration Officer. They might be the backs of old forms. The columns under the heading, Foreign Ships I have left blank as they had no relevant entries. The space had been used by Robert Carter for scribbling notes to himself, ("Mrs. Austin's hay rec'd by Thos Dow 1st March & weighed, not br't home-"); and as scrap paper for adding up columns of figures (e.g.£13.0.19).
2. Mary Oxenham Carter, 18 or 19 at this time, daughter of James Howe Carter, whose wife died while the three children were very small. See Family Tree, elsewhere.
3. A buoyed up fishing line with hooks attached along it, regularly
4. Whose 2 sons? Not his brother James Howe Carter's because he had only one son. If not the journal writer's own two, Robert and James Henry Carter, then it could refer to Judge Simms' sons one of whom is named in an entry a few days later as James Simms Jr.

ROBERT CARTER'S JOURNAL

BOOK 19

January 1 - December 31, 1848

The journal entries are preceded by part of a filled-in form:

Date	Merchant's Name	Ship's Name
1847, August 25	William Kelligrew	Lioness
1847 Sept 8	Roderick McNeile	Lark

Another portion of this form is found at the end of the journal:

Master's Name	Whence	?
Wm. Mills	Figueira	4400 bushells..
Rod'k McNeile	Gut of Canso	1 Firkin ...

1848 -JANUARY

Sat. 1 Moderate NE, nearly calm, fine clear & mild, the ground clear of snow, but frozen last night - Prayers at church this forenoon - Some vessels & boats passing Robert & his Wife dined with me - My brother and Mary O in the evening

Sun. 2 Fresh breeze SSW thick misty weather thawing freely, ground clear of snow - Deveraux's boat came in during last night from St. Johns - Service at Aquaforte this forenoon. Here in the afternoon, fresh wind at WNW

Mon. 3 Fresh breeze SW mild as May clear but dull with drops of rain occasionally no frost in the ground or snow laying Mr. P LeMessurier left by land for St. Johns

Tue. 4 Light air at E. raining very fast & dull heavy rain all day, Wind vble from NE to ENE very raw cold and appeared rather strong at sea

Wed. 5 Strong breeze WNW. clear & dry Midday very strong gale & freezing -

Thu. 6 Fresh breeze at SSE, freezing smart snowing a little - Service at the church this forenoon - James & Mary O Robert & Henry Morry here to tea & evening

Fri. 7 Calm dull mild morning, Pat Ryan left for St. Johns this morning with Co Ho Returns, letters etc. as Postman "Unicorn" steamer passed N at noon yesterday on her way to St. Johns & England

Sat. 8 Light air SW fine morning gentle frost no snow down yet - 2 Brigs one schooner in sight bound Southward

Mon. 10 Very fresh breeze SW thick fog mild and thawing freely - At Court House this forenoon - Jas Mountain's boat came from St. Johns last night

Tue. 11 Calm morning, snowing fast - Cleared away at Noon - Gatheral landed 25 Bls meal in Mr. Morry's store - at night fine and frosty

Wed. 12 Calm, dull & blinking snow. At Court House all day about the Poor's Business by Commissioners

Thu. 13 Fine morning, frosty wind North good breeze - ground covered with snow Thomas Payne came from St. Johns

Fri. 14 Calm fine morning smart frost Went to Capelin Bay and got the Precept signed by Mr. Morry & sent it to Mr. Clow - fine evening

Sat. 15 Calm morning, dull but clear-posted notices of sale of Ann & Mary's things saved from boat back of downs

Sun. 16 Thick fog and thawing quite calm at noon thawing very free & misty. Two services at church today

Mon. 17 Light air NE, clear & fine light frost at noon SE at night rain & silver thaw. Spent the

evening at Roberts, Mr & Mrs. Hamilton, Mr & Mrs. Stephenson - my Brother, Mrs LeMessurier & Eliza.

Tue. 18 Calm, clear morning, mild & thawing continued mild all day & soft. Snow and ice all gone again

Wed. 19 Light air SW clear but dull, very mild, thawing freely, just like April - Fresh meat all getting worse for keeping - Strong gale at WSW rather raw cold

Thu. 20 Fine morning fresh breeze NNW freezing smart - Went to Capelin Bay with Mrs. Carter, met Mr. Morry on the Road and returned home, Mrs. Morry being in Ferryland.

Fri. 21 Fine morning, sharp frost last night, calm and clear but cloudy - Walked to 3 Corner Pond with my brother & Mary O & my sons & children¹ - Pond strong enough to bear in the centre the edges weak - No snow down, the Gullies scarcely caught over A small schooner bound coastways put in here windbound - at night wind SW and very mild - PostMan left for St. Johns today

Sat. 22 Dull, mild, morning, strong breeze SW thawing freely - the Anniversary of my daughter Mary's birthday also of my brother, the latter 56 years of age - Mary 23 years old - At noon heavy gale & much rain.

Sun. 23 Light air NNW fine and clear smart frost during the night, Service here the afternoon, morning at Aquaforte - I found firing today² - Mr. Ellis came here on Roberts's affair. My brother & Mary O, Robert & wife etc at our house in evening & Mat Morry

Mon. 24 Moderate NNE Wind, clear & fine smart frosty weather no snow on the ground - Very severe frost towards evening. Mr. Ellis of Exmouth called on me about Roberts's property, saw his Power of Atty authorizing to act for him in all things exhibited my Bill of Sale of purchase of place my House and Garden stands on with which he was not acquainted, saw Robert pay him the Rent of Room for 1847 and paid him on a/c of Jas How Carter the rent rec'd from Joseph Williams for 1846, the commission of 5% was retained by JHC. Went up to Mr. Stephenson's after ten to play cards for an Hour or two - Some men passed through from Trepassey for St. Johns belonging to vessel that was wrecked, a sch'r in Aquaforte.

Tue. 25 Very fine morning, very severe frost, nearly calm, harbour in lolly, no snow down - Wind NW. Burke's Sch'r from Placentia here yet last night the hardest frost yet this winter Offered Mr. Ellis £60 curr'y for Roberts's room payable in two years & 5% until paid - Robert & James offered to take a lease at £10 curr'y per annum Ellis to sent answer towards the Spring after he has written to the Parties owning it in England - Delivered by my son James to J. A. Ellis, Joseph Williams's lease of Roberts's property. The wind bound Coasters here & at Aquaforte left this morning for St. Johns - Mr. Morry went to Court House with me to meet Poor Commissioners, neither Messrs Murphy or Hamilton attended - Afternoon fine wind W good breeze - a skiff with two sprit sails passed Southward about 1pm - Ab'm LeMessurier came here overland for St. Marys - H Morry & W Johnson killed one deer and caught another on Friday last in the interior

Wed. 26 Light air at WNW dull, the ground covered with snow that fell in the night, very mild morning - Geo. Simms Jun'r came here from Trepassey. Rev'd James Murphy came here & became security for Jno Gregory, John Dullanty & John Jordan each to have 1 Bbl meal

Thu. 27 Strong breeze NNE dull & heavy smart frosty weather but little snow - Geo Simms Jr. returned to Trepassey Pat Ryan came from Saint Johns and brought us letters

Fri. 28 Wind NE good breeze, moderate frost, fine morning - at 3pm, a schooner passed S.- blowing strong the air soft but raw, looking for a change - Mr. Ellis & Mr. Ab LeMessurier left for St. Johns by land this afternoon

Sat. 29 Moderate NE wind with a very heavy sea tumbling in on the land hazy and mild, but dry & not frosty Went to Aquaforte with Mr. Morry to fix upon the direction for a Road - Rev'd James Murphy present also - returned here just before night - thawing freely - Mr. Morry & my brother came in to tea & remained. Mr. Morry had late dinner with me (chocolate)

Sun. 30 Fine morning, wind NE moderate hazy over the sea & heavy heave on the land No service

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here in church today, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse. No snow down
Mon. 31 Dull morning thawing, wind fresh at NE and as mild as May no frost or snow -except
a little ice on the springs in hollows -thick cold & wet fog afternoon

1848 - FEBRUARY

Tue. 1 Thick wet fog, wind NE moderate in the morning towards noon fresh breeze - General
Qr Sess'n of the Peace today, no cause for trial, fully attended by G'd [ED: grand] &
Petit jurors - at night similar weather thawing freely - Cow (Jess) calved in the
afternoon -neither Mr. Winsor or J. W. Saunders here today - John Goodridge & Wm
Kelligrew here

Wed. 2 Fresh breeze NE damp mizzling wether - not so thick as yesterday and more wind -
Can see the Downs Islands etc. but as soft as regards frost as in May or June. -A vessel
put into Cape Broyle, no one landed from her when the Informant passed along -a
large Brigantine

Thu. 3 Very strong breeze NE - with much sea heaving on the shore, clearer than yesterday
and dry, freezing a little, no snow or frost upon the ground now. My brother &
daughter, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Robert & his wife & Mr. Stephenson spent the
evening at my house by invitation

Fri. 4 Fresh breeze NE, clear & sunny with scarcely
any frost, not at all winterlike Strong breeze all day, at night fine & frosty. Opened a
barrell of flour for use today James went to Cape Broyle today -returned same evening
with muscles - P. Ryan left

Sat. 5 Fresh breeze NNE much sea on the shore, frost very moderate last night clear and dry
morning - the "Jane" in Cape Broyle from Cork for St. Johns 20 days passage - Cargo
bread & bricks John LeMessurier, James & Robert spent the evening here upon
Muscles for supper -

Sun. 6 Moderate NE by E wind, very dull and heavy looking at 10am, Snowing fast very
mild - Services here in the church today -Fred'k Morry came to Capelin Bay last night
brought the a/ct of the death of Mr. R.R. Wakeham recently also of Mrs. Fred'k Lush
and Mrs. Wm Goff all of St. Johns

Mon. 7 Light air SW dull & nearly calm - the ground lightly covered in silver thaw, mild and
hazy -R. Morry came last night from Saint Johns by land

Tue. 8 Moderate Breeze SW mild and clear, very gentle frost last night not all the feel or
appearance of winter resembling April more than February Alan Goodridge here from
Renewse to enter the "Viola" from Figueira in 23 days - Spent the evening in a party
at my brothers

Wed. 9 Moderate SW wind, mild & fine - Went to Renewse to examine the "Viola" very
moderate frost last night - guaged the wine onboard and returned by water A large
party at Capelin Bay tonight, the weather set in so wet & boisterous many were
obliged to remain there all night

Thu. 10 Strong breeze SW very mild & free thaw with haze over the sea - Very heavy rain
last night, and a smart gale at SSW. - some from the CBay party passed at 11 am -at
night blowing very strong -

Fri. 11 Fresh breeze SW fine morning gentle frost. Thawing in the sun today - a Brig'e passed
North about 4pm. freezing a little wind NW. a large party of Juveniles at my Brother's
this evening to a dance - a fine day throughout with fresh breeze -

Sat. 12 Fine morning, frosty & clear, fresh breeze NNW some little snow on the ground
during the night - cleared the "Viola" for St. Johns this morning - a Brig'e but into
Aquaaforte at 3pm - Wind NE fresh breeze since 10am

Sun. 13 Light air NE fine day clear morning gentle frost during the night - Mr. Hamilton at
Aquaaforte this forenoon just the appearance of snow on the ground, most beautiful
weather more like spring than winter (crocusses open in pots in the parlour) - Fred'k
Rob't & Arthur Morry came in to tea this evening - "Veronica" in Aquaaforte from
Cork for St. Johns 21 days out

Mon. 14 Blowing hard at SE some snow fell in the night, raining fast now (10am) & thawing
freely.

a dirty time for vessels on the coast - "Valentine's Day" -very rough day very wet upon the Roads Snow nearly all gone

Tue. 15 Strong breeze SW very light frost dry and clear -thawing at noon freezing again towards evening, light blinks of snow - Spent the evening at Mr. Stephenson's with a large party of Carter's & Morry's - remained late dancing

Wed. 16 Moderate SW gentle frost, dull - The "Viola" passed for St. Johns at 8am - Fred'k Morry left the Bay for St. Johns sent a letter to William Rendell Jr enclosing Alan Goodridge's order on McBride & Kern -the ground quite bare of snow again - "Veronica" from Aquaforte to St. Johns passed

Thu. 17 Moderate SW mild, clear & fine - light snow showers during the day a Schooner put into Capelin Bay today a Fore & After - Snow melting as it comes down at night freezing & blinking snow

Fri. 18 Light air off the land almost calm - fine clear morning, very light frost -Robert & James & others went to Cape Broyle for Muscles in a whale boat quite a summer day at 2pm Wind came up NE moderate & cold

Sat. 19 Strong gale at NE snowing fast and drifting the first Winter day this year -about 2pm Kenneth McLea Jr. came here from St. Johns by land left yesterday morning, bring an account of the Eliz'th Margaret in 22 days from Cork.

Sun. 20 Strong breeze NNW smart frost the ground covered with the snow that fell yesterday -Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today - No Services here

Mon. 21 Calm, dull morning - James & young K McLea accompanied by Peter Bruit left for Saint Johns this morning overland - at Court House today Mr. Morry & son Robert dined with me My brother his daughter & Mr. Stephenson & Robert in the evening - Pat Ryan called for letters

Tue. 22 Nearly calm & dull but clear Rain during last night & light frost this morning -Young folks at Capelin Bay - at Mr. Stephensons to tea -at night blowing strong from N & has been all day - clear & frosty -Several travellers passing N

Wed. 23 Nearly calm - very fine frosty morning Fresh breeze at NNW as day advanced at 3pm a Brig'e passed N a Sealer - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came & spent the evening A boat passed N today -

Thu. 24 Moderate NNW wind, fine clear morning - smart frost during the night and the ground lightly covered with snow Wind variable during the day from S to W blinking snow - at night wind NW. Service at the church

Fri. 25 Fresh breeze NNW, smart frost, some snow fell during the night, froze smart the Ink in the office caught - at noon NNE fresh breeze at 5pm the Eliz. Margaret came in from St. Johns - James in her left St. Johns at noon today -states that the ice & ice bergs is in right at St. Johns.

Sat. 26 Strong breeze NNW fine & clear morning very severe frost the Harbour catching - Aquaforte cleared for the ice today Many men passing on for St. Johns - Sent the letter rec'd from Sec'y's office of 18th last to the constables of Renewse, Fermeuse and Cape Broyle to stick up & stuck one up here - At night smart frosty weather clear & fine and nearly calm

Sun. 27 Clear morning, wind light at SW nearly calm - Two ice bergs in sight and apparently drift ice also -Smart frost last night - Two services at church today -Jas Johnson's child baptized during afternoon service (Wm Henry) - Capt. Haggart dined with me - At night quite calm, gentle frost

Mon. 28 Strong breeze at N - fine and clear very sharp frost the Harbour catching over and berg arising out of the water very little snow fallen during the night A Brig stood in for Cape Broyle at 1 lam and bore away for Southward - a very severe day of frost and strong breeze - the coldest day for this winter

Tue. 29 Fine, calm morning, the Harbour frozen over that with great difficulty a punt can be got through it, the severest frost last night the this winter yet - wind SW moderate & fine wind

raw blowing across the lolly - Pelter cleared out

1848 -MARCH

Wed. 1 Calm morning with thick heavy rain & free thaw - the past night a very severe gale at SW to S with snow and rain the Harbour frozen over partly & filled with lolly, the Eliz. Margaret drove through the lolly towards the wharf with two anchors down by force of the wind - At noon wind WSW raining the lolly moving off & out of the Harbour

Thu. 2 Strong breeze at WSW with heavy snow showers occasionally, light frost last night, the Harbour clear of ice and lolly driving along the coast - At 5pm "Eliz Margaret" sailed for the ice the first out of the district moderate in the evening wind WNW

Fri. 3 Moderate WNW wind very fine morning the Harbour and ocean caught over in lolly -at 9am Brig Aquaforte for the ice passed - [-?] the Pelter at 10am - Lioness left last night In the evening a boat passed southward Fresh breeze all day from NW to WNW

Sat. 4 Wind moderate at E mizzling rain some snow fallen during the night the Harbour foil of lolly - at noon wind SW at 5pm strong gale at West & blinking snow and beginning to freeze hard

Sun. 5 Fine morning, small quantity of snow fell during the night, the first part of last night it blew very strong from SW froze pretty smartly - Wind NW the Harbour slightly caught with lolly. - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning -Service here in the afternoon -a Sch'r and a boat passed to Southward at night dark & heavy light breeze at SW.

Mon. 6 Very strong breeze at West, blew hard in the night, rained & snowed a little frosty and clear this morning - at noon very strong gale at NNW & freezing. Killed Jess's calf - sent Robert a Quarter (Hind)

Tue. 7 Calm morning, snowing fast very mild - at 10am cleared off & wind came up SW soon after commenced snowing - Eliza & James set out in a sleigh for Brigus, but were soon obliged to return, strong breeze NNW & snow drifts cleared at Ham. fine, they then went to Aquaforte & back at 4pm wind NW, strong, snow drifting very much -the wind has been vble all this day N to SW -at the Court House, no Poor Commissioners there - Mr. P. LeMessurier came from St. Johns overland brought account of a melancholy shipwreck near Petit Harbour on Friday night last, an emigrant Dutch vessel with 130 passengers 60 of whom she had taken from the wreck of the "Adelaide" few poor souls escaped alive -

Wed. 8 Ash Wed. Strong breeze at NW freezing very sharply Harbour catching in lolly. Ground well covered with snow -quite winter - Crocusses & Hyacinths in bloom in the Parlour. Strong gales of wind from N to W since the sealers sailed for the ice & sharp frosty weather. Forenoon service at the Church today the Commination read from the Pulpit - at 3pm the wind more Westerly and air much milder

Thu. 9 Strong breeze SW very fine morning, very free thaw, snow going very fast in the sun -the air quite as warm as if it were May - Pat Ryan got his letters yesterday, to leave today - Jno Coady's boat here from Fermeuse for meal -a vessel supposed to be the "Packet" passed today Immense numbers of sea ducks about the shore - Gave Jno Coady an order on J H Carter for 13 Brls meal sent here by Government

Fri. 10 Fresh breeze SSW mild & thawing very freely -fog at sea - dark and gloomy the snow nearly all gone again, much water coming down over the Hills & steep places - Gave Jno Coady an order on Jno Morry for 25 barrels Meal and one pun'n [ED: puncheon] Molasses -Mr. Coady left this

Sat. 11 Fresh breeze SW fog at sea. dark & heavy thawing freely -air like May - Frost and snow nearly all gone & no frost in the ground - at 10am, blowing strong gale.- with heavy rain in showers all day & fog at sea

Sun. 12 Very moderate West wind, dull but very mild like the spring in May Snow all gone, ground quite bare & no frost in it -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse - at 2pm. wind NW moderate, drying up and the air something [cooller?] - dull

Mon. 13 Moderate NE wind, dull but clear & dry Walked to Aquaforte, weather fine & warm. Pat Ryan the "Postman" came in from St. Johns this day bringing letters, announcing amongst other things the melancholy intelligence of the attempt of M. McLea Jr. on his own life in Baltimore & his property there being destroyed by fire uninsured, distressing particulars - bringing great distress upon members of my family one of whom was engaged to him

Tue. 14 Fresh breeze SSW very light frost during the night - Went up to Capelin Bay & back before dinner. Wrote Mr. Crowdy & Mrs W. Rendell Jr. foggy chief part of today - wind raw & cold

Wed. 15 Fresh breeze SSW looking mucky considerable sea, heavy on the rocks - mild but raw cold - Mid day strong gale SSE. 4pm hard rain

Thu. 16 Moderate NE wind - dark & gloomy with heavy rain -at noon nearly calm at 3pm wind S light air

Fri.17 St. Patrick - Fresh breeze SSE with dark gloomy weather, thick fog and heavy rain occasionally, no snow nor ice -at 5pm wind S fresh - a man at Church Cove searching for money said to have been buried there -

Sat. 18 Moderate SSW dark & heavy, but clearer than yesterday morning, heavy sea heaving in upon the coast. - John Glyn of Bay Bulls brought a letter from Edw Nowlan about his land - sent back a plan of the land and [W W?] Noad stating the particulars & confirming my Report on Nowlan's Petition - at night same weather

Sun. 19 Calm with thick fog - No vestige of snow or ice remaining no frost in the ground. - 2 Services at church today Wind variable from S to SW & WSW cleared away in the afternoon after some very heavy showers of rain - Goose laid first egg

Mon.20 Fresh breeze at West, clear & fine quite mild and drying up without any sign of frost -At noon very strong breeze & fine weather - James left for Capelin Bay to go shooting in woods A Brig'e passed at 2pm - N. red & white [Ribband?] - yellow bowsprit going North

Tue.21 Wind NE moderate & fine, no frost or snow. "Lioness" Kelligrew passed for Reneuse from the ice, pull ship (5000) At Court House today about meal etc. Spent the evening at my brothers at night when coming home a little snow fell

Wed.22 Calm morning, ground covered in snow but not deep appears to promise a fine day. no frost. - at noon snow all gone, light air from NE. blinking snow - at night snowing fast & freezing

Thu. 23 Strong breeze NNE. the ground covered in snow and smart frost about 1 or 2 inches of snow down - A Schooner coming from the North several sealers into St. Johns full trips a boat passing S. - & smart frost at night

Fri. 24 Fine sharp morning, calm & clear very frosty - at noon wind SE fine & mild

Sat. 25 Fresh breeze ENE frosty, clear, raw cold. - Service at church this forenoon 10pm "Pelter" gone to Aquaforte, from the ice apparently with a full trip -James came out of the interior, but no game saw several deer - Pat Ryan from St. Johns at 5pm -Pelter [loading?] 1500 seals

Sun. 26 Thick fog, Trees covered with silver thaw and the ground also, Wind NE light Silver thaw all fallen from the trees & a free thaw instead, afternoon dry - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service in the Church afternoon

Mon. 27 Calm with thick fog and very mild - Guns heard out at sea as if from some vessel desirous to get into Port - light air S.

Tue. 28 Calm with thick fog & very mild -at 10am fog lifted a little wind SW "Lioness" and another vessel passed -Spent the evening at Roberts, Messrs Morry Stephenson & J H Carter & Mary there

Wed. 29 Calm clear morning with rain & fog on the hills - light air SW during the day and showers of rain occasionally

Thu. 30 Moderate SW wind, with light rain cleared away towards noon, at evening showers of rain -"Brothers" left for St. Johns, "Pelter" also several craft & vessels passing N & South -a very fine day during the early part of it at 6pm smart breeze NE by N with blinks of snow, freezing smart at night

Fri. 31 Thick breeze NE by N smart frost -fine and clear morning, ground hard Walked to

Aquaforte

to look about Roads -at 3pm wind S moderate & fine

1848-APRIL

Sat. 1 Fresh breeze at W. dark morning dry but not frosty - a Brig'e passed Northward like an American Clipper blowing very strong breeze - at night severe gale, but mild and clear - Robert, his wife, James & Eliza Simms dined with me.

Sun. 2 Strong breeze at W. clear & mild -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no services here, fine day & moderate all through - Wind NW at sunset - a boat going SW letters to Ryan

Mon. 3 Fine clear dry morning, light frost. Wind NE. Strong breeze at noon - a Brig'e passing Southwards Showers of snow at times - James Simms (George's) left for St. Johns by land with Pat Ryan

Tue. 4 Smart Breeze NE clear and dry with very smart frost - an Island of ice driving Southward, cold & raw all this day - at night blowing hard

Wed. 5 Strong breeze NE with heavy sea on and thick mist, thawing & milder than last night, a very severe gale all night with some snow showers - thick fog all day, clear at evening. 2 boys at work

Thu. 6 Clear morning raw cold - fresh breeze at SW went to Aquaforte and laid out a Road near James Meaghan's House Sam'l Case & John Ryan there to have ½ days work allowed them. 2 Walshes & [—?] at work.

Fri. 7 Wind NW moderate -no frost -clear but overcast - about 2 or 3 inches of snow fallen during the night - most part of the snow gone again at 5pm & fine evening - Robert gone shooting into the interior with H'y Morry

Sat. 8 Calm with fog on the hills & dull very mild no frost & snow nearly all gone again - Pat Ryan came from St. Johns brought accounts of the Revolution in France etc. - Wind NE

Sun. 9 Moderate NE wind, clear & fine for the time of year - dry but not frosty -Two services at church, no fire required Several vessels passing, "Brothers" came in from Saint Johns this evening

Mon. 10 Dull morning, wind moderate at West very slight frost during last night - Several of the men gone to Aquaforte today to work for the Meal Several craft passing N & S - Rich'd Sanders ready to leave for St. Johns in his boat, sent Co Ho Returns, etc

Tue. 11 Moist and hazy - Wind fresh NE - No Comm'rs at Court House this day much sea in upon the rocks the narrows breaking across

Wed. 12 Wind NE moderate froze smart last night - Walked to Aquaforte & back before dinner, about the Roads, - fine day

Thu. 13 Fresh breeze NE blinking wet snow - cleared away dry & fine as day advanced Several vessels passing & in sight. 2 Walshs & [—?]

Fri. 14 Wind NNW. fine morning gentle frost during the night; Rich'd Sanders left for St. Johns several vessels & boats passing - at evening fine weather

Sat. 15 Moderate & dull Wind NE. towards evening & blinking snow, wind raw - Went to Aquaforte to examine the Road - Walshs & [—?]

Sun. 16 Thick & hazy wind ENE moderate the ground covered with snow, wet and thawing fast. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte in the forenoon, Service here in the afternoon Ground covered with snow but thawing fast & blinking snow

Mon. 17 Wind NE dark & hazy, moderate with [sleet?] thawing all day, snow gone again at evening thick fog - "Aquaforte" came in from the ice with 1100 seals damaged

Tue. 18 Moderate SW wind dull & damp morning, cleared off at 10am. Wind fresh at West, 3 boats passed Northwards. At Aquaforte about the Road

Wed. 19 Moderate W wind, light frost last night, dull but clear morning At 10am cleared away fine several boats passing N

Thu.20 Moderate W wind light frost last night dull but clear morning clear & fine in middle of the day, & very moderate at 4pm Wind SW snowing fast Tom Toole reported Molases out at

Mr. Norris's, the last order in being Octo'r. Service this forenoon in the church
Fri. 21 Good Friday - Fresh breeze NE snowing fast about 6 inches of snow down already. -
Full service at church this forenoon - Bearing fresh NE & heavy fall of snow
Sat. 22 Strong gale NE by N, dark & heavy but clear, the drift ice driving along the coast
pretty close in, a good depth of snow down, not freezing now but raw cold winter
weather & appearance. At 6pm a sealer went into Aquaforte
Sun. 23 Easter Day - St. George's Day. Calm & clear but dull & mind -the ground covered
pretty deeply in snow - the drift ice coming into the Harbour the ocean apparently
covered with it - the vessel in Aquaforte is "Sealer" Jno Kearney master, 1600 seals.
- Two full services & sacrament at church today 15 Communicants -four vessels in
sight outside the ice quite loose - at 4pm calm at night - Wind NW the ice going out
of the Harbour, some injury done to the fishing Rooms by the ice
Mon. 24 Easter Monday - Fresh breeze N clear & fine, no frost Snow covering the ground the
ice gone except that a ground in landwashes. - Service at church this forenoon. Several
vessels passed N - at 2pm a Barque and Sch'r passed S the Barque leading both under
all the sail they could set a very pretty chace - Rich'd Sanders home from St. Johns
the Harbour clear of ice - Ice along in the Horizon
Tue. 25 Anniversary of my Marriage Day 33 years ago - calm with fog and rain Snow not all
gone again yet. - Wind SW fresh at 11 am - Service at church today - John
LeMessurier spent the evening with me
Wed. 26 Fine morning, wind NW moderate gentle frost last night, warm at present snow not
yet gone again. - At the Court House with Mr. Morry on the Meal matters - Spent the
evening with James Howe Carter [ED: his brother] at South side.
Thu. 27 Dull morning, light air, SW clear - Mrs. LeMessurier called to take leave, her furniture
put onboard the "Brothers" in the evening raining fast, a Meeting at the church, Mr.
Stephenson & Robert put in as Churchwardens in room of Messrs Norris and White
retired after 2 years
Fri. 28 Moderate NE wind, fine & clear, some snow remaining on the ground yet. Went to
Aquaforte about the Road. Snow nearly all gone again -Much want of food felt among
the people - some vessels passed South today -Ice in strings along the coast -
Sat. 29 Very fine morning, fresh haze off the land warm Y pleasant like summer Commenced
to put the garden in order Some few vessels and boats passing - Eliza & Mary spent
the evening at rectory
Sun. 30 Fresh breeze SW dull west & clear considerable rain during the night Mr. Hamilton
at Reneuse, no service at the church here today -Shanahan's boat left for St. Johns last
evening - Margaret Mullrowney left for St. Johns her time expiring tomorrow.

1848- MAY

Mon. 1 Fresh breeze at West, light showers of mist but fine between, rather cold -"Eliz'th
Margaret" crew came from St. Johns by land left here there today with 1000 seals -
Wind NE strong at 2pm - "Brothers" came back having left for St. Johns this morning
-Joanna Healey died in Capelin Bay
Tue. 2 Moderate NE wind, fine & clear - at 9am wind veered to SW "the Brothers" sailed
for St. Johns again. Robert in her - Gen'l Qr Sessions of the Peace today James Henry
left by land for St. Johns after dinner alone -Old Mr. E Power called this afternoon,
says he is 86 years of age - at night fine calm and clear
Wed. 3 Light air SW mild but hazy & dull Planted Kidney potatoes next strawberries at 6pm
raining with thick mist, and light air from SSW. W & L Walsh at work.
Thu. 4 Thick fog & west, light air SW wind - at noon came strong breezes with white fog,
hot squalls and heavy rain the "Pelter" in Cape Broyle from St. Johns where she
landed 100 seals her 2nd trip
Fri. 5 Clear with moderate NE wind - Will'm Frampton at work in the garden -Jno Shanahan
from

St. Johns -fresh NE wind several vessels passing South - W & L Walsh at work
Sat. 6 Clear with moderate NE wind - Walked to Aquaforte and back about the Road
Labourers -fine warm day planted S.A. peas & turnips - Fanny Mays came per Thos
Payne. -
Sun. 7 Thick fog, light air SW -Two services at church today - "Lyon" & Shanahan's boat
left today for St. Johns clear & fine after 11 am ..Several boats passing N & S. -at
night calm & fine
Mon. 8 Light air SW dull & heavy & light mist, afternoon rain with thick fog - cleared away
fine at night - Robert came by land from St. Johns this forenoon. - Frampton
Tue. 9 Strong breeze NNW fine morning Eliz Marg't in Capelin Bay from St. Johns, James
in her and came into Harbour in the evening - Mrs. Simms landed for a short time
from [Wm or Mr.?] Sutton's boat from Trepassey for St. Johns and proceeded on -
Many vessels passing the "Unicorn" steamer about 3pm -Frampton at work
Wed. 10 Moderate NE wind - dull & blinks of snow. Ground covered in snow at noon at 2pm
snow stopped falling and what is down melting fast -Afternoon fine, went to Capelin
Bay to declare to Co. Ho. Return & show the letter about the Corn to Mr. Morry -
Frampton at work potato washing
Thu. 11 Moderate SW wind dull & rather raw - cold with fog on tops of the Hills -Wrote Rev'd
J Murphy to be here on Saturday - Set kidney beans, peas, & kidney potatoes -
Frampton 14 day
Fri. 12 Calm with thick wet fog. Rain during the day cleared away at times but for a very
short space very unpleasant weather no fish caught yet
Sat. 13 Fresh breeze SW thick fog. Smart showers during the day - Evening a little clearer &
warm air with fog lifting. At Court House about Corn today -
Sun. 14 Moderate NE wind, dull with rain Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service
at church in afternoon Morning very wet afternoon dry many vessels & boats passing
the "Lion" & Mr. Norris's boat from St. Johns. Pat Brennen came from the ice here
today
Mon. 15 Fresh NE wind with thick cold fog - Peter's boat went to Aquaforte for wood Robert
& James were there same time
Tue. 16 Thick fog & calm -at 10pm heavy shower of rain then cleared off fine, wind NW
several boats & craft moving about Sat my carrot seed -
Wed. 17 Fresh breeze NW - rain early but fine after 8am. Surveyed for Mr. Cameron Norris's
Western boat left on the Fishery -Frampton at work
Thu. 18 Fine morning wind NW fresh breeze John Bryan & Thos Cannon brought from Caplin
Bay 3 bags oats & 4 bags other grain -Peter Bruit left for Westward at 10pm -
Frampton at work
Fri. 19 Fresh NE wind dark with rain fine at 9am - a vessel from
Sydney for St. Johns put in windbound -Boats came in from St. Johns and several
vessels passing along, finished the small seeds in garden & set potatoes
Sat. 20 Calm fine morning, punts that were out for fresh fish each caught some - "Lion" &
other coasters came from St. Johns -Rec'd letters & boxes from England by her -wind
SW strong breeze towards afternoon
Sun. 21 Fresh breeze NE clear and dry. Brig "Hope" Wm Morry Master passed at 9am
Southward -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse to day, no services at church here. My brother,
Mary O, Robert & his wife spent the evening at my house -Several boats from St.
Johns in the course of today & several vessels passing along -Some ice islands in
sight
Mon. 22 Clear with an air at SE considerable swell on the rocks and rather dull -Robert left in
Jas Mountain's boat for St. Johns at 11 am - Wind SW "Unicorn" str [ED: steamer]
& several craft passed Northward
Tue. 23 Light air ENE fog & wet misty morning cleared away fine at noon at 6pm wind SW
- Fresh fish plenty today the punts that were out caught 2 to 3 Qtls ea.
Wed. 24 Fresh breeze NNE. fine & clear -Jno Morry & Brothers from St. Johns no letters -
Variable wind through the day, fish plenty but very few looking for it
Thu. 25 Moderate SW wind, rather dull but clear - considerable quantities of fish taken by the

punts who go out first which is only a few ready yet - at 6pm smart rain & overcast

Fri. 26 Fresh breeze at West, much rain since day light, clearing off at 7am, & warm - Some of the punts that remained out till evening came in full of fish on jiggers

Sat. 27 Light air NE fine morning wind round the Compass as day passed - There are three boats from this Harbour away fishing to the Westward up to this date and six jacks fitted out - one western boat out of Capelin Bay and three out of Aquaforte fishing and coasting - Herrings plenty all along the Spring but few taken.

Sun. 28 Fine morning wind moderate at SW - "Lion" gone to St. Johns, my brother in her - [send?] my [Third—?] with him. Two services at church today - Mr. Morry came in his boat from St. Johns a new purchase for Westward - Shanahan's boat from St. Johns.

Mon. 29 Fine morning light NW wind, as day advanced towards noon very light air at SE & very warm & fine day - Capt & Mrs. Adams left with Mr. Morry in his boat for St.

Johns the former not to return here - Eliza, Mary O & Mary Ann went to Capelin Bay - The jacks went to the offin[g] today first day out. Mrs. Hamilton confined of a son at 11pm -very little doing in the fishery here yet Turnips in the garden that were up so fine all cut down by the Hopperfly.

Tue. 30 Very fine morning, moderate SW wind - Reset turnips the Hopper having cut all down a very warm day - "Avalon" from St. Johns for Reneuse passed South at evening -Mr.

