

REPORT
of the
Board of Trustees of the Public
Archives of Nova Scotia

For The Year 1974



HALIFAX, N. S.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE
PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA**

For the Year 1974

To His Honour

The Honourable Clarence Lloyd Gosse, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.
Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia

May it please Your Honour:

I have the honour to submit the report of the Provincial Archivist to the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1974, together with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period April 1, 1974 to March 31, 1975.

Respectfully submitted

GERALD A REGAN

Premier

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REPORT
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The Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia

Gentlemen:

I have the honour to present the annual report of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year 1974.

Signal progress was made during the year in the acquisition, assimilation and use of archival materials. Accessions have been of such a volume as to emphasize the urgent need for additional space suitable for the proper accommodation of public records and private papers of historical significance. Records and documents of all kinds are being so arranged into Record Groups and Manuscript Groups, with calendars, catalogues, indexes, and inventories, as to facilitate and promote historical research. Scores of finding aids are now available to researchers. Registered visitors increased from 10,069 in 1973 to 10,703 in 1974, and 10,985 researchers, the highest number in any year, were assisted in the use of 14,075 books, 8,314 manuscripts, 2,844 newspapers, 13,915 microfilms, 1,663 maps, and 3,294 pictures. Outgoing mail amounted to more than 3,700 communications.

Throughout the year the Archives Building has been open Monday to Friday, inclusive, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., excepting statutory holidays. Researchers, in considerable numbers, are taking advantage of the resources of the institution on evenings and week-ends, as well as during the usual hours in the day-time.

Several pieces of equipment were purchased. These included twenty-one bays of steel shelving, five filing cabinets, six cabinets for microfilm, three desks, five chairs, and a showcase for postage stamps and documents.

In the course of the year there were a few changes in the staff. These involved the resignation of Mrs. Donald Clark, research assistant, Mrs. David Ettinger, photographic technician, Miss Marion Fougere, stenographer, and Mrs. Terence Bourque, stenographer, and the assignment of Misses Margaret Drysdale and Heather Pozdnekoff as stenographers, Mr. Philip Hartling, B.A., B.Ed., as photographic technician, and Mrs. Stephen Stropole, M.A., Mr. Brian Cuthbertson, M.A., and Miss Wendy Thorpe, M.A., as research assistants.

Our collection of governmental records increased substantially in the course of the year. Perhaps especially noteworthy among the accessions in 1974 were County Court records of Hants County for the years 1897-1940, Supreme Court Records for Hants County for the years 1894-1921, County Court Records for Kings County for the years 1876-1953, Supreme Court Records for Kings County for the years 1817-1931, County Court Records for Yarmouth County for the period 1877-1949, and Supreme Court Records of Yarmouth County for the years 1913-1949. Others were treasurers' returns for cities, towns, and rural municipalities for 1963-1970, which were transferred to the Archives Building from the Department of Municipal Affairs. We also procured a copy of the Report of the Royal Commission on Education, Public Services, and Provincial-Municipal Relations (which was published in 1974) and copies of many of the submissions to that Royal Commission.

We are still obtaining records of the City of Halifax. Among the recent acquisitions are the minutes of the meetings of the City Council for the years 1848-1851, records of the Commissioners of Property for the years 1840-1845, and minutes of the meetings of the Commissioners of Streets for the years 1843-1848, as well as the records of other committees.

Registers of schools are also still being acquired. In 1974 we obtained the following:

Amherst, 1902-1962
Grahamville, 1898-1901
Herring Cove, 1962-1963
Iona, 1920-1960
Ketch Harbour, 1944-1950, 1953-1963
Liverpool, 1972-1973
Point Tupper, 1963-1964
Salem, 1902-1903, 1906-1908, 1910-1911, 1913, 1915-1918, 1920,
1922-1926, 1928-1946
Sambro, 1941-1942, 1944-1963

Other additions were also made to our collection of municipal records. One hundred and seventy-seven copies of proceedings and reports were received from three cities, nine towns, and three rural municipalities.

Papers of a number of clubs and societies were also acquired. These included the minute book of the Red Cap Snowshoe Club of Halifax for the years 1909-1974; minutes of meetings of the Halifax Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor for 1866, 1923-1957, and 1959-1965; minutes of meetings of the Clarence Division of the Sons of Temperance for 1874-1889, 1900-1929, and 1932, of the Golden Gate Division, Mosherville, for 1880-1882, 1884-1890, 1903-1904, and 1906-1921 and of the Wild Rose

Band of Hope, Halifax, for 1875-1876. Others are minutes of meetings of the Nova Scotia Society of Artists for the years 1964-1974; annual reports of the North End Mission, Halifax, for 1895-96, 1902-12, 1914-35, 1937 and 1939; minute books of the Halifax Women's Inter-Church Council, and bulletins and clippings relating to the University Women's Club, Halifax, 1953-1973.

Materials relating to education also include minutes of school meetings in Beach Meadows, Queens County, for 1873-1931 and records of the School for the Blind, Halifax. We also acquired a small file of papers pertaining to the National Council of Education for 1940-41.

During the year there was a considerable enlargement of our collection of business records. Accessions included books of prescriptions of the Barnstead Pharmacy in Halifax for the years 1903-1959; day books of W. & A. Gates Co., of Halifax, for 1888-1891 and 1897-1905; correspondence, deeds and plans of the Cumberland Railway & Coal Company, for 1881-1950; a letter-book of Pickels & Mills of Annapolis Royal for the 1890's; an account book of Captain Samuel Wilson of Parrsborough for the years 1779-1832; and records of Donato, Fiani & Figli Ltd., of Clairtone Ltd., and of Nova Scotia Abattoir Ltd.

Records relating to shipping were also obtained. Among them were a shipping register for the Port of Wallace for the period 1854-1885, and logs of the barques *Arnguda*, 1882-83, *Asia*, 1854, and *Lima*, 1859-60.

Private papers of interest acquired during the year included the diary of Mrs. Kearny (wife of Lieutenant-Colonel Francis Kearny) at Halifax in 1795 and in Sydney in 1802, and the diary of James Burns Barry, of Six Mile Brook, for the years 1849-1906. Four scrapbooks pertaining to politics and public affairs in Nova Scotia in 1906-07 and 1915-45 were also among our accessions.

