

A VOYAGE TO PUNE AND BACK
THE LAST DAYS OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM STEPHEN JACOB
THE DIARY OF ANNA and MARY JACOB
1862-1863

These papers document the voyage out to India of the family of William Stephen Jacob, Head Astronomer of Madras, and their return following his death in Pune.

William Stephan was accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth (ne Coats), and four of their 8 children: Mary (16), Anna (14), George (4) and Charles/Baby (2). The other 4 boys remained in England: Philip (13), Stephen (11), Francis (9) and William (7).



No known pictures of Capt.W.H.Jacob exist, but there must have been some similarities with his 20 month elder brother General John Jacob. (This is not the best preserved picture, but maybe is the best at catching his eyes)

Generals: Major General Herbert Jacob (1806-1890) and Brigadier General John Jacob (1812-58): the latter was acting commissioner for the Sind and founded Jacobabad. They were later joined by one of his nephews Adolphus, who joined the Bombay Infantry.

William Stephen was appointed to assist Lieutenant Shortrede* (future General) in surveying N.W. India, taking over charge of this in 1836. (*Also a keen mathematician and fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society: did his interest spark William Stephen's?). During this time he also found time for astronomy, using his own instruments, and establishing his own observatory in

William Stephen was born in 1813, the son of a vicar and his grandfather was a squire and author. He was educated at home until the age of 14, and then went as a cadet to Addiscombe and then Chatham, where he excelled academically, especially in Mathematics. In 1831 he sailed for India, to join the Bombay Engineers.

A cousin and two of his brothers had preceded him, eventually rising to senior positions in the India administration. William Stephen's cousin William Jacob (1800-54) eventually became Lieutenant Colonel in the Bombay Artillery, and two of William Stephen's brothers became

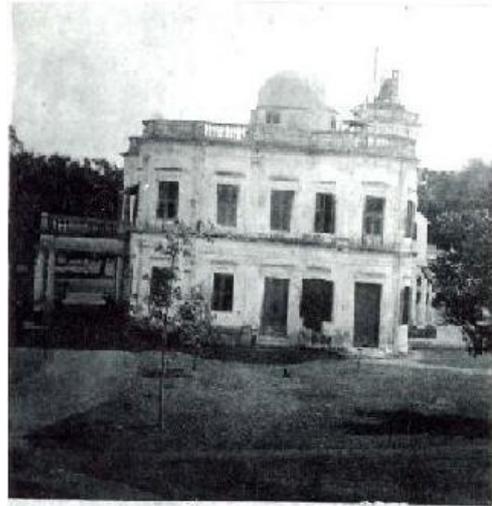


Elizabeth, the wife of William Stephen Jacob, a portrait of William Stephen not yet having been located.

"MAMA"

Pune in 1842. He returned to England in 1843 on furlough. As well as finding time to travel and sketch, he married Elizabeth Coats, the daughter of a merchant of Gainsborough, and then in 1845 they returned to India. In 1848 he resigned from the army with the rank of Captain, to become Director of the Madras Observatory. (Picture: <http://prints.iiap.res.in/handle/2248/714>).

He made observations on double stars, and on satellites of Saturn, and on Jupiter. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1849. He is believed to have made the first scientific claim for the detection of a planet outside of our Solar System (an "exoplanet"). This historic paper, published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society in 1855, argued that observed deviations in the motion of the binary star system 70 Ophiuchi indicated the presence of a perturbing planet. Capt. W. S. Jacob stated: "There is, then, some positive evidence in favour of the existence of a planetary body in connection with this system". It was later shown that the detection was a false positive, most likely because



the deviations were caused by the Earth's atmosphere rather than a planet. However, the work is considered as a ground-breaking piece of research because it was the first known application of scientific methods to look for planets light years away. In many ways the work was decades ahead of its time and established the search for exoplanets as a scientific enterprise*. (*quoted from astronomer David Kipping, an expert in the field of exoplanets

<http://myjacobfamily.com/favershamjacobs/williamstephenjacob.htm> : NASA have published a timeline that mentions him: <http://www.nasa.gov/externalfash/PQTimeline/>). The Royal Astronomical Society published an obituary in which they said: Captain Jacob was a man of deep religious feeling and an earnest Christian. He seemed capable of mastering any subject to which he turned his attention, though math and science attracted him most. His memory was singularly retentive, so that from his extensive reading his mind was remarkably stored with both ancient and modern law.