Morry's large boat proceeded on fishery this evening first day - fish scarce

Wed. 31 Fine morning, clear & warm, moderate SW wind - at 5pm light air NE with thick wet mist -little fish with the boats

1848 -JUNE

Thu. 1 Ascension -Calm with thick wet fog. Full service at the church today - Shewed Mr. Winsor's letter to Mr. Morry today -

Fri. 2 Calm with thick wet fog. at 10am strong breeze SSE with smart rain at noon calm with thick wet fog & rain -a boat from the Westward anchored in the Narrows today belonging to Fermuse nearly full of split fish, brings favorable accounts from there

Sat. 3 Light air SE thick fog & heavy rain - about 2pm Capt. Feilding, Master late of the Jane of Harbour Grace & the Master* of the Argo of Workington came to me accompanied by 18 sailors who had with them been shipwrecked on the shore South of Reneuse, both from St. Johns bound to N. Brunswick for timber - ordered them to the Court House where a fire was made for them & provisions provided, the Capt & Mate of the "Argo" I procured lodgings etc at Deveraux's - The Argo went on shore on Thursday night the Jane on Wednesday night former S of Reneuse Head latter Frenchman's Beach. [In the Margin: Capt. Fearon*, Capt Peeling]

Sun. 4 Strong breeze NE thick misty rain - The shipwrecked sailors walked on towards St. Johns at 7am this morning - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service at church in afternoon but few attended - thick fog & heavy sea on Mary Ann & Mary O spent the evening here

Mon. 5 Cold raw NE wind fresh breeze with thick wet fog - John White & John Morry came by land from St. Johns heavy cold rain during the day

Tue. 6 Thick fog wind moderate NE. Walked to Aquaforte & caught 4 trout, smart rain with strong breeze -Robert came by land from St. Johns

Wed. 7 Thick fog wind moderate NE. and so continued all day - No boats out fishing all this week.

Thu. 8 Thick fog. wind moderate NE. Rich'd Sanders came in from Aquaforte today where he got some days ago on his return from St. Johns he has not been fishing yet - the punts caught some fish today from 'A to 2 Qtls each

Fri. 9 Wind moderate NE thick fog "Lion" came in from St. Johns, my brother in her - others also came -fish scarce with the fishing boats

Sat. 10 Calm with thick fog. - and so it continued with occasional showers all day - light variable winds.

Sun. 11 Calm, foggy and raining - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no services at church today - Sent per

"Brothers" letter to Mr. Crowdy with amount of expenses of "Argo" & "Jane"'s crews
Went to Capelin Bay & stayed to Tea. Mr. Morry very poorly, much like a stroke of
Palsy

Mon. 12 Fresh breeze SW fog with sun shining through it. 10am hard rain -John Shanahan's
boat nearly lost today by the starting of a [--?] at sea. - No fish this day by small boats
Wind NW. 1 brl sugar opened today.

Tue. 13 Fresh breeze SW clear & tolerably fine - afternoon foggy wind South -Very little fish
taken by the boats. Mr. Johnson's Whaleboat launched

Wed. 14 Fresh SW clear & dry - the Northern boat arrived on the Room to begin her voyage.
Mr. Morry sent down here by W. Johnson 7 bags [-?] grain, 3 bread bags of oats, 4
calico other grain - Evening fine, wind moderate SW no fish

Thu. 15 Fresh breeze SW dull but clear rain in the night past. The boat "Greyhound' Ch'r
Chudleigh Master came from Westward this forenoon, reports 120 Qtls, first boat in
this place -Several at Reneuse & Fermeuse -No fish by Bummers this evening

Fri. 16 Moderate SSW thick fog - Peter Bruit came in from Westward in the night, with 80
or 90 Qtls fish - Cleared off fine & remained so till evening

Sat. 17 Moderate SW fine & clear at 6pm wind NE "Brothers in from St. Johns - No fish
catching by small boats

Sun. 18 Moderate & fine wind NE. and round the Compass before evening - Peter & Costello
left for Westward - Capelin at the Beach Two services at church today, well attended

Mon. 19 Left by land for Reneuse dull day & very warm Rained just as I got there

Tue. 20 to

Sat. 24 Remained there until Saturday evening surveying when I walked home to Ferryland,
smart showers and dull - Lodged at Mr. Evans's & paid 20/ for the time, dined at Mr
Goodridge's and Mr. Kelligrew's whilst there and took tea - The Sutherland of Sydney
a yacht with owners onboard was at Reneuse when I was there - Mr. Jackman came
from Westward full - his 2nd trip

Sun. 25 Fresh breeze at WNW fine warm clear morning - James came from St. Johns in the
"Brothers" last night left that on Friday - Mr. Hamilton at Aquafort this forenoon
Service here at Church in afternoon - The boats home well fished from the Westward
and bring favorable ac/ts - an island of ice in sight here yet - R. C. Bishop Mulloch
here holding confirmation in the district.

Mon. 26 Dull with mist, light air NE - Capelin scarce today but fish very plenty & large most
of the boats in full at noon - Smart showers of rain in forenoon at night fine and warm,
plenty of capelin by Roberts' flake

Tue. 27 Fine morning, fresh breeze at NW - Boats in early well fished, caplin rather scarce
this evening (raw cold)

Wed. 28 Moderate NE wind, dull & cool -at 6am two cattle sch'rs coming in here the "Francis"
[Le- ?] M'r. from PE Island & "Attention" from Guysborough for St. Johns Boats
well fished again today

Thu. 29 Calm and dull, rather chilly - Warm as day advanced to noon -Service at church this
forenoon - Fishermen keeping Holiday - R.C. Bishop Mullock holding a confirmation
here

Fri. 30 Moderate and dull - wind NE. boats coming in full of fine large fish early today, it
being very plenty Walked to Capelin Bay with Mary & Mary O before dinner. Capelin
plenty

1848-JULY

Sat. 1 Wind N moderate & fine - the two cattle vessels sailed for St. Johns - boats well fished
today Bait plenty - several vessels passing Wind variable and very light warm towards
evening

Sun. 2 Moderate & dull, wind NE. No service at church here today the minister at Reneuse
- evening fine but not warm nearly calm

Mon. 3 Moderate & fine, wind NE. - "Unicorn" Str. passed N at 8am, fresh breeze ENE -
several

vessels working N today - a cattle Sch'r in Aquaforte - a Sch'r for St. Johns from Grand Bank with near dry fish put in windbound -boats all laden early today - "Greyhound" boat home 2nd trip well fished

Tue. 4 Moderate & dull wind NE - finer as day passed and thick fog at night -The sch'rs from hence & Aquaforte kept here wind SE - a Schooner from St. Johns with salt arrived at Capelin Bay - Mrs. W. Rendell, her two children, Eliza & Ada came in her also Mrs. Morry Sen'r, left that this morning.

Wed. 5 Wind SSE dull - fresh breeze - the vessels from hence & Aquaforte proceeded -little fish caught today. Strong breeze ESE at night dark & gloomy - took tea in Capelin Bay

Thu. 6 Fresh breeze NE dark & heavy, the boats not out fishing today. "Isabella" came in here from C Bay

Fri. 7 Fresh breeze NE dull and heavy the sea rough outside - "Unicorn" passed Southward last evening - Strong breeze towards noon and afterwards Some few boats that were able to ride the [Ground?] picked up a good deal of fish - Robert out with his codsean back of Downs

Sat. 8 Fresh breeze NE wind fine and clear capelin rather scarce - Robert caught 4 or 5 Qtls in Codsean - Little schooner belonging to Grandbank bound to St. Johns put out today Evening calm & fine Boats 3 or 4 Qtls

Sun. 9 Fine morning, moderate NNE wind Two services at church & Sacrament today Mr. Hamilton's son (George Augustus) christened in the afternoon - Wind vble during the day and came to SW in evening, Peter Bruit went away to the Westward

Mon. 10 Moderate W wind, fine morning - No capelin to be had any place today Boats not out for want of bait ..Some capelin taken today & the boats well fished upon it. - Sat peas next Robert's today in middle square

Tue. 11 Strong breeze NW fine, clear & warm a good deal of capelin taken at back of Downs -Boats well fished that got it Blew hard all day, very warm & fine

Wed. 12 Dull morning, wind NE moderate - variable during the day round the compass capelin still to be had & fish upon them

Thu. 13 Moderate NE & fine - Vble during the day -Capelin still to be had at 2pm - wind SW moderate & cool. Jas Mountain Jr. came from the Westward well fished - Plenty of capelin in Capelin bay today at 10pm heavy rain with thunder and lightening

Fri. 14 Moderate NW wind, dark and raining with occasional thunder and lightening Cleared away at noon fine, wind West the "Isabella" sailed for Cape Breton -Sent Co Ho Returns & three letters per Pat Evoy to St. Johns per "Potter's" Boat - some boats well fished principally very badly.

Sat. 15 Moderate SW dull light showers and very warm during, capelin very scarce indeed next to having disappeared altogether Searching for "Sal" the cow all this day fruitlessly - she is near calving - no capelin taken this day

Fri. 16 Moderate SW with showers of rain and warm sunshine between them - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte today - R'd Sanders's boat from the westward yesterday 2nd trip, not doing very well - Norris's Western boat & Mr. Morry's both well fished 2nd trips came in today. Service at church in the afternoon

Mon. 17 Moderate SSW with heavy showers & dull - No capelin taken today - no bait else - Some few squids have been taken in Aquaforte thick fog and heavy showers during the day Wrote Miss Rendell and my Mother

Tue. 18 Moderate WSW wind fine morning Martin Costelloe's boat came from the westward/180 Qtls reports - 4 weeks away -afternoon & principal part of day clear & fine

Wed. 19 Fresh breeze off the land fine & clear - a fine warm day throughout Spent the evening at Mr. Hamiltons Tho's. Sliney's boat from St. Johns

Thu.20 Wind SW moderate and dull - Squids taken in Cape Broyle - at 8pm took Mr. W Rendell Jr. out of the "Unicorn" steamer outside the gaps from St. Johns - brought in the account of severe [massacre?] in France and that K McLea Jr.1 & Mr. Hall were drowned in St. Johns

yesterday by upsetting a boat -put our sheep out on Goose Island
 Fri. 21 Moderate NE wind with fog and the sun shining through it occasionally -Some boats loaded & others only middling Squids plenty at Cape Broyle yesterday
 Sat. 22 Light air SW -dull morning - cleared up fine afternoon - Plenty of Squid in the Harbour all day what was wanted was taken by the boats - Fish not plentiful with the boats
 Sun. 23 Fine morning fresh breeze at West - No service at church this day -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse -a warm day, at night cooler
 Mon. 24 Fresh breeze at NE dull & clear - cleared away a fine cool day - not much done by the fishermen today. Squids the only bait using at present, plenty of them
 Tue. 25 Moderate SW clear and dry. Boat "Greyhound" from Westward well fished Dined at my brother's with W Rendell Jr and Robert, Fanny Mary Anne & Mary there in the evening also James & Fred'k Morry
 Wed. 26 Moderate with heavy rain wind SW. at 10pm cleared away fine wind NW - "Brothers" sailed for St. Johns today. Spent the evening with Robert
 Thu. 27 Moderate SW dark with rain, at 10am cleared away at noon Mr. & Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. two children & James embarked for St. Johns per Eliz. Marg't & sailed wind W moderate -at 9pm wind NE
 Fri. 28 Wind moderate at SW thick mist & fog 1pm smart breeze at WSW & heavy rain - at 7:30 pm clearing away fine & dry
 Sat. 29 Fresh breeze at NW fine morning and turned out very fine day The boats went to Cape Broyle for Squid and caught a good many very little fish brought in by the boats, a great quantity of herrings seen
 Sun. 30 Fresh breeze at WNW fine weather two full Services here in church today. Fred'k Morry returned to St. Johns Mrs. Coryear died at Cape Broyle two days since, relict of H'y Coryear of Shore's Cove -Mr. & Mrs. Morry & Esther took tea with us and my b'r.
 Mon. 31 Moderate NE nearly calm & very fine at 8am "Unicorn" steamer passed close in going Northward - Squids plenty some small boats well fished tonight the Harbour full of squids playing - Robert's boat, Peter Bruit Master left for Westward on fishing account -Sent off letters about Registry of voters

1848-AUGUST

Tue. 1 Fine morning moderate NW wind at 10 am wind SSW fresh breeze - Dr. Bradshaw from Placentia for St. Johns put in here for an hour & went on again. Boats 2 to 3 Qtls
 Wed. 2 Fresh breeze at SSW smart rain - at 2pm wind fresh at West, extremely hot with damp fog -Jas & Daughter, Robert & Maryann, Mr.& Mrs. Hamilton at tea - little doing in the fishery by the small boats this evening
 Thu. 3 Moderate SW fine morning -the warmest day we have had the summer - Rec'd a letter from J W Sanders of Reneuse with List of Voters sent him returned in them showed it to Mr. Morry -Steamer "Unicorn" passed South at 5:30pm - light air NW
 Fri. 4 Calm & fine - throughout the day & very warm - Held Court at Court House to arrange Registration and dispatched Notices etc. to Magistrates by Sullivan - Went over to Stone Island afternoon with Robert & Mary Anne, Eliza & two little girls - Boats well fished tonight -Squids & Herrings plentiful
 Sat. 5 Calm nearly, very light air S Quarter fine & clear morning - "Brothers" left for Capelin Bay to fill up. partly laden with new fish for St. Johns - Squids plenty
 Sun. 6 Moderate SW Rain & fog - Cleared off at noon Wind WSW. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon, services here in afternoon -Robert's boat from Northward came in here this evening
 Mon. 7 Calm or light air at SSW with thick fog - walked to Aquaforte looking about Mr. Brand's property - cleared off at noon but was close and warm all day went in the little boat with Robert to the Bay in the evening with things for the "Brothers" to go to Fanny, stopped to

tea.

Tue. 8 Fresh breeze at North, fine clear & cooler Wrote by the "Brothers" to St. Johns to leave this evening fine warm weather

Wed. 9 Fresh breeze NW. fine morning, fine day through at 6pm wind NE. fresh breeze - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came to tea - boats but little fish tonight

Thu. 10 Calm, dull morning-at 10am fine with light air SE - Evening SSW Set turnip seed for winter crop.

Fri. 11 Calm, dull morning, and continued so all day - light air SSW - At night misty and looking for rain w/fog - The boats but small catches of fish -

Sat. 12 Moderate WNW wind - Fog on the hills sun shining not clear through it - R'd Vining mowing here today he was down one morning before breakfast for short time some

days since - "Lioness" cleared for Oporto with new fish from Reneuse - at night NE and cool middle of day extremely hot at 11pm "Brothers" came in from St. Johns

Sun. 13 Fresh breeze NE dull with fog on the hills - Peter Bruit's boat home 15 Qtls a coasting sch'r in wind bound - Mr. Hamilton gone to Reneuse no service at church here -Had

new kidney potatoes at dinner today

Mon. 14 Moderate SW wind clear & dry at Aquaforte all this day, surveying Mr. Brand's property dull with fog over land

Tue. 15 Fresh breeze NW fine morning Holiday with the Catholics today - Ladyday in [Harvest/parrish?] called by them - at 6pm flurry of NE with rain James, Messrs.

Stephenson, B. Morry, Jas Langley and Robert at Cape Broyle

Wed. 16 Fresh breeze NE clear & fine & cool, at 10am, wind round to S. moderate -At Aquaforte surveying D. Brand's property -returned to dinner & in the office plotting

all the rest of the day - John Morry's boat left for St. Johns he in her, wrote by her - Boats no fish tonight

Thu. 17 Light air NW nearly calm dull - at 4pm a Steamer passed N. Schooner rigged with white paddle boxes, large size - nearly calm all day with rain towards evening - at

5pm the "Unicorn" passed South - calm with rain

Fri. 18 Calm, dull morning, close & warm Surveying in afternoon for E. Howlet, spent the evening at Roberts with Parson & wife - Heavy rain at nightfall and so it continued

during the night

Sat. 19 Calm, foggy morning. Rained heavy during the night, water in the well that hath been dry some weeks -10 am very heavy rain noon Wind fresh NE - Mrs. Evans of Reneuse

called & I paid her salary in cash as teacher of Reneuse school for quarter past

Sun. 20 Strong breeze NE with very heavy rain a great flood running over the Hills - John Morry came from St. Johns last evening - Heavy gale apparently has prevailed at the

E. - blowing very hard here at noon with very much rain and a great deal of sea on the land looking very gloomy and dark to seaward - Nine persons in church &

Minister this forenoon -no service at church this afternoon. - Every thing blown about sadly in garden

Mon. 21 Very strong breeze NE dark heavy laden sky but dry overhead -the water that fell the past 24 hours much abated & run off - at night breeze continuing - "Viola" arrived in

Fermeuse from Figuiera this forenoon -

Tue. 22 Gale abated a little, wind same way with rain & fog -more like November than August -Alan Goodridge dined with me today - at night blowing hard, with thick wet mist

Wed. 23 Strong breeze NE with very wet mist and heavy sea in upon the land - at night same sort of weather

Thu. 24 Strong breeze NE dry over head, the sun showing out faintly - a vessel gone up Capelin Bay - Favourite Lass 36 Days from Lisbon blowing hard all day - "Avalon"

from St. Johns passed this evening

Fri. 25 Moderate NNE wind dry over head & clear quite cool air, like approach of fall, at noon wind E at night calm - some vessels off but making little way -a very fine day

throughout several boats landing, very few out fishing

Sat. 26 Fresh breeze at West fine morning - Wind round the compass during the day very light air

of it, a very fine day, several boats having dry fish onboard started & ready - No boats out fishing since the gale

Sun. 27 Calm fine morning - SW wind at 9am fresh breeze towards noon - Many vessels passed Northward & boats out of [number?]. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Mary went there with him & returned before dinner - Service afternoon here. Alan Goodridge here from Reneuse.

Mon. 28 Fine morning, fresh breeze at West "Unicorn" passed N at 9am close in - the boats that got squids caught from 2 to 3 Qtls fish today. - No herrings - Mr. Stephenson left with R'd Sanders for St. Johns

Tue. 29 Fresh breeze SW fine morning - The leaves on all the trees in front of my house and on the Terrace were withered up as if they had been scorched by fire during the gale of 20th & 21st inst. and today the leaves are dropping down as they do in November - at 3pm Peter Bruit started for St. Johns w'te to Mrs. Rendell Jr. by him and sent some things

Wed. 30 Fresh breeze at SW heavy rain in showers, -a good deal of rain in the night - cleared away at noon and became quite fine Wind WNW Several boats passing S. - Costelloe left for Conception Bay, the Greyhound for the Westward - squids taken in Cape Broyle

Thu. 31 Wind fresh at West - Some boats returned from St. Johns No papers or letters - fine morning - Several vessels passing - Strong gale at midday with showers of rain - at sunset moderate wind NNW - "Unicorn" passed South at 7pm - 4 minutes from Goose Island to Isle du Bois

1848-SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1 Dull, clear morning, moderate WNW wind, air quite cool & fall like Wind ENE at noon - Several vessels passing at 4pm the {"Naleen"?] stmr, passed S fresh breeze NE wind Went on Isle du Bois to tea

Sat. 2 Moderate NE wind, dark & heavy as day passed, wind came round to Eastward and thru S. & SW & W - at night calm - Peter Bruit from St. Johns last night, leaves to there to night laden with dry fish again.

Sun. 3 Moderate air NE dull but dry & clear - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no services in church. - Wind round the compass Peter Bruit & others left for St. Johns to day - a Barque & Brig passed and many small craft - My Brother & daughter Rob't & his wife & little Simms took tea with us. Sent box to Fermeuse per Pat Furlong to be left at Trainor's

Mon. 4 Fresh breeze SSW clear but dull and very heavy threatening looking morning - Strong breeze SSW during the day with smart squalls of wind & rain no boats out fishing, dogfish plenty

Tue. 5 Calm with fog - 3pm clearing away fine wind SW moderate at night fog, wind NE Mrs. Saunders of Reneuse came here bound to St. Johns in Jackman's boat, & was at Norris's Reports rife of Potatoe blight at Reneuse & Aquaforte

Wed. 6 Moderate NE wind with wet fog. Went to Aquaforte to P Winser Esq'r on Mr. Brand's business -Saw Potatoe disease in Robert Bowden's garden. At night NE wind wet & unpleasant

Thu. 7 Strong breeze NE wet misty weather with considerable sea upon the rocks and so continued all this day

Fri. 8 Fresh breeze NE dull but dry -Showers of rain during the day & similar weather at night

Sat. 9 Calm, clear and dry morning - at 10am. fresh breeze SW & fine day 10pm. cleared out Viola for Oporto Alan Goodridge went back to Reneuse immediately intending to sail tomorrow morning - second vessel this year out

Sun. 10 Fine morning light air at West. Forenoon Service at church - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte afternoon to bury one of Peter Winser Jr's children - Several boats & vessels passing wind SW

Mon. 11 Moderate SW wind dull & heavy at 7:30 am "Lion" came in from St. Johns which place she left on Saturday -Geo. Rendell & my nephew James Carter* came in her - At 1 pm "Unicorn" passed N wind ENE -at 7pm Peter Bruit came in from St. Johns

Tue. 12 Moderate NE wind, clear & dry. Went by land to Fermeuse surveying
 Wed. 13 At Fermeuse - fine
 Thu. 14 At Fermeuse - fine
 Fri. 15 Returned from Fermeuse afternoon - Wind SW fine day walked home Spent the evening with my brother at his house with Eliza Robert Mary & George
 Sat. 16 Blowing hard SSW with heavy rain - Peter's boat went for St. Johns last night -at 3pm cleared a little wind strong from West. Plotting surveys all this day in my office.
 Sun. 17 Fresh breeze at West, clear dry morning, the air becoming cooler every day -Two services in church - James & his children, Robert & his family took tea with me this evening, at 4pm a Brig passed with colours up
 Mon. 18 Moderate N wind clear & dry several of the boats home from St. Johns at 8am - Plotting surveys in office this day
 Tue. 19 Fresh breeze WSW with occasional showers and mist, Miss Cath'ne Simms came from St. Johns yesterday per "Brothers" At noon a strong gale at WNW & fine
 Wed. 20 Moderate N wind, clear & dry, but dull - Peter Bruit came in from St. Johns -the Potatoe disease is appearing but to a limited extent as yet, in the several Harbours of this District - At the Court of Revision today
 Thu. 21 Fresh breeze at SW dull & heavy but dry - at Court of Revision today. Several vessels passing to the Northward, appear like Americans. No fish scarcely
 Fri. 22 Moderate SW wind, fog on the hills and at sea, damp warm air Robert's Northern Boat (Costello) made off
 Sat. 23 Moderate S wind with thick wet fog and continued so all day. Herrings & fish very scarce indeed
 Sun. 24 Calm morning thick fog. at 7am, very hard rain indeed at 10am strong breeze at N with tremendous rain, flooding every place very deeply, the river at back of the house very full - at 2pm wind veered to N & thence to NW and blew strong & cleared away. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today
 Mon. 25 Strong breeze at West, fine, clear & dry 11 am steamer Unicorn passing by - Several vessels passed Northward.
 Tue. 26 Calm fine morning. 9am wind SW fresh breeze -Geo Rendell left in Peter's boat for St. Johns -several vessels passing both ways -fine forenoon at 5pm rain - "Lion" came from St. Johns this evening but brought no letters or news
 Wed. 27 Moderate to SW thick with heavy rain Many vessels passing S & some North at noon Wind NE and dull afternoon Miss C Simms left for Trepassey in Sutton's boat which called for her - John Morry's boat from St. Johns & others
 Thu. 28 Fresh breeze ENE dry but dull & cool. Martin Culliton came to work about kitchen porch today at 10 o'clock am. afternoon strong gale at SW & ESE heavy rain & much sea on At 10pm wind SW a very strong gale
 Fri. 29 Fresh breeze WNW clear & dry - Martin Culliton at work today - but left it at 1 lam not having whipsaw
 Sat. 30 Calm dull damp morning at the Court House all the forenoon to 3pm Evening dull, moderate SW wind -Caught lobsters today

1848 - OCTOBER

Sun. 1 Moderate SW dull but clear, a warm day but already with haze - Two Services at the Church today -Evening calm close and damp
 Mon. 2 Fine morning, moderate wind NNE clear & dry. Martin Culliton at work half this day. Peter from St. Johns usual craft passing. Rec'd List of Voters from Aquaforte
 Tue. 3 Showery and raw cold, wind NNE fresh breeze -showers of sleet early. A ship of War passed Southward Martin Culliton at work all day
 Wed. 4 Strong breeze at N by W. dull, cold raw morning but dry & clear. Martin Culliton at work

today but left work before 5pm to go to his nets. Received the List of Voters from J. W. Sanders

Thu. 5 Fresh breeze NNW fine clear pleasant morning many boats & vessels passing N. Eliza left for St. Johns per "Lion" about 8am today -Calm at night with much sea on -M.

Culliton at work today

Fri. 6 Calm dull morning - 4pm wind light at E by N with rain - Martin Culliton at work today. The trees before the house all scorched dry by the wind during the gale on 28th inst & now falling off

Sat. 7 Strong breeze NE dark & gloomy - Martin Culliton at work today Mr. Power of Brigus spent the evening at my house & executed his Will

Sun. 8 Calm dull morning - Wind SW moderate at 10am - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Service here in afternoon - several boats for St. Johns sailed this morning

Mon. 9 Moderate SW very dark with rain, at 2pm fresh breeze from N with occasional showers of rain fine between. Martin Culliton at work today, came late & left off to put a net out at 4:30 pm

Tue. 10 Light air SW clear but dull & dark Martin Culliton at work today he came after 12 o'clock to begin - Several vessels passing today, good breeze.

Wed. 11 Fresh breeze SW - dark, clear & damp Martin Culliton at work today

Thu. 12 Fresh breeze at N by W fine and clear - Martin Culliton came to work at 9:30am At court today and left afterwards for Reneuse - Anniversary of my birth 58 year

No Friday entry

Sat. 14 Returned from Reneuse this evening just at dark - found the "Hawk" Church ship here she came in last night in her the Lord Bishop Rev'd Hoyles & Harvey. Hard rain the first part of day with very hard gale of wind from NNE every place over flowing with water

Sun. 15 Strong breeze NNW, cold and dark morning - Two full services, sacrament and Confirmation at church today by the Lord Bishop, Rev'ds Hoyles, Hamilton and Harvey and a Mr. Brown with them - Dined onboard the "Hawk" with the Bishop -

Mrs. R. Carter Jr. very ill since yesterday

Mon. 16 Calm, clear, dry morning. "Hawk." left for Reneuse light air NNE at 8am Martin Culliton came to work at 9am Mrs. R. Carter yet continuing ill in labor

Tue. 17 Strong breeze N Wind, clear & dry but raw cold - Circuit vessel arrived in Capelin Bay - the "Hawk." church ship with Bishop onboard passed Northward Mary Anne confined of her first child this morning about 9am a boy. M. Culliton by his acct, not by mine -

Wed. 18 Moderate SW wind, damp warm morning, fog on the tops of the hills the sun shining out clearly. Martin Culliton at work today from 9 o'clock am - very warm close day -Mr. Glen here

Thu. 19 Fine morning, moderate breeze off the land - rather damp air. the S C Court opened by Ass'st Judge Charles Simms today at 10am and adjourned to meet Monday 10am.

The Judge & Court & Barristers etc. took tea with me in the evening - Robert's men at my potatoes for two days past. Martin Culliton at work today he came after breakfast time - Aurora Borealis very bright to night and very [--?] at West

Fri. 20 Thick fog light air NE wind, wet nothing doing in Court House today

Sat. 21 Thick wet fog and calm, light air at SSW, drank tea at Roberts this evening - Capt. [Holleran?] was there - Mr. Glen ret'd from Reneuse

Sun. 22 Calm, thick wet fog. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Service here afternoon Light SW and rain

Mon. 23 Fresh breeze at S with rain -Mr. Glen here today - deposited his Certificates with me - Wrote to Persons in Northern Division of the district by Mr. Glen, who leaves Capelin Bay tomorrow by land - dined onboard the "Emily Tobin" circuit vessel with the Judge Charles Simms - blowing strong SW & foggy

Tue. 24 Light air NE thick fog wet. drier in the afternoon. Charles, Geo. James & Wm Simms,

Stephenson, my brother, Thos Kough of St. Johns, Mr. Morry & Robert dined with me today - Mary Carter came in the evening - James Simms Jr. slept here.

Wed. 25 Calm, with fog & sunshine weakly through it occasionally - at noon light air SW and clear at 3pm the "Emily Tobin" Circuit Vessel and the Court sailed for St. Johns the court having closed today, after discharging Thomas Quirk out of jail for informality in the complaints and committment by [—?] company, dined at my brothers, as did Stephenson & Robert

Thu. 26 Moderate SW dull and heavy. Took [tea??] with Mr. Stephenson at his house my brother, Mr. Morry. J. Morry & Robert there

Fri. 27 Fresh breeze ENE dry & clear - Wet fog came on at 10am. at noon Alan Goodridge came here and entered the "Viola" from Figuiera in 138 days & proceeded for St. Johns by land - this vessel sailed from Reneuse about middle of September

Sat. 28 Strong breeze at S wet thick fog - gathered green peas in my garden today

Sun. 29 19th after Trin. Fresh breeze W light flying showers of rain with sunshine between Mr. Hamilton at St. Johns, went in Circuit vessel

Mon. 30 Calm dry morning, hazy at sea - boats loading for St. Johns, wrote to Mrs. Rendell Jr. sent for something to come back - Mrs. Hamilton came to tea also Mary O & her brother.

Tue. 31 Calm dull morning & misty - Jno Bryan and the "Lion" left for St. Johns during last night - Light air SW at evening - Boats would get fish if they had bait some of them caught 1 to 2 Quintals today

1848-NOVEMBER

Wed. 1 Calm dull morning, mild & clear Alan Goodridge came from St. Johns overland, brings nothing new, he cleared out for Sydney CB & went for Reneuse - wet fog & unpleasant weather

Thu. 2 Moderate SW with thick wet fog. Wm Johnson had 2 Q's fish and 3 B's herrings today he landed some here - engaged half barrel herrings from him

Fri. 3 Moderate SW with heavy rain - about noon the rain ceased but it continued foggy throughout the day - fish and herrings scarce today

Sat. 4 Fresh breeze ESE hazy with sun through it, clearer than for past week - a large Brigantine put into Aquaforte just before it was dark

Sun. 5 Moderate NE wind, hazy & gloomy with a heavy sea in upon the land - Mr. Hamilton absent at St. Johns - No services, the vessel in Aquaforte is the "Dore" Capt. [Hose?] 23 days from Liverpool G. B. bound for St. Johns - laden with brick James came in with Robert this evening

Mon. 6 Dull morning fog on the land light air ESE wind - Sent off Sam'l Case messenger to Bay Bulls - Martin Culliton & Edward Walsh employed erecting hustings, had 55 feet new board from Mr White - Rec'd per Arthur Morry despatches from Sur'vy office respecting the [—?]

Tue. 7 Moderate SSW with rain & fog - John Winser son of P. Winser J.P. of Aquaforte died at his house yesterday at 2pm of long illness, said to be a fever. Sam'l Case returned from Bay Bulls today -

Wed. 8 Clear morning and dry - light air at NNE, first fine morning for a long period, the "Dore" left Aquaforte Dull towards noon - Evening fine - John Winser buried in Aquaforte

Thu. 9 Moderate WNW wind, fine morning - Smart hoar frost during the night - Peter Bruit's boat and others from St. Johns this morning - Eliza came home with Peter as did also Rev'd H. H. Hamilton - General Qr Sessions of the Peace today no Business before it - at 4pm rec'd from Ben Morry the Proclamations a/c under date of 16 October last

Fri. 10 Strong breeze SW clear but mild looking morning hard rain all day Dined with my brother - Proceeded in the nomination of members today Peter Winser & Thomas Glen put in nomination at the Hustings, made Proc of taking the Polls at 4pm

Sat. 11 Wind NNW clear, much sea on the rocks - sent off Sam'l Case to Bay Bulls with Proc'r etc to Martin Williams & Mr. Coady about taking Polls Messrs Kelligrew & Goodridge went

home - Mr. Hamilton to Reneuse - at night fresh breeze NE dark & gloomy
 Sun. 12 Fresh breeze NE dark, raw & cold - some little snow fell during the night - Sam'l Case returned from Bay Bulls at dinner time today
 Mon. 13 Strong breeze WNW smart frost dry and clear several vessels pass'd N at Court House this forenoon - this is the first day fit for handling fish for many weeks
 Tue. 14 Moderate W Wind - the ground quite covered with snow - smart frost - snow nearly gone in the evening
 Wed. 15 Calm fine morning, white frost - Wind SW at 10am - at 11 am, George Mead & Fanny Mayo were married at the church - Mr. Morry & others left for their respective stations for the election. -
 Thu. 16 Fine morning wind SW clear - This is the day of election of a Member for this district - attended at Poll Station at 7am - opened it & commenced polling at 8am - closed the poll at 4pm - when the numbers appeared for Winsor 107 Glen 11 - Several boats left for St. Johns as soon as the crews had polled their votes, passed off quietly
 Fri. 17 Moderate SW dull and heavy - At 10am gave notice at Station for Polling here that the Poll Books would be opened tomorrow at 11am and the member declared - misty about 4 pm - the messengers leaving the Poll Books from different stations had all around here - fish plenty
 Sat. 18 Moderate W wind dull & damp but clear, declared Mr. P. Winsor to be the Member for this district, under a majority of 68 votes - He was then chaired all through the Harbour - Gave him his Certificate & prepared the Government despatches etc etc etc and sent them per H'y Morry to A. Morry, the messenger at Capelin Bay to take in. Wm. Johnson had today 5 or 6 Qtls fish & 1 Brl Herrings
 Sun. 19 Moderate NW dull morning the tops of the hills with the sign of snow fallen during the night - & Mr. Hamilton here for services at church today - Mary O Carter passed the evening with us. fine weather -
 Mon. 20 Moderate SW smart white frost fine & clear. - Robert sailed in his boat at 9am for St. Johns - the mail boat Unicorn passed N at lam - fish plenty Small boats 2 Qtls that were out
 Tue. 21 Fresh breeze at E by S - very heavy rain falling during the night, dark and heavy looking morning, - hard rain until 4pm then thick fog
 Wed. 22 Fresh breeze SW showery & mild Wind more westerly during the day Strong breeze about 2pm
 Thu. 23 Light air NNW dry & clear gentle hoar frost - Several craft passing southward, coasters & boats, Eliza Ada and Eliza Simms gone to Capelin Bay to spent the day - Brothers coming in - Went for Eliza up the Bay this evening -
 Fri. 24 Light air NNW, fine morning frosty several craft passing Southward - evening fine and calm
 Sat. 25 Calm, clear frosty morning - Wind SW as day passed moderate Shanahan's boat left for St. Johns
 Sun. 26 Moderate SW hazy but mild, appears as if much rain had fallen in the night - strong breeze at noon - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon, Service here afternoon
 Mon. 27 Calm with rain, dark & gloomy Cleared away at noon, wind moderate NW - Put up notices to [- -?]
 Tue. 28 Moderate NW wind, clear & mild but dark & gloomy. Scarcely any wind but very heavy looking weather Robert came from St. Johns in his boat at 10pm left there this morning
 Wed. 29 Dull morning but dry & clear, wind moderate at SW - fishing quite over
 Thu. 30 Fine, mild and clear morning, wind moderate WSW. - Wrote Mr. Hoyles and sent it & the monthly report for November by Richard Saunders

1848 - DECEMBER

Fri. 1 Moderate SW mild clear & damp looking for falling weather - John Swain married to Mary Meaney today both natives of this place - a vessel went into Aquaforte
 Sat. 2 Fresh NNE wind, clear & dry - the "Warrior" from St. Johns for Boston put out of

Aquaforte

today - Wind NE. Wrote Mr. Hoyles about Nunan's case sent the letter per Mr. Morry - Mr. Norris's boat came home & Mr. Stephenson in her

Sun. 3 Fresh breeze SW dull & misty w'thr. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no services at church today - James Power called to inform us of James's arrival into St. Johns in the Eliz'th Margaret from Abierto yesterday, at night heavy rain & strong breeze

Mon. 4 Fresh breeze off the land, fine clear morning, but it appears as if a good deal of rain had fallen in the night -Last evening died at her house in this place, Catherine the relect of late Wm Carter, Esq'r, a native of this place & an inhabitant of it for nearly a century. She was the daughter of Peter Weston Esq'r who carried on extensive business here as a merchant for many years & who died here. She has been confined to her room many years, chiefly to her bed lately, a happy release.