Genealogical material was also collected. It included information relating to families named Adamson, Allison, Benjamin, Blois, Boutilier, Card, Chambers, Chute, Demay, Doggett, Feltmate, Freeman, Gouthro, Hallamore, Harlow, Johnson, Macdonald, Marshall, McCulloch, Nichols, Nickerson, Pearson, Romans, Russell, Vincent, Wentzell, Wetmore, Wilson, Wiswell, Woodworth, and Wright.

Noteworthy additions have been made to our collection of microfilms. Among these were two hundred and eighteen reels of the papers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and fifty-one reels of the Sessional Papers of the Parliament of Canada for the years 1916-1924. Others were Halifax Shipping Registers for the years 1857-1903, minutes of the meetings of the Windsor Town Council, 1897-1926, minutes of the Windsor Board of Trade, 1911-1928, minutes of the Windsor Board of School Commissioners, 1897-1926, and minutes of the

Payzant Memorial Hospital Board, 1897-1926. Still others were the George D. and Emily J. Spicer diaries for 1871-1910 and a diary of the Reverend R.B. Mack, for 1857. Architectural plans of Dumaresq & Byrne Ltd. were also photographed. So, too, were Halifax City Directories for 1863 to 1886-87 and Nova Scotia Directories for 1864-65 and 1866-67.

We are continuing to photograph church records. In 1974 the records of the following congregations were borrowed and reproduced on microfilm:

Baddeck United Church, 1888-1965;
Barrington-Lockeport Anglican Church, 1883-1974;
Feltzen South Lutheran Church, 1887-1948;
Halifax-St. John's United Church and Park St.
and Poplar Grove Presbyterian Churches, 1843-1972;
Ingonish United Church, 1888-1965;
Middle La Have Lutheran Church, 1887-1944;
Rawdon United Church, 1926-1974;
Rose Bay Lutheran Church, 1887-1944

Current issues of thirty-five Nova Scotia newspapers were received during the year. These included microfilms of *The Chronicle-Herald* and *The Mail-Star*. In addition, we reproduced on microfilm *The Daily Echo* for 1914; *The Eastern Chronicle* for 1856-57, 1861-62, 1882, 1884-85, and 1887; *The Halifax Evening Reporter* for 1874; *The Halifax Morning Post* for 1842-1848; *The Morning Chronicle* for 1844; *The Morning Journal* for 1854-56 and 1859-62; *The New Times and Reporter* for 1879-80; and *The Truro Daily News* for 1891-1931, and 1934-1939.

In 1974 the library received three hundred and fifty-nine books and pamphlets and four hundred and seven periodicals. It also acquired ninety-six annual reports and one hundred and seventy-seven municipal reports.

Our binder, Lewis Sawler, after receiving additional training at Campbell's Bookbinding Service, bound one hundred and thirty volumes for the library and repaired other volumes of printed matter as well as manuscripts.

One interesting acquisition is a small printing press which was used by James Burns Barry. It was bequeathed to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

During the year we acquired one hundred and sixty-four maps, plans, and blueprints. Among these items were H. Moll's map of Newfoundland, St. Laurence Bay, The Fishing Banks, Acadia, and Part of New Scotland, about 1730; a reproduction of eighteenth century maps entitled North America at the Time of the Revolution, and a map of Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island of 1825.

More than seven hundred pictures of various kinds were obtained in 1974, besides nine albums or other bound volumes of pictures. Among these acquisitions were two oil paintings by Ernest Lawson – one entitled “Christopher MacKenzie on the Yankee Line, Middle River, Victoria County,” and the other being “Church Seen Through Trees.” Five oil paintings were restored in 1974.

A number of special displays were arranged during the year. The topics illustrated included eighteenth-century Halifax, fine arts in Nova Scotia, Pictou, Forbes's Acme Club Skates, and navigational instruments.

In 1974 I was a member of the thesis committees of three graduate students at Dalhousie University. One thesis dealt with education and social life in Nova Scotia outside the schools in the period 1875-1900; another was concerned with the history of education in Prince Edward Island; and the third is a history of Lunenburg County.

On April 9 and 10, I attended the Fifth Annual Conference of Senior Government Archivists in Canada at the Public Archives of Canada in Ottawa. The topics discussed at that conference included the diffusion programme of the Public Archives of Canada, the Canadian Conservation Institute which is concerned with the conservation of our cultural heritage, copyright, access to documents, and loyalist records.

On October 7 and 10 inclusive, I attended the 15th International Round Table Conference on Archives in Ottawa. At that conference the subjects of discussion were publicity and public relations, publications, exhibitions and educational services.

On October 10 to 12, I was present at the first annual conference of the Archival Association of Atlantic Canada in St. John's, Newfoundland. At that meeting a draft of the constitution and the by-laws of this organization was considered.

On November 8, I attended the annual meeting of the Association of Eastern Canadian Provincial Archivists in Quebec. I was designated secretary of that association for the ensuing year.

Having been made a member of it, I attended a meeting of the Atlantic Region Advisory Committee of the Canadian Conservation Institute in St. John's, Newfoundland on November 28 and 29. Among the matters considered was a list of priorities for conservation.

I also attended other meetings and gave a number of addresses. On January 8 I spoke about the Micmacs at Richmond School in Halifax; on January 15th I spoke about the arts in Nova Scotia to students of the College

of Art in Halifax; and on February 12 I spoke about early settlers at South Armdale School in Halifax. Moreover, I discussed the topic of cemetery inscriptions and local history at St. Mary's University on March 4; the subject of eighteenth-century Halifax on C.B.C. radio on March 15; and the theme of eighteenth-century Halifax at a meeting of the Atlantic Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Halifax on March 16. Furthermore, I spoke about Nova Scotia at a meeting of the Nova Scotia Forest Technicians Association in Greenwich on March 21; about names, nicknames, symbols and ceremonies at a banquet of the Nova Scotia Historical Society at the Saraguay Club in Halifax on April 5.

Subsequently, I gave an address on historic Halifax at the Halifax Y.W.C.A. on April 17. I spoke about the Windsor Agricultural Fair by C.B.C. radio on May 27; about historic Halifax at the annual banquet in the Dresden Arms Hotel, Halifax, of the Association of Office Personnel of Y.M.C.A.'s and Y.W.C.A.'s; about the Order of the Good Time on C.B.C. radio on July 17; and about unknown Nova Scotians on the Heritage Programme on C.B.C. television on September 25; and about the Public Archives of Nova Scotia at a meeting of the Home Economics Association in Halifax on November 14.