Ill health, brought on partly by the Madras climate forced him twice to return to England during his tenure, and after 11 years in Madras, in 1859, he resigned his appointment, and returned to England.

In England the family lived near the Malvern's (42 Offa Street). They seems to have been close to their cousins, the family of another of his brothers Rev George Andrew Jacob, who was Headmaster of Christ's Hospital, and also to their Aunts, sisters of their Mother.

In April 1862, after personally purchasing a telescope of 9 inches in aperture, he planned, under the auspices of the Astronomical Society to return to India, to establish an observatory on the Mahratta Hills, near Pune.

There follows a record of the family's voyage, and the last period of Captain William Stephen Jacob's life. Anna Jacob starts to write the diary, and then Mary takes over. I have also included extracts from one of William Stephen's last letters.

26th

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Mary Jacob

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Charge Anne to Mary



Mary, aged 12 1/2 in 1858



Anna in later life

1862

APRIL

Sat 26th

Written by ANNA JACOB:

Frank's* birthday (* Francis, Anna's brother). We left Doctor's Commons* about 9 am for the Fenchurch St Station when after waiting a little we came by train to Purfleet where we arrived at about 11 am (*Doctors'

Commons, also called the College of Civilians, was a society of lawyers practising civil law in London: like the Inns of Court of the common lawyers, the society had buildings with rooms where its members lived and worked, and a large library, and Court proceedings were also held here: it was dissolved from 1858-1865, and then demolished: quite why the Jacob's were staying here is not clear – possibly simply as a hotel or maybe they knew a member).

Uncle George* accompanying us (Rev George Andrew Jacob); we then walked to the river's edge and were rowed in a boat to the Herefordshire (the name of the ship we sail

in). We then went down to our cabins which Mary and I thought very small but Papa says they are larger than the generality. We have two cabins. Papa and Mama sleep in one and Mary and I in the other and there is steerage next to them in which Georgie and Baby* (*Charley) sleep and in which we keep our boxes for as there are no other passengers who sleep below we have appropriated it and find it extremely convenient. Nearly the whole of Saturday afternoon Papa was lashing and cleating the furniture in the cabins and steerage. The ship lay anchored the whole of that day and night. Uncle George came with us and remained until after dinner when at about 2.30pm a boat came and took him to shore. There are five gentlemen, one lady and no children on board besides ourselves. Their names are Mr Irwin, Capt. Thomas, Mr Swindley, Mr O'Grady, and Capt and Mrs Byan who have brought an ayah with them. The Captain whose name is Walker did not arrive till late at night so we did not see him that day. Mary's bed and



Doctors' Commons

mine are one above the other. I sleep in the higher one but it is so near the roof that I can hardly sit upright in it.

Sun 27th

We all awoke very early for the little ones being awaked by the noises on deck began to chatter before six o'clock and awoke us. At breakfast we saw the Captain who is short and thin and, though not exactly a gentleman seems a nice man. A steamer came this morning and drew the ship on until late in the afternoon when the latter was again anchored. We had no service today as I suppose the Captain and sailors were too busy the first Sunday.

Mon 28th



charley

We were awaked very early again this morning for the same cause as yesterday so this morning Baby's bed was moved into our cabin and he now sleeps there. The steamer came again this morning and drew us on until the evening when it left us not to return again. Mama wrote to Auntie this morning, Mary to Christ's Hospital* (* where their cousins lived with Uncle George who was headmaster there) and I to the boys and I think Papa also wrote some letters to go by the pilot when he left the ship the following day. The ship was anchored all night so as yet we have no disagreeable motion.