Tue. 5 Strong breeze NNW, clear & fine smart frost last night -

Wed. 6 Strong breeze NNW smart frosty W'r. dry and clear - Robert left for St. Johns by land with Mr. Morry - Sent of Thos Cannon for Trepassy with grants to be registered to Geo. Simms Esq'r.

Thu. 7 Strong breeze NNW smart frost - froze in the house last night, clear and fine but sharp cold weather Two schooners bound N went into Aquaforte at 2pm the "Unicorn" mail steamer passed Northward - a very smart frosty day - The cattle not put into stable yet but the night sharp & cold but no snow down -

Fri. 8 Moderate NE wind very severe frost clear but dark & heavy. The "Lancet" from Isle of Valin is one of the vessels in Aquaforte the other a coaster -Vining killed the last two sheep today one left belonging to my brother - blinking snow all day but not visible on the ground which is very hard frozen.

Sat. 9 Moderate SE wind, dark & heavy the ground covered in snow, milder than for last few days - R. Saunders came in from St. Johns, left that last night - The "Lancet" and Mr. Hollis' Sch'r of Burin went out of Aquaforte for St. Johns, wind ESE snowing but moderate breeze

Sun. 10 Moderate NE wind clear but dark ground covered two inches deep in snow - Old Mrs. Carter buried today the coffin taken to the church and kept there during the morning full service, the burial service read after, the body then carried to the grave - Afternoon, Prayers only at the church - Wm Carter here from St. Johns to the funeral - at night fine the wind NE the "Lancet" back to Aquaforte -the cattle housed last night first time

Mon. 11 Calm dull morning, not very frosty last night & mild today - very high tide this morning - Snow falling all day Wind veering from SE to NE towards night wet snow a good deal falling, mild

Tue. 12 Moderate N by E wind, gentle frost fine clear morning, no snow fallen during the night, the ground quite covered with snow and hard under - John son of Matthew Morry of Caplin Bay was married in church today this day at 3pm to Elizabeth Sarah the daughter of Henry Winser of Aquaforte. A fine clear day, winter day. - The wedding party went from the church down to [Jno?] Morry's house -

Wed. 13 Fresh breeze NNW, fine clear and frosty a little snow fell last night

Thu. 14 Fresh breeze NNW smart frost, fine clear morning - the ground covered in snow, a beautiful winter morning left in the "Lion" for St. Johns at [-?] at night wind SW. James came here from St. Johns first since July.

Fri. 15 - Sat. 24

Arrived in St. Johns at daylight this morning per Lion and remained there untill this day, Friday 22nd when I left for home by land a very severe day Wind at N severe frost & snow -came to Toads Cove [ED: now Tors Cove] which I reached at 9pm and left that again on Saturday morning and came home, a fine day Wind NNE moderate breeze and milder than yesterday came here about 4 pm, very slippery walking feet very tender and much fatigued.

Sun.24 A fine morning, wind NNE moderate but freezing very hard out of the sun - did not find

myself well enough to go to Church.

Mon. 25 Christmas Day - Wind moderate SW light snow showers, frost moderate, a Brigantine passing N. Service at the Church and Sacrament this forenoon, Mary O & her Brother, Robert & his wife & her sister dined at my house today - Snowed in afternoon Wind NE. The vessel that passed came out of Fermeuse was blown off in last gales and men frost bitten

Tue. 26 Fresh breeze at SE snowing fast wet snow the ground covered but not deeply at noon Rain & thaw at night strong gale NW with frost and snow very squally

Wed. 27 Strong breeze NNW smart frosty weather not much snow down, the Roads very slippery - Service at church this forenoon - only eight persons there - sent off J [Cummin?] for Trepassey

Thu. 28 Moderate variable winds, nearly calm all day - at evening wind at South, a Brig put out of Fermeuse bound Northward -the frost pretty sharp all day very severe last night -froze in every room in the house

Fri. 29 Moderate NE wind dull & heavy - more mild than for several days past - Roads through the Harbour slippery

Sat. 30 Calm, fine day untill 2pm, when light air sprang up at SSW and became fresher towards night raw & cold & dark looking for falling weather - Rich'd Sanders talking about going to St. Johns in his boat.

Sun. 31 The last day of the year 1848, very strong gale all night at SE -this morning SW very strong breeze with very heavy rain and free thaw - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no services at church this day. -

This year of 1848 hath been one of the most extraordinary & eventful of any during my life in Newfoundland

-nothing very much to the Fishery early in the season very abundant but little taken after the capelin left the coast (& which had been very far from abundant at the usual time) untill latter end of October & in November when fish was very plenty when bait could be procured, herrings were not very plentiful

The Seal Fishery in the spring was very productive attended with very few casualties the drift ice seldom approaching the shore any where and few islands amongst it - Price of Seals 18/- to 20/- per Cwt & downwards. -Fish rather lower than former years

Provisions high in Spring moderate in midsummer & reasonable & plentiful in the fall - Bread 23/ to 28/- -Flour 32/ to 35/ -Butter 8p, Molases 1/6 1/8 -Port scarce at 70/ -Beef 40/ - other things in proportion -

A General Election took place on 16th Nov'r simultaneous through the Island - Peter Winsor of Aquaforte returned for this district through the influence of the [Romish?] clergy - against Thos Glen the [Cath?] member in last House of Legislature. The House met on 14th Dec'r for dispatch of Business -

Private and Public Buildings in St. Johns raising on its ruins very fast, some very fine specimens of Architecture -

A second R Catholic Bishop came this year to this Island Doctor Mullock

The fisheries at Labrador productive many Spanish vessels laden with dry fish at St. Johns The Potatoe disease as rife as ever the most of the crop destroyed by it - less were planted Small Pox prevalent many deaths in it - Two cases of malignant Typhus at Aquaforte John Winsor and Thomas Doherty died in it

Smart frosty weather without snow all the month of December without much intermission

In regard to Public Events in Europe they are of a most astonishing nature over its length.

Great Britain appears to be the only Government that has not been interrupted or overturned.

France, completely revolutionized with great massacre - Prussia, Austria, Italy, Sicily & almost every Kingdom and Empire suffering, France most. Rebellion in Ireland but soon quelled and the Ring leaders apprehended and brought to Trial

Famine very extensive in Ireland, Emigration going on to a great extent, all quitting who can do so with convenience, that unhappy Island, in a great part of it in a most miserable plight.

The Queen again visited Scotland & Lord Jno Russell the Premier visited Ireland -

Disturbances in India, in the Punjaub English & native troops obliged to retire from before [M—tan?] - His Holiness the Pope besieged by his subjects in his Palace his Prime Minister Rosas assassinated there in high day another of his Ministers sadly viewed -

Great efforts made by people in Ireland to get Smith OBrien the head & chief of the Rebels pardoned or punishment mitigated as well as the others -

Peace reestablished between the United States and Mexico after two or three years severe fighting, wherein much treasure was spent and a great loss of human life

The effects of those commotions much felt all over the world by those concerned in trade and shipping - Great changes making by the free traders in the British Legislature thereby bringing hundred into great distress - The trade of this Island not yet recovered from the shock of the fire 1846 and rents in the town much reduced

Attempts to raise grain - Wheat Barley & Oats were made successfully this season it is estimated 5000 Barrels Com were produced this season - Good [slates?] were quarried near La Manche River this summer. -

The Mail Boat "Unicorn" after having performed her work well as such for her years goes off the line this month - Mr. Whitney the contractors period having expired for Steam vessels - Messrs Baine & Johnson put on steamers instead of her on 1st April on the screw propeller system for which vessels are already on the station but the mail will be carried by sailing vessels during the winter months once a month from Halifax

The Trade of this district appears to have dwindled almost to insignificance, no landing Merchants House or Establishment now existing in all the district even extending to Bay Bulls from Cape Race. The fishery is carried on principally in Whale Boats with two men or a man & a boy in each -Very few Western Boats being now fitted out Reneuse & Fermeuse appear to have the greatest number of this description - Ferryland only few.

Old Mrs. Carter a native of this place died in Dec'r this year the oldest inhabitant, relict of late Wm Carter Esq'r Judge of the Admiralty Court aged 99 years and three months - she was buried in the ground near the R.C. Chapel -

The foregoing only a rough outline of the Wars and commotions all through the world and what or when all those movements are to [be] brought in a conclusion and to what conclusion time only can develop therefore wait & see the End if you live so long -

{ED NOTE: there follows a page containing only half of a filled out form; the journal writer often made use of scrap paper.}

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Endnotes

1. This reference indicates the strength of the extended family, because the journalist's sons at this point in time had no children, and this reference is probably to several of his daughter-in-law's siblings, young Simms' who often came from Trepassey to stay with her. His brother's daughter, Mary Oxenham Carter, has recently come out from England.
2. Probably means firewood for the stove in the church, there being no other heating.
3. This young man lived in St. John's, and is buried in the General Protestant Cemetery. He is not the same K. McLea Jr. who is mentioned a few months earlier in a 13 March entry as living in Baltimore, Md.
4. This James Carter, son of James Howe Carter, later became Sheriff of Nfld.

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BOOK 20

January 1, 1849 - December 31, 1849

Ferryland

1849 - JANUARY

Mon. 1 New Years day, commences with moderate frost and showers of snow with sun between the showers - the ground covered with snow but not deep - the Ponds & Gullies all frozen fast securely and quite winter weather but not severely cold today.

- My Brother not returned from St. Johns his daughter & son, Robert & his wife I expect will form our circle round the dinner table today - our family group -Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton and child came in the evening and remained until lam.

Tue. 2 Fresh breeze at West, cloudy & blinking snow moderately frosty during the night - Wrote to Mr. Crowdy requesting a situation for James - Had R'd Vining to kill the cow I purchased out of the Island vessel last summer, today - Sent of several letters by Thos Cannon to start by land tomorrow morning amongst others those I proposed sending by R'd Sanders

Wed. 3 Very strong breeze at West & clear, heavy rain & strong gale in the night, and some snow. Rec'd letters from St. Johns per Edw. Keefe today - Ed Murphy & Robert Mills applied for Relief-making 3 applicants to date - a Brig passed N about 4pm. Snowing fast in showers.

Thu. 4 Moderate SW to West wind, with showers of snow all day and moderately frosty - R'd Sanders left today in his boat for St. Johns purposing to return - at night very fine & frosty seasonable weather

Fri. 5 Moderate SW clear & fine, a little snow fell last night frost moderate finished my Quarterly Co Ho Returns Wrote Mr. Milroy rendered orders & rec'ts also James McCully see Letter Book At evening quite calm at night fine

Sat. 6 Nearly calm, fine clear and mild at 2pm wind moderate NE raw cold Condon came from St. Johns to day Made up the Postman's first package

Sun. 7 Light air at NW almost calm, fine clear frosty morning - Two services at the church today, a very fine day throughout - Coady had his letters today first trip as Postman to start tomorrow morning - he to start on 8th and 22nd of every month

Mon. 8 Moderate NNW wind clear & fine but cloudy smart frost during the night, a fine day throughout very light wind

Tue. 9 Moderate SW wind, mild & cloudy a Brig'e passed N at 9am - Priscilla & Esther Morry spent the day with us, Mary O and James came down to tea & spent the evening at 9pm very dull and heavy - wind S - threatening rain at 11pm hard rain

Wed. 10 Fresh breeze SSW dark and cloudy with hard rain and free thaw. So much rain has fallen today the rivers & streams are overflowing their banks; kept in all day at 10pm a gale of wind from North freezing hard

Thu. 11 Fresh breeze at N by E freezing hard, the tide remarkably high, higher than I remember to have seen it before; the Point of Beach was quite covered, no part visible, & my brother's house at Southside surrounded by the salt water, the bridge covered -

Fri. 12 Fresh breeze NE dark & raw cold, open air, smart frost during past night - Richard Sanders's boat came from St. Johns today - Coady in her the Packet man

Sat. 13 Moderate NW wind, fine morning, smart frost

Sun. 14 Moderate SW wind, dull but very mild - Service at Aquaforte in forenoon, here in afternoon - strong South wind and free thaw with rain at 9pm.

Mon. 15 Fresh breeze NNW, with showers of snow and moderate frost, at night overcast Wind at S. dark

Tue. 16 Strong breeze at SE with snow at 10am, wet snow wind SW at noon very strong gale at West NW, thawing - Two vessels reported in sight I did not see them at night smart

frost
Wed. 17 Moderate N by W, smart frost fine clear morning - moderate & fine all
day at night cloudy wind SW & dull

Thu. 18 Strong breeze at S with snow falling fast at 10am thawing and snow ceased, the Wind came of NW strong breeze - the Schr Lancet passed North under small canvas -Rev'd Jas Murphy called today and brought a letter directed to Comm'n of the Poor, Ferryland dated 20 Dec'r last - Walked up the Bay to show Mr. Morry this letter, and to meet my B'r if he came from St. Johns - Mr. Stephenson, James & two Morry's went to meet him with horses one party to LaManche but he did not come. Jno [H— ?] Bennet came from St. Johns

Fri. 19 Strong breeze NW very smart frosty weather with snow and drifts; blowing at noon & night a very strong gale with severe frosty weather & drifts

Sat. 20 Fresh breeze NNW, sharp frost but clear with heavy clouds, a fine day.

Sun. 21 Fresh breeze SW, dull & cloudy rather milder than for some days - Coady the Postman called for his letters Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, no services here at church.

Snowing fast, all day untill towards evening when it became soft and misty & thawing

Mon. 22 Moderate NNE wind, slight frost in the night, dull and overcast. - Sharp frost towards evening -a brig passed Southward at 2pm

Tue. 23 Moderate N. Wind fine clear morning, sharp frosty weather - Rec'd a letter from J. W. Sanders best reply to Mrs. Dunphy who brought it

Wed. 24 Fine sharp frosty clear morning light air of wind from Northward - Saw Rev. J Murphy here today, when he stated he could not remain for a meeting today but would return on Monday he said he called on Mr. Morry who stated he could not come here today.

Thu. 25 Moderate SW wind, mild & snowing at noon NE at night, NW a Brigantine passing Northward covered with ice -Service at church today in forenoon - Mrs. Stephenson confined for a daughter

Fri. 26 Light air ENE, mild & snowing a little a Brig standing in for Cape Broyle, - at night hard rain & free thaw

Sat. 27 Strong breeze SW free thaw with heavy rain - at 10pm cleared away the Wind West & freezing My Brother came from Caplin Bay

Sun. 28 Strong Breeze NNW. smart frost & clear Two services in the church today, a Brig apparently American passed Westward about 2pm. My Brother came down the evening and took tea

Mon. 29 Fine morning Wind NNW moderate smart frost last night - at night smart frost

Tue. 30 Strong breeze SSW snowing fast all day untill evening when it cleared off a little at night fine, but very mild - General Qr. Sessions of the Peace today - Messrs

Goodridge & Kelligrew dined with me -

Wed. 31 Fresh breeze N by W wind, clear & fine but freezing smartly - & WNW, very cold

1849 - FEBRUARY

Thu. 1 Fine morning very cold frosty weather wind NW moderate - at night, same W'r. Messrs Goodridge & Kelligrew went home -

Fri. 2 Strong breeze SSW, smart frost last night at 11am, snowing very fast, blowing hard - Service at church this forenoon - Matthew Morry Jr. had his third child christened in church today - snowed all day untill 6pm when it ceased the air being quite mild and the wind died away to a calm -

Sat. 3 Wind NW very moderate, and mild dull but clear and dry - moderately frosty -at night wind WNW snowing lightly - very mild - at 10pm, clear frosty

Sun. 4 Strong breeze NNW, smart frost, clear and fine - James, his son & daughter took tea with me this evening - Service at Aquaforte this forenoon, here in the evening, night very sharp & fine

Mon. 5 Moderate SW wind, dull, Harbour caught over - at Court House this forenoon at night mild and dull - wind light looking as if a thaw was coming

Tue. 6 Fresh breeze NE dull -some snow fell last night, the ocean spotted with lolly - moderate frost - A full Meeting of the Comm'n for Relief of the Poor was held at Court House today. Night very fine - Mr. Morry dined with me

Wed. 7 Calm morning, cloudy -Harbour & ocean covered with lolly - very severe frost last night the severest this winter Gave dispatches to Coady the Postman to start from Cape Broyle for St. Johns tomorrow. Spent the evening at Rev. H. H. Hamiltons met there my Brother, his daughter and son, Mr. Stephenson, of my family were there Mrs. Carter, Eliza, Robert and James - Ada was there also Eliza Simms -snowed and drifted very much, which made it very unpleasant returning home - 4 vessels in sight, SW of the Head in the lolly

Thu. 8 Strong breeze NNW, the Harbour & ocean which was covered with lolly last night is becoming quite cleared out, frost light

Fri. 9 Moderate breeze at SSW and fine morning the ocean nearly covered with lolly -at 10am the "Eliz'th Margaret" came in here & anchored - 27 days from Lisbon, the hull covered in ice brings rather unfortunate accounts of the fish markets & no news -at 4pm strong gale at S snowing fast, at night blowing hard with wet snow - at 10pm heavy rain & moderate

Sat. 10 Moderate W wind dark and gloomy -freezing gently - Water into back porch -cleared off at noon fine, the E & M discharging salt all day - night fine clear & moderate -freezing very smartly. Fred'k Morry came from St. Johns.

Sun. 11 Wind moderate NNW, the Harbour & ocean chilled over with lolly during last night, fine and clear and frosty - Two services at church today Mr. Hamilton not having gone to Reneuse as usual yesterday - at night calm, dull and overcast, spent an hour or two after tea at my Brothers

Mon. 12 Wind fresh NE snowing fast, Harbour covered with lolly, "Eliz Marg't" discharging salt - very smart frost last night & cold today -at night dull and heavy looking for change

Tue. 13 Moderate with Wind ESE - Raining fast with heavy silver thaw, very dark & cloudy at Noon wind SW thawing, blowing very hard Gale at 2pm, wind W strong gale & freezing

Wed. 14 Fresh breeze at West, fine clear frosty morning moderate all day & not severely frosty - cleared out "Eliz'th Marg't" for St. Johns today

Thu. 15 Nearly calm morning, slight lolly on the Harbour, the E & M trying to tow out and came to anchor near the narrows - At the Court House today on Poor's Affairs present Messrs Hamilton, Morry & self, - at 3pm, wind moderate SW snowing little -E & M obliged to bring up in Narrows again - a Brig passed Westbound

Fri. 16 Fine morning light SW wind, the E & M sailed for St. Johns the ocean & Harbour slightly covered with lolly at 10am snowing & dull -at noon clear & fine fresh breeze at West - An evening party at Mr. Morry's Capelin Bay

Sat. 17 Fresh breeze NE dull, raw & cold the sea and Harbour covered with lolly freezing smartly - Snowing and drifting all day -and blowing very hard, the yard filled up with snow drift, confined in doors by Weather

Sun. 18 Moderate NE the ocean and Harbour covered with thick lolly from the snow of yesterday etc. Mr. Hamilton absent today no prayers in the church here -at night light air NE snowing dark and mild - Thos. Geary's wife died this day

Mon. 19 Light NE wind very mild but dull, snow fell during the night a Brig off Cape Broyle this morning - Noon wind light NW at 10pm strong breeze NW & snowing & drifting the lolly going off the shore. - A party of young folks at Mr. Morry's this evening -Messrs Aspell & Geo. Loch here on their way to Reneuse from St. Johns

Tue. 20 Strong breeze at West -Showers of snow and much drift over the hills the Harbour nearly clear of lolly smart frost last night - very drifty all this day

Wed. 21 Ash Wednesday. Light air NNW smart frosty morning quite clear & fine, the Harbour & ocean all caught over - Service at church today in the forenoon -Spent the evening with my Brother - James went to Reneuse. Mrs. Geary interred.

Thu. 22 Light air NNE wind Harbour & Sea caught over Smart frost during the night - Two of Newman & Co's round sterns passing Southward -Coady to leave Cape Broyle for St. Johns today - had his letters last evening, two Brigs passed southward today -the Ocean full of lolly & Harbour also

Fri. 23 Fine clear frosty morning, light air NW. the Harbour & ocean still covered with lolly - Two

vessels in sight in the lolly very little wind all day.

Sat. 24 Calm, the ocean & harbour covered in lolly - dull and heavy - Several sealers passing with their bundles, etc. towards St. Johns - Rob't & Fred Morry left - The crew of a vessel bound from Sydney CB to New York lost in St. Shotts came on here from Trepassey today & went Northw'd -at night snowing fast quite calm. Morning service in church today

Sun. 25 Strong breeze SSW dull with rain thawing freely. - No service at church Mr. Hamilton being at Renewse the lolly outside clearing off a little - dry in the afternoon

Mon. 26 Wind NNE dull and heavy, light hoar frost during the night a Brig & Brig'e off the Harbour bound in to Northw'd. The "Euphemia" 40 days from Oporto & "Panda" 57 days from Plymouth G.B. put into Aquaforte and three vessels into Cape Broyle, the Harbours frozen out near the entrance

Tue. 27 Fresh breeze NE -the ocean covered in lolly the Harbour frozen over, clear and dry smart frost in the shade - the Brig "Iceni" jammed in the ice, driving by outside - Boys running on the Harbour ice this evening

Wed. 28 Very fine frosty morning, clear wind NE Harbour frozen over, ocean covered with lolly, scarcely any water to be seen. Coady from St. Johns with letters.

1849 - MARCH

Thu. 1 Very fine morning, light air NE. frosty last night, considerable sea in on the rocks & ice in Harbour breaking up at noon wind West moderate & fine Two Brigantines among the lolly going N.

Fri. 2 Fine morning, moderate SW wind - the "Euphemia" & "Panda" left Aquaforte for St. Johns at 1pm. Wind NE fresh breeze & raw cold - the boat that passed this morning N returning for Fermeuse

Sat. 3 Wind moderate NNE to NW very fine and severely frosty indeed, the Harbour catching fast all over - Walked into the woods today where James [-?] was at work. Rev'd Jas Murphy exhibited his a/ct of issue of Meal & G.

Sun. 4 2nd w. Lent - Moderate NE wind, clear & fine but very cold -the frost last night was the most severe the winter, the Harbour quite clear last evening is now caught over thickly the drift ice close along the coast very rough inside of it all frozen - Mr. H. Hamilton holds services in church here today

Mon. 5 Very strong gale NE - severely cold & frosty most of any day the winter, the Harbour frozen over, the ocean covered with drift ice - cut & bro't out 400 pea sticks from the Deep Cove Pond path - James was with me.

Tue. 6 Similar weather to yesterday but a little less frosty, at night. Gale increasing finished cutting pea sticks today the ice enclosing the whole coast.

Wed. 7 Strong gale NE snowing and drifting, not so cold as yesterday - gave Coady letters for St. Johns this forenoon he to proceed from Cape Broyle tomorrow -at 1pm more mild & wet at night thawing freely dark & cloudy still blowing a very strong gale NE

Thu. 8 Moderate NE wind, clear and mild thawing gradually - nothing to be seen but drift ice -Some people going to St. Johns with dogs & slide to bring .home food by land. Many families in great want at present, at 10pm the moon was under eclipse not a total one. it passed off before midnight. Eliza's birthday.

Fri. 9 Calm or rather light air from ESE with thick fog - light frost last night ocean & Harbour still covered with ice as far as could be seen at sunset last evening from the top of the Gaze and weather quite clear, at 11am smart rain wind NE light & thick fog - at 5:30pm cleared up the fog the wind light from the SW thawing.

Sat. 10 Calm & foggy, very mild the ice as yesterday at noon cleared off fine but yet calm - Many ducks, [-?] etc. were killed in the few small spaces of water open - thawing pretty freely all the afternoon

Sun. 11 Moderate SW - wind & light frost during the night, the drift ice gone off the coast a little way -fine clear morning - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - James here this evening at

night wind NE thick fog & raw cold

Mon. 12 Wind NE ice jammed in again -moderate frosty with fog on the hills - thawing freely at noon fresh breeze & frosty at night

Tue. 13 Fresh breeze NNW dull and cloudy but clear, frose smart during last night, the ice and lolly drifting off the coast. At noon the "Aquaforte, Pelter & Lioness" passed N for the ice - the "Dartfish" followed at 1:30. Coady returned.

Wed. 14 Fresh breeze NNW frosty but fine & clear George Simms Jr. came here from Trepassey by land The "Runnymede" from Liverpool & "Science" from the West Indies put into Capelin Bay bound to St. Johns Several small craft and the Brig "Haidee" passed N - My brother & Mary, Rob't his wife & family, & Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us.

Thu. 15 Fresh breeze at N smart frosty day, clear & fine the drift ice a short way off the coast Several vessels among the ice driving fast Southward

Fri. 16 Fine morning, wind moderate NNW very severe frosty weather, Harbour frozen over again during the night several vessels in sight among the drift ice -

Sat. 17 St. Patrick's day - Light wind S Snowing fast, milder than yesterday - at 10pm cleared away fine and wind came of NNW Same vessels in sight. Today as yesterday.

Sun. 18 4th in Lent. Fine morning, strong breeze at West, the ice outside driven off the shore, the Harbour still frozen over, light frost last night, not severe today. No service at church, Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse. The "Runnymede" and "Science" sailed from Capelin Bay for St. Johns this forenoon, at night overcast

Mon. 19 Fresh breeze NE dark and cloudy, a little snow fallen during the night the ice some distance off the land - at 9am a Brig trimming along the edge of the ice before the wind under two topsails (reefed) & foresail - "Growler" Allen master 75 days from Waterford put into Aquaforte bound to St. Johns - snowing fast -Mr. Curtis came from St. Johns - Spent the evening at my brothers with Rob't & James - Geo. Simms Jr. and John Morry.

Tue. 20 Fresh breeze at NW, moderate frost last night, fine clear morning, a good deal of snow fell yesterday - at 8am 2 Brigs passed Northward - Harbour not clear yet drift ice some distance off the land - The Sch'r "Nora Creina" left Fermeuse, the "Growler" left Aquaforte and a boat from Reneuse all for St. Johns - Several vessel besides passed N today, the ice just visible at sea - Geo. Simms Jr. left for Reneuse and Trepassey - Mary O and James spent the evening with us.

Wed. 21 Fresh breeze SSW mild and clear the Harbour ice not yet broken quite up - Several vessels (not sealers) passed N today thawing very freely and looking mild. Barron left for the ice

Thu. 22 Fresh breeze SSW very mild clear & fine Snow melting very fast in the sun - Turning dull thawing freely

Fri. 23 Fresh breeze SSW thick fog & smart rain thawing very freely the Harbour quite clear of ice - at night calm

Sat. 24 Fresh breeze NE dull but clear, light frost last night at 8am, a Brigantine passed S - day fine throughout - old James Walsh of Capelin Bay burned

Sun. 25 Moderate NE wind, a little silver thaw during the night - the morning quite foggy at 10am cleared up a little the drift ice in sight - Two services at church today - Evening dull & wet

Mon. 26 Fresh breeze NE wind very hazy & misty - the drift ice close in with the shore, the Harbour nearly filled up

Tue. 27 Calm with thick fog and rain at times the drift ice in upon the land the Harbour quite full - at noon a little clearer. Mary Sliney an old inhabitant died aged 87 - Catherine Quirk aged 12 years buried

Wed. 28 Calm, thick wet fog - Ice in as yesterday Snow and ice melting very fast, walked to Capelin Bay & back before dinner. At sunset snow sort of weather very thick At night similar weather & mild

Thu. 29 Calm, with thick fog, ice as yesterday - Ada's (daughter of Elias Rendell) seventh birthday at 10am sun shone out through the fog and continued clear & warm a few hours.

Fri. 30 Calm with thick fog, ice as yesterday the Ice & snow melting away fast daily, at 10pm

cleared off very fine, with moderate breeze from SW -a vessel off, forcing in through.

Ann, daughter of Val Keefe died today.

Sat. 31 Calm with thick fog, ice as yesterday, light frost during the night - cleared away at noon fine for short time and at night thickened in with fog and mist as before

1849 - APRIL

Sun. 1 Light air SW thick fog and smart showers of rain - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon, service here this afternoon, calm & thick fog

Mon. 2 Very light air SSW mild & clear but rather overcast, the ice moved off a little from the shore & out of the Harbour, snow & ice decreasing - at 4pm very dull, nearly calm & raining.

Tue. 3 Fresh breeze at West - dull the ice out of sight -mild and clear -at 9am a Brig beating from off Cape Broyle to the SW. at night clear with gentle frost & fresh breeze a Brig and schooner passed N.

Wed. 4 Fresh breeze WNW -fine & clear - no ice in sight except a small quantity in the Harbour - at 4pm. R'd King came in his boat from St. Johns blowing hard WNW Commenced putting the terrace in order. Mrs. Hamilton came down -

Thu. 5 Light air NW fine warm & clear Pat Fahey landed 19 BTs Meal out of his boat for the Poor here & took one for freight Sent two Barrels meal to Brigus under charge of W. Batcock for him to keep it until he gets an order from Comm'n to deliver -a beautiful spring warm day indeed Several vessels in sight apparently bound to the Eastward - at night calm

Fri. 6 Good Friday. Calm with thick fog. R'd Sanders in his boat waiting a wind for St. Johns. - Full service at church this forenoon Wind NE at 2pm with rain Called a meeting of Comm'n for tomorrow

Sat. 7 Moderate NE wind, thick wet fog - Prayers at church this forenoon -at the Court House dividing out meal. - Cleared away a little at noon, delivered chief part of meal allotted - Coady called for his dispatches - Denis Mealey {ED: likely to be Dennis Meaney) into St. Johns from the Ice -1st sealer in -good trip

Sun. 8 Easter Day. Wind moderate NE thick & misty but mild -Services here today at the church and sacrament administered - James and his daughter spent the evening with us, gloomy dull weather at night

Mon. 9 Moderate NE wind, thick fog & wet Coady to start from Cape Broyle today, sent CoHo Returns for Q'r. and monthly Report by him. At 9.15am steamer passing N 3 masted screw propeller -Vessel went into Fermeuse in the evening. Packet Falcon mail boat.

Tue. 10 Fresh breeze NE raining very fast raw cold unpleasant weather. - John White came in his boat from St. Johns this evening, brings a/cts of sealers being in well fished -at night raw cold

Wed. 11 Fresh breeze NE Rain & thick fog, raw & cold, Harbour partly full of drift lolly -can see out over the ice, a good deal of sea on the rocks, - at night the same W'r.

Thu. 12 Strong breeze ENE thick rain & fog with a heavy sea upon the rocks - Harbour quite filled with drift ice - The "Aquaforte" in from the ice reported to be full of seals (3900) - left the ice 200 miles off and saw none until close in with the land

Fri. 13 Fresh breeze NE thick fog and rain ice as yesterday - Ice doing a good deal of damage to wharves & stages at South side and in Aquaforte several stages are quite down last night Sch'r "Lima" Pinkam Master from Oporto in Aquaforte last from Trepassey. - The sea hath thrown a most extraordinary quantity of ice up in a heap all along on the NE side of the shore at [Cold?] East and near it, upwards twenty feet perpendicular which is packed so firm & frozen as to be hard

Sat. 14 Moderate and mild, clear except a haze in Cape Broyle, much ice in sight, no water to be seen outside at NE of it. Walked to Aquaforte and returned before dinner three vessels in sight when it cleared - at 4pm thick fog -R'd Furlong aged 10 yr, son of Mary Furlong was killed today by the falling of Mr. Norris's stage thrussed down by the drift ice - nearly all the stages in Aquaforte knocked down, many here damaged and I believe Capelin Bay suffering

also

Sun. 15 Wind SW moderate with fog on the land in some places - the ice moving a little, great damage done to the flakes and stages during last night by it - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today Wrote Fanny per Peter [—?] today Capt Chambers's yacht passed N to day and several vessels

Mon. 16 Fresh breeze SSW, blinking snow the ice except scattered clumpets moved off - R'd Sanders's boat left for St. Johns today Ice doing damage to flakes & stages today considerable quantity of lumps having gathered down NS. the Wind strong SSE with snow and heavy rain

Tue. 17 Strong breeze SW cloudy but clear, smart frost during the night -Several vessels passed N. - the "Lion" preparing for St. Johns Went to Aquaforte, afternoon fine - The ice driving about the Harbour continuing to injure the Rooms much -

Wed. 18 Fresh breeze SSW Snowing fast & looking very heavy. - Walked up the Bay in the forenoon to see Mr. Morry about Meal - Afternoon cleared off snow melted & a light breeze came off the land -

Thu. 19 Calm, clear fine frosty morning Wind vble, dull and hazy at night SW with rain- "Lion" left this for St. Johns at 4pm

Fri. 20 Fresh breeze SSW, thick with rain -A Public Meeting was called for today at the Court House - few attended there, the Sheriff was called to the chair & O'Shaughnesy called as Secretary, and adjourned to tomorrow at noon

Sat. 21 Calm, fine clear morning, the ice & snow pretty nearly all gone from the sea & land - Public Meeting at Court House today to get a Petition to H.E. the Governor for seed Potatoes - "Aquaforte" left for St. Johns today - 5pm dull, with light air from ENE

Sun. 22 Light air NE damp, clear morning, two Services at the church today - afternoon fine Wind W moderate, Mr. Morry took his tea with us

Mon. 23 Moderate W wind, blinking snow - R'd Sanders's boat home from St. Johns this morning - rather cold at 6am - The "Lioness" from the ice passed South this evening 1400 seals reported, began gardening clearing away rubbish, etc.

Tue. 24 Fine morning, calm, sharp hoar frost Set cabbage & parsley seed, sugarloaf next Roberts fence - at 6pm thick wet fog

Wed. 25 Moderate W wind dull, mild & clear Thirty fourth anniversary of my wedding day - R'd Vining came to work at the garden. Mrs. Simms came here from Trepassey this evening and left again at midnight for St. Johns in Jno Curtis's boat.