My short article entitled "The Man Behind the Famous Cartoons - R.W. Chambers" appeared in *The Second Mile*, November, 1974. Moreover, the book bearing the title *Glimpses into Nova Scotia History* by Bruce Fergusson and William Pope was also published in 1974.

My sincere thanks are extended to the members of the staff for their efforts in furthering the aims of the institution.

Appendix A is a list of donors for the year 1974.

Appendix B is the diary of Stephen Skinner, 1783-1787, White Papers, 1539. (PANS, MG1, No. 959).

A statement of the receipts and disbursements for the financial year ending March 31, 1975, will be found herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Bruce Fergusson,
PROVINCIAL ARCHIVIST

THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Year ended March 31, 1975

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - April 1, 1974	\$	14,462.86	
Government of Nova Scotia (part Annual Budget)	\$	34,000.00	
Government of Nova Scotia (salaries & benefits)		189,599.94	223,599.94
Sales, publications, etc	\$	4,393.38	
Term Deposit interest		705.56	5,098.94
			<u>\$243,161.74</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries and benefits	\$193,922.92	
Printing	32.36	
Furnishings & Equipment	19,213.82	
Microfilming	7,647.70	
Maintenance & Expenses of building	3,015.18	
Office supplies	4,225.97	
Library and manuscript room	1,525.19	
Bindery	1,313.76	
Purchases - Archival material	2,054.66	
Transfer and Express	1,291.00	
Sundry expenses	3,874.41	
	<u>\$238,116.97</u>	
Balance on hand (inc. petty cash)		
March 31, 1975	5,044.77	
	<u>\$243,161.74</u>	<u>\$243,161.74</u>

For and on behalf of

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA

C. Bruce Fergusson, Provincial Archivist
 Claire Hankinson, Secretary

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the records of Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Trustees of the Public Archives of Nova Scotia for the year ended March 31, 1975, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we required.

We hereby certify that the above statement is a true and correct summary of the receipts and disbursements for the said year, and that the balance shown as on hand and in bank has been verified.

Hazen H. Veno
H.H. Veno & Company
Chartered Accountants

Halifax, N.S.
May 14, 1975

APPENDIX A

DONORS 1974

Aiken, Mrs. Raymond, Halifax, N.S.
Amherst Municipal School Board, Amherst, N.S.
Andrus, Mr. Donald F.P., Montreal, P.Q.
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Archives of Quebec, Quebec, P.Q.
Association of Canada for British Commonwealth Games, Montreal, P.Q.
Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, Halifax, N.S.

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Baker, Mr. David, Chester, N.S.
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Bauld, Mrs. Gordon, Halifax, N.S.
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Baxter, Miss E., Dartmouth, N.S.
Beck, Mrs. Rhea L.M., Sacramento, California, U.S.A.
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Bissett, Mr. Charles Peter, Camarillo, California, U.S.A.
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Blakeley, Miss Shirley, Halifax, N.S.
Blauveltdt, Mr. Robert B., Yarmouth, N.S.
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Brayley, Mr. Jack, Halifax, N.S.
Brown, Mrs. E., Victoria, B.C.
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Byers, Mr. J.W., Halifax, N.S.

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Cameron, Mr. James M., Ottawa, Ontario.
Cameron, Mr. John R., Halifax, N.S.
Cameron, Miss M.E., Halifax, N.S.
Campbell, Mr. Donald, Halifax, N.S.

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Canadian Red Cross Society, Halifax, N.S.
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Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax, N.S.
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Langille, Mr. L.L., Barss Corner, N.S.
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Sellick, Mr. Lester B., Halifax, N.S.
Shand, Miss Gwendolyn V., Windsor, N.S.
Shaw, Mr. G.S., Halifax, N.S.
Simpson, Mr. R.A., Halifax, N.S.
Smith, Captain Frank, La Have, N.S.
Steeves, Mr. A.E., Halifax, N.S.
Stewart, Mr. Fred, Trenton, N.S.
Stewart, Estate of the late Sheila I., Ottawa, Ontario
Swan, Dr. Conrad, London, England

Thornhill, Mr. A.E., Halifax, N.S.
Thurlow, Mrs. Lunenburg, N.S.
Town Clerk, Stellarton, N.S.
Town of Bridgewater, N.S.
Town of Liverpool, N.S.
Tremaine, Mr. Donald, Halifax, N.S.
Tupper, Rev. Douglas B., Halifax, N.S.
Turvey, Mr. David G.W., Sydney, N.S.

University of British Columbia, B.C.
University of King's College, Halifax, N.S.
University of Maine, U.S.A.

van Beek, Mrs. G.J., Williamstown, Ontario

Wainwright, Venerable Archdeacon H.B., Halifax, N.S.
Wallace, Mrs. E., Milford, Hants Co., N.S.
Ward, Estate of the late Laura, Halifax, N.S.
Westover, Mrs. H.R., Halifax, N.S.
White, Mr. Donald, Kirkliston, West Lothian, Scotland
White, Mrs. Henry G.R., Winnetka, Illinois, U.S.A.
Wilson, Miss Ida, Napa, California, U.S.A.
Wiswell, Miss E.B., Halifax, N.S.
Woodall, Mr. Robert C., Sacramento, California, U.S.A.
Wright, Mrs. William J., Fredericton, N.B.
Wyman, Mr. H.J., Halifax, N.S.

Young, Mr. John B., Sheffield Mills, N.S.

Zwicker, Mrs. Carl, Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., N.S.

APPENDIX B

DIARY OF STEPHEN SKINNER, 1783-1787

1783 August 1st

This day I fixed my resolution of Going to Explore the settlements of Nova Scotia, and call on the Commander in Chief for that purpose who gave me a letter for the Governor of Halifax I waited on Commissary General [Watson?] for the same purpose who gave me letters to the different settlements. On the Tuesday following embarked on Board the Grand Dutchess of Russia Captⁿ Hollman Master and the Next day fell down with the Ship to Staten Island. On Thursday the 7th We got to the Hook and came to Anchor the following being passengers for Nova Scotia

Rev^d Doct^r Sayer)
Mrs. Sayer)

Mr. David Seabury)
) & family
Mrs. Seabury)

Mr. Lipponcut
Mr. Phill J. Livingston
Mr. Nath^l Chandler
Mr. McCall
Mr. Hubbard

S. Skinner & his Son Stephen and about 40 Refugees mostly Waldeckers.

Friday 8th August 1783

This morning at 4 O'Clock left the Hook Steered ESE 42 Miles at Noon
Observed Latitude 40^d - 21^M North

Saturday 9th Augt 1783

Steered this 24 hours E by South 165 Miles the Winds from the N to W N
West and a strong Gale with a Tumbling Sea had no Observation

Sunday 10th 1783

This 24 hours steered E B South 112 Miles the Winds from the North to West
N West and a tumbling Sea Latitude Observed 39 - 19 NO hauled up to the
Northward —

Monday 11th

This 24 hours Blustering weather Judged the Ship to the Eastward of Nantucket Shoals hauled up N N E and Ran 51 Miles Observed in Latt 39 - 51 Nantucket Shoals the South End lies in Latt^{de} 40 - 50' North
Longitude 68 - 23 West

Tuesday 12th Augt 1783

This 24 hours thick Weather and a Tumbling Sea steered N B E 92 Miles the Wind from West to the S West and at Night Ran under Easy Sail had no Observation.