Tues 29th

Entered the Channel this morning with a fair wind and have not been at all sick as yet. The pilot left us this morning when near the Isle of Wight and took a great packet of letters with him.

Wed 30th

I remained in bed all today as I had a rash all over my face and the Doctor came to see me twice and gave me some medicine. We were also rather sick, the ship having more motion than before. Papa, Mama and the two little ones still continue well.

MAY

Thurs 1st

As the rash had not quite disappeared I remained in bed until about 1 o'clock; but Mary and I were both very sick today and could eat hardly anything but the rest are still well.

Fri 2nd

Still not at all well but not so sick though not able to eat anything. In the evening I had a game at chess with Papa. We entered the Bay of Biscay today with a fair wind.

Sat 3rd

Mary and I are still sick.

Sun 4th

The Captain had intended to have service today but the "Hold" had two feet of sand in it which the sailors were so busy emptying it that he was not able so we read alone in our cabin. In the afternoon Mary and I went to see Mrs Byan in her cabin and a very nice comfortable one it is. Capt and Mrs Byan are very nice people and were married only last month. We made very little progress today with a great deal of rolling for it was rather calm.

Mon 5th

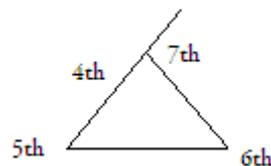
The ship was lurching very much so we dressed as quickly as we could and then I lay down on Papa's and Mama's bed while the rest went up into the cuddy where they were obliged to sit almost the whole day hardly moving. About twelve o'clock I came upstairs. The gentlemen seemed to enjoy the motion very much and Papa said it was only a fresh breeze. The wind was against us being S.W. so what little progress we did make was in a wrong direction. Georgie was sick today for the first time.

Tues 6th

None of us had had hardly any sleep from the dreadful noise and lurching all night and dear Mama looks quite pale and unwell for she has had hardly any sleep since we came on board and besides has had almost entirely the whole care of the children since Mary and I had been ill. Georgie, Baby and I stayed in bed until the middle of the day. Georgie was still rather sick. The wind was still the same as before but towards evening the lurching abated rather.

Wed 7th

I am sorry to say the wind blows still in the same quarter. A homeward bound ship passed us today sailing gaily along, the wind being quite in her favour but to us it rather does harm for we have lost 16 miles today and the Captain showed us the chart this morning, the following being the figure we have described in the last four days.

**Thurs 8th**

A most lovely day neither warm nor cold and the wind having changed we go about four knots an hour. There was a report today that we should either have to put off some Spanish or else return to England something being wrong with the pumps but I do not think that is likely. A homeward bound vessel passed us today quite close and our letter being shown and understood we shall be reported in England. We saw the mountains of Spain quite clearly today and also at night the revolving light of Cape Finistere. We all felt quite well today. I had a game at chess with Papa. We also both of us did some German and Murathee* today (*Indian language spoken around Poona). Mrs Byan lent us two volumes of the Household of Words.

At noon we were just about opposite to Opporto* (*Porto, Portugal's second largest city).

Fri 9th

A beautiful day today also, but rather colder than yesterday; and going six knots an hour. We did some French and Murathee and in the evening walked on the Poop after the children were in bed as it was fine and warm.

Sat 10th

I did some German and Murathee. It was rather colder today. In the evening I had two games of chess with Papa. Today at noon we were just opposite to Lisbon and as it was a fair wind we sometimes went as fast as 10 knots.

Sun 11th

We had service this morning at 12.a.m. but no sermon. A fine warm day going about 8 knots.