Thu. 26 Fine morning, wind moderate at West R'd Vining here to work again today - "Lion" came in from St. Johns at 3pm Sat turnip, carrot, lettuce, Raddish, Parsnip & S.A. Peas today in kitchen garden - Frost in the ground in some places still though have had some warm days

Fri. 27 Wind NNW, moderate, cool clear & fine smart frost during the night - Strong gale at midday with snow showers & frost in the afternoon - a large light [Bayou/Barque?] under two topsails & [staysail?] was off the narrows at 3pm and went SW. Set some more carrotseed - R'd Vining at work - Rev. P. Burke RCC died

Sat. 28 Smart Breeze NNW severe frost for this time of year last night the ground quite hard - fine & clear - at noon Screw steamer passed N - afternoon very fine & warm Wind NW

Sun. 29 Fresh breeze SW frost last night clear & fine but cool - Mary & James gone to Aquaforte to prayers with Mr. Hamilton this forenoon - The "Pelter" from the ice, a clean ship not one 200 seals. - Rev'd Burke R.C.C. carried to Cape Broyle to be interred at 4pm. "Dartford" reported to be into St. Johns 200 seals - at 5pm, smart rain, cold raw wind & blowing fresh - "Sealer" Kearney from St. Johns

Mon. 30 Fresh breeze SW mild & clear but dull, appears to have rained much during last night - Strong gale NW at noon - a Brig passed N, under two close reefed topsails at 5pm - Planted kidney potatoes today.

1849 – MAY

Tue. 1 Strong breeze W, dull but clear and raw cold, smart frost last night - the ground hard this morning Set turnip seed & Australian peas. "Aquaforce" returned from St. Johns

Wed. 2 Moderate SSW with fog on the hills damp & warm, afternoon fine fresh breeze NNW, very warm - two fore & afters passed Northward Martin Driscoll here from Bay Bulls about W. Culley's property - Cut in broad beans & peas today

Thu. 3 Fresh breeze NW, fine clear morning frost during last night - General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. Snow showers & fine between

Fri. 4 Fresh breeze at West smart frost in the night, fine & clear morning, Robert left last night in Peter's boat for St. Johns about midnight moderate West wind "Sealer" went out & proceeded Northward - Several craft & boats passing to & fro - Mr. Norris landed from [Shelton's?] boat from St. Johns. - Sent Fanny 1 Qr veal per Mr. White

Sat. 5 Moderate SSW raining fast with fog laying on the high sands, at 10am cleared off and wind veered to NNW strong breeze, clear & fine but rather cold wind - a Barque ("am"), passed North today & two small craft. At night blowing very strong & freezing.

Sun. 6 Strong gale NNW, snowing & drifting very much every place covered deeply where drifted, quite a winter morning. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no services in church here. - Continued snowing, drifting & blowing all day. Wind NNE at night, clear but cold - A schooner reaching in for land -

Mon. 7 Fresh breeze NNE, the ground covered with snow, clear but winterish - Wm Sanders's boat in from St. Johns - Several vessels beating to windward - more moderate at night than all day.

Tue. 8 Moderate NE dull & damp - Snow all gone again nearly - strong breeze at noon from NNE clear & fine but not warm - about 10am Robert came in his boat from St. Johns which place he left at 3pm strong gale NE wind, John White came home also.

Wed. 9 Moderate NE wind, dull not clear - Several vessels passing & boats very cold and raw with strong breeze all day at 6pm Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Simms & others came in from St. Johns in Deveraux's boat of Trepassey to spend the night here.

Thu. 10 Strong breeze NE by N wind, cold & raw and dull - Deveraux's boat left again for Trepassey in her the Simms's & Mrs. R. Carter Jun'r & child - at night wet mist very raw and cold, strong breeze NE.

Fri. 11 Fresh breeze NE dull & raw cold but clear morning with drops of rain - midday & out fine clear & warm - Some codfish caught today the first 2 by Sol'n Sweeney's boys - at night Wind NW

Sat. 12 Fine morning, light air NW, clear & warm - old widow Brophy died today the woman was left with four grandchildren her daughter and husband ([Kerera?]) dying - Wind SW and vble at noon, fine warm dry - planted 2nd crop kidney potatoes & broad beans - upper part of garden on a line with strawberry bush - Jno Morry left for St. Johns in his boat - the boat "Greyhound." left for westward the first from the Harbour this spring. Raw cold evening, ice in sight

Sun. 13 Fresh breeze NE with thick wet mist cold and raw - at 10am smart rain, many clumpets of ice coming into the harbour, blowing strong with a good deal of sea - Mr. Morry's Western boat left this morning for fishing ground - Two services at church today - Thos Carew into Cape Broyle could not get into St. Johns for ice, (one of Mr. Alsop's sealers)

Mon. 14 Moderate NE wind dull & cloudy Drift ice in strings passing - at evening calm, a good deal of drift ice coming into the harbour - Robert's boat & John White's left on Fishing Acct.

Tue. 15 Moderate NE wind with thick fog, the harbour nearly filled with drift ice - Raw cold weather like March.

Wed. 16 Moderate NE wind, raining fast, the harbour jammed full of drift ice - raw unpleasant weather - at 1pm Steamer "Falcon" Capt. Meagher with the mails put into Aquaforce, having been off St. Johns and unable to get in there for ice - Passengers. Lord Bishop of Nfld. Rev. Mr. Grey & Mr. Brown. Mr. Geo. Gardner, Mr. Jo'n Wills & others gone on by land - 3 days from Halifax

Thu. 17 Ascension Day. - Dull morning, ice yet jammed in, not much to the Southward of us but

appears to be great quantity North Two ice islands, calm with fog in hills Several vessels and boats in sight beating to windward on the outer edge of the ice - Showers of thick mist at times quite winter in appearance. -Service at church this forenoon - Mr. Hamilton read prayers, the Bishop preached afterwards returned to the Packet. Several vessels & boats working outside the edge of the drift ice -

Fri. 18 Fresh breeze NE fine & clear, the ice still close in though a little went out of the harbour during last night, many ice islands in sight - at 2pm Harbour quite filled with ice - the Bishop & Rev'd Mr. Grey started overland for St. Johns this morning at 10am, Pat Ryan Pilot for them to Bay Bulls for 10/- at night calm and dull - Mr. Browne dined with me and went to the packet before tea. Mr. Jo'n Wills of Dartmouth dined with my brother today & returned

Sat. 19 Calm, with thick fog, the harbour filled with ice still - the cattle to this time kept in house by night there being no grass yet for them to speak of - The mail bags per "Falcon" sent on by land today - at noon snowing fast, the hills quite white not laying much on the low grounds Eliza, James, & Robert with Mary O & her brother onboard the "Falcon" - wind NE light air

Sun. 20 Moderate N wind, fine clear morning sharp frost last night, ice moving off a little, 9 islands in sight - the ice not very wide - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon, -at 2.30 "Falcon" steamer passed N out of Aquaforte - Mary went to Aquaforte to church today - Several boats passing the ice moving off fast fresh breeze at West

Mon. 21 Fresh breeze WSW, fine morning the ice gone off the coast clear. - Planted kidney beans today - Strong gale SW at noon at 3pm showers of rain - Several boats left for St. Johns today - at 6pm wind NW sleet, & rain, strong gale a Brig'e passing N. -at 8pm snowing

Tue. 22 Fresh breeze at NNW, the roofs of the houses & dry places sprinkled with snow fine and clear but cold for the season - Many craft passing N & South, fine & warm as noon advanced at 6.20pm "Falcon" steamer passed the harbour going Southward - a great many vessels passed today - evening warm & pleasant Wind NW

Wed. 23 Moderate NW dull but dry & clear - John Goodridge called & cleared the "Avalon" now passing for St. Johns - John Morry's boat from St. Johns - at 2pm. rain and sleet - evening calm

Thu. 24 Fresh breeze NE raw & cold but clear - dull and cloudy. - More large islands of ice coming in view. - "Avalon" going back to Reneuse, drift ice coming along -and into the Narrows fast.

Fri. 25 Moderate N. Wind, fine clear morning smart frost during last night, the harbour & coast quite enclosed by the drift apparently an extensive jam - R'd Sullivan went to Brigus today in the case Butler v Power & returned. - Sam'l Case bro't letters from St. Johns fine day light air from SW - ice moving a little

Sat. 26 Moderate S wind with thick fog the harbour yet filled with drift ice - at noon rain and heavy rain all the afternoon - wind NE

Sun. 27 Whitsunday - wind NNW ice moving off a little, clear but cloudy, milder than yesterday, ice yet in the harbour and along the coast - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse -Am. Banker in Aquaforte with loss of [general?] tackle bound to St. Johns. At 3pm harbour clear of drift ice except what is aground and it is drawing off the coast - several vessels & boats passing - Mr. Norris came from St. Johns in his boat fine warm pleasant day, fresh breeze at WNW with bright sunshine weather

Mon. 28 Light air NNW fine morning, frost in the night, "Brothers" & "Lion" left for St. Johns, James in the latter, some ice yet in the harbour, - at 10am wind SW moderate, many craft passing and the ice moving off very fast

Tue. 29 Light air NW fine morning & warm - 4pm wind NE fresh breeze at 6pm moderate & fine, Many ice islands in sight Set turnip seed second time in 1st back

Wed. 30 Calm fine morning, John Carroll came to work about front porch. James Barnable in Norris's boat for the Westward today. Shanahan for St. Johns at 10am wind SW -at noon NE cold & raw. Jno Carroll at work on porch -

Thu. 31 Moderate SW fine morning, smart frost last night lolly in the harbour at noon wind vble to NW fine & warm - Some strings of drift ice in sight, at noon the "Kestrel" screw propeller mail boat passed Southward - Jas Mountain left for the Westward, at night very fine wind NW -Jno Carroll at work

1849 - JUNE

Fri. 1 Fine morning nearly calm & clear - at noon wind fresh NNW very fine and warm, strings of drift ice continue to pass to the Southward - the small boats out today caught from 1 to 3Qtls each - A schooner from St. Johns with salt to P & L Tessier's dealers - few boats ready - Coaster sailed again at night calm - Jno Carroll at work - Fanny confined of a little girl at St. Johns - her own birth day.' {ED Note: the journal keeper entered this in the margin of the wrong date}.

Sat. 2 Calm with light rain & thick fog. At night wind NE a little clearer - but evening fast thick small rain

Sun. 3 Wind moderate NE thick wet fog. - Two services at the church here today - at noon cleared away fine, James & his son passed the evening with us, the craft supposed to be jammed into St. Johns by the ice, none having passed all day.

Mon. 4 Wind moderate NE thick wet small rain - the turnip fly destroying the turnips & plants above ground in the garden lately, this wet weather may retard them - boats that are out from 2 to Qtls each. John Carroll at work

Tue. 5 Moderate SSW thick wet fog. - James came from St. Johns by road left yesterday, then all the coast so far as Witless Bay was filled in with drift ice Thomas Payne of Aquaforte died yesterday - Jno Carroll 1/2 -day today

Wed. 6 Fine morning the fog clearing away and the wind fresh at NW. much rain fell during last night - Robert started for Toad's Cove overland and came back at 10pm. No fishery boats out not a craft besides two coasters passed today expect the harbour of St. Johns is blockaded by the drift ice still.

Thu. 7 Moderate breeze at West, dull but clear Romanists not working being Corpus Christie with them - Several vessels beating to the SW today - fine afternoon -Jno Jordan & Mary Ryan married.

Fri. 8 Moderate SW wind - dull & cloudy "Lion" from St. Johns - "Avalon" passing S. Several craft passing Southward. Fanny confined.

Sat. 9 Moderate NW fine morning - Sat carrot seed today in the bed South of strawberry bed after having had turnips destroyed therein twice by the turnip fly this season after well up over ground - At noon light SSW dull. - Peter Bruit came home at 6pm from Westward -Peter Barnable & Kitty Kinseloe married

Sun. 10 Calm, fine morning - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon, -here in the afternoon, at close of Service Thos Payne was buried at Southside - Eliza left at 2pm and was off Cape Broyle at 6pm calm - a steamer was visible in the horizon steering for Eastward supposed to be a transatlantic one.

Mon. 11 Moderate NE dull but clear - Deveraux's boat came in last night from the offing with 11 Qtls fish out three days. - 3pm "Kestrel" steamer passed N close in to the Narrows -Greyhound and Roberts boat left for the Westward, touching into Aquaforte for herrings said to be there - Per Chudleigh to Reneuse - 2 shirts 1 Flannel 1 pr worsted hose 1 pr Cotton hose, 2 collars 1 Wh hdkf -

Tue. 12 Fresh breeze NE wind with fog on the hills, very cold and raw - Wm Sanders's boat from Westward well fished, cold and raw all day, strong breeze - Sheriff & gaoler at war, [jailer's?] maid sent home

Wed. 13 Cold raw morning, fresh breeze NE. dark and cloudy - fog on Cape Broyle The boats kept in from fishing today

Thu. 14 Cold raw weather, raining fast & blowing hard breeze NE. boats all kept in from fishing - Gardens & everything very backward -Rec'd letters from Eliza today got to St. Johns from

Bay Bulls by land on Tuesday found Mrs. Rendell & baby well -

Fri. 15 Fresh breeze NE wind, dark & cloudy with wet fog. - Wm Sanders left for Westward one or two boats that ventured out caught a good deal of fish for the time employed - very rough, raw wet and cold

Sat. 16 Light air ENE dull but clear & warm - 10am cleared away fine with light fog, James Mountain Sen'r an old inhabitant died today - small boats 2 to 3 Qtls each - wind NW at 8pm, "Brothers" left for St. Johns

Sun. 17 Moderate SW wind fine morning Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no services at church here. Mon. 18 Moderate NE wind foggy in the morning but cleared away fine at 10am. Walked to Reneuse this afternoon and remained at Evans' house.

Tue. 19 Wind NE fresh with thick fog. Went very early to Round Cove and surveyed John Shahey's¹ land there & returned to Reneuse at night raining

Wed. 20 Fresh breeze NE clear - walked home from Reneuse today - small boats from 2 to 3 Qtls each this evening

Thu. 21 Calm fine morning - Wind SSW at 10am thick fog occasionally with sunshine between all day -the fog cold - boats little fish

Fri. 22 Moderate wind at West very cloudy & dull but clear, very raw cold for season -the weather came warm & wind West about noon - the sch'r "Hiram" sailed

Sat. 23 Calm, foggy morning - cleared away fine at 10am -wind SW moderate Norris's boat & John Morry's from Westward very well fished - Henry Winser's family & others at the Court House today -the "Lion" from St. Johns in the evening, lost a boy overboard on the passage coming

Sun. 24 Calm nearly with thick wet fog & light air NE at times - Much thunder & lightening in the night at 2pm Jas came and Elias Rendell landed out of a vessel passing & my brother also, much rain must have fallen. Two services at church here today. A [Mr?] Warrington concerned in manufacture of codlines came here from St. Johns & E. Rendell also -Brothers, Sch'r Sea Flower & a boat from St. Johns with [— passengers].

Mon. 25 Wind light NE, dull, fine at noon at 6pm wind SE cloudy and cold Stuck the latter crop of peas today - Norris' boat ready to start again -Some capelin taken today but not in large quantity or in general, those who had any caught a good deal of fish Some boats full on jiggers tonight -

Tue. 26 Wind light ENE thick fog & mist very wet. Capelin very scarce this morning - Those who got bait got a good deal of fish

Wed. 27 Moderate SW misling rain & fog - Jas Mountain Jr. and John White's boat came in from Westward -no capelin here today little fish tonight.

Thu. 28 Moderate SW rather dull & cloudy a small Qty of capelin taken last night Boats all out fishing - Salmon net sat last evening - about 2pm steamer "Kestrel" passed Southward. Wind SSW Fish plenty & caplin as well

Fri. 29 Moderate NW wind, dull and cloudy but clear and mild - fish & caplin very plenty, no person out to catch it scarcely only one boat out of Ferryland & Caplin Bay - only boat out landed after 2pm

Sat. 30 Moderate SW wind dull but clear - Boats all out with plenty of Capelin, R'd Sanders home 1st trip & Greyhound 2nd quite full - Boats in loaded as early as 8am today and out again with plenty capelin -at 3pm wind NE with fog & rain

1849 - JULY

Sun. 1 Fresh breeze NNW dull but clear - at noon wind moderate SE afternoon rain -Service at church the forenoon and the sacrament administered at Aquaforte in afternoon service - Capt'n Wilkins took his tea with me - a Brig passed S close in this morning - at night rain ceased, calm

Mon. 2 Moderate ESE raining fast - dull and heavy with considerable surf on the rocks - Some of the

boats in full at 9 o'clock this morning fine large fish - a great deal of fish caught today, the sea has driven the capelin out of the landwashes

Tue. 3 Fresh breeze NE fog at sea with heavy rain and raw cold. Most of the boats out were laden -some did not go out

Wed. 4 Moderate SW with fog and misty rain fish and capelin plenty - boats in full by 8am - Pro't B'd of Ed: met today. -Some boats landed three times this day

Thu. 5 Calm, fine morning - at 10am, SW moderate & fine - fish & capelin very plentiful, boats in early quite laden

Fri. 6 Strong breeze NW fine morning & warm Sch'r "Hiram" from Cape Breton off the harbour sent [Boy Ralf?] off under charge of Capt Bennett Qu'r Sessions Book. - Sent monthly Report and Co Ho Returns per Capt Bennett Sch'r "Hiram" - Fish and bait very plenty the boats landing & going continually and the shore crews fully engaged in the stages A very warm day indeed throughout Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, my brother & children - Messrs Wilkins & Warrington took their tea with us this evening.

Sat. 7 Fresh breeze NNW fine morning Aylward's coaster came in from St. Johns Boats all laden early, some made second trips but the fishermen & shoremen are all nearly exhausted by the week's work. Peter Bruit came from Westward with 160 Qtls quite full boat. Fish & capelin very plenty indeed

Sun. 8 Moderate breeze at West rather dull - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - Capt. Chambers' yacht passed North at 4pm

Mon. 9 Moderate NE fine morning & clear Boats in laden at 8am with fish the most of them landed twice today - At 2pm the "Kestrel" steamer passed N. at night wind light SW with light fog

Tue. 10 Wind SW fresh, fine morning - Bait rather shy this morning in the Harbour Boats all out by 8am, some coming in loaded at 9 - that were out early, those who could get their fish put away went out and landed secondly but the stages are getting crowded and the men jaded - Robert ordered Peter's crew to work about the fish today though fish so plentiful - Mr. Elias Rendell left in Aylwards coasting boat for St. Johns at 5pm.

Wed. 11 Wind NNW fresh breeze with dark clouds & misty - heavy rain in the night - the caplin rather scarce today, at noon NE strong breeze - Fish and bait plenty - boats from the westward came to Crow Island. Sharp frost

Thu. 12 Fine morning Wind vble & light capelin scarce, fish plenty caught one salmon today the first for the season. All who had caplin loaded their boats. Boats some few loaded twice today. Sharp frost this morning, some potatoes blackened by it

Fri. 13 Strong breeze SW heavy rain in the morning - Capelin scarce, fish very plenty indeed boats in full at 11am

Sat. 14 Dull hazy morning, deal sultry heat Wind moderate SW the wind at 10am came from West, there appears a great haze or smoke in the atmosphere, for it blows very strong & the sun is quite red. not much fish this evening, blew too hard through the day for the bummers. Very little fish this evening, Deveraux's punt abandoned near Goose Island today.

Sun. 15 Light air NE wind, with rain & mist air cooler than yesterday - St. Swithan - Two services at the church here today - Some coasters in from St. Johns - Brig "Viola" Goodridge passed S about 2pm - for Reneuse most likely - at night fog & mist

Mon. 16 Light air NE thick fog - capelin scarce fish plenty, the boats that got bait landed very quickly - Robert & James put the Codseine in the skiff this evening

Tue. 17 Calm with very thick wet fog. at 6pm light breeze SW smart rain - Caplin very scarce, fish plentiful - Bait in Aquaforte

Wed. 18 Calm, foggy morning, sun shining out through the fog - cleared away at 10am. Capelin scarce but those who get any get fish on it. Greyhound home full 3rd trip - Robert's boat went off on fishing acc't.

Thu. 19 Strong breeze West fine morning - Caplin rather more plentiful today the boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each average about 3 ea. thick fog & S Wind at night & cold & raw

Fri. 20 Thick fog wind SW in the morning, at 10am cleared off warm & fine - Capelin caught, but

very little fish taken upon it - "Favorite Lass" Brigantine went into Capelin Bay this evening supposed from Oporto, belonging to E & N Stabb St. Johns - at night very fine - James & Mary at Caplin Bay. Jno Morry's boat home 2nd trip -Rich'd Sanders also 2nd trip

Sat. 21 Calm with thick dry fog. Capelin taken today & some boats in laden with small fish about 1pm. "Favorite Lass" entered - Capelin more plentiful. At evening wind NW clear & fine

Sun. 22 Fresh breeze SW with white fog on the sea. - dull heavy and sultry morning - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning - Service here afternoon

Mon. 23 Wind fresh WSW smart rain in showers, dull hot & foggy with white fog. Boats not out today, no capelin - John White's men & my Brother's men got some capelin in Aquaforte and the boats loaded with fish that had it, scads of capelin in the harbour tonight several tubs taken - the afternoon fine & dry but not quite clear -Some islands of ice in sight, yet

Tue. 24 Nearly calm, morning fine, at 8am clouded in and rained heavily the wind SW light air & fog on the hills very warm and sultry before the rain came The boats that got bait in early laden - Thunder lightening & rain during the forenoon -wind NE at noon & 4pm calm & wet.

Wed. 25 Wind NNW fresh breeze, fine morning at noon W very fine day - was on the island with a few friends to tea - fish very plenty, bait caught tonight The Favorite Lass here discharging salt

Thu. 26 Fine morning light air SW. - two ice islands in sight today - "Viola" came to anchor in the narrows today "Flora Isabella" coaster from St. Johns in Ewan Stabb Jr. - fish plentiful - very warm.

Fri. 27 Dull calm morning - rather close & sultry. Mr. Kelligrew cleared the "Lioness" out for St. Johns and brought a report that the "Kestrel" screw steamer was lost at St. Shotts on Tuesday and a lumber vessel in Trepassey Bay at same time, Crews saved of both - "Viola" left our narrows for Reneuse at 2pm, Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton in her passengers for Reneuse Wind SW light with rain - Capelin rather scarce few boats out - Reneuse Western boats average 400 Qtls each now - At 5pm smart rain

Sat. 28 Fine morning, wind NW fresh breeze - No capelin last night or today -Deveraux caught some lance - boats not out - Aylward's boat for St. Johns, sent letters & rhubarb by her for Fanny No capelin today - fish on lance.

Sun. 29 Fine morning, wind moderate SW. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - no service at church here. Spent the evening with my brother, met Messrs Wilkins & Warrington there - Ewan Stabb Jr. called in the evening

Mon. 30 Moderate NW close & sultry with showers of rain - at 4pm strong NE & cool a fine day after 10am. Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton returned from Reneuse today by land Robert left in his boat for Trepassey at 7pm No capelin, no fish, no other sort of bait except a few herrings which answered well

Tue. 31 Moderate NE wind, fine morning, - at noon SW at night NW - boats not out no bait today, pleasant weather ice islands all gone at last

1849 - AUGUST

Wed. 1 Light air SW misty with fog on the hills, cleared off fine in afternoon Wind NW Wrote W. Rendell Jr. per Lacey, very few boats at sea, bait very scarce, some lance were taken and made good use of but not in quantity.

Tue. 2 Moderate NE wind, fog, mist & rain dull day throughout but dry towards noon - Surveyed for Thomas Lackey today - No bait nor fish -Aylward for St. Johns

Fri. 3 Moderate and clear, wind NE - at 2pm light air SW. Ewan Stabb Jr. dined with me and left at 3pm in the Brig'e Favorite Lass for St. Johns sent letters by him to Eliza & Fanny -the Gov'r & Su'r Gen'l

Sat. 4 Light air NE - fine morning. Herrings were caught by some, and a good deal of fish taken with them for bait - wind vble during the day but fine W'r.

Sun. 5 Fine, calm morning, bank of fog at sea - Two full services at church here today - at 4pm wind ESE dull & rather chilly. Messrs Wilkins & Warrington took tea with us

Mon. 6 Fresh breeze ENE with light showers & dull -rather a fall of the year kind of day No boats out fishing no bait

Tue. 7 Rough NE wind, dull but clear & dry - boats prevented from going to fish No bait taken today, the nets taken in

Wed. 8 Strong breeze NE dull and hazy at sea the wind appears to extend some distance - boats all kept in from fishing. Spent the evening at my brothers as did James, Mary & Ada - strong gale at night

Thu. 9 Strong breeze, NE dry and clear but dull

Fri. 10 Fresh breeze ESE to SE & back to NE - morning dull and heavy middle of the day fine - evening dull again - The potatoe haulms {ED: Brit. stems, stalks} blackened by the wind in several situations & the trees in some places quite black with same - no boat, no boats out fishing very rough and unsettled weather, dull but not raining though very dark clouds

Sat.11 Wind ESE moderate dull & cloudy. 10am cleared away - "Steamer" passed S. midday fine the evening dull

Sun. 12 Moderate ENE dull, close & cloudy Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Rec'd letters from St. Johns per Lacey's boat - Service at church in the afternoon - My brother, his daughter & Mr. Warrington to tea with me

Mon. 13 Moderate SW wind, clear over the land at sea a bank of fog. Doctor Bradshaw's yacht came into the narrows and anchored there at 8am - Mrs. W. Kelligrew landed from her. - evening wind S fog on the hills no bait no boats out fishing -the potatoes, trees etc. scorched lately

Tue. 14 Light air SW fog on the hills, warm -[-?] Stafford bro't home the cows today first time since the caplin came in -Wrote Fanny and Eliza per Mr. Morry per Payne's boat with dry fish today

Wed. 15 Moderate SW thick fog on the hills damp close air -Robert & his family came from Trepassey at 2am in Peter's boat. Several of the boats home from the Westward not with good trips - no boats at sea, no bait & a Holiday with R.C.

Thu. 16 Strong breeze at S with rain & fog. and so continued, & blowing garden stuff very much about, at evening a little dry & clear - a few squids taken in the harbour today

Fri.17 Moderate SW thick fog. Vble driving the S to W, showers & sunshine alternately No bait no boats out scarcely - One that was out with 20 squids brought in 3 Qtls

Sat. 18 Moderate NNW clear but dull with dark clouds coming out over the land. - Wind NE about 10pm with showers at times all day, moderate and close - Sent Mrs. Evans' money per Mr. Hamilton - Mr. Warrington went to St. Johns in M. Morry's boat

Sun. 19 Fine morning, nearly calm, several vessels in sight - No service in church. Robert, his wife & family dined with me -Ewan Stabb Jr. came in the evening

Mon. 20 Fine morning - Wind moderate SW. Some herrings caught last night and those boats that were out with them caught from 2 to 3 Qtls fish each.

Tue. 21 Fine morning light air off the land -Sent Mr. Brand's letter per Deveraux's boat. Fog came in for a short time at noon, after fine and clear several boats landing fish, the boats that got bait from 2 to 3 Qtls fish on it. Herring, no squids

Wed. 22 Thick fog, light wind SSW - James left for St. Johns last night in Peters' boat. Afternoon heavy rain & fresh breeze

Thu. 23 Calm with thick fog - at 10am cleared away fine moderate WSW wind Peter Payne left for St. Johns

Fri. 24 Light air NE wind, fine morning - Dull as day advanced, close & warm Some few snipefish taken & fish caught on them, no squid or herrings consequently no fish taking today scarcely. Several coasters put in here today bound Northward & a sch'r with herrings from St. George's Bay out 25 days for St. Johns. Boats from St. Johns this evening -P. Morris Esq. died

Sat. 25 Fresh breeze NE, with rain - during day wind vble to E & thence S, with thunder and extremely heavy rain & fog

Sun. 26 Moderate to SW fog & haze, the sun shining through it - Two services at church today - Capt.

Wilkins took tea with me - dull foggy evening rather wet - Wind bound vessels & boats left

Mon. 27 Moderate NE Wind, dull but clear Several vessels in sight during the day

Tue. 28 Moderate ENE wind, dull but clear - at 10am wind S and cleared off fine at evening dull - several craft passing Some 23 squids per man taken at Capelin Bay today

Wed. 29 Close damp morning, light air SSW dull and heavy - Jno Morry's boat came in with good catch of fish for the Southward 20 Quintals from Cape Bollard Bank on Herrings - Boats from 1 to 2 Qtls fish each that had herrings or squids

Thu. 30 Dull and cloudy, moderate N. wind - Several hares have been killed lately on the Gaze - Curlew & plover scarce Partridges pretty plenty & fine. Herrings tolerably plenty today. Fish scarce

Fri. 31 Calm with thick fog in the morning, at 8am cleared a little saw Peter's boat off the Cape, went out with Robert & bro'r James, Eliza & Emily Rendell on shore - boat got here at 10am, thick fog wind SW boats from 1/2 to 2 Qtls fish this evening Made out & enclosed the monthly Report of the state of the district ready to send off

1849 - SEPTEMBER

Sat. 1 Moderate W. fog on the hills, close & warm, the sun shining through it - at 9am cleared away fine & fresh breeze - At 5pm Peter left for St. Johns sent Monthly Return & [—?] by him, some gooseberries, carrots etc. to Fanny also. Boats little fish this evening.

Sun. 2 Moderate SW dull & cloudy with a haze resembling smoke coming out thick over the land & so for several days - Service at Aquaforte in forenoon & here in afternoon - Capt Wilkins took his tea with us this evening - heavy rains

Mon. 3 Fresh breeze NE dull & cloudy but clear, fine at noon rain at 6pm. "Pixie" a coaster from St. Johns here. - Some caught a good many herrings today fish scarce - a report of the Potatoes being injured in Fermeuse by disease - "Falcon" steamer passed N at noon

Tue. 4 Fresh breeze NNE fine & clear - at noon S moderate - several craft for St. Johns left snipefish caught 1/2 to 2 Qtls fish per boat

Wed. 5 Moderate NW fine morning, and so continued all the day - little doing in the fish way today down here, but some of the boats Southside well fished having from 2 to 3 Qtls each

Thu. 6 Moderate NW fine & clear morning - Peter home from St. Johns last night and left again laden tonight - Went out to sea in pm - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Mary O. Eliza Mary & self - boats from 2 to 3 Qtls fish tonight on snipefish. Norris' boat home from Bank 30 Qtls Mr. Williams with 20 Qtls

Fri. 7 Moderate SW dull with light fog on the cape, mile & rather sultry & damp Lights in the stages at 9pm tonight

Sat. 8 Calm with thick fog. - cleared off at times during the day. Evening fine light air SW. - Boats well fished that were provided with snipefish for bait and those were tolerably plentiful yesterday. Western boats bringing good catches of fish from Cape Ballard Bank

Sun. 9 Moderate ESE wind - dull the "Lion" came in from St. Johns, in her Wm. Rendell Jr. - Deveraux's boat came in Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no service here - My Brother & Mary O. & Capt. Wilkins came in to tea in the evening. - dull at night

Mon. 10 Moderate ESE dull & cloudy but clear and dry Pat Ryan's potatoes diseased Stalks quite brown and decaying - HM Steam "Vixen" passed S at noon - Very few boats with fish today for want of bait.

Tue. 11 Calm, dull morning, but dry & clear - during the day wind from E to NE moderate - Peter came from St. Johns Several craft passing Southward - Took tea at Mr. Hamilton's with my brother, his daughter, Capt. Wilkins - Robert & wife, Mary, Eliza & Jas.

Wed. 12 Dull with moderate NE wind - James, Capt. Wilkins & others set off for Clam Cove in Captain's whale boat, - little bait or fish caught today by the small boats the large ones about in the Bank.

Thu. 13 Fresh breeze NNW fine morning - at noon wind NE - Evening dull & hazy few boats at sea today - some snipefish taken in the course of the day. - Spent the evening at Roberts, with my

daughters - Jas & his family - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton - at night raining fast.

Fri. 14 Fresh gale NE clear and dry - at 4pm SW fresh breeze and cloudy, too rough for the boats to go out in the morning - some few out in the evening. Dined with my brother today, W. Rendell Jr. & Rob't.

Sat. 15 Fresh breeze SSW misting rain - Wm Rendell Jr. & Emily - & Mary O Carter left in Robert's boat for St. Johns this morning - No fish brought in by the boats tonight

Sun. 16 Fine cool morning - fresh breeze NNW. Two services at church here today - Many craft passing principally boats & fore & afters - the former going Northward the latter Southward. Mon. 17 Calm, fine morning - at 10am, wind SW fresh breeze - "Falcon"

steamer passed N under all her canvas - evening very dull

Tue. 18 Calm, dull morning, appears to have rained a great deal during the night - wind NE at noon - cleared off fine - No fish on bait taken today

Wed. 19 Calm nearly - Fog on Cape Broyle fine and clear else - light air at times NE - Capt. Wilkins & James & others returned from Clam Cove Head about 20 brace partridges - Fresh breeze NE with heavy showers of rain at 2pm strong gale NE, evening moderate

Thu. 20 Fresh breeze at N by E. fine morning the air cool and commencing the fall - Dry fish so abundant that nets cannot be left out for them - the boats at sea - At noon a frigate passed S. - moderate NE Peter Bruit from St. Johns this evening - H M Frigate "Trincomalie" passed South at 2pm today. - No boats out fishing -

Fri. 21 Moderate NW wind dull but clear - Service at church this forenoon - at noon light air SW & fine - sent the notices for Aquaforte about land to R. Hall by [—?] to be stuck up by him & declared -

Sat. 22 Fresh breeze NE cloudy but dry & clear the air quite cool. - Fish plenty bait very scarce - boats caught 20 Qtls about Cape Bollard on snipefish.

Sun. 23 Fresh breeze ESE dull but clear - Service & Sacrament here at the church this forenoon - Service at Aquaforte afternoon, walked thru to church with Eliza & Mary & Mr. Hamilton

Mon. 24 Fresh breeze ESE dull & cloudy but dry - at night smart rain strong breeze No fish catching - no bait

Tue. 25 Strong breeze WNW heavy clouds flying fast out over the land, the ground very wet from rain in the night No boats out fishing today. -

Wed. 26 Fresh breeze WNW. fine morning. 11 am went to Aquaforte surveying for Mr. Doherty and returned at 6pm

Thu. 27 Moderate SW wind, clear & fine - Surveying for Doherty at Aquaforte today forenoon. Some few boats at Southside, brought in a few Qtls of fish among them this evening but confined to few only.

Fri. 28 Fresh breeze SE with heavy rain - at Court House today all forenoon - Thos Dunphy of Reneuse applied for Relief - see Sessions Book for particulars of it.

Sat. 29 Fresh breeze WNW clear & dry but dull - At noon - Sale by auction of Crown Lands - Service at church this forenoon - Fish plenty bait scarce, too windy for the boats to keep at sea

Sun .30 Strong breeze at West, clear & dry Peter Bruit came in from St. Johns - No Service at church, Parson at Reneuse.

1849 - OCTOBER

Mon. 1 Moderate N. Wind - clear but dull - At Aquaforte Surveying for Dr. Walsh a very fine day, several craft passing a large steamer passed Northward.

Tue. 2 Fresh breeze ESE dull but clear - at WNW raining and blowing strong with a heavy sea coming in on the land

Wed. 3 Light air SW, thick haze and dull - cleared off a little at times during the day at 4pm "Falcon" steamer passed Southward

Thu. 4 Strong gale NNE, dry & clear but dull, very much sea heaving in. -The Brig "Kingslock" Burke, from Hambro' 36 days passage put into Aquaforte

Fri. 5 Strong breeze NE, dull but dry & clear Went to Aquaforte before breakfast to enquire about

the vessel in there. - At Court House until 4pm. No boats out fishing no herrings

Sat. 6 Strong breeze ESE some drops of rain falling - dull and raw - "Tess" our old favorite cow dropt down in the yard today immediately after being milked & died at once - noon smart rain & continued.