Wednesday 13th Augt 1783

Steered this 24 hours about N N E about 114 Miles at 4 P M sounded 26 fathom Judge it to be St. Georges Bank at 12 at Night had 20 fathm Water at 4 A M 35 fathom thick foggy Weather had no Observation.

Thursday 14 Augt 1783

This 24 hours made about NBE Course Ran about 20 Miles light Breezes & Hazy Weather Sounded No Bottom 150 fathom Line No Observation —

Friday 15th Augt 1783

This 24 hours foggy weather Steered in about N E at 8 P M Sounded 90 fathom still Stood in and Kept the Lead Going at 8 A M saw the Land Bearing N W distance 6 Leagues Stood in all day at 7 in the Evening sounded 14 fathom brought the Ship to Anchor at 10 in the Evening it cleared up Judged Ourselves Close in with the S East Side of Long Island Observed this day in 44° 14" N^O

Saturday 16th Augt 1783

At 4 this Morning hove up the Anchor & stood into the Bay found we had Mistaken the Bay of Fundy and were in St. Marys Bay and the Land which we first made was Cape St. Marys & the Land to the N West of us was Long Island and we ran into the Bay we opened little passage and ran the Ship thro into the Bay of Fundy. This passage is very safe on the flood Tide But in the Ebb very unsafe as the Waters in the Bay of Fundy are much higher than in St. Mary's Bay and the Gut Narrow if it Blows a Strong Southerly Wind there is what is called the Bull which is the Sea Setting against the Stream raises a Body of Water which the ship plunges thro and the other day it swept Boat and everything off a Brigs Decks, but with the flood it is very Safe. After passing thro this passage into the Bay of Fundy we ran along Shore about

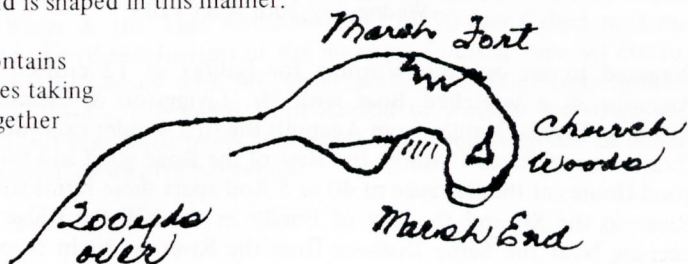
North and at the distance of 5 or 6 Leagues You will make a Round head of land and seemingly a Bay or entrance it will make thus when You are to the S^oward of it.

This is Called Gullivers hole — You must pass this place and at the Distance of about 4 or 5 Leagues You will Open Anapolis Gutt. In the Evening we made 2 Attempts to get in but stood off & on all night.

Sunday 17th Augt 1783

This Morning stood into the Gutt of Anapolis in Company with 3 ships and a Brig — This Gutt is very narrow and the Shore Bold on each Side with deep water. You may safely Back and fill thro this Gutt which in the Narrowest place is not more than half a mile. After passing thro the Narrows You will Open a large Bay which is Called the Basin where is good Anchoring on either Side on the Starboard hand lies the Settlement of Conway where are 6 or 7 houses and a small quantity of land Cleared, it lies on a Side Hill & I am told the soil pretty good and plenty of Fish — This Country is Covered with Black Spruce Maple & Beech from little passage to the Gutt and indeed all the land from the Gutt to Anapolis does not differ much being all of it Sloping from the Ridge or Mountain to the Water — After Getting thro the Gutt run so far up as to bring an Island on the Larboard hand to Bear E B S it is about 8 miles from the Entrance of the Gutt and appears Covered with Trees on the South End & Cleared on the North End this Island is Called Bear Island You may pass on either sides this Island but the North Side is the Widest Channell — from the N E Side or point of this Island is a Reef of Rocks easily observed by the force of the Tide and lies about 150 Yards from the Island The Best Way if the Wind is fair is to keep the Larboard Shore on Board till you pass this Island when you will Open the Town of Anapolis From this Island up to the Town of Anapolis are settlements on both Sides the River there appears to be fine Grass good Orchards and in some places the Houses & Barns are Tolerable to look at, but there runs a Ridge or Hill on Both Sides the River which is sloping to the River This Country is laid out on the West side the River in farms which Extend from the River to the Bay of Fundy in Breadth about 42 Rod and are Said to Contain 5 or 6 hundred Acres, the Lands on the Other Side are laid out to contain much the Same quantity — The Town of Anapolis Stands on a Peninsula that part that fronts the River is the Widest and is shaped in this manner.

This Neck Contains
about 70 Acres taking
the whole together



Sunday 17th Augt 1783

This town contains about 60 Houses on the S W part of the Neck stands the Fort & Baracks and the Town very irregularly laid out, if it *ever* was, — The land in this Neck has been under Improvement for 50 Years at lease and the Town Seems to have been in a more thriving Condition than at present Tho this town is surrounded on both Sides with Salt Marshes and Creeks the River Anapolis from the swiftness of its Current Keeps it Healthy which River flows up in a Spring Tide 30 to 40 feet, Dined at Anapolis Town.