Mon 12th

Mary and I did some German and Murathee and also drew a little. In the morning we passed Porto Santo* (*an island NE of Madeira) of which Papa and Mary and some of the other passengers took a sketch and in the afternoon the Madeira Islands in which with the naked eye we plainly saw the waterfalls. Going about 8 knots.

Tues 13th

Did some French and Murathee and also some sums. A fine warm day. In the evening Papa and Mama played at backgammon. Mary and I worked. Mary had a bad toothache.

Weds 14th

Mary did some Latin and I German and Murathee and also some drawing and poetry. Mary's toothache better though not quite gone. Weather fine and warm and ship progressing nicely. We passed Palma and Teneriffe today. All sails were taken down this morning and other ones put up and were looked over to see which wanted any mending also the boxes were brought up out of the hold. In the evening Papa taught Mary how to chess; she has learnt before and did not like it

so had forgotten. Papa also had a game with me. Going about 9 knots an hour. Mama was not very well today.

Thurs 15th

A very fine warm day as usual. Baby had a great fall this morning for getting upon Drake, Mrs O'Grady's dog it ran from under him and throwing him down cut his upper lip a good deal which however poor boy he bore very well though he said he should ride upon drake again. Mary and I did some German and Murathee but we are not getting on fast with the latter. Going about 8 knots. In the evening we walked on the Poop and worked. Mama a little better.

Fri 16th

Mama better. Mary and I have now arranged our lessons regularly and today did some French, Drawing, Sums and Poetry. Not going very fast as there is not much wind but somewhere about 4 or 5 knots. In the evening it being exceedingly warm we sat on the poop and saw Papa and several other gentlemen practice feats such as walking backwards on their hands with their feet in a swinging rope and toppling head over heels in the air while catching a swinging rope and which thing very few of them could do. A short time before noon yesterday we passed the tropics.

Sat 17th

Mary and I did French, Geography, Murathee and Poetry. It was an exceedingly warm day and in the evening we sat on the Poop and when we came down into the cuddy I had a game of chess with Papa.

Sun 18th

At 11 o'clock Papa, Mama, Mary and I went into Mrs Byan's cabin and we all read and prayed together and at twelve o'clock the Captain read the service on the quarter deck. In the evening we sat upon the Poop and we and Capt and Mrs Byan sang hymns. Extremely warm as usual.

Mon 19th

Did German, History, Drawing and Poetry. At 11 o'clock we worked and read aloud by turns in one of Sir Walter Scott's novels "Anne of Geierstein". In the evening walked on the Poop.

Tues 20th

Did French, Murathee, Sums and Poetry. At 11 o'clock worked and read "Anne of Geierstein" and in evening had a game of chess with Mary and one with Papa.

Wed 21st

Did German, Drawing, Geography and Poetry. In the evening I had a game of chess with Mama and one with Papa.

Thurs 22nd

Did German, History, Murathee and Poetry. Very warm. In the evening walked on the Poop. At 11 worked and read "Anne of Geierstein".

Fri 23rd

French, Sums, Drawing and Poetry. Worked and read Anne of Geierstein. In the evening walked on the poop. Dead slow. The Captain laid up with the gout.

Sat 24th

French, Murathee, Geography and Poetry. The Queen's birthday so we had claret at dinner to drink her health. I wrote to my brothers. Thermometer down in the cabin 80.

Sun 25th

At 11 o'clock we went into the Byan's cabin to read and pray and about 12 we had service in the cuddy. In the afternoon we had a great squall and all the people put tubs and cans out to catch the rain which fell in quantities. Mrs Byan lent us a book of beautiful hymns to copy some out.

Mon 20th

German, History, Drawing and Poetry. I wrote some more of my letters to my brothers* (*Phillip, Stephen, Francis and William). A fine day. Saw some sharks.

Tues 27th

French, Murathee, Sums and Poetry. We had a good deal more rain today.