Sun. 7 Strong gale NNW. dry & clear but fall appearance & feel. Two services at church today - Several vessels & boats passing N & S.

Mon. 8 Wind ENE thick rain, moderate and so continued all day with smart showers of rain occasionally.

Tue. 9 Calm, dull morning. Middle of the day and afternoon fine and clear - at Aquaforte surveying of Winsor's Southside. - Capt. Wilkins took tea with me this evening

Wed. 10 Moderate E by N wind, dull but clear and dry - prepared Customs Qr. Returns and declared to them and sealed them all ready to dispatch - Plotted off Winsor's Surveys - Boats caught fish today on herrings & found it very plentiful some had 2 Qtls only very few out looking for fish now.

Thu. 11 Fresh breeze ESE dry & clear - at noon NE at 4pm moderate with thick rain -

Fri. 12 Thick fog and rain, calm, heavy rain during last night - the 59th Anniversary of my Birthday - I thank my God for the many blessings I have enjoyed through life and that my health has been so good

Sat. 13 Fine morning, wind moderate SW -Several boats left for St. Johns - Sent Returns and letters by Deveraux's boat Peter Bruit left this evening, Mr. Hamilton with him - Mr.

Stephenson came inshore from a St. Mary's boat from St. Mary's from the Southern Circuit

Sun. 14 Calm, dull morning -at noon a fresh breeze NE rather raw & very heavy & dark Robert & Mary Ann spent the evening with us No services at church, Mr. Hamilton at St. Johns

Mon. 15 Strong breeze NE dark, gloomy morning and so continued all day at evening snow moderate and dry and clear - at the Court House this forenoon

Tue. 16 Moderate NW clear & fine, the "Falcon" steamer passing N at 8am - At Aquaforte southside surveying today - at night fresh breeze NE. a Brig & a Sch'r put into Aquaforte this evening. My potatoes being dug today. Hail at night.

Wed. 17 Strong breeze NNW. fine and clear smart frost -many vessels passing Northward - in the evening Messrs Geo & James Simms came here from Trepassey overland having slept in the woods last night near [Momers?] Hill

Thu. 18 Moderate SW wind, misting rain, midday clear & fine, finished digging potatoes Some boats caught from 2 to 4 Qtls fish tonight on a few herrings which are very scarce

Fri. 19 Moderate W. Wind, fine morning - Judge Des Barres arrived overland Mr. Thos Kough with him, & opened court - Peter's boat & others in from St. Johns - Mr. Hamilton returned by water

Sat. 20 Moderate NW fine & clear - Court opened & some trifling matters settled. Boats that had herrings caught a good deal of fish - Kough had 3 B'ls herrings

Sun. 21 Moderate N. wind clear & dry. at 10am raining & sleeting wind NE - afternoon dry but rather chilly - Service at the church in afternoon, Mr. Hamilton preached in a black gown first time.

Mon. 22 Moderate dry & clear nearly calm, wind SW fine - Several boats left for St. Johns, Peter among the rest. Jas Simms Jr. spent the day with us. little Business at the Court House

Tue. 23 Strong breeze SW heavy rain in the night very mild but dull - Grand Jury at Court today - no case - spent the evening at Mr. Stephenson's

Wed. 24 Calm, misty morning - at lam {ED: 10am?} foggy wind light NE. Judge Des Barres left for St. Johns on horse back. Spent the evening at Mr. Morry's at Capelin Bay with my brother, sons, Geo & Jas Simms & others. Boats 3 to 4 Qtls fish & some barrels of herrings

Thu. 25 Fresh breeze NE wind, with smart rain at noon calm - at 2pm wind SW strong at 5pm wind NNE fresh breeze & rain - dined with Robert to meet G & J Simms

Fri. 26 Fresh breeze NNE cold wet & rain in the morning - the leaves nearly all fallen off the balsam trees. James & Jas Simms Jr. went to Reneuse -gave the former Mrs. Evans's salary.

Sat. 27 Moderate W. dull but clear & dry slight frost last night - James & Jas Simms Jr. came from Reneuse -they, my brother, Geo. Simms & Robert dined with me today - Showers of rain during the day strong breeze WSW - & fine between the showers
Sun. 28 Strong breeze at N by W frost during the night - the wind raw and cold this morning but clear & fine - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service at the church - dined with my brother.
Mon. 29 Fresh breeze at W - at 8am the steamer passed north, fine frosty & clear - dined at Capelin Bay by invitation with Geo. Simms, Mr. Stephenson & my brother at Mr. Morry's. No magistrate besides myself at the Court House this forenoon - Boats that go out with bait get fish
Tue. 30 Moderate SW very mild, and clear. Several craft left for St. Johns - In the "Lion" Jas Simms Jr. left - sent by him sample of Grain to Chas Simms Esq'r and my bond for SubCollector [slip/ship?]
Wed. 31 Moderate SW wind, mild but hazy - at night thick mist, wind light SE.

1849 - NOVEMBER

Thu. 1 Thick fog - very mild and misty at times - 9am wind moderate NE. Service at church this forenoon - at night thick wet fog and calm - Spent the evening at Roberts with Geo. Simms, my brother & others
Fri. 2 Calm with thick wet fog. during the day the wind moderate at South very dull & gloomy Weather - Many partridge killed today on the hills
Sat. 3 Dull, gloomy morning, wind moderate at South, raining fast, fog on the hills, at noon fog cleared away but still dull.
Sun. 4 Moderate SW wind, mild & hazy at sea but clear over the land - Kough's jack left for St. Johns today - Two full services at church today -rain, thunder & lightening at 4pm
Mon. 5 Fresh breeze WNW dark & gloomy with rain in showers, clear at sea - at noon strong breeze N with showers of rain - several craft in sight. Peter Bruit's boat & others from St. Johns
Tue. 6 Strong breeze NNW clear & dry smart frost - G'l Qr Sessions of the Peace today no Business of consequence - Geo Simms W. Kelligrew, M. Morry Sen'r & Jun'r dined with me today - Messrs Goodridge, Stephenson, my brother, Capt. Wilkins John Morry & Robert came to tea & spent the evening.
Wed. 7 Moderate NNE wind, dry but dull - Geo. Simms left for St. Johns by land - Went to Renewse about Saunders' land and slept at R .Evans's the night
Thu. 8 Fresh breeze NE clear & dry with heavy sea on the rocks - returned from Renewse at night. Capt. Wilkins Pris'a Morry & Mary O. at tea
Fri. 9 Moderate NE wind - Ground covered lightly in snow, clear & fine
Sat. 10 Moderate NE wind, sharp frost in the past night - dry & clear but dull. Afternoon fine, Capt. Wilkins left for St. Johns
Sun. 11 Moderate wind NW nearly calm, smart frost, clear and dry morning - Sent Jas [Reed?] to Reneuse with note to Mr. Evans - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon -Service here in the afternoon - Mr. & Mrs. Morry & Priscilla - James & his daughter took tea at my house & Mrs. Morry slept there tonight
Mon. 12 Light air SW raining fast - James & Henry Morry & his mother left in Peter's boat and had a very foggy dull day I fear. Mary Sinnett married to Moore -
Tue. 13 Fresh breeze SW fog at sea but clearer than yesterday - hard rain in the night at noon wind WSW at 1.30pm "Falcon" steamer passed North, cleared off, dry. Geary married by Mr. Hamilton
Wed. 14 Moderate W wind, mild, light showers of rain, dull & cloudy.
Thu. 15 Moderate NW wind, fine & clear, heavy showers of rain throughout the day and sunshine between - Fanny Mead still very ill at the Downs
Fri. 16 Fresh breeze NNE -dark gloomy morning froze during the night, blinking snow -Fresh breeze all day & raw cold
Sat. 17 Fresh breeze NNE frost during the night, clear fine & cold - Two vessels with potatoes &

turnips from P. E. Island & one from Sydney CB with coals in Aquaforte and left it again this evening - Several vessels passing Northward

Sun. 18 Moderate and cloudy light air at SSW No service at church - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - at 9am wind NW -at noon wind NE, a Brig bound N off.

Mon. 19 Moderate NNW fine, frosty - Fanny Mead died last night or this morning - at noon Wind NE - two vessels bound Northward in sight

Tue. 20 Moderate SE dry & clear but cloudy moderate frost last night - at 10am wind S. light, several boats & vessels passed Northward - a dull day.

Wed. 21 Thick fog, very mild, wind S. with showers of rain at times - at 9am the Master and crew of "Elizabeth" of Dartmouth belonging to Mr. Stabb of Torquay came to me having saved themselves from the wreck of the vessel on shore in Southern Motion - 42 days from Torquay - not gone to pieces at night.

Wed. 22 Thick fog, light air SW. - Afternoon clearer the wind moderate NE & raw - Fanny Mead buried this evening at 4pm at Northside - little or nothing saved from the "Elizabeth" much sea around her. Peter Bruit from St. Johns this evening

Fri. 23 Fresh breeze NE wet & misty, dark & gloomy weather - finer at noon.

Sat. 24 Calm dull morning - Wind moderate SW. at 9am - John Morry left for St. Johns in his boat - People turning and plundering the wreck -

Sun. 25 Moderate air at West -dull & cloudy - Two vessels passing Northward - Two services at church here today - Wind NNE at noon, rather raw, at night showers of rain - Esther Morry died, 13 or 14 yr. at St. Johns

Mon. 26 Moderate, light air at N dark & cloudy slight frost during the night - things saved from wreck sold today "Steamer" passed N at 3pm - at 4pm rain An Account of Esther, the daughter of Mr. Morry Capelin Bay reached this evening from St. Johns, she died yesterday - Eliza went to Capelin Bay by request & staid

Tue. 27 Moderate SW wind, with rain, dull - Evening clearer and dry overhead - light air off the land

Wed. 28 Moderate NW wind, frost during the night and some sleet fallen. Strong breeze at noon & fine except an occasional hail shower fulling the boat laden & ready to leave for St. Johns - Left for St. Johns in Peter's boat at midnight & arrived safe with Mary, Robert and Eliza in 7 hours in St. Johns-

{ ED: Nov.29 - Dec. 10, in St. John's.)

1849 - DECEMBER

Tue. 11 Left Petit Harbour this morning - St. Johns yesterday morning in Peter's boat, Mary with me & arrived here safe at 5pm. - Eliza married - on Tuesday 4 Dec'r at St. Johns to Rev'd W.J. Hoyles, Rector of Brigus North - left St. Johns for the Cove & got to Brigus at night. - on same day they were married.

Wed. 12 Fine frosty morning, strong breeze at N by W - the ground covered with snow. Wrote Fanny - Wm & my sister to go by T Payne's boat, the first wind - smart frost at night

Thu. 13 Strong gale. NNW smart frost & blinking snow - blowing hard all day, a vessel stood in towards Bear Cove under little sail

Fri. 14 Strong breeze NNW smart frosty weather high tides and a good deal of sea on. at 12.45 Falcon steamer passed South - at night moderate Wind NE & milder -Sent R'd Sullivan to Brigus about Messrs Wilson & [—'s?] fish from Mr. Power

Sat. 15 Calm, dull morning milder than yesterday - afternoon wind NE - Wrote Eliza and sent box Sasparilla per Vining

Sun. 16 Moderate NE dull & mild, some snow fell during the night - Jas Mountain's & Shanahan's boats from St. Johns - Mr. A Goodridge passed by land N. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service here today - sent letters per Mr. Goodridge for St. Johns

Mon. 17 Smart breeze SSW - dull & snowing wet snow falling fast - "Lion" came last evening from St. Johns - James. Jr. took his tea with us, Robert's boat was haul'd on the beach for winter - Paynes, Gatherals & R'd Sanders's boats left for St. Johns this morning - at 9pm calm

Tue. 18 Moderate NE wind, clear & fine at 10am -some snow fell this morning - afternoon moderate and mild Mary O. took her tea with us -

Wed. 19 Moderate NE wind, smart frost & snowing - at night smart breeze NNW clear and sharp frosty night towards [?]

Thu .20 Wind moderate N by E. fine clear morning very sharp frost last night, sent Mr. Kelligrew's letter about Lioness & Dartford by Law'ce Conway this morning. - Rec'd "Lioness"'s register this evening & clearance, per Mrs. Evans.

Fri. 21 Strong breeze SSW snowing fast at 8am at 11am rain and hail - Capt'n Green of Sch'r Matilda wrecked in Chance Cove, came here today having lost his vessel last Monday morning, part of the cargo saved, vessel totally wrecked at night calm with free thaw

Sat. 22 Fine morning wind NNW fresh breeze smart frost in the night - at 1pm, one of the transatlantic steamers stood in from sea off Cape Broyle & bore up SW - & made sail and passed along close in & very fast - At night calm fine & frosty & clear

Sun. 23 Strong breeze SSW wind, smart frost last night, clear but dull & gloomy - and rawness in the air - at 10am a Brig'e standing in for Cape Broyle - Mr. Hamilton here today - 2 services in the church here. Afternoon heavy rain at night very heavy - blowing very hard & gloomy weather

Mon. 24 Calm mild morning much rain fell during last night - hazy. My brother arrived from St. Johns today overland - XMASS Eve - at evening, rain - snow almost gone again very mild - Nich's Gill Jun'r died at St. Johns 16th Inst, second son of Nich's Gill Esq're of that place.

Tue. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY.2 -thick fog, quite calm mild and raining, thawing freely all night. One service & sacrament at Church today - to unwell with Rheumatism to go having been laid up in it a fortnight. - Expect Robert & his family & my brother and his family to dine with me to day. at 7pm rec'd a letter from Henry Winser respecting the conduct of persons towards the wrecked property of Sch'r Matilda at Chance Cove.

Wed. 26 Thick fog, light air, S with rain - Elizabeth Sanders died last night a native of this place. Sent of Sullivan to Chance Cove to assist in protecting the wreck property desired he would take Case & Evans with him - at 3pm wind veered to N. & snowed a little - at night snowing but mild -Service at church this forenoon

Thu. 27 Moderate W wind - dull & mild but clear - at 1 lam a Brig & Brig'e passing North and two boats - spent the evening at Robert's Service at church in forenoon - at 10pm hard rain

Fri. 28 Fresh breeze WNW clear & fine, quite mild, the snow all gone off the ground - at night calm and fine - Eliz'th Sanders burried this afternoon - freezing a little - at night snowing, wind light SW.

Sat. 29 Fine morning, the ground covered lightly with snow, moderately frosty last night -clear with light air SW & WSW. - Capt'n Green of Matilda came here from Chance Cove, bring from thence the three constables that were protecting wreck goods - Capt H'y Winser called with him about the future providings in respect thereto - at night fine and clear, moderate frost

Sun. 30 Strong breeze SSW snowing very fast, a mild looking wintry morning, no service in the church this forenoon, service in afternoon, soft snow & rain after 2pm - at night blowing hard SW blinking snow & hazy - R'd Vining brought a letter from St. Johns via Reneuse per Payne's boat - at 10pm strong gale at North with moderate frost, looking very mild - still ill in sciatica

Mon. 31 Moderate air at S. fine & clear morning - at 1 lam Wind WNW. Moderate and dull - at 1pm the Falcon steamer passed northward - at 8pm wind NE, snowing fast and looking very dark & heavy - 11pm still snowing fast Wind SE good breeze the ground quite covered -

REMARKS

Another eventful year hath passed - one filled with Pestilence and War in Europe - Revolutions in the Italian States and Austrian Dominions, Sicily & Venice - The Pope expelled from the Holy City by his subjects and obliged to fly in disguise - France sent troops against the Roman Republicans and put them down by force of arms but to latest dates the Pope hast yet again taken up

his Residence in Rome. The Hungarians put down by Austria & Russia -many of the Huzzars became refugees in Turkey and Russia is deemed to compel their extradition from thence by threats on which England & France sent their ships of war into the Dardnelles to protect the [sublime?] ports from an attack from Russia - France a republican Government with Prince Louis Napoleon Bonaparte as President - The Cholera made great ravages in Europe and America during the year, but thank Providence did not come here - Ireland still in an unsettled state many crimes and much bloodshed by private hands committed there - Potatoe crop again diseased other crops abundant - Harvest in Britain good & in Europe in general and in America a fair average crop - Electric Telegraph established between Halifax and New Orleans through the States & to Montreal, Canada disturbed, Parliament House in Montreal burnt by the [discounted?] this disturbance arising out of a vote to indemnify sufferers in last Rebellion. - Governor General hooted and pelted by mob. - (Lord Elgin) -

New Navigation Laws passed - which come into operation tomorrow. New Customs Regulations here came into operation on 11th Oct'r Jno Kent Collector of Reneuse, Mr. Hayward Imperial Controller late Collector Spearman left the Island -Officers appointed by the Governor to collect Colonial Duties, Imperial Duty repealed

The Circuit Judges & officers proceeded on their circuits as well as they could some by land some by water, the vote of the House of Assembly being only £100 each - Judge Simms suspended by Governor in consequence of some dispute on Circuit Expenses - Judge Simms went to England - Several Houses at St. Johns declared Insolvent and compromised with creditors, many of the new buildings unoccupied by the builders. Property at St. Johns declining in value.

The Fisheries very good along the shore having the capelin shoal - as much was taken as 100 Qtls for whale boats with 1 man 1 boy Western boat fishery very good nearly 100 per man taken by them - Prices of fish low 11/10/ 8/ per Qtl- Oil £24 per ton -Seal fishery very partial - Oil & skins a good price - Provisions very plentiful and moderate Many Spanish vessels loaded fish at St. Johns

The Manufacture of cod oil from fresh liver by Hunt & Co. for medicinal purposes was carried on by several persons this year, and sold in London at a great price some fish so high as £1 lb Stg [ED: sterling] per gallon when processed well -

No squids visited this coast this season and herrings were very scarce also so that the small boats voyages were killed in July - Salmon particularly scarce. The inhabitants much letter off this fall than for two former years - a good deal of wheat & other grain cultivated this year and which came to good maturity it was supposed as much wheat as would produce 4000 barrels flour, I do not say so many were absolutely made - Potatoes & turnips brought from Nova Scotia & P E Island in large quantities, good and sold low - Cattle never sold so low as were in such abundant supply - Crops of Hay having failed in those places.

Two vessels wrecked this fall, one on the Head, the "Elizabeth" from Torquay - one at Chance Cove the "Matilda" from Halifax - little saved from either considerable plundered by the inhabitants -

My own family & friends preserved in good health thank God and are living as last year except Eliza who was married to Rev'd W. J. Hoyles on 4th Dec'r at St. Johns and left same day for his mission, Brigus in Conception Bay - Mr. Morry's daughter aged 13 died at St. Johns this fall since when 4 GrandChildren have been born to him here and at St. Johns

Trade in this place and this district on the wane getting into the hands of St. Johns suppliers and few here but fishermen curing their own fish left. A & J Goodridge at Reneuse dissolved partnership expect that business will be contracted in consequence thereof -

Large rooms and old Establishments going fast to decay not business enough being carried on above them to keep up good Repair - Two sealers out of Aquaforte and two out of Reneuse is all I expect will go out - Scarcely any snow down now, the weather very severe along the fall but has been mild and [taciturn?] of late with a good deal of rain - one boat (R'd Sanders) not home from St. Johns yet but looked for

Who knows what next year will bring forth or who can say who shall then be alive to remark on passing events - May God be pleased in his mercy to grant me health and to my friends also and may we all be spared to see another year in health and safety -

END OF BOOK 20

of

Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. The name Shehay is written clearly; however, the journal writer often had to guess at names, because relatively few people in the area were literate. There is a John Sheehan in Round Cove, Renews on Voters List of 1840.

2. On Dec.24, the journalist uses the old English "f" to indicate a double s, Xmaf {Xmass} Eve. On Dec. 25, he spells the word in full, using a single s, Christmas Day.

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BOOK 21

January 1, 1850 - December 31, 1850

Ferryland, Newfoundland - January 1st, 1850

1850-JANUARY

Tue. 1 This year opened with hard rain and strong breeze at SW, having snowed a good deal before midnight the ground was covered deeply with snow and water - at 10am, very strong breeze NE, clear but cloudy and looking for more snow to fall - Service in the church this forenoon - Robert, his wife & Eliza Simms & servant spent the day with us, James & his daughter, and son the evening - at night fine & clear

Wed. 2 Moderate SW wind, moderate frost. Ground covered with snow clear and fine - Robert went to Renewse - at 4pm. snowing at night fine -wind westerly and freezing

Thu. 3 Calm dull morning, At noon light air SE blinking snow - at night wind light S. dull and heavy W'r.

Fri. 4 Light air at S. thick fog with snow blinks and very mild & thawing - at night hard rain & free thaw - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton came in the evening - Robert came from Renewse

Sat. 5 Calm, dull morning much of the snow laying yesterday melted. Hard rain nearly all day at 4pm wind NE moderate at night rain ceased

Sun. 6 Wind moderate NNW, light frost clear and fine morning - at noon Wind N. - Deveraux's boat for Trepassey from St. Johns passed - Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Simms onboard her - a Sch'r also passed - Rich'd Sanders came in from St. Johns -Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today no service here in the church - Letters from Eliza from Fanny & one from Mr. Brand. G. Simms put into Renewse on Monday @ 8am

Mon. 7 Fine clear frosty morning, moderate breeze NNW wind

Tue. 8 Strong breeze SSW, snowing fast - Capt. H. Winsor & Capt Green came in former's boat from Chance Cove with wreck goods for Aquaforte - so unwell myself obliged to go to bed.

Wed. 9 Fresh breeze NE smart frosty weather James went to Aquaforte to take an acc't of wrecked property brought there by H'y Winsor - a Brig stood in for Cape Broyle - G. Simms Esq'r left Fermeuse

Thu. 10 Strong breeze SSW -Silver thaw in the morning, smart rain at noon & thaw at noon. Rain ceased, the wind off from the land a strong breeze - Priscilla Morry on a visit here this week - Very bad walking through the harbour.

Fri. 11 Strong breeze NNW fine morning little snow left the Roads covered in ice -the walking very slippery - Smart frost last night & this morning. Mr. John Goodridge here from Reneuse on his way towards St. Johns, sent the Report for December by him, omitted per Coady the Postman.

Sat. 12 Moderate SSW wind, dull & mild - frosty during last night - Priscilla Morry went home this morning. Wreck Goods sold by auction at Aquaforte today - at night strong gale with rain & silver thaw

Sun. 13 Good breeze at West - fine morning quite mild and clear much of the snow gone - Roads all ice -Two full services at the church today Rain & sleet in showers all day - very mild

Mon. 14 Fresh breeze NW moderately frosty blinking snow also clear and fine - Two Brigs passed Northward, pretty much covered with ice -at night blowing strong. James Dwyer found dead in the woods -near Island Pond -an inhabitant of Fermeuse

Tue. 15 Fine clear morning, light air off the land -moderate frost last night Coady returned from St. Johns At night calm dull & murky - Thomas Sweeney & Joana Barnable married this evening at her mothers

Wed. 16 Moderate NE wind snowing fast -dull and heavy. At night snowing with fresh breeze NE - John Shanahan (son of Junk) {ED: he means Junk-owner} married to Ellen Sweeney. - Roads very rough in the woods for want of snow, there being only one inch down at most

Thu. 17 Strong breeze NE with a very heavy sea rolling in upon the land - Mild and very dull - two

vessels off the back trying for Aquaforte - Walked to Capelin Bay & back to dinner, little or no snow on the ground - the vessels got into Aquaforte this afternoon

Fri. 18 Fine clear morning - wind moderate or light at NE moderate frost last night At noon wind NW good breeze, the two vessels went out of Aquaforte and two Brigs passed N during the day - took a walk into MerryMeeting Pond with Robert his wife & Mary, Ada & Eliza Simms scarcely any snow down the roads quite bare in some places, the Pond in good order -

Sat. 19 Moderate NW wind, gentle frost clear, but dull and overcast - James & Mary out sleighing first time

Sun. 20 Fresh breeze NE snowing lightly moderately frosty-looking & heavy. Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service here in the afternoon At night strong breeze NE clear with moderate frost - Catherine, eldest daughter of Mr. Mullally died of decline this morning

Mon. 21 Moderate NE wind dark & dull light frost during the night, at 9am a Brig off Cape Broyle bound Northward without Topgallant masts Gave letters to Coady the Postman, he to start for St. Johns tomorrow morning sent a hare to Mr. J. Greve by the postman

Tue. 22 Fresh breeze NE freezing smart clear but dull heavy weather

Wed. 23 Moderate NE wind, dry & clear but dull heavy sky, considerable sea heaving in upon the land

Thu. 24 Moderate NE wind, dull but clear and blinking snow, very light frost -Spent the evening at Mr. Stephenson's met there my brother and Capt. Wilkins. A vessel went into Aquaforte

Fri. 25 Fresh breeze NE clear & fine with smart frosty weather - Service at church this forenoon - Wm Morry's child Esther Graham christened at church

Sat. 26 Fresh breeze WNW & fine clear W'r. Moderately frosty - ground nearly bare "Panda" from Oporto in Aquaforte, the "Veronica" Mountain passed N at 2 ½pm Walked to Aquaforte and back

Sun. 27 Strong breeze WNW fine clear morning -moderate frost - Mr. Hamilton gone to Reneuse -No service here today - Coady arrived from St. Johns

Mon. 28 Fine morning, moderate frost, fresh breeze Westerly - at night equally fine with wind NE

Tue. 29 Moderate breeze, W. gentle frost in the night fine clear mild day -Walked to Spout Bridge with Mary Scarcely any ice or snow to be seen -James spent his evening with me at 10pm snowing - wind NE

Wed. 30 Fresh breeze N by W a little snow fallen through the night, moderate frost, clear & fine morning. Robert left by land for St Johns

Thu. 31 Fresh breeze NE by N fine clear and frosty scarcely any snow down

1850 - FEBRUARY

Fri. 1 Moderate SW wind fine clear morning smart frosty weather - fresh breeze NW at noon at night dull & calm

Sat. 2 Moderate W wind, light air very fine morning, moderate frost in the night. Service at church this forenoon Weather more like April than February - at night moderate dull & overcast

Sun. 3 Calm, clear dull morning, smart frost during last night - the salt water caught over a little - Two services at the church today. Snow in the afternoon, At night heavy rain & free thaw with strong gale SSW

Mon. 4 Fresh breeze WSW dull and heavy thawing freely with light showers of rain - at night wind NE mild but freezing

Tue. 5 Moderate NE wind, snowing fast the ground covered with snow 2 inches - At noon clear and mild little snow falling, cloudy and dull evening. Robert came from St. Johns this evening

Wed. 6 Moderate NE fine morning the harbour caught over - Walked to Aquaforte & back before dinner - at night, strong breeze NNE snowing fast and freezing smartly

Thu. 7 Fine morning moderate breeze NNW freezing very smartly - Harbour caught over & mist rising out of it - General Quarter Sessions of the Peace today - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton & child came to tea this evening and Mary Ann & little Robert -a Brig'e passed Northward

Fri. 8 Moderate SW wind, sharp frost in the night less so this morning - clear & fine -a very fine winter day throughout

Sat. 9 Moderate West wind, fine clear morning smart frost during last night. Messrs Goodridge & Kelligrew went home again Excellent slide paths in the woods - at night over cast & snowing a little -1841 pickets 1956 D D [?]

Sun. 10 Fresh breeze WSW dark & gloomy Raining fast & thawing very freely - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Service at church here in the afternoon

Mon. 11 Strong breeze SW, dark & gloomy Raining fast & thawing very freely the snow almost all gone again

Tue. 12 Fresh breeze SW dull and mild but dry and clear morning scarcely any ice or snow to be seen - At night snowing a little - Robert & his family spent the evening here

Wed. 13 Ash Wednesday - a fine clear mild morning, light air off the land - the ground just covered with

snow -Service at the church this forenoon - afternoon fine & mild at night calm & clear
Thu. 14 Fresh breeze W. clear & fine, light frost during last night, thawing in the middle of the day just
as in spring

At night dull with moderate frost - a sleighing party at Capelin Bay
 Fri. 15 Dull mild and misty - wind light SSW - light frost last night - at 10am raining strong breeze SSW, heavy rain the remainder of the day at night calm with fog
 Sat. 16 Calm, hazy morning very soft & mild ice and snow nearly all disappeared more in appearance like May than Feb'y - at noon Wind NE evening snowing
 Sun. 17 Fresh breeze NW smart frost the ground covered nearly again with snow - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service at the church here today - very severe day but fine
 Mon. 18 Fresh breeze WSW fine and clear, smart frost last night but more mild this morning - afternoon mild and fine -
 Tue. 19 Calm with thick fog, mild & dull. Rain and thawing fast all this day.
 People out to the Head got some ducks no paths whatever in the woods
 Wed. 20 Strong breeze SSW wind, hazy at sea thawing freely and raining fast Ground quite clear of ice & snow
 Thu. 21 Moderate frost in last night, dull morning with blinks of snow, fresh breeze at West. - Sealers travelling North - at night SSW fresh - snow, sleet & rain Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. Stephenson, Robert & Mary Anne John Morry and my brother spent the evening here
 Fri. 22 Fresh breeze SW mild, dull & thawing Some little snow fell but is melting, many sealers on the road for St. Johns - Coady's son left yesterday instead of PostMan. Sent abstract of General Correspondence by Peter Walsh who starts tomorrow by land - At night blinking snow, freezing a little -
 Sat. 23 Fresh breeze NNE, moderate frost, clear the ground just covered in snow - thawing in the sun at noon
 Sun. 24 Moderate N. Wind, clear & fine, the harbour & ocean caught over, very severe frost last night - Two services at church - Two boats passing N
 Mon. 25 Calm and fine, the Harbour & ocean all caught over - at noon wind S at night blowing very strong & murky - Mr. Stephenson left for St Johns by land today - Geo. Simms Jr. here
 Tue. 26 Calm with thick fog, harbour filled with lolly - thawing freely - some snow fell during last night
 Wed. 27 Moderate SW fine & clear, very light frost last night - snow during the day - at night thick fog, & calm
 Thu. 28 Fine clear morning, light air off the land, very slight frost last night thawing freely in the sun all day - at night drying up a little wind N by E Messrs G. Simms Jr & Robert dined, Capt. Wilkins my brother & his son and Mary Ann took tea - Mary O Carter, Priscilla Morry went by land to Reneuse

1850 - MARCH

Fri. 1 Fresh breeze N by W, fine clear frosty morning, Mary, James & others in on Merrymeeting Pond sleighing, the Road hence to the pond bare except the ice formed on the marshes - Two boats passed South - one vessel came out of Reneuse strong breeze and snow at night
 Sat. 2 Strong gale SSW, with silver thaw and heavy rain, at 10pm free thaw water running in streams in all directions, at noon wind less boisterous At night nearly calm and cloudy
 Sun. 3 Fresh breeze at West, fine and clear smart frost during the night, but scarcely any snow left - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning, service here in the afternoon - the sealers "Aquaforte" & "Pelter" sailed today the Reneuse vessels on Friday evening, at night the wind moderate SW snowing fast - Coady brought us letters from St. Johns
 Mon. 4 Moderate NE wind, snowing fast - afternoon wind NNW fine & frosty Spent the evening at my brothers
 Tue. 5 Moderate NNW fine frosty & clear a good deal more snow than for the last month past, ocean & harbour caught over Very severe frost at night but clear a Brig'e passing Northward
 Wed. 6 Nearly calm, dull but clear very severe frost, the ocean & harbour caught over the coldest morning yet - Spent evening at Robert's
 Thu. 7 Calm fine morning, mild & clear the ocean & harbour covered with lolly - smart frost during last night - Mary O Carter & Miss Morry came from Reneuse an evening party of Juveniles at Mr. Stephenson's
 Fri. 8 Strong breeze SE freezing moderately and at noon snowing fast, some snow fell during last night - In cutting the sticks today on Deep Cove pond path - the woods roads very good

yesterday - The Postman Coady was to leave Cape Broyle today - At 8pm strong gale, raining fast.

Sat. 9 Calm with thick fog & full thaw - most of the snow which fell yesterday gone again except when drifted - At night light air NE & misty

Sun. 10 Moderate SW wind, thick wet haze - the lolly drifting out of the harbour - moderate frost last night - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - No service at church here -Showers of snow melting as it fell -

Mon. 11 Moderate WSW dull but clear frosty during last night - at 10am light air NNW Noon NE. a Brig bound Northward

Tue. 12 Strong breeze NNW, smart frost during last night, fine clear morning at noon blowing strong WNW tolerably good roads in the woods, finished cutting Pea Sticks Robert & James & Geo. Simms Jr. spent the evening at Mr. Morry's by invitation. Mrs. Moore confined - also May Dunphy & Cath'n. [Bannister?]

Wed. 13 Fresh breeze NW fine, clear, frosty morning and continued all day, thawed a little in the sun at midday, evening freeing - a schooner bound N & Brig'e S. in sight - Brought out Pea Sticks from Deep Cove path

Thu. 14 Moderate SW -blinking snow frosty - at 2pm wind ENE snowing & mild, Geo. Simms Jr. Robert & his family Capt. Wilkins and John Morry spent the evening here.