Monday 18 August 1783

Still at ANAPOLIS Saw Severall People from above from the Generall talk of the people I imagine the Country must exceed the Lands hereabouts tho I am Certain if this Country was Cleared from the Shore Opposite the Town to the Bay of Fundy which is about 6 miles, it would not only be Beneficial to the Owners but be the means of making This place a place of Consequence as Vessells can come into this Harbor every Day in the Year, of Course it must be in Time be the Grand Metropolis of this part of the Country, there is at present No shops in this town of any consequence, the people seem to live and Let tomorrow provide for itself You See a sameness in the Countenances of every one except the Refugees who are quite a Different set of people. *Dined at St. Clairs Tavern*

a Dollar is 5/
a Guinea 23/4

Tuesday 19th Augt 1783

The last Evening & this Morning we had some Rain with Thunder & Lightning — Dined with Mr. Williams who is Commissary Barack Master, and in short he has every Emolument, & Office in the Town worth Accepting. Saw Severall People from a Settlement called Sissiby it lies in the Bay of St. Mary's is Levell Land and abounds with Oak Timber the soil Excellent and the Bay well filled with Fish, here are Oysters and Lobsters in plenty the French had a fine Settlement here and a good Fishery.

Wednesday 20th Augt 1783

Prepared to set out this Morning for Halifax at 12 crossed the ferry at Anapolis in a wretched Boat with Mr. Livingston & Chandler, Stopt at Richards Tavern 9 miles from Anapolis the first 4 miles exceeding Bad Roads thro an unimproved Country the Rest of the Road good and fine Farms with good Houses at the Distance of 40 or 5 Rod apart these farms still Join on the River to the SE and the Bay of Fundy in the NW the Ridge or Mountain keeping Near the Same Distance from the River; at Night stopt at Munroes

Tavern which lies on the River has 40 Rod Front and extends across to the Bay of Fundy which is 8 Miles. As You Ride to this the Banks of the River are Dyked and the Meadows fine the Salt Water ends about 5 Miles below this and the Tide flows here in Common 6 feet but at spring tides 10 feet, here are Salmon to be had in the Spring of the Year and some herrings but in general this is a poor Fish Country.

Thursday 21 Augt 1783

This Morning at 6 O Clock set out for Dunns Tavern which is 6 Miles the road from Munroes to Dunns is in Generall Bad and but few good Farms at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 6 got to Dunns & Breakfasted, Set Out from Duns & Stopt at Crockers which is $6\frac{1}{2}$ Miles & Bad Road & little Improvements Baited and Set out and stopt at Powers which is $9\frac{1}{2}$ Miles & Bad Road No Improvements worth mentioning after Baiting Set Out for Marshals thro a Swamp the whole Way in the Evening left Marshalls and went to Dr. Woolaby Lodged there that night.

Friday 22d August 1783

This morning Set out from Doctr Willabys Farm and Breakfasted at Fillis's Tavern which is 4 Miles, Enquired for Major Skinner and found he was at Cornwallis I left Mr. Livingston & Chandler and Went there I arrived at 10 at the Fort at Cornwallis the Fort is a Stockaded Fort – the Troops were gone to Halifax walked up the River which flows about 45 or 50 feet the Lands here are good – the people in Generall inclined to favor the Americans in other Words are Rebels – the Houses like the Newengland houses & the people Nearly the same Stamp Lodged with Major Skinner at Cornwallis – shall Describe this place on my return.

Saturday 23d Augt 1783

Last Evening sent the Horses over the River Cornwallis to Horton and put them at pasture at DeWolf's Farm from DeWolfs we went to the town of Horton, and from thence to Smith's Tavern thro a Very Bad Road over the Mountain here we Dined and at 3 Forded the River to Windsor which is a Town Situated in the Center of the Province Has about 20 houses here is a Fort called Fort Edward which Stands on a Hill & Commands a pleasant prospect of the River & the lands about its Vicinity, the River here is almost dry at Low Water & the Tide flows from 40 to 50 feet Called on Isaac Deschamps the one of the Justices of the Supreme Court & then set out for Andrews' Tavern in Compy with Mr. Hazle which is 2 miles from Smith's Tavern Lodged there – The Lands from Horton to Windsor are rough the Road Bad and but few Settlements at Windsor is a sloop from Rhode Island and I saw an advertisement for her return.

Sunday 24 Aug 1783

This Morning Set Out for Halifax Breakfasted at Hutchinsons and then Set Out Intended to Stop at Bauns Tavern but he Could not Entertain us and went to Sackville which is 20 Miles and 11 Miles distant from Halifax Dined there and at 6 O C Set Out for Halifax the Lands from the last stop are worse then any I have seen and the nearer You approach this Tavern they are worse being all Stony and but little ground to be seen till You come to Scotts where there is a good Grist & Saw Mill & a Streak of Land very good and a good Mansion House — here is also a Block house & Barack, to Contain about 50 or 60 Soldiers — at half past 7 Got to Halifax & put up at O'Brians Tavern.

HALIFAX 25th
Monday Aug 1783

Mr. Livingston Mr. Chandler and myself took a Room at Mr. O'Brians Tavern, and together waited on Governor Parr who received us very Politely.

Tuesday 26 Aug 1783

Wednesday 27

Thursday 28

Delivered a private Memorial to the Governor for 5,000 Acres of Land, to which He replied he would grant my Petition, but as My return to this Country is Uncertain and the Fees & Costs of Surveying to Large for my purse I concluded to let all matters rest till my return from New York and wrote the Governor a letter accordingly.

Friday 29 Aug^t 1783

Still at Halifax doing the Business of the Concern and am happy to find Immediate Attention is paid to Our Requisition.

Saturday 30th

Still employed in the Public Business.

Sunday 31st

Went to Church to hear a Sermon from Doct^r Breynton Dined with George DeBlois.

Monday 1st Sep^r 1783

This Morning waited on the Governor-Secretary and the Surveyor Gerall Morris, and took a Dinner with Captain Duncan Campbell of the 84th Regt

and Set out for Anapolis with Mr. Livingston — Mr. Chandler, Mr. Biddle, the Surveyor — Mr. Hazen from St. John's River and his Son William & Doct^r Prince Lodged at Bacon's Tavern 16 Miles from Halifax The Lands to this place in generall Barren.

Tuesday 2d Sep^r 83

Set Out this Morning and Lodged at Andrews & Hall's Tavern at Windsor which is 30 Miles the Lands from Bacons to this place is Light and in generall Poor for the first 8 Miles then the Lands begin to grow better and there are some good Farms — but as You Draw Near to Windsor there are good Farms and the Lands improved — the Farms here in generall Sell from 20/ to 35/ p^r Acre the whole Farm, — Windsor is but a small place and no ways regular Settled it lies on the River of the Same Name which Ebbs & Flows from 45 to 60 feet at spring tides, here You cross with Horses & Carts at Low Water to Horton.