Wed 28th

German, Drawing, Geography, and Poetry. Had rain again today and suppose we must expect it until we get out of this quarter. Dear Henrietta* was to be married today so at this we [] drank to the health of the bride and groom (*Henrietta Jacob, their cousin, daughter of uncle George).

Thurs 29th

German, Murathee, History and Poetry. More rain as usual but a heavier and longer shower. Mary had a game at draughts with Papa in the evening, I worked.

Fri 30th

French, Drawing, Sums and Poetry. Mary wrote a letter to Susie* (*possibly their cousin Susan Mary Jacob, sister of Hentietta). I had a game at draughts with Mary in the evening.

Sat 31st

German, Murathee, Sums and Poetry. We had our accustomed rain during the day and could not go out onto the poop in the evening as usual. I had a game at chess with Papa which lasted a very long time and which ended in being stalemate.

JUNE**Sun 1st**

At 11 o'clock we went into the Byan's cabin to read and pray together. Mr O'Grady also went with us and at 12 we had service in the cabin. Back again both morning and afternoon. Mrs Byan lent Mary the "Memoir of General Haverlock" and me "Memoire of Capt Hedley Vicars".

Mon 2nd

German, Murathee, Drawing, Poetry. We had no rain at all scarcely and enjoyed sitting on the poop in the evening; when we came down I had a game of chess with Mama.

Tues 3rd

French, Sums, History, Poetry. Very little rain. This bad pen and this rolling ship render it next to impossible to write anything intelligible so I hope whoever reads this will not be too severe. ☺

Wed 4th

German, Geography, Drawing, Poetry. Crossed the line* (*equator) today at 11 o'clock with a great bump which threw poor Baby down. I think we are out of the calms now for we had a wind today very much resembling the Trade. The last few days we have gone more than a hundred miles daily. Chess. Mary.

Thurs 5th

German, History, Murathee, Poetry. I was not very well today and the Doctor gave me some medicine and my diet for the day consisted of nothing for breakfast, Sago for dinner, and toast for tea and I was much better by evening.

Fri 6th

A ship which we have kept seeing many times lately caught us up today and in the morning we had a long flag conversation with it and at the time it was not more distant than a few hundred yards. It was a ship bound for Melbourne swarming with emigrants but as it was a much faster sailing ship than we it soon outstripped us.

Sat 7th

Nothing remarkable occurred today. Still very warm. Mary had a toothache.

Sun 8th

Great deal of rain. Went at 11 o'clock as usual to the Bryan's cabin and service at 12.

Mon 9th

Rain again. A great deal of motion.

Tues 10th

Rain and still more motion. Mama feeling rather squeamish. Mary toothache better.

Wed 11th

Another ship very near to us today. Spoke to it also and found it was going to Melbourne from Grennock but it was not a passenger ship only cargo. Rain again.

Thurs 12th

A very great deal of motion today with more rain. I had two games of chess with Mrs Byan in the evening. But I must not forget to mention the eclipse of the moon which took place early this morning beginning at ¼ to three and ending at 20 mins to 6. All passengers got up to see it and we stayed up until it was totally eclipsed which was about ½ past 4, I think.

Fri 13th

Still more motion today and rain. There is water dropping from all parts of the roof in Papa and Mama's cabin which makes it very uncomfortable. I am reading the "Dead Secret" in the Household Words and am much interested in it.

Sat 14th

We had rain again today. Mama and Mary played at chess in the evening. Nothing particular.

Sun 15th

Rain again which obliged us to have service in the cuddy instead of on the quarter deck where we have had it only twice. At 11 o'clock we went into the Byan's cabon. Mr O'Grady and the Doctor also came with us. I am going to write down in my journal what we have at our meals all this week as it may be interesting to many. At breakfast there was pickled salmon, curry and rice, grilled fowl with bacon, grilled mutton, gold fowl, slices of mutton and ham (cold), rolls, bread, tea and butter. Dinner. Pickled salmon, goose, gible pie, boiled mutton and ham. Puffs, damson and gooseberry tart, cheese. Desert. Almond and raisins Hard biscuits. Wines. Port, sherry, claret and champagne. Tea. Bread, biscuit, jelly, marmalade, butter, tea. At 11 o'clock. Biscuits and wine are put on the table and if we ask for them they put out some sweet biscuits for the Ladies.