Fri. 15 Fresh breeze NE hazy and mild but not thawing, at noon, snowing very fast and drifting, strong breeze - at 6pm heavy gale with frost & drifts - Spent the evening at Capt. Wilkins with Rob't, James - Jno & M'w Morry Jr. & Geo. Simms Jr. at 10pm very severe gale with much drift

Sat. 16 Fresh breeze NE fine, clear morning more snow fell last night than at any time the winter - the new cow calved in last night - Geo. Simms Jr. left for Reneuse towards Trepassey

Sun. 17 St. Patrick's Day -Moderate NNW wind smart frosty weather, clear & fine, the ocean covered with lolly, harbour filled with it - Two services at church here to day - Coady came from St. Johns at 6pm

Mon. 18 Moderate NNW wind, fine clear morning very sharp frost, the ocean covered with lolly made last night & the harbour caught over thicker than any night the winter

Tue. 19 Moderate SE wind, sharp frost at night - clear fine morning - ocean & harbour covered with lolly - Mrs. R. Carter Jr. & child at Capelin Bay - Capt. Wilkins, my brother, Jno Morry & Mr. Stephenson dined at Capelin bay by invitation - at night wind ESE snowing and blowing hard

Wed. 20 Calm, with thick mist thawing freely a good deal of snow fell during the night - at 10am cleared off, the wind came up SW and blew fresh all day and drove the lolly out of the harbour at night freezing moderately -

Thu. 21 Moderate SW dull & clear, moderate frost during the night, more snow now than at any time the winter - at 4pm the "Othello" was off here beating to the SW between the lolly and the shore

Fri. 22 Fresh breeze SE snowing a little, the lolly driving in upon the land mild. Strong breeze during first of last night

Sat.23 Moderate SW wind, dull but clear at times and hazy occasionally, mild - considerable quantity of snow fell in the night but thawing as noon advances - At night wind SE gloomy & raw cold

Sun. 24 Strong breeze SE -open air mild and cloudy the Harbour filled with lolly. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, no services in the church here - at 2pm blowing strong and snowing fast -at night misty & mild

Mon. 25 Strong breeze SW dull, but clear & mild Some snow fell last night, the quantity now down is considerable, the harbour is again being cleared the lolly going out of it - The Othello off Cape Broyle coming out from thence -the Steamer passing N the lolly slackening off the land at noon. Coady the postman called for the letters -

Tue. 26 Moderate SW wind, frose during past night, bright morning but a light haze over the sea Coady is to leave Cape Broyle for St. Johns today - at noon fine & clear & warm, thawing in the sun -a Brig came out of Aquaforte this morning and proceeded Northward, a good deal of lolly along the coast at sea - the harbours is pretty well cleared out

Wed. 27 Moderate SW - clear but dull & cloudy - slight frost during last night - cleared off fine during the day Wind NW Mr. Morry called here - Mrs. Carter went sleighing the first day the winter at 9pm, the steamer Falcon passed S. full moon, quite clear & frosty

Thu. 28 Wind moderate NE smart frost in the night clear & fine morning - Service at church this forenoon -thawing in middle of the day - Two schooners in sight going South very little wind ESE - My brother took tea with us

Fri. 29 Fresh breeze ESE snowing fast - Good Friday - a little snow fell during the night -Full service at church this forenoon - at 6pm clear and mild and calm - Mrs. Hamilton confined this evening (daughter)

Sat. 30 Strong breeze NNW clear & fine, thawing in the sun - Robert & James's stage fell down under

the weight of snow on the roof last night - a whale boat broken under the wreck and my little boat destroyed nearly (wind NE) -Morning service at the church
Sun. 31 Easter Day - a fine morning, wind fresh NNE thawing freely in the sun - a schooner standing to NE at 9am - like an English vessel Two full services & Sacrament day (17 Comm'ts). Capt'n Wilkins came in to tea with me

1850 – APRIL

Mon. 1 Calm dull morning, white frost last night - Service at church this forenoon - James, Jno Morry & others gone to Cape Broyle in a whale boat for Muscles - a Brigantine with her colours hoisted making in for Reneuse - suppose it is the "Lioness" from the ice - a small iceberg passing light air ESE at noon thawing freely in the sun at noon - Drift ice just visible in the horizon E. The "Lioness" into Renewse reports 2600 seals

Tue. 2 Fresh breeze NE smart frost, some little snow fell during last night - clear & dry - the drift ice coming in upon the coast the narrows already filled up with it, very rough ice - Service at church the forenoon. Some young children & Roberts family to tea

Wed. 3 Fresh breeze NNE, drift ice nearly in fine morning light frost last night - thawing at noon, Capt Wilkins & Robert took their tea in the evening with me

Thu. 4 Moderate SW wind, snowing a little with sun shining out through it, light frost last night the harbour free of ice - Walked to Aquaforte & back before dinner - Coady came from St. Johns today -at 6pm wind NE snowing fast, the ice coming fast into the harbour. - Wrote to St. Johns and to Mrs. Hoyles & sent per Stafford by land

Fri. 5 Moderate NE dull & clear - the sea in upon the coast -two sealers drifting by in it, fine at noon, but cold raw wind, fresh -at night sharp frosty weather - Mr. Sisk 1 BH order to JHC

Sat. 6 Fine clear morning, sharp frosty weather wind moderate NNW, the drift ice moving off a little in the harbour - James left in company with Capt. Wilkins by land for St. Johns several sealers in sight among the ice - At 6pm ice coming in close again, calm

Sun. 7 Heavy dull morning - ice filled in every place light air ESE wind Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning Service at church here in the afternoon Snow during the latter part of the day Wind NE quite winter weather.

Mon. 8 Strong breeze NE every place filled in with drift ice no water visible, a good deal of snow fell yesterday & last night Vessels apparently sealers driving along in the ice. Above twenty sail of vessels in sight at 4pm strong breeze NNE snow melting

Tue. 9 Nearly calm, very clear & fine morning thawing freely in the sun - frost last night pretty sharp -the ocean full of drift ice Harbours all jammed up Sent Co. Ho. & Revenue Returns to St.

Johns by R'd Sullivan this morning overland - At noon wind moderate S. thick fog on the hills Wed. 10 Strong breeze WNW Snowing & drifting yet thawing in the sun shine between the showers - the ice moving off the coast and out of the harbour a little. The "Helen" Haggart, Master in Cape Broyle from Naples for Saint Johns. The harbour almost clear of ice, some sealers passing North amongst it - snowing at 6pm quite winter W'r.

Thu. 11 Strong breeze N by E, clear & fine but the snow drifting very much down from the hills the coast & harbour clear, at night fine freezing smartly

Fri. 12 Very moderate NNE wind, fine morning frosty and clear, some sealers in sight At noon wind NNW, several vessels in sight among the drift ice, at 6pm wind N with snow showers many vessels beating Northward inside the drift ice

Sat. 13 Moderate NW wind, sharp frost last night - fine clear & warm morning, the ice still in sight, several sealers passing. The "Aquaforte" going into Aquaforte from the ice - reported to have 2600 seals - the drift ice still approaching the land

Sun. 14 Moderate S wind fine morning smart frost last night the ice very close in to the land - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, no services here - at 3pm SE fresh - a sch'r came in here from Fortune Bay - several vessels in other ports

Mon. 15 Calm at 6am, snowing very fast at 10am.

Wind West, moderate & fine between the showers, much snow down at present At noon strong breeze at West, ice going out of the harbour & off the coast 7 or 8 sealers making their way inside towards the North as the ice moves off

Tue. 16 Fresh breeze SW snowing fast in showers and clear between, froze smart during last night the drift ice moved off a little except scattered pans aground - Cold and raw in the wind. Strong breeze & snow showers all day. Some vessels passed Northward - Freezing at night Wind light NW

Wed. 17 Fresh breeze NNW, cloudy but clear with sun out at intervals, smart frosty morning - R'd Rositer's boat from St. Johns - at 11 am a Barque & Brig passed Southward Wind N. the former the "James Stewart" thawing freely in the Eye of the Sun - My brother's boat a new purchase came from St. Johns & my son James by land (left yesterday) much fatigued. Mr. Morry called in late this evening

Thu. 18 Strong breeze NE by N, raw cold wind Cloudy with hase or snow showers, frose smart last night but it is now thawing in the Eye of the Sun - Mr. & Mrs. John Goodridge & family gone to St. Johns from Reneuse to reside there -ice approaching the shore - calm. Rositer's boat left for the Westward

Fri. 19 Fine morning, light breeze NE wind smart frost during last night, the ice a short distance off the land coming in very fast - at night close in & misty

Sat. 20 Fresh breeze NE fine & clear but cold and frosty, the ice close in to shore no water to be seen over it

Sun. 21 Strong breeze N fine, frosty & clear the ice moving off the coast a little and several vessels & craft beating to the N inside it - The "Pelter" arrived in from the ice at Aquaforte last night Two services at church today - Mr. Lush from St. Mary's put in here in a coaster & left again. 6pm wind WNW fine

Mon. 22 Fine clear morning, sharp frost during last night wind NNW fresh, the ice a short distance from the land Hills & plains quite covered in snow yet, but the sun shines warm & clear - Aquaforte left for St. Johns, several vessels passed N one Brig with the flag of Baine Johnson & Co. with ports [etc?] coppered - thawing in the sun freezing in the shade -Six passengers of "Codelia" from Trepassey came overland today & went on in a whale boat for Toad's Cove the vessel passed with her flag up - from Britain

Tue. 23 Moderate SW wind, fine & clear, the harbour caught over during the night At noon fresh breeze & snow at 3pm - Smart rain and thawing freely.

Wed. 24 Moderate WSW dull and mild thawing freely much snow gone in last night = "Aquaforte" left for St. Johns again this morning - at noon, fresh gale NW fine weather, thawed a good deal in the sun today

Thu. 25 Fresh breeze W. fine morning sharp frost during past night The Anniversary of my wedding 35 years ago - Service at church this forenoon - Mr. Hamilton's child "Georgina Augusta Louisa" was christened in church today -"Pelter" sailed for St. Johns with her seals - thawing freely in the sun - the wind raw colder

Fri. 26 Fine morning wind S moderate & mild a slight frost last night, first spring morning - a beautiful day throughout - Western & other boats etc. fitting out - at 5pm the "Falcon" steamer passed S.

Sat. 27 Fine morning, light air NE gentle frost last night, very warm morning Snow melted very freely all day - at night smart frost, fine clear & calm Several craft passed N & S

Sun. 28 Light air SW clear & fine, the harbour caught over lightly during last night - Service at Aquaforte in forenoon, here in the afternoon, Evening wind SW fine

Mon. 29 Moderate S wind, fog on the hills dull and raw but not frosty - dull but mild all day the snow melting fast at 5pm light showers of rain - Several boats passing Northward

Tue. 30 Moderate S. thick fog, raw cold but not frosty. Sullivan went to Brigus for Wilson & Meynells fish today and brought it here, in Mr. Morry's skiff & hired crew of 4 Men & Boys Evening dull moderate but raw cold - 8pm smart rain

1850- MAY

Wed. 1 Fine morning Wind fresh N by W clear and mild the snow going very fast. Service at church this forenoon began to put the Terrace in order the snow gone from it except on Northside

Thu. 2 Very fine, warm clear morning light air at SW a thin scum of lolly formed in the harbour during the night but no frost on the ground - General Qr Sessions of the Peace - no Business - Dug parsnips that lay in garden the winter

Fri. 3 Moderate SE dull & mild - The "Aquaforte" from St. Johns this morning - at 11am, a Paddlewheel Steamer with 3 masts & no bowsprit passed Southward - at 3pm raining fast

Sat. 4 Wind S. moderate, dark and gloomy raining fast - at 4am Mrs. R. Carter Jr. was confined for a son - noon wind NE at 4pm fresh breeze NE dull & raining - Robert launched Peter Bruit's boat Sullivan sold by auction Doyle's fish which fetched only 4/3 per Quintal -Snow going away gradually.

Sun. 5 Moderate NE wind, thick misty weather raw cold but not freezing - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no service at church here today - Coady came from St. Johns to Cape Broyle yesterday and sent his letters on here today

Mon. 6 Cold raw foggy. NE wind but dry. the snow melting away gradually - "Pelter" came from St. Johns to Aquaforte

Tue. 7 Moderate NE wind -dull but clear and dry - raw cold strings of ice in sight

Wed. 8 Moderate NE wind dull but clear - a vessel close in bound N. Strings of ice driving along the shore -several outside the ice trying to get into harbour

Thu. 9 Moderate NE wind, ice in strings still driving along, clear & dry but dull - Ascension day - Service at the church.

Fri. 10 Moderate air SE dull & heavy the ice into the harbour & along the coast - Cold wet fog, every place filled in with ice - Set Australian peas & kidney bns - Mary Reed 3/4 days' work

Sat. 11 Fresh breeze SW mild and clear, the ice moving off a little, much rain during last night - J. H. Bennett & Mary Ryan were married last night - at night the harbour again clear of ice

Sun. 12 Moderate SW dull - ice off a little Several boats from the harbour left for St. Johns - Robert with Peter Bruit - mild and clear weather -2 services at church

Mon. 13 Fresh breeze SSW thick fog, much rain during past night - Cows remained out all last night, first time the spring - cleared off at 10am, afternoon fine Wind NW A Barque & Brig'e passed South a Brig North

Tue. 14 Moderate SW wind - white frost fine & clear - at noon clear & fine - a Barque working S. - May Reed at work - 2nd day

Wed. 15 Light air SW dull fog on the hills mild & looking for rain - Robert's & Mr. Morry's boats went to Westward today fine in middle of day at 6pm thick fog Wind NE - caught first flat fish
[Margin: May Reed]

Thu. 16 Dull, foggy morning rather chilly. Wind SW very light many islands & clumpets of ice aground along the coast still - midday clear & fine & warm

Fri. 17 Wind SSW thick fog and rain moderate breeze - afternoon smart breeze and heavy rain

Sat. 18 Wind fresh at W. fine & clear but damp from wetnes[s] of the ground. Several icebergs yet along the coast one into the narrows - Several men from St. Johns overland the boats etc. into Bay Bulls - wet fog at night

Sun. 19 Moderate S wind, thick wet fog - Whitsunday - No services at church today - Mr. Hamilton came overland from St. Johns this evening, raining fast - John White's boat came from St. Johns

Mon. 20 Light air SW very thick fog - Whitmonday -Service at church in forenoon - no fresh codfish taken yet this season only two Western boats gone fishing

Tue. 21 Calm with thick fog - the craft all kept in St. Johns for want of wind Many travellers coming from thence overland - Mr. Stephenson Mr. Norris & others today - Mr. H LeMessurier also

Wed. 22 Calm or nearly so with thick fog -at noon cleared away fine wind WSW Benj'n Morry & Sarah Carter the daughter of A H Carter were married privately at the church today, unknown to her friends. Several boats from St. Johns - many island of ice still on the coast one in the narrows -at night fine wind NW

Thu. 23 Light air NNW - dull but warm -Robert came home in Peter's boat in the night - several others came in the day White's & J H Carter's Western boats went out

Fri. 24 Moderate air NE dull & heavy - much rain fallen during last night - Cold and raw wind all day with fresh breeze most part of it - No fresh codfish caught here yet - Set peas & beans & turnip and sprout seed

Sat. 25 Fresh breeze NE clear & dry - at 4pm wind S moderate, several craft passing both ways, many islands of ice on the shore still - set peas, beans, raddishes, etc.

Sun. 26 Moderate vble wind, fine clear & warm morning - Peter left for the Westward - Peas, cabbage, raddishes & lettuce over ground also turnip - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service at church in afternoon

Mon. 27 Moderate NNW wind, fine morning at 8am wind fresh NE raw cold. Deveraux's boat & Jno Morrays left for the Westward. No fresh codfish yet

Tue. 28 Fresh NE wind, dull raw & cold - at noon ESE with smart rain & very gloomy and raw cold

Wed. 29 Fresh breeze NE raining fast, a good deal of sea on the rocks & very thick weather raw and cold for the season. - at noon cleared away fine Wind fresh at W.

Thu. 30 Fresh breeze NE wet misty cold weather at noon clear & fine - evening raining a large deeply laden Barque tacked at back of Isle du Bois & stood out to sea again

Fri. 31 Fresh NE wind, rather cool for the season clear & fine otherwise - several very large islands of ice driving Southward - at night calm and fine -first fresh codfish today.

1850-JUNE

Sat. 1 Fine morning, light air NNW - at noon vble SE to E to NE moderate and clear - "Lion" left for St. Johns this morning

Sun. 2 Calm with small rain & dull & cloudy. 9am light air S with thick rain, James left for St. Johns in Aylward's boat. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse & Aquaforte today - 6pm wind NE raining very fast & cold

Mon. 3 Wind fresh SW dull & damp - at 10am fresh breeze at W. cleared away fine - Robert's men (3) employed setting my potatoes

Tue. 4 Strong breeze at W clear and dry, but cloudy & raw cold for time of year, at 7.20 steamer "Merlin" passed N. Warm & fine at 2pm wind fresh WNW

Wed. 5 Light air NE dull with fog on the hills - went to Brigus in Batcock's skiff to measure his Room, did so in

presence Jno Batcock, Pat Kent & R'd Powers when all parties were satisfied with boundary returned by land at 3.30pm, thick fog. - Jas Meany 3 Qtls fish

Thu. 6 Light air NW dull & cloudy but clear & sultry - "Lion" from St. Johns coming in Sent off letters by N. [Power's?] boy for Sec'r & Mr. Noad former report for May enclosed in it

Fri. 7 Moderate SS fine morning "Lancet" in from St. Johns - went to Aquaforte to survey for Robert Croft at Gallow's Cove

Sat. 8 Dull, close morning, fresh breeze off the land, several islands of ice yet remaining along the coast. - Sent my watch to St. Johns by my brother to be given to Whiteford to be repaired - No. of watch 4752 -at noon fine with strong breeze NW. Brothers came in here from St. Johns

Sun. 9 Fresh breeze W fine clear warm morning Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service here today, fine day throughout untill at night it commence raining - very sultry

Mon. 10 Dull calm rainy morning -very close and sultry. 8am wind fresh NE - at 1 lam James came in a coaster from St. Johns -servant girl with him - Capt. Wilkins & Mr. Goff came in Aylward's boat from St. Johns to take the apparatus of the former to Fermeuse to Manafac. oil.

Tue. 11 Moderate ENE wind, raining fast raw cold and dull - Service at church this forenoon - at 6pm cleared up

Wed. 12 Fresh breeze SW light flying showers grass & vegetables growing finely - Robert's boy George John was baptised in church this afternoon - Geo. Simms, J H'y Carter Mary Carter & Hannah Simms sponsors. - Neal's coaster went for St. Johns today Several vessels passing N. Ice bergs yet here - Spent the evening at Roberts -

Thu. 13 Strong breeze WSW fine, clear & warm

Fri. 14 Wind West fresh, fine clear & warm Ice islands yet in shore on the coast No codfish taken by small boats worth naming

Sat. 15 Dull morning, fog flying across the Downs fresh breeze SSW, sultry and close - "Lancet" came in from St. Johns & left for it again at 8pm - No fish catching yet

Sun. 16 Calm dull morning, at 10am, cleared away fine day - Two services at church today, at noon wind NW, fine clear & warm

Mon. 17 Fresh breeze at West, fine morning but at 7am smart showers of rain & squalls the mail steamer passed N. close in - Boats all coming in from fishing ground -

Tue. 18 Fresh breeze SW with showers of cold rain at noon clear wind W strong breeze

Wed. 19 Fresh breeze NW fine clear warm morning -at 7am, "Othello" came in from Portugal laden with salt, 28 days from Lisbon warmest day this year by many degrees to day. My brother landed from the steamer "Falcon" from St. Johns at 5pm going S.

Thu. 20 Moderate NW wind, fine clear & warm fresh breeze all day - at night NE moderate "Brothers" in from St. Johns

Fri. 21 Dull & cloudy - NE wind moderate Aylward's boat in from St. Johns for Goff & Wilkins - heavy cold rain from 1 lam the whole day through -fresh breeze, very dark and cloudy.

Sat. 22 Fresh breeze NE. clear and dry - At noon the wind SW in the evening the "Othello" left for St. Johns - in her went passengers Mary & Ada & James - Mr. Stephenson - Miss H Simms & Priscilla Morry, Robert's boat from Westward, Morgan Skipper

Sun. 23 Fine morning, light vble wind, warm & clear Morning service & Sacrament here in the afternoon at Aquaforte - fine day through.

Mon. 24 Moderate SW fine morning - Capelin caught by some boats this morning & at Aquaforte on Saturday by Brigus boat - Plenty capelin today in Aquaforte & Caplin Bay - Thos [-?] Wm. Rositer & Jas Meaney would not go fishing today -many besides in the rooms the same - small boats loaded - Morgan home 1st trip 100 Qtls

Tue. 25 Light air NE fog & thick mist Morgan left for Westward - plenty of capelin under and in front of Robert's flakes, boats out - Boats all laden with fish to night

Wed. 26 Moderate ESE foggy in the morning clear at 10am, dull and cloudy - plenty of capelin for the boats - Many ice islands yet upon the coast still - boats in full at 1pm - raining wind moderate NE - boats out secondly bro't in from 1 to 2 Qtls on capelin not abundant in the harbour

Thu. 27 Calm, with thick wet fog - Mrs. Carter & myself alone at home now since 22nd Inst, capelin enough in the harbour for bait Fish plenty, boats in full at noon & with from 2 to 3 Qtls again second trips

Fri. 28 Fine morning, wind fresh off the land warm, clear and agreeable weather - Doyle's boat "Native Lass" put in here from St. Johns for Trepassey, James came in her - James Simms Jr. & Theo

Whitmore & others these two

came to tea with me -

Sat. 29 St. Peters Day - No boats at sea today - "Lancet" came in from St. Johns on her way to Southward - in her C Bennet Esq & others -wind moderate NE light fog & sunshine alternately - "Native Lass" left - "Lancet" left at night for Isle of Valen - Pat Ryan called for letters as Postman

Sun. 30 Thick fog, raining fast, & calm - No service at church - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse - Strong breeze from 10am to 2pm SSE with very smart rain at 3pm cleared away - wind moderate at West

1850 - JULY

Mon. 1 Dull morning light air NE capelin rather scarce this morning - several of the Western boats came hence yesterday 1st trip Small boats doing well - fish & caplin very plenty at Aquaforte the latter not so in Ferryland or in Capelin Bay

Tue. 2 Moderate NE wind thick wet fog & raw cold - Western boats off again last night Boats in well fished tonight, some Northern Brit boats here for bail, more in Caplin Bay

Wed. 3 Fine day - fog in the morning -Wind NE Capelin in Aquaforte, none elsewhere Fish plenty - small boats coming in laden early today. - Meeting of the Board of Education today at noon, it was resolved to advance the Teachers' pay 40/stg each -2pm wind light SW The sch'r "Falcon" in from St. Johns Mr. Stephenson came in her

Thu. 4 Fresh breeze NW, fine morning - Mr. Hamilton's child, Geo. Augustus died this morning at 2am, several days ill - Plenty capelin in Aquaforte's boats all in laden today, warm day

Fri. 5 Fresh breeze SW dark & cloudy & damp Peter Bruit came from Westward reports fish to be scarce there, fishes here now. "Favorite Lass" from St. Johns going in to Capelin Bay - "Esquimaux" coaster from St. Johns in here and left this evening for St. Johns, sent Revenue Returns, Monthly Report and sundry letters by her under cover to Mary [—?]

Sat. 6 Moderate SW fog on the hills, cloudy - cleared at midday & be came foggy at night Some boats came in early reporting fish scarce, those who remained out came in full & reported fish very plenty & large Peter Bruit came for orders - Morgan came in to land what fish he had in about 60 Qtls to have a clean boat to go off in

Sun. 7 Moderate SW dull, rained heavy last night cleared away fine at 9am, & continued with fresh breeze vble NW to W. No service at church today in consequence of the death of Mr. Hamilton's child on Thursday

Mon. 8 Fresh breeze SW dull & cloudy - Hagdowns {ED: birds} were numerous outside yesterday & one or two whales - the first after the capelin -No fish caught today capelin plentiful

Tue. 9 Fresh breeze NW fine morning, some ice islands in sight still - capelin abundant no fish Robert put his codseine in the skiff today little or no fish caught by small boats

Wed. 10 Calm, fine morning - light winds vble all day - warm & pleasant W'r. Robert & James hauled 50 Qtls in codseine - boats 1 Qtl ea.

Thu. 11 Calm fine morning - some islands of ice yet in sight "Favorite Lass" came in from Capelin Bay. a Schooner from Pictou for St. Johns put into Aquaforte Capt. Green of late Matilda onboard -light air S all day almost calm Plenty capelin, boats catching no fish

Fri. 12 Calm with thick wet fog - cleared away very fine at noon fresh breeze SW - very warm Small boats 3 to 4 Qtls ea. John White's boat came home from Westward having onboard the fat of a whale fallen in with - capelin plenty -no codsean fish. Sent Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. some butter per S.Culliton1

Sat. 13 Fresh breeze SW fine morning - day fine throughout - a Spanish Brig passed N at 4pm - boats from 1 to 4 Qtls Robert & James hauled 20 Quintals

Sun. 14 Wind fresh NW fine morning - Mrs. Stephenson confined for a girl last evening - very warm today no service at church this forenoon - at 8pm the "Lancet" put in here bound to St. Johns - Hon'l C Bennett in her and Mr. Wm. Noad, the latter with two others called - they proceeded onwards in half an hour

Mon. 15 Moderate SW close sultry morning dull - at noon light showers of rain, capelin plenty - Some small catches per codsean - St. Swithan today - boats 1 to 4 Qtls ea No fish in the codseans, squids in the harbour - some used fishing well today

Tue. 16 Moderate WSW fine, warm & clear - at noon NW fresh breeze - boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each - capelin plenty at 9pm. Favorite Lass left for St. Johns - Sent Fanny some butter & rhubarb and

a letter enclosing £10 for Elias Rendell

Wed. 17 Fine morning - calm & warm - Light air vble wind today - very warm day boats doing pretty well 2 to 4 Qtls

each 10 Q'l taken in codseine by Robert today capelin plenty - "Merlin" steamer passed South at 6pm

Thu. 18 Very warm morning, fresh breeze clear & fine boats all out fishing, some islands of ice yet upon the coast - Ryan came from St. Johns brought no letters for me & only the Royal Gazette paper. Boats pretty well fished again tonight plenty of capelin, numbers of boats on the fishing ground here belonging to the Bay

Fri. 19 Fine morning, fresh breeze NW. a very warm day throughout -capelin plenty fish rather scarce, boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each - some islands of ice in sight

Sat. 20 Fine morning - fresh breeze NE cool - Water Witch from St. Johns for Pictou put into Aquaforte to take materials of Matilda saved from her wreck at Chance Cove - Boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each today those who remained out late doing best. Unfavorable reports of the fishery at the Westward - also at Reneuse

Sun. 21 Moderate NW fine morning. Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service here today - Sent letters by R'd Roberts of Brigus to Eliza - People out looking for some of Mr. Winser's family who went astray in the woods berry picking, at 5pm wind SSW & foggy

Mon. 22 Moderate SW wind, rather cloudy sultry & damp, fine afternoon, wind NW -"Sisters" came in from St. Johns Miss Byers in her -capelin rather scarce - Boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each -boat Resolution left for Westward - Squids in Cape Broyle

Tue. 23 Foggy, calm morning, rain in the night Some islands of ice yet in sight - Sch'r Sisters sailed for Sydney C Breton -at 4pm strong puff of NE wind came up. Plenty of capelin in Cape Broyle doing well there with codseines - Boats poorly fished tonight -Smart showers of rain at night

Wed. 24 Light air WNW fine morning - the boats all at sea on capelin taken in Church Cove Cape Broyle, which place is reported dry with capelin & filled with fish, the codseans there hauling as much as they like Boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each tonight. Gardens suffering from continued dry hot weather Hills brown

Thu. 25 Fresh breeze SW, thick wet fog & clears away a little occasionally -Service at church this forenoon, a Brig'e passed at noon under small canvas hove too sometime with an ensign in the shrouds a passing boat spoke her and she proceeded Northward - Boats poorly fished tonight. Mountain and Norris's boat home with second trip, not full, today, ice islands gone at last non in sight today

Fri. 26 Strong breeze NW - plenty of caplin fish scarce this morning - boats in fine morning but smart showers of rain in the afternoon - A good deal of fish being caught in codseans in Church Cove, Cape Broyle - boats no fish

Sat. 27 Fine morning, fresh breeze NW no fish to be caught by the boats on capelin Water extremely cold & wind raw at sea - The "Falcon" in from St. Johns no letters - sailed for that again at 6pm. Some few squids caught in the harbour, caplin plenty Robert hauled 40 Qtls fish in Church Cove last evening and brought it here this evening. Pat Ryan called for letters

Sun. 28 Fresh breeze at West fine morning Two services at church here today - at 6pm the Greyhound came home from Westward with her second trip about 50 or 60 Qtls only - at night calm and fine but dry. Postman started for St. Johns today

Mon. 29 Light air SW fine clear warm morning at 6am the "mail Steamer" passed North - Some boats in laden by 1 lam - some on squid & others on capelin there was no difference which some made good second trips of fish today Tue.30 Strong breeze WSW with smart rain cloudy and windy looking weather - Norris's boat & Greyhound left today upon 3rd trip fishing - at noon blowing fresh at West clearing of, rain ceased few fishing Boats out today on the Ground

Wed. 31 Calm with thick fog - cleared away at noon & fog occasionally - the small boats caught a good deal of fish on squid & capelin three of Roberts & James landed quite full

1850-AUGUST

Thu. 1 Calm with thick fog - clear occasionally with light showers between, bait scarce for boats out fishing today. Postman returned

Fri. 2 Light wind NNW dull morning with a few drops of rain, close & sultry nearly similar all day & calm - Capelin Herring Squid and Lance to be had for bait, boats loaded on lance - yet some had but little fish tonight

Sat. 3 Light NE wind, raining fast, - a very wet day throughout, some of the small boats that were provided with bait caught a good deal of fish today some were not out fishing - At night thick

W'r. light air SE

Sun. 4 Close thick calm morning with showers of rain occasionally thru' the day - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Service here in afternoon. My brother spent the evening with us.

Mon. 5 Fresh breeze SW rather foggy & close cleared away at 10am something finer afternoon wind WNW fine

evening - Bait of any sort scarce, boats not out - James got an albacore in salmon net

Tue. 6 Fresh breeze NW fog on the hills early - clearing away at 7am - The "Falcon" coming in from St. Johns. - afternoon very warm and a fine day from 10am fresh wind off the land - little fish for want of bait

Wed. 7 Light air NE with thick fog on the hills, 2 small coasters came in. - Some capelin caught today in various places, those who got them used them to advantage those without no fish - Reports today of a passenger vessel being wrecked near Cape Race.

Thu. 8 Wind NE moderate raining fast at 4pm. Rain ceased, James came from St. Johns in Shanahan's boat - Several craft passing Southward - bait scarce few boats out fishing - Morgan home.

Fri. 9 Vble light airs, clear morning - walked to Reneuse on arrival there found the wrecked people had just left it for St. Johns in the "Avalon" & two boats - 464 men women and children and 22 seamen in all, two of the women were delivered of a child each at Reneuse last night, these poor creatures were all most destitute - Returned same evening home by land Mr. Stephenson went & came back with me.

Sat. 10 Strong breeze at S - with heavy rain - The ship lost near Cape Race is the "Bridgetown" Mills Master of Cork from Liverpool to Quebec - Wind NE at noon and West at 3pm, clearing off dry - No boats at sea today - no bait

Sun. 11 Fresh breeze WSW, fine morning Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today no services at church here - Pat Ryan left for St. Johns overland, (Postman) James spent the evening with me. Jas H'y went to Fermeuse & back

Mon. 12 Light vble air of wind dull morning clearing at 11pm. - no bait for boats Steamer passed North at 6am - at noon fine wind WSW - very little fish by the boats today, bait scarce

Tue. 13 Fresh breeze SWS, fine morning, a very heavy dew fell last night some few herrings no capelin no squids - Fish plenty if bait could be had - at 3pm smart rain Wind fresh S - several craft passing Northward - at 6pm very heavy rain & strong breeze

Wed. 14 Dull morning moderate WSW wind at 11am very heavy and clouded - Some small quantity caplin taken near Robert's flake today, 1½ tub - afternoon fine Wind WNW the "Steamer" passed South at 5.30pm - the boats that got capelin today used it well

Thu. 15 Thick & hazy, moderate NE with smart rain, at noon calm, & vble afterwards at 4pm ceased raining light air NNE. No people at work this day a Holiday²

Fri. 16 Cloudy & misty wind moderate NE. much rain fell during past 24 hours thick misty weather all day - no bait

Sat. 17 Fresh NE wind dry & cloudy - some few herrings taken today - At night fresh breeze NE & misty a Brig'e gone into Capelin Bay - no fish scarcely

Sun. 18 Fresh breeze NE heavy rain, and considerable sea upon the shore, more like November in appearance than Aug't. Two services here at church today at noon Wind S thick fog & calm - My brother came in the evening & staid to tea

Mon. 19 Thick fog with heavy rain, light air NE wind some few herrings taken & some fish by them, dogfish very abundant, the boats generally doing very little

Tue. 20 Thick wet fog, calm - and so all this day - bad weather for curing fish - Mr. Morry called & took tea this evening

Wed. 21 Fresh breeze at S. - very thick wet fog. Little doing in codfishery today, some good catches of herrings this morning. At night blowing strong at S & raining fast. The fish on the flakes damaging fast

Thu. 22 Dark cloudy morning, not so heavy fog as yesterday but very gloomy weather heavy rain - cleared away a little & the sun showed out at 6pm - the wind light off the land

Fri. 23 Calm with thick wet fog - at noon the fog lifted a little wind breezed up from the Southward - the fish on the flakes injuring very much by the weather - People salting it in again & washing with pickle - very few herrings - very few boats out - afternoon rain, fog & clear occasionally

Sat. 24 Fresh breeze SW, clear of fog, but dull and overcast. Mr. Kelligrew sent me the boat I purchased from him, sent cheque back by messenger - Postman called for letters Several western boats home today partly fished some without any fish - Several vessels passing N. a Brig with flag at fore - People engaged salting in dry fish - the weather cleared a little at evening

Sun. 25 Wind N dull, but clear & dry - the Brig'e Sisters coming in from St. Johns, no letters Service at Aquaforte in forenoon, here in the afternoon, all the people in the place spreading & handling their fish - Wind NE dull but dry and moderate

Mon. 26 Calm, misty morning wind vble during the day and the weather dull, misty and clear arid dry in succession, at evening Wind S dull and damp - fish spoiling some herrings today & a little fish caught - at night fresh breeze

SW moon clear & bright

Tue. 27 Thick wet mist or small rain Wind S moderate - cleared away during the middle of the day & became dry Wind SW "Sisters" leaving for St. Johns, Mr. Stephenson about to go in her to proceed on Circuit Some of the boats have a little fish

Wed. 28 Thick fog, nearly calm, cleared away at 10am, Wind S & SW, at 3pm wind at West & fine afternoon -good catches of herrings this morning - a Spanish Brig stood in at the head & proceeded N. after having spoken a boat. Steamer "Merlin" passed S at 1pm - very little fish bringing in

Thu. 29 Dull calm cloudy & damp morning became dry as the day advanced & cleared away fine the afternoon wind vble from S to NW & clear -the " Waterwitch" Capt Green in Aquaforte

Fri. 30 Fine morning, wind moderate NW Mrs. Rendell came onshore from the Sch'r Brothers from St. Johns, left that yesterday afternoon very heavy showers all the fish caught spread on the flakes in the harbour - wind varying to all points -little or no fish with the boats

Sat.31 Fine morning Wind moderate NNW. and so continued at night Wind W

1850 - SEPTEMBER

Sun. 1 Light air S thick misty morning, a boat belonging to Harbour Buffet came in last from St. Johns - Rev'd D Nowlan R.C.P. onboard - a woman Mrs. Kough who died onboard during the night - allowed them the use of the Court House to prepare the body for burial - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today -John McLea, son of Kenneth McLea came here from St. Johns by land & slept at my house

Mon. 2 Moderate N wind fine clear & dry morning - wind round the compass today the woman brought by the Placentia boat dead was burned in Northside Yard today

Tue. 3 Light air SW dull morning, Robert's boat left 1st trip for St. Johns with fish Jno McLea went in her, several craft left also today with fish - few herrings - Sent letters requesting Leave of Absence etc. by Mr. McLea & Peter - No bait no fish

Wed. 4 Moderate NE wind, clear and dry. No herrings taken this morning - At noon wind ESE dropping rain - No fish by the boats this day

Thu. 5 Moderate ENE - dull & damp but clear Several vessels in sight passing & beating - no fish no bait, Western boats in the harbour quite idle for want of bait

Fri. 6 Moderate NE wind misty at times - afternoon clear & fine - Some herrings taken this morning & the Western boats sent off the small boats doing but little

Sat. 7 Moderate and dull - light air NE cleared off a little at 10am - wind S. at noon fine at 3pm Wind NW warm dry air -Evening dull again little doing in catching of fish today. Mr. Alan Goodridge here from Reneuse, he remained but a little while & returned again to Reneuse

Sun. 8 Moderate NW clear dry & warm but clouded- Two services at church today Evening overcast & misting rain - At night calm and heavy rain

Mon. 9 Strong breeze SSW wild & cloudy - heavy rain most part of the day at 4pm more moderate but strong SW wind with rain, at night blowing hard at NW and raining very fast.