Wednesday 3d Sep^r 83

This Morning set out and Lodged at Willowby's Tavern 27 Miles from Andrews & Halls The Land from Windsor River to Cornwallis River is for the first 8 Miles Not improved but the latter part till You Come to Cornwallis River is finely Settled especially the Lands on the River adjoining the Bay of Minas — here are Vast Tracts of fine Meadow Dycked in and in good Culture — Lands here sell much as at Windsor from 25/ to 30/

Thursday 4th Sept 83

Set out this Morning and in the Evening Lodged at Dunns Tavern 32 miles from Willowbys Tavern — the Roads from Willowbys to Marshalls is good but from that for 5 or 6 Miles is very bad and no Settlements indeed all the Lands are but indifferent to Dunn's Tavern being for the most part Sandy and but a few stragling Trees on it.

Friday 5th Sept 1783

Set out this Morning and Lodged at Anapolis which is 32 Miles The Lands from Dunn's Tavern are good and well settled plerty of Cleared Land and fine Meadows — here the Lands sell from 20/ to 25/ p^r Acre there are but few houses worth repairing, the Barns in Generall good, but little improvements have been made since the origin of the Rebellion The people in this Country having catched the Contagion early and indeed I wonder it has remained in the Hands of Government as 7/8 ths of the people are Bigotted to the American Cause, I am told that the Majority of 3 Carried it in the House of Assembly or they would have Joined the Americans, there was some Small Attempt Made at Cumberland but it was soon suppressed, the disaffected are

moving off every day and at Granville the *Bell Weather* – or Presbyterian Preacher sold his farm the other day and is going to N England, and the Deacons & some of the Flock are selling their Farms, the people in this Country don't deny their Principles, and are in generall like the Low Class of N England from which they Ran – Some for Debt &c &c – The Distance from Anapolis to Halifax is 132 Miles.

Saturday 6th Sepr 83

This Morning I went to Conway a New Settlement at the Entrance of Anapolis Gutt. This place Lies On the South Side of the Basin of Anapolis about 6 Miles from the Entrance of the Gutt, On a side Hill, is regularly laid out but little improved and shows no marks as Yet of Industry has no advantages of Consequence and can never be anything more than a Miserable place the Land between the Basin & St. Mary's Bay is a high mountain and seemingly but poor In the Spring there are plenty of Fish such as Shad Herring & Salmon – and the rest of the Year they can Catch Cod Hake and pollock without the Gutt but the Severity of the Seasons is such that they seldom Venture out – in the Evening I returned to Anapolis called along side a Sloop bound for N York and engaged my passage –

Sunday 7th Sepr 1783

This Morning early I set out for the Sloop Endeavour Captain Rhodes and got on Board at 8 O'Clock in Company with Lawrence Hartshorne and Mr. Nichols and Mr. White all from New York, got under Way and anchored in the Basin Opposite the Town of Conway the Basin toward – the Southern Shore is Shoal from 8 to 10 feet water towards Bear River, but the best way to go to Conway is to Keep the Starboard Strand on Board after entering the Gutt, and the Larboard shore of the Basin if Bound to Anapolis – NB in entering the Gutt of – Anapolis – be Sure You observe the Eddy Tides and keep the *Larboard* shore on Board, You may Run close so as to Chuck a biscuit on Shore & no danger, but on the Starboard hand the Eddys run strong out towards the Bay with the Flood and if You are not Carefull will throw you on Shore. –

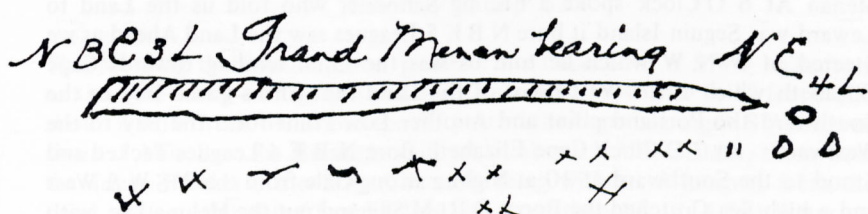
Monday the 8 Sepr 83

This Morning weighed at 1 O'Clock in the Morning and stood out thro the Gutt at 6 O'Clock in the Evening the South end of the Grand Menan bore S W distance 3 leagues the N End N W $2\frac{1}{2}$ Leagues – saw 32 Sail of Fishing Sloops & Schooners about East from the South end of the Island – Saw Several Large Rocks above water Stretching to the S. East and the Break of Several more – The North end of Menan as it bore from us is the highest – The South end is Low with Deep Bays, & Sandy Beaches – Could not see the East Side of Bay of Fundy; Saw a Ship standing to the Eastw^d the Course

from Anapolis Gut to the Body of the Grand Menan is W B S distance about Leagues — The Weather Hazy and a Tumbling Sea the Wind from S S W to S S E stood to the Eastward till 12 O'Clock and then Stood to the Westward.

Tuesday 9th Sepr 83

This morning at 6 O'Clock the South Point of Grand Menan bore N B E $3\frac{1}{2}$ Leagues the East part N E 4 Leagues. Saw a Number of Large Rocks stretching nearly E & West above — water Nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ Leagues from the Island, towards the S West and in a Ledge of Rocks which lies 2 Miles from the Shore. The Island as above described shows thus



Saw a Ship standing to the Westward also a Fishing Schooner standing to the N Eastward the Course from the Grand Menan to Cape Cod is S W B W distance about 80 Leagues. Hazy Weather and a Tumbling Sea — At 10 it began to blow Fresh at 12 it Blew a Gale from the S E at 1 Saw a Schooner standing to the Westward at 3 Saw a Brig under her Courses standing to the Eastward. Double Reefed the M Sail took Bonnet off the Jibb & close Reefed the F Sail, it Blew hard and a heavy sea — At 6 this Evening I imagine we have run 24 Leagues about a S W B W Course — tho there is a point Variation to the Westward the Bad Steerage and the High Sea has Balanced it —

Wednesday 10th Sepr 83

The Gale last Evening abated and at 9 We turnd out the Reefs — A tumbling Sea & light Wind in Common from the South to the SSE I imagine we made a

WSW Course this Morning at 6 O'Clock and have run the Distance of 14 Leagues – which makes the whole Distance thus