Mon 16th

Rather fine day though we had a little rain. The Doctor put a little stopping into one of Mary's teeth. It was stopped only two or three days before we left England but there was one little hole which made her tooth ache very much. Br. Salmon in potato, cold mutton, clod goose, curry and rice, ham, rolls, toast, bread, butter and tea+. + see end of this book*. (*it is not clear what the writer's note refers to – possibly Mary's trips to the dentist on returning to England).

Tues 17th

A fine day but nothing material occurred. The gentlemen played a quoits as usual in the afternoon.

Wed 18th

Rather a cold day and a good deal of wind though contrary to us; passed a homeward bound barque today which scudded along with such rapidity that from ten minutes after passing us it was on the horizon. Another outward bound vessel also in sight though far distant. Had a game at chess with Mary in the evening and Papa played with Doctor.

Thurs 19th

Have not much to relate every day monotony being varied by "sometimes seeing a ship" and "sometimes seeing a sea".

Fri 20th

Much the same as usual. At the tea today Mr Irwin told us of an adventure which once befell him. After the battle of Alma when he was with his regiment at the Crimea he was attacked with cholera which was then raging there and as he had it very badly and fell into a collapse he was thought to be dead and laid out to be buried and was actually carried in the dead cart to the place of burial but a faithful soldier servant of his could not believe him to be dead and remained by him all night and after watching him for four hours thought he saw some signs of life and poured some brandy down his throat and went to fetch the doctor who was Mr Irwin's cousin and who had him conveyed on board a steamer which was in quarantined and the captain received him very kindly

and allowed him to stay until he was quite well which was not for 7 weeks so ill and weak was he and at the end of that time he went to Sebastapol to see if any of his regiment was still there and the first person he encountered on the wharf was the paymaster of his regiment. He walked up to him and said "Halloa Benson how are you" but the other looked at him in astonishment and said "You're not Irwin are you?" So he said "yes I am and I want some money". Mr Benson said "here's your kit all cold and your accounts are made out" He was then ordered to report himself to the commander in chief and he sent his servant in with his kit by the back way while he came in by the front. The sentinel at the back door happened to be a soldier in his regiment and immediately seized on the servant as a deserter asking him where he came from. He answered from his master Doctor Irwin; the other replied "Oh don't you think to gammon me Doctor Irwin's dead and buried long ago" and when Mr Irwin came he found his servant a prisoner in the guard room when he appeared the poor man was of course liberated.

Sat 21st

A good deal colder today and we put on our warm dresses. Nothing else of note occurred.

Sun 22nd

A most dreadful lurching day and Mary and I did not go out all day. We did not go to Mrs Byan's room today neither did the Captain but we read and prayed together in our cabin and Mrs Byan, Mama, Mary, and I and the two children did not go to the table to have our meals but sat on the sofa mattress which we took up into the cuddy. Papa was thrown out of bed in the night and sprained his thumb very badly.

Mon 23rd

The motion rather worse today and a wave lifted up one of the stern windows of Papa's and Mama's cabin and ran all over both cabins and the steerage and wetted a great many things among others were the two mattresses, the sheets and blankets of Papa and Mama's bed and as they were on the floor where they had been all night as it was too lurchy for Papa and Mama to lie on their bed they were drenched through and poor Mama who had no sleep all night and was to get a little then and was lying on the mattress was of course drenched too but however the water was soon mopped up and not much harm was done.