Tue. 10 Dark cloudy morning, blowing very hard at NNW, dry and clear but very dull -Gatherall's jack & Rositer's Western boat driven from their moorings in Capelin Bay out to sea last night, no person onboard the former one man & two boys onboard the latter = Peter Bruit came in from St. Johns at midnight

Wed. 11 Dull, calm clear & dry - cleared away with the winds, at evening dull. Steamer passed Southward in the afternoon

Thu. 12 Moderate and dull light air SW - 2pm fresh breeze S by E. clear but cloudy - Peter Bruit left for St. Johns at 10am - Robert, Fanny & her boy went in her - At Court House this day

Fri. 13 Fresh breeze SW dull & overcast & damp - Afternoon fine, blowing strong at WSW

Sat. 14 Moderate SW with showers -Morgan's boat on the bank with Herrings - At noon cleared away fine, strong breeze WNW a large steamer passed N. & a smaller one, the former appeared very large, the latter like Le [Esperrier?] Robert's boat in from Small Point 10 Qtls too much wind to go out on the Bank -Johnston 2 Qtls from foggy ledge

Sun. 15 Moderate & fine, light air off the land - No service at church - Mr. Hamilton at St. Johns with his Family Visitor - John Bryan came from St. Johns No news

Mon.16 Calm morning & fine - at 10am light breeze NE - with shower of rain & cleared very fine after nit - Several

coasters in sight a Brig went into Fermeuse, suppose a Spaniard - Small boats about from 1 to 2 Qtls that were out, which was very few of them

Tue. 17 Fine morning, wind moderate WSW. Vessel going out of Fermeuse that went in there yesterday - a fine dry fish day - Some small boats 1 to 2 Qtls fish

Wed. 18 Fine morning, moderate air of SW wind Walked to Aquaforte & agreed with Thos Lovet for his cow at 4 [cents?] per lb for 4 Qrs tongue & heart he to keep her to Xmass if required - a large steamer passed SW. Peter's boat came in from St. Johns in her Mary & my GDaughter Emily with Robert

Thu. 19 Calm with thick fog and rain - at 9am wind NE Evening calm & fog cleared off-small boats from 1 to 3 Qtls each today Application by Wm Dinn for Relief for his family The disease spreading fast among the potatoes - a Brig'e into Aquaforte

Fri. 20 Calm with dense wet fog - the fog very strongly impregnated with a smell of the potatoe disease - Yesterday morning, I first noticed the odour very strongly and now the potatoes then free are all attacked by it & I find my own potatoes that were perfectly free two days ago are now extensively affected both in stalks and in the tubers - the wind was from ENE the fog dense, & very warm & sultry, & heavy air - the boat Greyhound unrigged today - to be laid up for the season from Fishery the only one dismantled at this date

Sat. 21 Fresh breeze WSW dull & foggy early but at 8am cleared away & looks for fine weather at 4pm a 3-masted schooner working South - Peter left for St. Johns with dry fish

Sun. 22 Fine morning -Wind fresh NW - At noon a steamer was passing steering ESE visible SW of the Downs - Several vessels passing - "Lion" & others from St. Johns - no services at church, Mr. Hamilton at St. Johns

Mon. 23 Strong breeze WSW, dry & clear but dull occasionally - a whale boat & all her equipments missed from Robt & James's wharf this morning, & as yet no account of her She was securely moored & safe at her moorings at midnight - Strong gale all this day at Evening more moderate & overcast -No fish catching today

Tue. 24 Moderate NE wind dark & gloomy but clear - Light showers during the day John Morry came from St. Johns in his boat. Some few boats bringing a little fish, bait scarce

Wed. 25 Fresh breeze SW clear & dry. Wm Meaney returned with the whale boat that was carried off on 22nd found her in Witness Bay. Smart rain at noon strong breeze - Boats doing nothing - steamer passed at 5pm South

Thu. 26 Fine morning, air very cool & heavy dew Wind moderate NNW. Down on NSide of Capelin Bay surveying today - Peter came from St. Johns - several boats & vessels passed South Little fish catching - Potatoe disease increasing - Morgan away with herrings for fishing ground

Fri. 27 Wind SW fine clear morning fresh breeze - At Stone Island all this day surveying returned at 4pm -came across in a boat Small boats little fish - Roberts Western boat brought 12 Qtls from the Bank

Sat. 28 Wind SW fresh breeze at noon South strong clear and dry the forenoon, dull afterwards In the office plotting surveys all day. Very little fish brought in this evening - Every potatoe plot appears to be diseased

Sun. 29 Fresh breeze SW smart rain, thick & gloomy morning - Mr. Hamilton still at St. Johns, no Services here in the church

Mon. 30 Fine morning, dry & clear moderate SSW. Fresh breeze NW at 9am - Several vessels in sight Surveying in Capelin Bay for Thos Hayden

1850-OCTOBER

Tue. 1 Fine morning, wind WNW moderate Mr. Hamilton & family came per Brothers from St. Johns -Morgan bro't 30 Qtl, Barnable 20 Qtl from Bank

Wed. 2 Fine morning, nearly calm clear & dry - Wind at SW at 10am, & fine afternoon Some few boats brot in from 3 to 5 Q's each only in a few instances, bait scarce

Thu. 3 Calm with thick fog - at 10am, the fog cleared away & wind breezed up strong SSE. at night heavy rain blowing fresh - fish scarce today - few herrings taken

Fri. 4 Fresh breeze WSW, clear & fine - much rain must have fallen during past night - Very little fish catching Herrings scarcer

Sat. 5 Moderate NNW dull & cloudy & moist - Several craft from St. Johns, a large Steamer in the offing steering to Westward - called with Mary at Mr. Morry's Capelin Bay - little or no fish

tonight - Potatoe disease increasing

Sun. 6 Fresh breeze NE dry & clear but cloudy and rather

cool. Service at Aquaforte this morning here in the afternoon - had fire in Parlour 1st time this evening

Mon. 7 Moderate ESE wind, wet misty morning - Gen'l Qr. Sessions of Peach3 - Clow drunk. 2 Men drowned at

Chance Cove on Saturday. Took tea at Roberts this evening

Tue. 8 Fresh breeze SSE dull & cloudy with a rough sea on the rocks - the Sheriff came from St. Johns & the Circuit last night Heavy rain & strong gale at noon. At 3pm becoming more moderate - James, his son & daughter, Mr & Mrs. Hamilton & Miss Byer, Robert & Mary spent the evening with me - this evening midnight clear W'r.

Wed. 9 Fresh breeze WSW clear morning - at 5pm "Merlin" steamer passed Southward moderate SW wind but heavy swell

Thu. 10 Calm with haze over the sea, clear overhead - at noon wind NE - "Avalon" went into C Bay much sea upon the shore, boats doing nothing

Fri. 11 Strong breeze NE dry but heavy & cloudy W'r clear at sea - very like the fall of the year Sch'r Brothers gone up Capelin Bay. James Simms Jr. came in her from St. Johns - gloomy wet weather

Sat. 12 Gloomy wet morning, very dark with heavy rain - Wind strong NE with great sea on the rocks Raining heavy all this day. the 60th Anniversary of my Birth - thank God to this time I have enjoyed a large stock of good health & strength

Sun. 13 Fresh breeze NNE dull & cloudy but not raining & clear - at noon wind NNW dry overhead and clear, a large Brigantine passed N in the afternoon - Mr. Jas Simms Jr. dined with me - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - at night rain & fog

Mon. 14 Moderate SW dull and cloudy with fog hanging about - at 10am cleared away a little with strong breeze SW Judge Simms & Geo Simms came here today - from Toad's Cove to Capelin Bay in a skiff thence here by land, the sea so heavy a boat could not safely venture in the gaps or even narrows - at 10pm Mrs. Geo. Simms & her son John came on shore in Capelin Bay from Deveraux's boat from Trepassey - Judge Simms slept & remained with me

Tue. 15 Fresh breeze SW dull & cloudy - Court opened today no case to try - at 4pm three St. Johns constables brought a warrant to me against two men for assault at St. Johns - Geo Simms dined & Mrs. G. Simms & my brother came in the evening - Robert also dined - Thos Kough arrived from St. Johns in evening

Wed. 16 Calm morning, cloudy Circuit Court closed today - Bishop Mullock RC & some of his clergy came here today from Brigus, holding Confirmation etc. Dined at Roberts with Judge & Geo. Simms & his wife - small boats 3 to 4 Qtls fish few out

Thu. 17 Moderate NE wind dull but clear -Showers occasionally Judge Simms & Geo. Simms left in my boat with four rowers for Toads Cove at 8.30 am rather fresh breeze against them -a Brig'e gone into Aquaforte - several craft passing Fish plenty today some boats 3 or 4 Qtls few out - the boat the Judge left this in returned from Toads Cove about 6pm

Fri. 18 Moderate NE dull but clear. Service in church this forenoon, Wind light NE & fine at noon - Small boats that were out got from 1 to 3 Qtls fish

Sat. 19 Calm fine morning, hoar frost, at 10am, light air from SSW at evening thick fog & very moderate - at 2pm, several boats started for St. Johns & some vessels passed - Mrs. Geo Simms & son went in Robert boat also Betsey Brace that was our servant this summer

Sun. 20 Moderate SW fine & clear the leaves falling off the poplars very fast - gathered last green peas yesterday - Two services and Sacrament here to church today James Simms Jr. took tea with me

Mon. 21 Calm with thick wet fog. and so continued all the day - a boat put in wind bound that left Reneuse 24 hours since & only reached this at night

Tue. 22 Light breeze S thick fog & rain. Evening light air NNE & heavy rain

Wed. 23 Moderate breeze off the land clear & fine vble wind, but a fine clear dry day. Some new boats caught some fish herrings scarce, fish & herrings plenty in Cape Broyle all last week

Thu. 24 Calm with fog along the high ground -Fixed & marked Sullivan's western boundary near Quarry River - James Simms Jr. dined with me and spent the evening

Fri. 25 Calm, dull morning -and son continued all day Some fish & herrings taken today

Sat. 26 Light air NE dull & cloudy - Noon vble & more clear wind SW moderate

Sun. 27 Moderate SW overcast but clear - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon -service here in afternoon at night thick foggy mist

Mon. 28 Strong breeze SSW and rain & sultry much rain fell during the day, Nothing doing with fish or herrings. Service in church

Tue. 29 Moderate breeze at West - cloudy but clear -On N Side Capelin Bay surveying land -afternoon

fine James

Simms Jr. left for St. Johns

Wed. 30 Light air at NNW fine & clear frosty morning No herrings taken today, a fine day

Thu. 31 Wind N. moderate sharp frosty night fine morning a fine day for drying fish Many craft passing North & South

1850-NOVEMBER

Fri. 1 Fresh breeze SW rather overcast but mild and clear - Robert left for St. Johns Service this forenoon at the church - Strong breeze at noon & fine day

Sat. 2 Fresh breeze WNW fine & clear - a very fine day throughout very warm

Sun. 3 Moderate SW dull but clear & mild - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no service here - a fine & moderate day Wind NW - only one boat passed in sight today

Mon. 4 Light air SW dull, clear & damp - Some boats out fishing on herrings a few and/[on?] conch's or Perrywinkles & found fish very plenty indeed & if bait would load quickly

Tue. 5 Moderate NE, thick with heavy rain at times -at 10am fresh breeze & dry, many [m-?] craft passing Southward, small boats could do but little today

Wed. 6 Fresh breeze NE dry & clear but cloudy - At noon clear with vble wind at 4pm SSW light air - the Mail Steamer passing South Fish plenty bait scarce

Thu. 7 Fresh breeze SW misty and overcast - Afternoon wind NW evening calm & fine

Fri. 8 Moderate NNW wind, frosty, fine & clear left at 10pm in the Lion for St. Johns and arrived there at daybreak next morning took Emily Sarah Rendell with me

{From Sat. November 8th until November 26th - The journalist was at St. John's}

Wed. 27 Returned by land from St. Johns arriving here at 2.30pm. left St. Johns at 9am yesterday morning, from Toad's Cove today

Thu. 28 Dull morning blinks of snow, wind moderate SW - cow's in house last night

Fri. 29 Fresh breeze N moderate frost light covering of snow on the ground - At noon fair weather and clear, several of the boats from St. Johns at night calm and mild - snow nearly gone again

Sat. 30 Wind moderate NW frosty, & dull - Several vessels in sight, one out of Aquaforte that was there wind bound

1850 - DECEMBER

Sun. 1 Moderate NW wind, gentle frost clear & fine at 10am -two services at church today - 1st Sunday in Advent

Mon. 2 Calm dull morning, ground covered with snow - at 10am the Steamer Mail Boat called at narrows & passed Sent Monthly Report for November per P. Ryan today and Return for Collector of Revenue & letter for Fanny At night strong breeze & frosty.

Tue. 3 Strong breeze NNW, clear frosty morning some few vessels & boats passed - at night more moderate & frosty

Wed. 4 Moderate N wind clear dry & frosty - Robert left for St. Johns by land this forenoon - Several vessels & boats passing - at night calm & dull -1st Anniversary of Eliza's Wedding Day

Thu. 5 Moderate NE wind some snow falling Snowed a good deal during the day the ground quite covered at night

Fri. 6 Moderate NNW wind smart frost - fine day several craft passing N & S

at 9pm James left in Peter's boat for St. Johns Wind moderate, fine night & clear

Sat. 7 Fresh breeze NNW fine & clear but sharp frost Some boats came in from St. Johns. Mr. Jams How Carter went to Capelin Bay this evening on his way towards St. Johns by land

Sun. 8 Moderate at 8am, light showers of snow wind SSW At 10am fresh breeze and inclined for rain, the "Lion" & Shanahan's boat left for Saint Johns - Capt Hy Winsor of Aquaforte died there

last night or towards morning, has been ill several days in fever. - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning Service the afternoon -Hard rain after noon - moderate at night & clearing away

Mon. 9 Strong gale NW snow drifting over the hill, froze smart during last night and ground lightly covered in snow At night still blowing a strong gale & freezing

Tue. 10 Moderate W. wind, fine clear morning and very severe frost - "Brothers" left for St. Johns at 10am. and Power's boat after her - in the afternoon Wind SW mild and thawing at 9pm wind moderate NE dark & overcast

Wed. 11 Fresh breeze NE wind with snow, raw but not very frosty - at night wind East

Thu. 12 Moderate wind NW, ground covered with snow sharp frosty weather, clear & fine - Went to Aquaforte to attend

as Bearer at the funeral of Henry Winsor eldest son of Peter Winsor of that place (aged 46 years). Afternoon snowing and drifting a good deal - but not freezing hard & blowing strong

Fri. 13 Moderate NNW wind, fine & clear Smart frost last night and a little snow fell - John White's boat came from St. Johns, several went by land for St. Johns

Sat. 14 Moderate NNW wind smart frosty weather dull but clear - at night equally severe

Sun. 15 Light air NNW nearly calm, sharp frost and some snow fallen during the night, the people at work with slides in the woods all the past week - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today, - mild towards night, a Barque passed Northward at noon

Mon. 16 Fresh breeze SW free thaw and rain much of the snow went off - Miss Byers spent the evening with us

Tue. 17 Calm dull morning, moderate toward midday wind moderate E. thawing - Mr. Goodridge here from Reneuse - Cape Broyle people claimants in Sch'r Primrose - Sent Mr. Goodridges letters for St. Johns by Wm Meaney to start tomorrow morning - James Carter Jr. & Wm Carter out shooting, one of their guns exploded and both received some of the shot in their legs & thighs -wrote my brother of it - Robert came from St. Johns -at night, rain

Wed. 18 Fresh breeze SW free thaw, hard rain and fog - cleared away at night -calm

Thu. 19 Strong breeze NW gentle frost snow - Showers occasionally sent R'd Sullivan to Reneuse on Mr. Goodridge's case - Mail Steamer passed S at 6pm - a new Brig'e North

Fri. 20 Wind SE moderate - Snowing Sullivan came from Reneuse and brought Goodridge's letter - afternoon snowing very fast strong breeze SW

Sat. 21 Fresh breeze NE dark & cloudy raw cold but not freezing hard. Some few vessels in sight passing N. & S. A Schooner [in margin, * referring to a later entry, " Harwood Primrose"] from Pictou for St. Johns with coals having lost her mainboom came in side the narrows & came to anchor there

Sun. 22 Fresh breeze SW with showers of snow the Pictou vessel came into anchorage off Mr. Norris's stage -Three vessels passed Northward Two services at church here today, raw cold The "Brothers" home from St. Johns yesterday - At night wind NW fine and frosty

Mon. 23 Calm and clear with blinks of snow at noon wind SW at 4pm at South with snow, fresh breeze & looking heavy

Tue.24 Xmass Eve -Strong gale SW with smart rain during past night & free thaw, the morning more moderate and during the day with light showers of rain - the "Harwood Primrose" with coals from Pictou in here wind bound, etc. put out for St. Johns from hence, towards afternoon Geary the Jailor went in her Pilot

Wed. 25 Christmas Day - First fire lighted in church Wind SW to WSW fresh breeze with snow showers & frost. Service and Sacrament administered at church today, several from Aquaforte attended - Robert & his family dined with us, & spent the day - James came in just as dinner was removing by land from Petit Harbour yesterday and Bay Bulls today leaving Peter's boat & others in former place, they having been out twice and put back again - Robert [Hale/Hall?] Jenny Johnson & others had their dinner in kitchen

Thu. 26 Calm dull morning, moderate frost Service at church this forenoon, at noon Wind SW or SSW - at 8pm, strong gale with snow at night heavy rain & thaw

Fri. 27 Moderate SSW, mild and heavy very light frost this morning - Service at church this forenoon - at night overcast and calm.

Sat. 28 Wind WNW, fresh, ground covered with snow fallen during the night, frost moderate clear morning but overcast at 10am - Snow showers during the day Wind West moderate breeze & freesing

Sun. 29 Fresh breeze WNW. clear and fine frosty weather -Service at Aquaforte this forenoon, at church here in afternoon the "Lion" came in here from St. Johns this morning at noon nearly calm at 6 o'clock fresh breeze SSE with snow -two craft in sight back of downs this afternoon -Strong gale all past night vble

Mon. 30 Strong breeze at 8am - snowing & drifting considerable quantity of snow fallen last night -a Brig'e standing in close on a wind bind - N. likely to be Mr. Winsor's vessel - Three boats came in from St. Johns last from Bay Bulls today - a Trepassey boat from herring fishery for St. Johns in here wind b'd. The "Herald" Winsor gone into Aquaforte

Tue. 31 Strong breese NNW, fine & frosty Walked to Aquaforte about the "Herald" Winsor from Viana 57 days passage - Pennel's boat here wind bound left for St. Johns - Boats all safe returned

from St. Johns, and discharging today Ground covered with snow - but not very deep except where drifted - and so ends the year 1850 - Saw a whale blow today off the narrows

The year hath passed over us without any very particular occurrences in this Island

The Seal Fishery was a very good one and the price high that is over 25/ per Cwt -

The codfishery was not very good by the Western boats, the codseans very fortunate in some places particularly at Cape Broyle - the Bummers caught a fair share of fish on caplin but the weather was long very bad in Aug't & Sept'r for curing it and a large quantity was spoiled the price ruled low under 12/per Qtl though many Spanish & Am'n vessels loaded away with fish -

Oil was high and a good share produced Mr. C. Bennet manufactured purified oil here as did Mr. [Jn?] Carter & others in the district the price of which was high but destined towards the fall -[common?] oil £38 per ton & higher

Provisions plentiful and moderate in price - salmon & herrings very scarce & in demand scarcely any squids the season - Whales scarce Fish plenty in October & November -

Freights for vessels scarce - The Steamer St. George plying with passengers & freight to & from Conception Bay for 2 or 3 months this fall -

Several vessels wrecked along the coast to the SSW of this place & near Cape Race - The

"Bridgetown" with nearly 300 passengers from Lpl to New York

The people pretty well provided for the winter this fall to all appearances

Capt. Hy Winsor of Aquaforte died this year aged 46 years & left a numerous family

Partridges very numerous, also hares, many of both sorts killed, venison not so plenty as last fall

The import and export Trade of this district still continues to decline though the Fishery is increasing annually but mostly the small boat fishery where the catchers are the curers of their own catch and those deal

principally in St. Johns though not for any better profits in doing so, but for the purpose of having the produce of their voyage at their own disposal - Western boats out of Ferry land - 12. Small boats out of Ferry land - 106.

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Robert Carter's Journal

Ferryland

Endnotes

1. 1840 Voters List shows a Martin Cullothan of Ferryland, North side
2. August 15th, The Feast of the Assumption
3. It sounds as if our Justice of the Peace, having no Business to conduct, had joined his Clerk, Clow, in a Peach brandy!

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BOOK 23

January 1, 1852 - October 5, 1852

1852 -JANUARY

Thu. 1 This year opens with a light air at S thawing freely and quite hazy, the ground covered by snow - the Wood Roads good last week, quite a change from the severity of the frost of December past. Service at church in the forenoon no sermon - Robert, his wife & 3 children dined and my brother & his son took tea with us -at night raining & very mild

Fri. 2 Fresh breeze NE snowing fast, towards evening thawing & sleeting

Sat. 3 Strong breeze NE darkly overcast, not freezing not much snow fallen in last 24 hours, drifted into sheltered places - very mild all day but freezing at night

Sun. 4 Moderate NNE wind clear & dry with smart frost - Postman to go N today Two full services at the church today - Moderately frosty all day but clear & fine -Two Brigs in sight one bound S the other N

Mon. 5 Wind fresh at SSE, raw cold and blinking snow, froze moderately last night some vessels past Northward to day - No General Sessions of the Peace today held here in consequence of difficulty of J.P. to sign Precepts

Tue. 6 Moderate S wind, heavy rain and free thaw - at 4pm brightened up a little and a change was apparent

Wed. 7 Calm & dull raining & thawing all this morning fast and freely - very wet underfoot and much snow gone off - Ann Kelley & John Clancy were married last night -at night thick foggy & mild

Thu. 8 Moderate SW mild overcast & hazy with heavy showers of rain and thawing freely, great part of the snow that fell some weeks past is now gone - about noon Mr. Kelligrew passed along on his way to St. Johns by land -at night wind off the land, fresh breeze & blinking snow

Fri. 9 Fresh breeze WNW dull and overcast moderate frost - Pat Ryan came in today

Sat. 10 Moderate NE wind light frost, clear & dry walked to Merrymeeting Pond with Mary, gullies all open the water free from ice and no quantity of snow down except in the bushes - My brother spent the evening with us

Sun. 11 Light air NE nearly calm, thawing clear & dry but overcast - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte today Service here in the afternoon -at night dull & mild

Mon. 12 Fresh breeze ENE thick misty & mild Some snow fell during past night, At the Court House the most part of today a small coaster went into Capelin Bay this afternoon with [banked?] sails

Tue. 13 Moderate WNW clear and dry with moderate frost - cloudy - dined with my Brother and Robert at Mr. Hamilton's today for the first time since Mr. Hamilton came here to reside

Wed. 14 Calm, clear today but overcast & cloudy - moderate frost during last night - a vessel off back of the Downs - Two boats supposed to be herring catchers passed N. light air of wind at W mild

Thu. 15 Fine morning with occasional showers of snow - Wind moderate at West, gentle frost, sun bright between the snow showers - At noon wind SSW fresh breeze at 2pm snowing fast and mild - a Boat passed N. suppose a herring catcher - Walked to Aquaforte & back before dinner, James with me

Fri. 16 Mild moderate and dull -light air SW snow showers during the day & fresh breeze off the land with smart frosty weather

Sat. 17 Wind moderate W - gentle frost, dull and overcast - Mr. Kelligrew passed S yesterday from St. Johns - Inland mail made up at 4pm today - Jas Sanders & Bridget Ryan married

Sun. 18 Fresh breeze WNW smart frost, snowing and drifting, the sun peeping through it occasionally - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse no services at the church here today -

Partridges were never so plenty as in the neighborhood this winter since I recollect -
they were seen in Flocks

on the hills yesterday

Mon. 19 Calm dull morning very gentle frost - Toward afternoon moderate SSW wind in the evening a boat from Fermeuse with herrings for St. Johns put in here Wind SE snowing - Called with Mrs. Carter at Hamilton's At night fresh breeze SE with snow & rain

Tue. 20 Strong gale, West, snowing & freezing, a very heavy gale all night in strong squalls - Something more moderate at night with hard frost - Jno Deveraux of Trepassey came here on his way to St. Johns, sent Bank Book by him

Wed. 21 Sharp frost -fresh breeze NW clear & fine - at noon wind SW less frosty - a Spanish Brig went out of Aquaforte bound to St. Johns put in the {there} wind bound on Monday night Rec'd a letter from Fanny by Wm Keefe tonight

Thu. 22 Strong breeze at S by W with heavy rain the most part of the day at night clear & frosty much of the snow went away & winds icy

Fri. 23 Fine morning, moderately frosty, clear and fresh breeze NW. - winter passing and very little doing in building or repairing the winter - getting out firewood appears to be the principal work doing - Delivery of letters at Post Office today

Sat. 24 Dull & overcast Wind moderate at NNW, sharp frost and snow in showers - a Brig and Brigantine passed N at 10am covered with ice, Trainer's boat with herrings here wind bound for St. Johns put out for thence today, a cold raw day

Sun. 25 Fresh breeze WNW, moderate frost & a little snow fallen during the night, clear but overcast. Mr. Hamilton serves the church here twice today - My brother took tea & spent the evening with us clear night and smart frost

Mon. 26 Moderate SW dull and overcast & raw towards night very mild & thawing & misty - Mr. & Mrs. Morry spent the evening with us - mail made up for St. Johns

Tue. 27 Moderate SW wind thawing & misting very freely clear but much overcast & cloudy - at 2.30pm "Steamer" passed N. quite calm at 4pm. snowing fast light air NE

Wed. 28 Moderately frosty, clear but cloudy fresh breeze NNW at 9am. - two vessels passed Northward today - Showers of snow and sunshine between

Thu. 29 Calm cloudy & clear, blinking snow very moderate frost last night - Moderate ESE wind at night NE - Mary went into Spout Pond in the horse slide I walked in to the Head of the Pond and returned with her a dull but clear day. The House of Assembly opened by Sir John Gaspart LaMarchant who arrived per "Steamer" on Tuesday night from England via Halifax

Fri. 30 Moderate E wind gentle frost, cloudy & clear - the Steamer passing S at noon - a Brig'e passing N. Pat Ryan came in with the mail Rec'd letters from Exeter announcing my Mothers death on 15th Dec'r last aged 83 years after an illness of six weeks - burned near Dawlish church. Wm Frampton allowed to go to Aquaforte for evening

Sat. 31 Fresh breeze NNW clear but overcast, smart frosty weather, good roads into the woods - Strong breeze at afternoon -Pat Ryan called for things, sent a box for Fanny by Ryan - at night very frosty

1852- FEBRUARY

Sun. 1 Fine morning fresh breeze NNW, sharp frost the salt water in the harbour caught over during last night - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon - Service here in the afternoon, quite a winter day but fine

Mon. 2 Moderate ENE wind, snowing fast Harbour full of soft lolly made last night, No service at church this forenoon

Tue. 3 Fresh breeze NE mild & snowing dark and overcast - strong gale during the day - drifting much & snowing fast quite a rough winter day - no person working in the woods, at night fine & clear

Wed. 4 Moderate NW wind fine clear morning frosty during past night - raw & cold wind at West with drifts afternoon

Thu. 5 Fresh breeze SW dull day & clear - very little frost much overcast - at noon sun shining

bright, & thawing a Meeting of Comm'n of town & School today

Fri. 6 Fresh breeze at S dark & overcast thawing freely with rain at 10am - Frampton left this morning for St. Johns - Strong gale at 10pm with snow drift

Sat. 7 Fine morning moderate NW wind, warm and thawing in the sun. a spring day throughout

Sun. 8 Moderate wind at SW heavy rain in the morning, wind W at 10am & clearing off the rain having ceased - fairly thawing No service at church today Mr.

Hamilton at Renewse today - Spent the day within

Mon. 9 Moderate NW wind with snow showers and sunshine in turn, very light frost

Tue. 10 Fresh breeze SW, dark & overcast but clear and moderately frosty

Wed. 11 Fresh breeze SW mild, clear & fine - Frampton returned from St. Johns at 6am Some butchers here from St. Johns to purchase cattle left St. Johns yesterday & came all the distance with horse and slide - My brother spent the evening with us

Thu. 12 Strong breeze SW freely thawing and raining most of the snow gone away. Henry Goodridge called on his way to Reneuse from Saint Johns - wet walking

Fri. 13 Moderate SW wind dark & overcast, the snow almost all gone, the hills as bare as in May and no frost in the ground

Sat. 14 Moderate SW gentle frost, ground quite hard and almost all bare from ice or snow Went in cutting peasticks - Pat Ryan called

Sun. 15 Moderate S wind, thick fog, thawing freely - a boat appeared off Cape Broyle beating S. late last evening - a Brigantine passed North at some time Services at the church

here today - strong wether rain and thick fog with strong breeze at SSW, ice & snow almost gone away. Edw'd Walsh an old resident buried today

Mon. 16 Moderate NE wind, snowing the ground covered again with snow - 10pm cleared off. Trainer's boat came in from St. Johns - a Brigantine & Schooner passed S - at night

moderate with light frost

Tue. 17 Wind moderate SW -blinking snow - gentle frost during past night - at 3pm smart rain & free thaw wind SW at night calm and very mild

Wed. 18 Wind NW blinking snow - some snow fallen during the night - frost moderate dull and overcast but clear at times

Thu. 19 Wind NW moderate, blinking snow and clear between the showers -Post in

Fri. 20 Calm and snowing fast moderately frosty - wind NE to NNE, smart frost not much snow fallen - at night hard frost wind NW moderate

Sat. 21 Moderate NW sharp frost, clear & dry but much overcast - snow showers at times

Sun. 22 Moderate Wind NW. Harbour congealed during the night - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this morning - Service here in the afternoon Robert's 3rd son christened

during service, called Charles James - sharp frosty weather but clear

Mon. 23 Very strong gale at SW with snow at 10am wind veering to S and raining very fast - Mrs. Carter very unwell in bed today. At night mild wind SW fresh breeze, dark

Tue. 24 Shrove Tuesday - Calm and dull with a sharp Hoar frost - Many sealers travelling toward St. Johns today - At night strong breeze NE with free thaw and very heavy rain, sleet and silver thaw - took tea up at my brothers this evening

Wed. 25 Ash Wednesday -fresh breeze NW - mild Service at church this forenoon - no sermon - afternoon fine - Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton & child spent the evening at my house - a fine clear night light frost

Thu. 26 Wind fresh SSW clear & dry but raw cold Sent letters to Wm Rendell Jr. & Mr. Crowdy by James Molloy to St. Johns - Some sealers gone on again today - at 1pm

heavy rain at night fine

Fri. 27 Fine morning -wind W moderate froze a little during past night - Mrs. H'y Morry confined for a son this morning - afternoon fine, freeing a little

Sat. 28 Moderate NNW, clear fine morning hard frost during last night - a very fine day, but slippery walking - Mary Anne came over this afternoon with her baby. Night very

fine & sharp frost

Sun. 29 Strong breeze at S dull & overcast freezing smartly and very raw cold, at 10am, snowing very fast & blowing a hard gale, Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today No services at the church here - at 3pm more mild and raining fast at night frost Wind West, & blowing hard still

1852-MARCH

Mon. 1 Fresh breeze WNW frosty & snowing Snow & drift all day with very strong breeze -at night a very heavy gale NW sharp frost and snow showers

Tue. 2 Smart gale NW sharp frosty weather the rocks covered in ice, the ground in snow but not deep - afternoon more moderate mild in the evening and snowing a little and overcast.

"Lioness" left Renewse

Wed. 3 Moderate NNW, dull & blinking snow smart, frosty morning - Some snow fallen during last night - at night same sort of weather as all day. Postman came in from St. Johns tonight

Thu. 4 Moderate NNW fine day moderately frosty Mrs. Stephenson called today -Jno [Yetman?] died last evening after a protracted illness - at night calm & fine freezing smartly

Fri. 5 Calm dull morning, sharp frost - Salt water all caught over in lolly - Light air NW at 11am & fine lovely day - "Herald" sailed from Aquaforte for the ice last night

Sat. 6 Moderate ENE wind, dull & overcast but clear - froze very hard during last night, the harbour & ocean caught over thickly. At night fresh breeze NE overcast

Sun. 7 Fresh breeze NE dark and overcast raw cold wind & frosty - 2 services at church here today - My brother spent the evening with me

Mon. 8 Moderate and clear wind light NNE, much lolly in sight the harbour quite full of ice - a Brig off the harbour bound N - working up to windward among strings of lolly the harbour frozen over but not to bear

Tue. 9 Moderate NNW wind, moderate frost clear & fine at 5am - James left for St. Johns overland - the lolly moving off a little from the landwash. At noon "Aquaforte" & Pelter sailed for the ice - a large Brig and Brigantine just before them passing Northward. Wind NNW. Drove to Capelin Bay in the pm with Mrs. Carter in a sleigh, took tea at Mr. Morry's & walked home - Several others there to tea - Frampton back about 4pm, having gone with James so far as Toad's Cove with him with dogs & man's slide.

Wed. 10 Fresh breeze ESE clear and dry - A Brig off Cape Broyle among the lolly, the ocean quite full of it - at noon strong breeze with snow at 6pm hail & snow mixed at night strong breeze NE - snowing fast harbour frozen quite over but not sufficient to bear - Wm Wade of Stone , Island died today

Thu. 11 Strong Breeze NNE - no water to be seen the snow drifting very much a good deal fallen during last night quite a gale all day the lolly moved a short way off from the back of the Downs - drifting all day

Fri. 12 Strong breeze NNW clear dry & frosty morning the lolly outside driven to sea -the harbour caught over and appears very strong - winter weather

Sat. 13 Calm morning dry clear & mild but much overcast, looking for change Harbour yet filled with lolly - At noon wind S dull, moderate & mild Some seamen came here from Trepassey part of the crew of the "Harriet" - Collins from Burgeo for Halifax -Stranded back of Trepassey last Monday - at night blinking snow

Sun. 14 Calm morning, dull and overcast the harbour full of ice and the ocean covered with it - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service at church here in the afternoon -at night fine & frosty. Wind NE all day

Mon. 15 Moderate NE wind fine morning & frosty the ocean & harbour full of ice - one sealer driving along by Goose Island in the ice

Tue. 16 Moderate SE wind mild & foggy - Snow showers occasionally - Lolly all along the coast - James H'y Carter & Geo Rendell came together from St. Johns - left it by land yesterday

Wed. 17 Light air off the land the lolly moving off the shore & out of the harbour - very mild at 3pm wind moderate NE - 4pm heavy squall NNE & snow showers - two vessels passing S in the

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ice supposed to be "Lima" & Mary [—?]

Thu. 18 Strong gale NNE, sharp frost lolly moved off a little & out of the harbour, clear and dry but sharp wind - Spent the evening with Robert.

Fri. 19 Fresh breeze NE - moderate frost - dull and overcast - ice out of sight but the glin {ED: glimmer or glow} visible in the horizon - James Deveraux went off for St. Johns today -

My brother his son and Robert dined with me today - Mary Anne came in evening

Sat. 20 Moderate E wind, dull & overcast - Ice still covering the ocean - light frost in the night - mild & thawing today at night wind S. blinking snow & rain

Sun. 21 Fresh breeze W by N - fine morning a little snow and much rain in the night - the harbour clear of ice & the lolly outside moving off - snow on roofs melting fast No service at church, Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today -at night fine W'r.