Leagues

Ran yesterday from G.N	24
T Day at 6 O'Clock	14
From Grand Menan	<u>38</u> L
Still to Run	42
The distance from Cape Cod	<u>80</u> L

to Grand Menan, Still standing to the Westward with light Winds & a Tumbling Sea at 10 a fresh Breeze from S W and a Tumbling Sea, at 12 O'Clock had an Observation – Latt^{de} 43-20 N^O Judge We have made 9 Leagues to this day at 12 O'Clock which makes 47 Leagues from Grand Menan At 6 O'Clock spoke a Fishing Schooner who told us the Land to Leward was Seguin Island it bore N B E 5 Leagues saw the Land Ahead as we Steered in W N W which he told us was the Land tending towards Cape Elizabeth which is the West Point of the Land that forms Casco Bay to the Southward tho Portland point and Another Low Point form the Bay to the Westward -- At 7 O'Clock Cape Elizabeth Bore N B E 4 Leagues Tacked and Stood to the Southward at 10 at Night a strong Gale from the W S W & West and a high Sea Crutched the Boom D Rt M Sail and put the Helm a Lee, with Mainsail F Sail & Jibb Set She Comes up S S W & falls off S B E and goes about 3½ Knots an hour this Evening a Total Eclipse of the Moon Visible with us as the Night is Very Clear.

Thursday 11th Sep^r 83

This Morning at 6 O'Clock set the Main sail out the Crutch and lay up S W B S, Strong Breeze and High Sea, Saw a sail standing to the Southward to Windward of us, – And an other Sail to the Southward of us standing to the Northward at 8 spoke the ship to the Southward of us. She is Bound for Boston At 6 this Morning I reckon We have run 12 Leagues about a S S E – Course from Cape Elizabeth and that Cape Ann Bears W S W from us about 14 Leagues, stood to the Southward S W B S at Noon had an Observation

Latt	42	33 N ^O
Cape Cod	42	12
Diff Latt ^{de}	<u>00</u>	: 21

At ½ past one Saw the Land Bearing S W B S about 6 Leagues which I take to be Cape Cod Fair Weather & Light Winds at 6 O'Clock Cape Cod bore S W

distance 3 Leagues and the most Southerly Land S B W $\frac{1}{2}$ West distance 5 Leagues Calm and Smooth Sea Saw 9 small Schooners in the Bay and close in with the Land, Sounded no Bottom 66 fathom Line.

Friday 12 Sep^r 83

This morning saw Cape Cod Bearing W S W Stood in Shore Caught abundance of Cod in about 25 fathom Water, a Ship and Severall Schooners in Sight, the Morning Calm, at 10 a light Breeze from the S S E plyed off and on all day standing in 7 fm Water, the Land from One end to the Other of the Cape is a high Sandy Beach and Bold Shore there are Severall Windmills about half way the Cape and severall Houses. We Caught 2 or 3 hundred Mackrell as we plyed along Shore to the Southward At 6 in the Evening *Noscit* a Harbour which lies about half way the Table land bore W S W from us about 2 Miles, Still plying along Shore the Wind at South

Saturday 13 Sep^r 83

This Morning the Southernmost point of the Cape Bore W S W 2 Miles from us the Tide being on the Ebb and against us came *to Anchor* in 12 feet Water about $\frac{1}{2}$ Mile from the Shore the S^o part of the Cape bearing W S W from us about 1 Mile Saw the Breakers without us about $\frac{3}{4}$ Mile distant, these were the Inner Breakers, the Ship Channell being without 3 Leagues from the Land, in Generall this Channell has not more than 12 or 14 feet Water we crossed the South point of the Cape at Low Water, when You Double the Cape You must Keep away along with the Beach for a little Way, and this bears to the Westward keeping a good Look out from the Mast Head as Your Eye is Your Pilot When You have Double the Cape Steer away W B S for the Vine Yard which lies to the Westward about 15 Leagues, at 12 O'Clock Saw a Ship Standing to the Eastward about 3 Leagues to the Southward of us. Light Winds from the S S East fair Weather-Latt^d observed 41^o 39#N^o

See the table of High Water on the Other Side—at Noon the Southern most land of Cape Cod bore E S E about 2 Leagues

At 6 O'Clock Saw a Ship lying in Holmes Hole in Martins VineYard This Harbor lies on the East Side of Martins VineYard and is a good Harbor having a Sand Reef Stretching from the S E to the N W across the Entrance at the Extreme ends of which is Deep Water for Ships, from the South end of Cape Cod to this Island are many shoals which we Crossed in 2 fathom Water at 7 O'Clock we came to Anchor in the North Side of the Island at a place called Lumbers Hole in 5 fathom Water The Northermost part of the Island bearing West of us which is Called Gay head and the Island of Elizabeth bearing N W about 6 Leagues. Sent the boat on Shore with Mr. Dagget the pilot who lives at Holmeshole and Keeps Tavern at $\frac{1}{2}$ past Nine a schooner from New York

anchored Near us out 5 Days—Fair Weather and a light Breeze from the S S East Got some butter and Milk from the shore and paid Mr. Cotton, 16d York pli for it.

Sunday the 14 Sep^r 83

This Morning Weighed from Lumbers Cove at 1 O'Clock with the Wind at S S E steered West & W B N^o. NB should have steered W B S to hit Block Island at Noon the N End of Block Island bore S E B S distance 5 Miles observed in Latitude 41^o 24# N^o Saw a Ship Standing to the Eward a slope to the Eward & Severall Small Craft at 1 O'Clock we Tacked Close under the Lee Of a Round Rock that lies about N W B N from the N End of the Island about 1½ Miles from the Island Plyed to Windward till 5 O'Clock the Wind then Blowing fresh from the W S W and a high Sea We Bore away for Block Island and Anchored under the South West end in 5 fathom close in with the first high Bank. In turning around the N^o end of this Island there lies a Round Lump of Sand—I called it on the Other Side (a Rock) which is Bold to, gave it a Birth and pass the High land and the first point You will then open a Sandy Bay and See severall houses here is good Anchoring in 4 fathom Sandy Bottom Where we Anchored is rocky Bottom, and a Single Rock about 40 Rods from the Shore which is Bare at low Water, We Caught large Sea Bass & Burgoils, whist we Lay at Anchor — Lay here all Night the Wind blowing fresh from W N W and a heavy swell Fair Weather.