Tues 24th

As lurchy as ever if not worse and several seas came over the poop whilst almost every five minutes they came over the quarter deck. Today when George and Baby were talking together of riding on horses George said "you couldn't ride Baby because you'd fall" so Baby said "yes Georgie God did catch hold of Baby, Baby did ride" meaning that if he rode God would catch hold of him; and the other day when asked he said that Mister Swindley (Mr Swindley a gentleman on board) made the stars come out. Mama who of course makes her gaze* out to be swans tells me not to forget to mention this (*word and meaning is not clear: could mean Mama is also imaginative).

Wed 25th

Rolling worse than ever although not nearly so much sea but owing to the wind being aft. Had two games at chess with Mama and Papa had one with Mary. Finished Anne of Geierstein and liked it very much.

Fri 27th

Lurching not quite so bad. A fine pleasant day. One of the second class passengers caught a Cape Pigeon today and gave it to Georgie who gave it to Mrs Byan as she wanted the feathers for her hat but it was put into the pantry when killed and the steward threw it out of the port. Papa had a game at chess in the evening with Mr Irwin as he has several times before and then I had one with him, he had one also with Mama.



Sat 28th

Rolling not so bad. In the evening I had a game at chess with Mary.

Sun 29th

Not much rolling. We went to the Byan's room at 11. Service at twelve. Mrs Byan has lent us Major Van Defour.

Mon 30th

A very cold day. Papa not at all well has a very bad cold and a pain in his head owing to the dreadful knock he gave it the other day. In the evening Papa had two games at chess with Capt Byan and I had two with Mary.

JULY**Tues 1st**

A very warm sunny day for this part. Papa not at all well though better.

Wed 2nd

Another fine day though cold. Papa a little better. In the evening Papa and Mama played at Backgammon and Mary and I at chess. The Captain has lent us "The Pickwick Papers" which we find very amusing. Papa and Mama have read it before but Mary and I had not. Baby not very well.

Thurs 3rd

A fine day. The doctor gave Baby some medicine. In the latitude of the Cape of Good Hope.

Fri 4th

Day fine again though rather cold. The gentlemen played at quoits in the afternoon. I had a game at chess with Mary in the evening.

Sun 6th

An extremely fine day in consequence of which the sailors most of them came out grandly decked looking some of them quite like gentlemen. They are generally so dirty and untidy that it is quite a treat to see them look so clean and neat. At 11 we went to the Byan's room and at 12 service in the cuddy.

Mon 7th

Began a letter to Aunt Sarah* (*probably Sarah Anne Coats – sister of her mother). The main topsail yard was broken today so it will have to be brought down and a new one made.

Tues 8th

The yard was brought down today and all metal about it was taken off to put on the new one.

Wed 9th

The carpenter has been busy all day making the yard. In the evening I had three games at chess with the doctor and one with Mary.

Thurs 10th

A very fine day and a moonlight night. I had three games at chess with Papa in the evening. Went 127 miles.

Fri 11th

Wrote some more of my letter to Aunt Sarah. 177 miles.

Sat 12th

Wrote some of my letter to the boys and began one to dear Philip* (*probably her brother, although could be her fathers brother). Had a game at chess with Papa in the evening.

Sun 18th

Went to the Byan's cabin at 11 and had service in the cuddy at 12. In the evening I learnt the first chapter of James.

Mon 14th

A fine day and getting warmer but nothing particular happened.

Tues 15th

A fine day. Had a game at chess with Papa in the evening. The gentlemen played at quoits in the afternoon as usual.

Wed 16th

Rained a little in the morning. Had a game at chess with Papa in the evening.

Thurs 17th

A very fine day and glorious sunset. Had a headache in the morning but it passed off towards evening. Played chess with Papa.

Fri 18th

There has been a squall in the night and a little rain about 11 o'clock in the morning. Papa and Mama saw a whale spouting early in the morning but it was near the horizon.

Sat 19th

Fine day. Game at chess in the evening with Papa.

Sun 20th

A very fine warm day. Byan's cabin 11. Cuddy service 12. Read Vandeleur.