Mon. 22 Moderate NW gentle frost, dull & cloudy At noon SSE clear at night fresh breeze, snowing 6pm a Schooner & the steamer with the mails passed Northward - Postman's mails made up wrote Mrs. J.C. Woolcombe & Fanny by post & paid postage1

Tue. 23 Moderate at NW dry & clear, several inches of snow fell last night A Brig passed N at 2pm supposed to be the "Anne Johnston from Trepassey for St. Johns - George Rendell & James dine at Roberts today

Wed. 24 Moderate ESE dull & overcast light frost during the night - milder as the day advanced - evening quite dull - several vessels passed this morning Northward

Thu. 25 Strong breeze SSW raining very fast some ice driven into the harbour - during the night heavy rain & thawing fast - dined at my brothers today with Geo. Rendell, Robert and James - very wet underfoot Wind NE large portion of Robert's flake driven by ice

Fri. 26 Moderate NE wind, slight frost, ice coming in again - Schooner obliged to put into Capelin Bay to escape the ice a Coaster - Mrs. Hamilton confined for a son today - the ice into the harbour again thick wet mist

Sat. 27 Clear with wind NE fresh breeze every place filled in with lolly & ice -sunshine at midday - thawing freely where exposed

Sun. 28 Dark & overcast - Wind NE -mild, the ice still filling up every space of waters - Two services here at church today

Mon. 29 Moderate NE wind, every place filled in with drift ice - overcast & hazy & very mild - a sealer stood in through the ice & more up to Southward - Spent the evening at Robert's with Geo. Rendell, my brother, Mrs. C & Mary and James

Tue. 30 Wind NE dark & overcast, ice still freezing in blinking snow - very mild & gloomy weather - George James & Robert at my brothers spending the evening-strong gale NE

Wed. 31 Strong gale NE - dark & blinking snow Cold raw wind very place filled in with ice & lolly - but the water can be seen out over it - a good deal of sea on the rocks - My brother and his son took tea with us this evening - at night dry

1852 - APRIL

Thu. 1 Fresh breeze NE the ice passing yet & becoming narrower, one island of ice off Light frost during last night dull & overcast & blinking snow today. Harbour quite filled up with ice, Some boats and vessels passing today

Fri. 2 Light air N almost calm not much ice in sight slackening in the harbour Goose laid 1st egg today - George Rendell left for St. Johns by land today - James went with him part way

Sat. 3 Moderate & clear, a little snow fell in the night thawing fast, cloudy & dry light air NE - ice & ice bergs in sight coming from the Northward again - the harbour full of ice & lolly. James returned from Bay Bulls where he went with Geo. Rendell on his way to St. Johns

Sun. 4 Strong gale NE clear, dry cloudy & frosty the harbour quite full of lolly but the sea clear of ice except some small islands - Mr. Hamilton at Aquaforte this forenoon Service here in the afternoon -snowing very fast but mild

Mon. 5 Strong gale NE blinking snow, dark and overcast - harbour full as yesterday no freesing -

at

noon snowing fast & blowing hard - "Aquaforte" went into Aquaforte General Qr Sessions of the Peace today - Very stormy afternoon drifting & blowing

Tue. 6 Fresh breeze NNE light frost dry & clear but overcast - Some small stages damaged - at night more moderate slightly frosty

Wed. 7 Moderate NE wind overcast but dry & clear the Harbour yet full of ice, & only islands to be seen outside - evening more mild & moderate

Thu. 8 Moderate N by W wind, gentle frost, clear dry & fine -the ice moving out of the harbour The cow (Sal) calved this morning, quite winter in appearance yet - Service at church this forenoon - at noon fine, clear & warm - wind WNW snow going fast, the ice cleared out of the harbour - Payne boat came in

Fri. 9 Good Friday - Moderate NW wind, light fresh clear and dry but heavy clouds passing over the sun occasionally - Peter Payne's boat left for St. Johns today - Harbour & coast clear of ice & lolly. - Full service & sermon at church today

Sat. 10 Calm fine morning, moderate frost during the night but thawing freely in the sun. Wind NE at noon - Service at the church this forenoon - Smart rain at 3pm at night fine wind SSW light

Sun. 11 Easter Sunday - Moderate SW wind, blinking snow but thawing as it falls - dark & overcast Misty all day and almost a calm - fog on the hills - 2 services at the church, & the Sacrament administered today - 8 or 9 Communicants -Mrs. C too unwell to go to church today

Mon. 12 Strong NE by N blinking snow occasionally heavy clouds passing but clear at intervals, light frost last night Service at church today - D. H. Winsor's son buried at Aquaforte

Tue. 13 Moderate NE wind - smart frosty morning clear & fine, no ice besides islands outside - John Gregory's son died yesterday - at 6pm wind E moderate & fine, service at church this forenoon - Snow going fast

Wed. 14 Fine clear dry frosty morning - calm - Winds vble & moderate all day -"Pelter" came in from the ice 400 seals - left part of her crew onboard the "John Martin" a sealer picked up abandoned by the crew in Bonavista Bay - at night, fine

Thu. 15 Wind NE dull & overcast hail & sleet falling in the forenoon then heavy silver thaw & rain, a disagreeable winter day - Post came in

Fri. 16 Wind NE fresh breeze thick misty weather cold and raw - silver thaw falling off

Sat. 17 Wind NE fresh breeze, thick misty weather -cold & raw - with free thaw & heavy sea on

Sun. 18 Wind NE fresh breeze dull & overcast raw and cold with heavy sea on - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse, no services here Some persons from St. Johns bringing account of many sealers being lost & some brought in abandoned by their own crews, by the crews of other vessels - My brother spent the evening with us

Mon. 19 Wind NE fresh breeze - dry & clear, moderate frost during the night - Lioness ret/d from the ice apparently well fished - two vessels passed N & S besides

Tue. 20 Moderate NE wind - dull & overcast Wind veered during the day to SSW - at night fine & "Aurora Borealis" quite bright

Wed. 21 Wind ENE - Peter Payne's boat in from St. Johns - dull overcast & blinks of snow - Steamer passed N at noon Wind E light - James went into the woods shooting today with Henry Morry at 3 am

Thu. 22 Wind light at E by S - dull & overcast dropping rain, silver thaw in last night at 4pm wind SE with rain & mist Strong breeze S at 8pm & heavy rain

Fri. 23 Moderate SW with fog - cleared a little at noon and came thick again at night

Sat. 24 Light air NE - dark & overcast with rain at times - thick fog chief part of this day

Sun. 25 Calm with thick fog & mist - 37 Anniversary of my wedding day - Mr. Hamilton unwell, no service at church - K McLea Jr. came here from Saint Johns at 4pm over land.

Mon. 26 Moderate NE - thick misty weather Several of the sealing men returned All agree in great loss of life & property

Tue. 27 Moderate NE wind, misty - Sch'r "Jno Martin" picked by Pelter's crew in the ice came home today to Aquaforte - at night calm - day fine towards noon - a Brig passed N today

Wed. 28 Moderate SSW wind, heavy rain - cleared away at noon - wind NW and dry - a boat put in W bound & sailed again

Thu. 29 Wind moderate SW slight frost, clear & dry - Planted kidney potatoes today -Western boats being launched first this season - Payne's boat left for St. Johns. Postman arrived from St. Johns

Fri. 30 Moderate SW wind fine morning - Many boats going Northward Set one row of Australian peas

1852- MAY

Sat. 1 Moderate NW wind dry clear & fine Wind vble through the day - put in carrot seed, turnip and peas today - Service at church

Sun. 2 Fine calm morning, quite like summer Service at church twice today - Wind SW fresh breeze at 10am -John White left for St. Johns, also the "Pelter" and her [prize?] from Aquaforte - a boat came in from St. Johns, Jackman Master Not a vestige of snow scarcely remaining

Mon. 3 Fresh breeze NE Snowing very fast the ground quite covered some inches deep -a gale with snow all day at night Wind NNE & smart frost

Tue. 4 Ground covered in snow, frost during night, fresh breeze N by E, clear & fine but quite winter day

Wed. 5 Moderate SW dull & overcast - blinking snow - Several islands of ice still in sight Several boats passing N. Robert left for St. Johns in his boat at 7pm

Thu. 6 Dull - dry & clear moderate SW wind - 10am cleared away fine wind W - warm - at noon my daughter Mary was united in the church here to Kenneth McLea of New York - married by Rev. H. H. Hamilton -a quiet wedding - My brother dined & spent the day - Mary Anne the evening

Fri. 7 Fine morning Wind moderate NW clear day and warm 9am steamer passed Southward - Payne's & Mr. White's boats came in from St. Johns today - fresh fish caught - Kelley the teacher returned from Carbonear

Sat. 8 Fine morning, moderate NE wind At noon wind southwest fine - Lion sailed for St. Johns at 4pm

Sun. 9 Moderate SW wind, clear dry & cloudy morning - Service at Aquaforte forenoon, here in church afternoon dull day but clearing away in evening - My brother spent the evening with us. Kenneth & Mary did not go to church

Mon. 10 Fine morning clear dry & warm, fresh breeze WNW wind - crocuses open - a Meeting at Court House today to carry Hospital out into operations - no Election Several persons called on Mrs. McLea today

Tue. 11 Moderate SW dull with fog at sea Rained during past night, mild & moist - Robert came with his boat from St. Johns. Evening fine - wind NE at noon - 1st boat for Westward today Wm Williams

Wed. 12 Fine morning Wind light & vble - this day fine throughout sat peas etc in the kitchen garden.

Thu. 13 Moderate NW dry & clear but dull cleared away fine at 10am wind vble

Fri. 14 Calm with fog & sun shining through Clear && fine towards evening light wind SSW - cool air & fine weather. Finished kitchen garden today

Sat. 15 Calm fine morning - sharp white frost this morning -light air E to NE - at 2pm raining fast & moderate - Robert's boat left for Westward also Mr. Morry's boat from Capelin Bay

Sun. 16 Wind West dull morning at 9am cleared away fine - Mr. & Mrs. MacLea left for St. Johns and New York in Robert's boat - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today

Mon. 17 Calm, with light rain looking heavy - Wind & weather variable, all today - Some small boats caught 2 or 3Qtls fish this day

Tue. 18 Fine morning moderate SW wind My brother's Western boats left for fishing "Lion" left for St. Johns - some whale boats landed quite full with fish today. Steamer passed N at 6pm

Wed. 19 Fine morning, moderate SW wind Wind vble & moderate through this day & fine weather

very warm -Several ice islands in sight still -the boats 2 to 3 Qtls fish each, but only a few out

Thu. 20 Ascension Day - Light air NE -raining fast - Full service at church this forenoon Mr. Hamilton's son christened Henry Harris - Peter came from Saint Johns today

Fri. 21 Calm morning thick fog - Went to Fermeuse in my boat at 8am wind NW Surveying for [Brooking?] & Son on Southside -and returned at night - wind S - "Steamer" passed South - Mary & Mr. McLea onboard her - Mr. McKay came in here in the Snake

Sat. 22 Moderate NE wind, dull clear & dry - Wind vble round the compass fine day -the "Snake" left for the Southward

Sun. 23 Fine morning Wind West - Two full services at the church here today

Mon. 24 Fresh breeze off the land, dry clear & cool - vble wind - Some boats had 4 or 5Qtls fish

Tue.25 Dull morning -light air of wind SSW. Mr. McKay in the "Snake" is whaling on the coast & comes in here very frequently - Peter Bruit commenced fishing today - at 10am heavy rain & so continued tonight

Wed. 26 Dull & sunshine alternately, light blinks of snow, raw wind strong WSW - strong gale through the day very raw cold weather - 2 vessels passed N. under small canvas

Thu. 27 Wind west fresh breeze fine morning strong at noon - moderate at night, no boats out fishing today or yesterday

Fri. 28 Moderate SSW raining very fast - vble winds, strong squalls & torrents of rain

Sat. 29 Fine morning wind moderate WNW Robert, Jas & my brother left in the Lion at midnight light SW wind

Sun. 30 Moderate SSW fine morning - Two services at church today - Wm Morry's child baptized in afternoon - Raw cold wind in the evening - got Mrs. Carter out for a short walk down by Norris's house this evening -

Mon. 31 Moderate S wind, raining fast - Robert's boat gone into the offing today - was out all last week in constant gales & driven to St. Johns where they got their sailed repaired before they could proceed home from that - cleared away at noon Wind NW -fine evening - servants out to spent the evening at Mr. [Johnson's?] few boats out on the fishery yet

1852 - JUNE

Tue. 1 Fine morning wind moderate WNW middle of the day strong breeze SW the "Avalon" beating Southward - Wm Morry's boat left for St. Johns Sent by her under care of Henry Morry - letters for Messrs Brooking & Crowdy - and a basket of fresh butter to Fanny - Very small catches of fish today

Wed. 2 Moderate SW clear & dry - a large ship bound West tacked off the head today Peter Bruit came out of the offing - out since Monday morning - 6 Qtls - fish scarce - Surveyed John Costelloe's land today

Thu. 3 Thick fog light air SSW & dull - little fish caught today - raining fast all the middle of the day & raw cold

Fri. 4 Calm dull morning, at noon light air NE fog & clear in rotation - Not much doing in fishing this day

Sat. 5 Moderate vble airs of wind, clear & dry but very dull - Robert came from St. Johns by land left it yesterday - brought letters incl. letters by boat from Mary at Halifax Small catches tonight Peter came in out of offing 12 Qtls 3 days

Sun. 6 Fresh NE wind with heavy rain -No services here - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse - "Lion" & "Payne" came in from St. Johns Peter Bruit sailed for Western fishery - at night rain ceased & wind veered N

Mon. 7 Fresh breeze NW - clear & fine - "General Washington" passed Northward at 8am - Mr. Clow came back last evening from St. Johns Several vessels passed N today - very strong breeze all day and fine weather - Several icebergs yet in sight

Tue. 8 Moderate W wind -dull with showers - Strong breeze at noon fine dry afternoon warm

pleasant weather - no fish catching

Wed. 9 Moderate SSW warm clear & dry - Some of the small boats from 1 to 3 Qtls at night raining very fast

Thu. 10 Moderate SW with smart showers of rain "Corpus Christi" - all R. Catholics idle today

Fri. 11 Fine morning clear & dry fresh breeze from WNW - very warm pleasant weather Not much fish caught today by whaleboat

Sat. 12 Moderate NW fine clear & warm morning - Fine day throughout Vble wind - Meaney landed his whaleboat today

Sun. 13 Moderate NE - fine morning - Mr. White's Western boat home first trip report 60 Qtls - Two services at church today calm at 4pm

Mon. 14 Nearly calm, a fine morning - gave Mr. Clow the door of Magistrates room today & ordered him to prepare a Precept for July - first sight since he came back from St. Johns - Walked to Reneuse on surveying business

Tue. 15 Fine day Wind SW - surveyed at Reneuse and walked home in the afternoon the Roads dry and dusty - Evening calm

Wed. 16 Light air SW dull morning - day cleared away fine engaged in the office plotting survey made at Reneuse - Fish very scarce this evening

Thu. 17 Fresh breeze NNW fine morning -the Greyhound & Revolution boats home 1st trips "General Washington" passing Southward - Several vessels & boats passed today - My brother came over land from St. Johns left this morning & came to Toad s Cove in a carriage & was there at 8am - fish scarce, Western trips small

Fri. 18 Moderate NE with light showers at 8am cleared off a little - Mr. & Mrs. Hoyles and Ada Rendell came in the "Brothers" from St. Johns - John Goodridge & Jeffrey [Lush?] passed along towards Renewse - Fish very scarce this evening with the boats

Sat. 19 Fresh breeze SE with smart rain - afternoon dull with thick fog & calm

Sun. 20 Moderate NE wind dull & sunshine alternately Mr. Hamilton performed Service in forenoon Mr. Hoyles afternoon - Sch'r "Fear Not" passed S

Mon. 21 Calm, dull morning - thick fog at noon - Evening wind NE light with rain

Tue. 22 Dull morning, moderate NE wind Rain during past night - Some few capelin taken in Aquaforte by John White's men - who got fish upon them freely - the boats without no fish scarcely

Wed. 23 Light air NE - dull morning - Cleared at noon & came in thick again in the evening -some capelin caught today and much fish taken by those who got it - other boats without bait had no fish

Thu. 24 Moderate SW with heavy rain & fog a considerable quantity of capelin hauled at the back of the beach this morning -a good deal of fish caught by small boats this day - capelin in the harbour at night. Spent the evening at Mrs. Hamilton's with Mr. H, Eliza Jas & Mary

Fri. 25 Moderate S wind dull with light rain plenty of capelin - "Morgan" came home & reports 160 Qtls - first trip - Mountain coming in also - Set out cabbage Plants [?] onions raising today Small boats all laden today & some out a second time - Wind South blowing strong and raining fast, this evening at Roberts

Sat. 26 Strong gale NW fine & clear, much rain fell during past night & blew heavy - Boats kept untill afternoon from fishing then went out but got no fish - ice bergs all disappeared at last - Hagdowns {ED: hagdon, a seabird} & fish plenty

Sun. 27 Fresh NW wind, fine clear warm weather Mr. Hamilton at Renewse, Mr. Hoyles performed two services here and preached twice - Mr. Stephenson left for St. Johns

Mon. 28 Fresh breeze SW - dull & sultry morning a steamer passing N appears like a Frigate - boats well fished today. Capelin plenty

Tue. 29 Calm clear dull morning - St. Peter's Day - the Romanists out fishing for the Cathedral - Fish plentiful & bait some few boats could not go out - Service at church this forenoon

Wed. 30 Fresh breeze SW showery & fine between Peter Bruit came from Westward 70 Qtls - Fish

& capelin very plenty small boats all laden some of them nearly twice - Went in the boat to Capelin Bay at 4pm called at Mr. Morry's with Mr. & Mrs. Hoyles & Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton - a steamer passed S

1852 - JULY

Thu. 1 Moderate NE wind raining very fast cleared away at noon the most of the small boats driven in from fishing those who stuck out caught from 2 to 4 Qtls

Fri. 2 Fresh breeze NW fine morning - Mr. & Mrs. Hoyles left for St. Johns in Hyland's boat about noon with fine breeze - Capelin plenty but fish not generally caught by all the boats today

Sat. 3 Light air NE with showers of rain - Smart rain the most part of the day Some of the boats 4 Qtls others not 1 Qtl - Robert caught 50 Qtls in Codseine at Stone Island Gut this evening

Sun. 4 Fresh breeze SW clear & dry but heavy clouds passing over the sun at times - Two full services at church today - James spent the evening with us - Several vessels passed Northward

Mon. 5 Opened Courts of Sessions today - Grand Jury men only 9 - Wind SW showers in the forenoon - part of the crew of a vessel that was burnt on the banks laden with cotton put in here for the night going to St. Johns - Small boats from 1 to 5 Qtls each

Tue. 6 Moderate & fine wind NE - Robert took 40 Qtls in Codsean last night & this morning Fine day throughout Boats from 1 to 4 Qtls capelin in abundance in the harbour

Wed. 7 Light air NE fine and clear - Vble during the day - evening NW - Mr. White's boat left for St. Johns - a Meeting of Pro't. B'd of Edu'cn only four comm'ers present; no Board - Capelin plenty, small boats 2 to 5 Qtls

Thu. 8 Fresh breeze WNW fine morning - capelin plenty but no great catches of fish made the boats from 2 to 4 Qtls each today

Fri. 9 Moderate at West fine morning & fine all day and warmest day this summer - fishery partial some boats 4 or 5 Qtls others 1 Qtl only - Some taken in codseans

Sat. 10 Fresh breeze W fine morning - very warm day throughout - capelin plenty fish scarce

Sun. 11 Fresh breeze NE wind, fine morning - Two full services & Sacrament at church today - four communicants only - cool day

Mon. 12 Light air SSW dull & overcast - Fresh breeze & fog at noon - Steamer passed N at 2pm Small boats from 4 to 5 Qtls fish each, capelin plenty

Tue. 13 Fresh breeze NNW, fine morning - Small size fish catching by all the boats about here - not much doing with codseans - many people from Conception Bay fishing at Aquaforte they came there in large boats & schooners with seans - Fish rather scarce today - capelin shy. Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton spent the evening with us

Wed. 14 Moderate SW wind clear & fine at 8am - Sch'r "Fear Not" Capt Heath from St. Johns for Sydney appeared off Cape Broyle went off to her & brought on shore Mrs. Rendell children & servant and Bessy Carter, left St. Johns yesterday at 5am - Wind vble all this day & moderate, boats not catching much fish - Robert 25 Qtls codsean

Thu. 15 St. Swithan - Fresh breeze SW by W, misty & overcast & sultry Strong breeze with rain in showers during the day - Not much fish with the boats today = capelin plentiful

Fri. 16 Moderate SW dull with fog flying about - rain in middle of the day and foggy - Boats small catches of fish today. The codseans at back of beach from 20 to 30 Qtls ea

Sat. 17 Calm dull morning damp and close - Some fish in codseans small boats partial - Aylwards boat left for St. Johns to return

Sun. 18 Thick fog light air SSW - heavy rain untill 4pm - then cleared up a little fresh breeze SW - Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today Rain in heavy showers all this day

Mon. 19 Fresh breeze W rather dull & overcast but clear Strong breeze all day little or nothing done in the fishery in consequence of it Several vessels passing N. Norris's boat & Mr. Morry's home with 2nd trips not well fished

Tue. 20 Fresh breeze WNW fine morning - good hawls with codseans today - boat very little fish this evening

Wed. 21 Fine morning light air off the land - at 10am - calm with heavy rain, at 4pm ceased raining but continued foggy - Boats but poorly fished in general - Mr. Norris's codsean hauled 80 Qtls at back of beach

Thu. 22 Moderate SW with fog on the hills and heavy rain all the early part of the morning - Boats poorly fished again tonight. Capelin plentiful -not any codsean fish

Fri. 23 Moderate ENE with thick foggy weather - Boats from 1 to 3 Qtls each - the "Greyhound" left on her 3rd trip came home leaky with 25 Qtls - No fish worthy notice taken in codseans today -Mary & Bessie spent the evening with us {Ed: his brother's daughters}.

Sat. 24 Calm with thick wet fog. with vble wind in light airs, fish scarce capelin plenty - none with codseans

Sun. 25 Moderate NE wind dull, overcast & misty frequent heavy showers & vble light airs of wind all day - Two services at the church today "General Washington" off at 6pm, going SW

Mon. 26 Moderate NE wind clear & dry. Fishermen obliged to go to Cape Broyle for caplin - drank tea at Mr. Hamiltons met Mary & Bessie Rob't & Maryanne there - Mrs. W. Rendell Jr. & self-Morgan came in from week out 2nd trip - Aylward from St. Johns - Small boats partially fished tonight Wind vble - several vessels & craft passing the "Favorite Lass" put in here from Figueira

Tue. 27 Moderate SW with fog - cleared away at noon and came to heavy rain in the evening with strong breeze at SW - Squids taken today in the harbour but not in large catches - Partial catches of fish by the boats few of them taking much today.

Wed. 28 Fresh breeze WNW clear & fine but very drenched every thing from yesterday's rain - Spent the evening at my brother's with Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton, Robert & his wife & Fanny. Fish scarce no squids taken today - Morgan left

Thu. 29 Moderate W. heavy clouds passing, clear and dry - capelin plenty today - fish scarce on them - No squids taken - Peter passed Southward today - spent the evening with Robert same except Bessie is at James's

Fri. 30 Moderate W fine morning - The "Bermuda" H M Schooner in Aquaforte - capelin not quite gone - fish rather scarce, partial catches were made today - Aylward left in a boat for St. Johns partly laden with new fish

Sat. 31 Fresh breeze SSW - raining fast - Went to see R. Sanders at Aquaforte by land - a very warm & fine day after 10am - wind NW at night S. with thick white fog

1852 - AUGUST

Sun. 1 Moderate SW with white fog & showers of rain very warm & sultry - Fanny her children & maid & Ada Rendell left in the "Favorite Lass" Capt Rhodes for St. Johns - at 5am - Two full services at the church White fog on the water & dead sultry heat

Mon. 2 Moderate SW close, sultry heat & white fog - middle of the day fine & clear, evening quite thick & chilly - boats with squid today caught from 2 to 4 Qtls fish

Tue. 3 Moderate SSW with thick wet fog - dry fog at noon & wet again at night, boats very little fish today some had little bait a few boats had from 2 to 4 Qtls

Wed. 4 Moderate S thick wet fog - at 10am a paddle wheel steamer, name unknown ran over a fishing boat at anchor off the shooting place of the Hare's Ears fishing, the man & boy jumped out of the boat before the steamer struck her - Thos Sweeney was drowned the boy was picked it was so thick that it is not known which way the steamer proceeded - Very heavy rain at intervals Some of the boats well fished that had bait

Thu. 5 Calm clear morning, great scarcity of bait today - Nearly calm all day -drops of rain in the day - issued to Jno White a writ of attachment against R't Hills as D'y Clerk SSC

Fri. 6 Wind WSW fine morning - Morgan came in from Cape Broyle, his crew in service and left again for Westward Several vessels passing - Bait scarce those who had any got some fish on it -Wind from S q'r all day - evening very dull

Sat. 7 Calm with heavy rain & fog in the hills - cleared away a little during the day at night closed

in again with vble light wind - Some boats with squids caught fish today

Sun. 8 Moderate SW -dull & sultry - Mr. Hamilton at Renewse today - Aylward from St. Johns put into Capelin Bay, a coasting boat-My brother took his tea with us

Mon. 9 Moderate to NW fine & clear - dull & fine in turn today - Wind light all round the compass at evening moderate NE - dull The boats with squid found fish plenty - few out - 12 stages & Rooms - 160 Head Homed cattle 30 houses at the South of Reneuse harbour on the shore2- Robert hauled 3 tubs capelin in Capelin Bay last evening - Herrings & squids seen but few of them caught as usual

Tue. 10 Wind moderate SE thick misty weather Some of the boats 3 to 4 Qtls each on caplin plenty of herrings hauled with seines in the harbour today - misty & fog on the hills

Wed. 11 Light air off the land, appears as if it would clear away and be fine - Boats well fished tonight on herrings - capelin still in Cape Broyle "Snake" Cap Power came in this evening

Thu. 12 Dull with showers, calm morning Robert & Mary & the boys dined & spent the day with us. Constant rain all day a good many herrings caught today & those who had them got fish with them. Steamer passed Southwardly, close in at 5pm

Fri. 13 Wind NE fresh dull & overcast but dry - "Snake" left again during the night Bait scarce - several craft passing - a tolerable day for dry fish Wind vble

Sat. 14 Fresh breeze NW fine morning - Wind vble almost round the compass - a fine day all through - some boats caught fish today others little - Boats loaded for St. Johns w/dry fish -first for season - send a box & letters by Lacey's boat to St. Johns - capelin yet to be had in Cape Broyle

Sun. 15 Fine morning, moderate SW wind Two services at church today - Bessie Carter spent the day with us - warm day

Mon. 16 Calm, thick fog - afternoon Noon rain evening much rain, fish & bait scarce Peter Bruit went away fishing Westward - Gathered black currents in woods -Potatoe disease making its appearance

Tue. 17 Fresh breeze W, clear & dry but cloudy -issued summons R Carter Jr. v [M'I?] Cannon for Monday 23rd Inst, afternoon showery

Wed. 18 Fresh breeze WNW fine morning - a good day throughout - Several vessels passed N - Mary & Bessie spent the evening with us -Boats little or no fish Squid & Herring scarce

Thu. 19 Fresh breeze at W cloudy & rather overcast cleared away at midday & was fine Very little fish or bait this week

Fri. 20 Wind NE moderate dark & cloudy - a very fine day throughout -at the Court House all the forenoon -Some herrings taken in the evening - Fish scarce for want of bait today

Sat. 21 Fine morning light air off the land - Wind vble all day - NE in the evening - Several vessels passing both ways - Robert loading Payne's boat with fish - Small boats with bait from 2 to 3 Qtls

Sun. 22 11 after Trinity - Fine morning, calm - Wind S & SW & West good breeze each way - H'y Winser left for St. Johns Two services at church today - Matt Morry Jr. son was christened "Henry Winsor" this afternoon in church - Fine day Several vessels off this morning

Mon. 23 Fresh breeze WNW fine morning - a fine day -much doing about fish very little brought in by the boats - Steamer passed N

Tue. 24 Fine morning Wind NW - some boats home again from St. Johns that carried fish there last week and left this evening - Sent Fanny a basket of gooseberries by Pat Brennan's boat under his care -

Wed. 25 Fresh breeze WNW fine morning - a fine day - at 4pm wind NE fog on the hills -the Steamer passed Southward - Several of Western boats home about 180 Qtls each Small boats no fish worth notice

Thu. 26 Wind ENE dull with mist & so continued little doing with fish bait scarce - Robert caught a good catch of herrings in a seine at back of the beach this evening

Fri. 27 Calm with fog -close warm day - little doing with fishery no bait in general
Sat. 28 Fine morning but calm & close air Fish scarce today Some boats have squids
Sun. 29 Calm with thick fog -Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - misty at night
Mon. 30 Strong breeze NE dry but cloudy Went to Chance Cove in Peters boat landed there at ten o'clock am
Tue. 31 At Chance Cove surveying fine day moderate SW wind very warm

1852 - SEPTEMBER

Wed. 1 Left Chance Cove at 7am this morning Wind light NE with thick wet fog - this side Reneuse came to rain and so continued until I reached home @ 6pm
Thu. 2 Dull close morning nearly calm Rained much early this morning - at sunset a squall of NE wind with smart rain Morgan came in from Westward
Fri. 3 Clear dry morning wind NE - afternoon wind SW cloudy - midday fine
Sat. 4 Fresh SW dull and overcast dull day Sent letters by post for New York, St. Johns & Carbonear - Bessie & Mary spent the evening with us & picked a basket of gooseberries
Sun. 5 Dull morning, sultry & damp wind SW - Two services at the church - Showery day until evening when it cleared a little - James spent his evening with me
Mon. 6 Wind moderate NW - fine morning Boats loading fish for St. Johns, the bait small Boats quite idle this week - Sent baskets by Payne & Brennan to St. Johns
Mon. 7 Dull with light showers of rain - Walked to Capelin Bay & called on Mr. Morry Some squids taken in the Bay - the small boats got a small Qt'y of fish
Wed. 8 Fresh breeze NNW - dull morning - at noon NE fresh - at 4pm the Steamer passed S - at 4 ½ heavy shower of rain and freshening wind Evening hard rain - first part of this day after 5am fine & clear
Thu. 9 Fresh breeze NE dry but cloudy & clear raw morning like the fall of the year - Strong breeze, great sea & heavy rain at night -Received the papers relating to N Brand's property by postman this morning from St. Johns
Fri. 10 Strong breeze, NE heavy sea & raining fast like a dark winter morning of December. So much sea on, the fishermen are not out
Sat. 11 Strong breeze at N clear & dry but cloudy Potatoe blight making rapid strides over the small quantity planted this year - quite fall weather blowing hard & showers
Sun. 12 Strong breeze NNE dry & clear but cloudy Two services at church today - took tea at Roberts - Mrs. Carter and myself & my brother - a vessel went into Aquaforte
Mon. 13 Moderate NE wind, dull & overcast - Two vessels wind bound into Aquaforte one with cattle - Walked there & back before dinner fine at noon - evening very dull - Nothing at all doing in catching or even curing fish from bad weather
Tue. 14 Moderate NE - Wind thick foggy weather Walked to Aquaforte to look after the two vessels - saw the Captains - warm at noon but thick fog afterwards - boats doing nothing -plenty of squids in Caplin Bay
Wed. 15 Thick fog - Wind NE moderate -Western boats left with bait very unpleasant weather - nothing doing in the small boats with fish
Thu. 16 Light air NE - heavy sea -hazy & cloudy - cleared off a little at midday - close again the evening - Mary & Bessie took tea with us
Fri. 17 Calm dull & overcast, much sea on the rocks - Fishery appears at a standstill - at 10am cleared away a little bit fog at sea - filled in again afternoon & calm
Sat. 18 Light air NE - dry & clear but fog on the Cape - cleared away fine day at evening dull - Boats doing nothing large or small
Sun. 19 Moderate NE wind dull but clear Mr. Hamilton at Reneuse today - Robert & his family spent the evening with us - No service at the church today - dull misty weather little wind
Mon. 20 Thick fog & calm - Showers during the afternoon - Opened Court of Revision of Voters - Walked to Aquaforte after dinner - Sch'r "Lady Dale" of Halifax from Antigonish with [40?]

head cattle - 39 sheep - 130 packages butter Permitted the cattle to be landed to feed - No hay being to be procured & all onboard being expended [In margin: went in last Monday]

Tue. 21 Morning dull calm & foggy at 10am cleared away - light air off the land at noon fine - craft windbound sailing for St. Johns today many passing N. - at 4pm strong breeze NE came up dark and heavy - the craft came back again

Wed. 22 Moderate NE - dull & overcast but clear & dry at noon Wind ESE moderate - Fish very scarce, bait not very scarce

Thu. 23 Fresh breeze SW - at noon SE - Several craft left for St. Johns & the boats from the bank all came home - Towards evening heavy rain & strong breeze

Fri. 24 Strong gale ENE, dark and gloomy with heavy rain & much sea on the shore the whole day - quite fall in appearance - Ann Costello wife of John died yesterday

Sat. 25 Fresh breeze ENE dark & overcast the sea gone down a little on the rocks Rain all the day through & bad weather

Sun. 26 Fresh breeze E by N - misty & miserable - Calm at 10pm & all day after - Two services at church today - Evening thick wet fog

Mon. 27 Calm with dense fog - fog cleared away at 10am & a clear day followed - but not suitable for dry fish - Fishing boats doing nothing

Tue. 28 Calm with rain - Wind light air NE continual rain all this day, put 3 sheep out on the Isle du Bois today - Two or three small boats out today & bro't in from two to four Qtls fine fish

Wed. 29 Thick wet mist with showers of rain Wind moderate NE - Cleared away a little at 10am - Service at church - 5 present - Small quantity of fish by small boats

Thu. 30 Dull & overcast - light air SSW - Cleared away at 10am - Wind NNW & dry but dull - Peter went at 10pm for St. Johns Sent Fanny's bed - my watch & cov'd basket by him

1852 -OCTOBER

Fri. 1 Fresh breeze - NW fine clear dry morning - Mr. McKay in the "Snake" came in this evening a fine day for curing fish today

Sat. 2 Fine morning wind NW - cool if not frosty - a fine day throughout - Small boats some little fish scarce worthy of notice

Sun. 3 Fresh breeze NNW, fine clear cold morning - at noon strong gale NE Two services at church today. James spent his evening with us.

Mon. 4 Moderate NE by N wind, clear & dry but not bright - General Qr Sessions of Peace today - no business brought forward - Small quantity of fish caught by few boats

Tue. 5 Moderate SW - dull & overcast -

ED NOTE: The journalist died suddenly two days after this final entry.

END OF BOOK 23

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Endnotes

1. Another First - This is the first time the journalist has paid postage
2. It is very uncharacteristic of the journalist to list numbers of stages, rooms, horned cattle and houses without meticulously explaining the context. One wonders, with the foreknowledge that in two months from this date the writer will die suddenly, if this could have been a warning symptom?