Monday 15 Sep^r 83

This Morning Caught Fish as before the Wind still at W N W and a heavy Swell a Small fishing boat Came on Board, at 12 Saw a Schooner Standing to the Eastward—also a Ship & Brig at 1 O'Clock Mr. Hartshorne Nichols & White went On Shore with a fishing Boat and brought off some Cheeses and gave 8^d pli for them — Cyder sells here for 2 dollars pr Bl Barrell & all, at 5 O'Clock they Returned. We had Several Squalls of Rain this afternoon and in the Evening Moderate Weather — Wind still from the West & W S W.

Tuesday 16 Sep^r 83

This Morning at 2 O'Clock got under Weigh Wind at W B N & Smooth Sea Stood Over for the Main light Winds plyed off and On the Main, and Stood Close in (This is a Bold Shore) at 6 O'Clock Came to Anchor in 12 fathom Water, Fishers Island Bearing S W about 4 Leagues the East Side of this Island is Bold, and remarkable for two high Sand Banks on the Shore, and a Round Rock about 3 miles from the S E end of it We Anchored at 2 O'Clock in the Morning in 14 fathom Water Light Winds from the N East.

Wednesday 17 Sep^r 83

This Morning at 11 O'Clock got under Weigh light Breeze from the S S W 3 Sail in Sight Turned to Windward the Whole Day at 12 O'Clock at Night Strong Breezes from the S S W the Course from Fishers Island up the Sound is W B S about 40 Leagues, but You must pay Attention to the Wind & Tides, the shores are bold on Each Side with Deep Sandy Bays in the Evening we were Close under Connecticut Shore in 3 fathom Water, Could Not see the Opposite Shore.

Thursday 18 Sep^r 83

This Morning we saw Long Island the Westernmost Land Bearing W S W from us which is Loyds Point plyed till 2 O'Clock it then fell Calm, 3 sail of Schooners in Sight. At 4 a Breeze from the S East Stood along Shore at 6 was abreast Huntington Harbor saw a Ship At anchor which is a British Guard Ship — at 8 Came to Anchor in 9 fathom at Cow Bay point —

Friday 19 Sep^r 83

At 2 this Morning weighed and Stood up the River towards White Stone, at Day light was abreast City Island at 9 in the Morning Anchored opposite the Wharf at New York paid Captain Rhodes 2 *Guins* for my passage and Went home — But Oh? My D^r Daughter Susan lying a Corps & my family in the Deepest Distress. What is the Life of Man.

November 26th 1783

Left New York in the Ship Christiana Capt Angus and arrived in London the 31st of December. In the Ship Came passengers Mr. Alexander of Maryland

Mr. Shoemaker & Son of Philadelphia

Mr. Potts of Ditto

Mr. Cox & 2 Sons of Jersey

Mr. White & Son of Philadelphia

Chester 1784

July 10th Arrived at Chester with my family and hired a house of M^r Snow for £ 15 a Year in Northgate Street.

October 1st

Molly Johnston was confined with an ulcerated Leg for 19 days.

October 20th

Maria was taken Sick of a Fever and was ill till the 30th

November 2^d

I was Seized with the Gout took Scott's Pills and in Six days Walked about the Streets.

28th

Stephen was taken ill with a putrid Fever and Continued very Bad for 18 days, when the Fever turn'd during which time he took Two Bottles Wine in Bark every 24-hours. My Continued Sitting up with him at Nights only lying down in my Clothes still Attached the Gout to me.

December 22

Molly Johnston was seized with the Fever

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My D^r Wife was taken with it.

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Jany 1st. My Daughter Caty was taken with it.

3^d January

The Maid was taken ill with the Same Fever and was by the Interest of the good doct^r Currie removed to the Infirmary.

4th

The Nurse that attended Stephen was very ill of the same Fever

6th January

State of the Family as follows:

Molly Johnston died this Morning at 10 O'Clock she has been in a Distressed State ever since she was taken ill, having no body to Visit her during her illness but the Nurse & Doctor which added much to her distress. Since the 28 last Month she has been in much pain with the blisters & from excessive

pain and uneasiness, has at time Called very loud upon her Sister and all her friends day & Night, her Sister was so deaf she could not hear her, from the 4th Inst to the time of her death she screamed very loud so as to be heard in the Street. At 6 O'Clk in the Evening of the same day she departed this life she was Buryed in the Cathedrall Church Burying Ground at Chester in the 54th Year of her Age —

My D^r Caty lies in the tea room Very ill and Senseless

My D^r Caty in the bedroom above Very ill.

My son Stephen getting well very fast, and myself Confind with the Gout.

Johnston at Maj^r Cullands

Maria) At Mr. Bennets since the 5th December last
 Peggy)
 Gilly)

7th January

The good doctor says My D^r Caty is much better the Fever turn'd the blisters in her head has discharged very well and she has her Senses tho still Very Deaf — her pulse at 104 — Ordered the house to be fumigated with Tarr, everything in Miss Johnstons room to be put in Boiling Water the Bed to be emptyed of feathers and Burn'd &c^a

My Daughter Caty Very ill ordered her head Shaved & Blistered. she lies in the next room to her Mother but both so deaf they don't hear each other — Ordered the Nurse to take Bark Bitters three times a Day and in Gross twice — My daughter Catys Nurse is gone home Sick with the Fever is admitted an Out patient in the Infirmary got another at 10/6 a Week. I take Bark every 4 hours —

January 9, 1785

My D^r Caty is getting better asks much about her Sister — is still very Deaf and suffers much from the Many Blisters.

My D^r Caty and Daughter still expend Two bottles of Wine a piece pr Day.

10th

Caty grew Better but very Deaf

My Daughter Still Very ill

11th

Reduced the Wine for my Wife

Daughter Caty Very ill

Stephen went up Stairs saw his Mother who asked many questions and sent him to speak to his Sister & Aunt — She managed very well for the death of M.J. The Doct^r Says must be Kept from her Children all well.

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- April 30th Coll^{ll} Philips died Aged 65
- May 25 Edward Ammony Wrench was married to Miss Grace Handfield daughter of Coll^{ll} Handfield
- 6 March Coll^{ll} Lawrence left Chester for Nova Scotia
- 27 March Stephen left Chester to go on Board the Hebe Frigate with his brother
- 4 June Mrs. Wrench was DDD of a Daughter Called Catherine
- 23 June Mrs. Inman was DDD of a Daughter P M 1st May Has 4 children — Freeman Mary — Susan &
- 28th Mrs. Currie DDD of a Girl

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- May 23^d Wm Terrill arrived here 27
27 left us — for Halifax

Sunday 8 Ap^l Arrived in Shelburne in the Brig Aurora Capt Iwad —