Mon 21st

The sailors and middies* (*midshipmen) are all busy painting and varnishing which makes it very disagreeable.

Tues 22nd

Painting worse than ever. Gentlemen played quoits as usual and Papa, the Doctor and Captain Byan had also a game at cricket afterwards. I had a game at drafts with Mama and Papa played with the Doctor at chess.

Wed 23rd

A fine warm day. Papa, the Doctor and Capt Byan played at cricket again today after quoits, Mary and I had 2 games at drafts in the evening.

Thurs 24th

Going very fast and have been going about 9 ½ knots all the night. The run from noon yesterday to noon today was 208 miles nearly our longest run. Was so careless as to forget my diary for a whole week. Rather a bad ending for my 15th year. I really must try not to be so careless and thoughtless as I am.

Fri 25th

Oppressively warm. Had rain and lightning in the afternoon. Run today 178.

Written by WILLIAM STEPHEN – letter to Professor Smyth

My dear Smyth, as we approach Bombay I begin a letter to have it ready for despatch on arrival, as I may not have time to write much then. We have had a tolerably pleasant voyage on the whole, the ship being well found and commanded, the party of passengers not too large, so as to incommode each other, and all having pulled pretty well together, so that there have been no quarrels, though a long sea-voyage seldom passes without them. Our freedom from them I attribute, in part to the absence of cards, which often prove a fertile source of dispute.

I have been able to do but little in the way of work on the voyage; much less than I expected; there were perpetual interruptions, and though we have met with little or no severe weather, there has been plenty of sufficiently rough to prevent our setting to any quiet occupation, and especially the use of the microscope, with which I had hoped to do something. But in this I have quite failed. In the few attempts I have made, I did not succeed in finding any organism in the water at all. How to account for this is a puzzle to me; but I have also remarked that there has been throughout the voyage far less phosphorescence at night that I remember on any former occasion; on many nights none whatever.

On the other leaf are a few memorandums which may interest you; you can make any use of them you please. The S.E. Trade* (*winds) has been irregular and squally on both sides of Africa: on this side it has occasionally from E.N.E. or thereabouts.

Written by MARY JACOB

Sat 26th

A very warm day again with rain and plenty of rolling. Run about 180.

Sun 27th

Warm day. Went to the Byan's room at 11. Service 12. The Captain has lent me the Life of Luther. 184 miles.

Mon 28th

Muggy rainy day so the run could not be taken. Crossed the line* (*equator) early this morning at 2 o'clock Mama and Papa began packing up today. In the evening I had 2 games at chess with the Doctor.

Tues 29th

Mrs Byan's birthday and mine also* (*Anna's 15th). Papa gave me The Yong Lady's Book which I like very much. We had a most grand dinner in our honour; champagne and desert and cake etc and everybody drinking to our healths. Had 3 games at chess with Mama in the evening and ones with Papa and won 3 out of 4.

Wed 30th

A very warm day. We are all very busy packing etc. In the evening we sat on the poop a long time and when we came down I had 2 games at chess with Papa. Not going on very fast.

Thurs 31st

A very warm day. Not going on fast, run today only 110 miles.

AUGUST

Fri 1st

Going very slowly, still 110 miles. Very warm day. Had 2 games at chess with Papa in the evening.

Sat 2nd

We have been going almost snail pace all night, not more than 2 knots and a half are going about the same now so am afraid we shall not get to Bombay even next week. Run about 120.

Sun 3rd

A beautiful day. Went to the Byan's room at 11 o'clock as I suppose for the last time and had service in the cuddy at 12.

Mon 4th

A nice breeze sprang up and we are going much faster than we have for the last week. Mama and Papa did a good deal of packing. Had 3 games at chess with Papa only 1 of which I won.

Tues 5th

The sailors heaved up the anchor chain* today (*kept down below). Still going on fast. In the evening I played at backgammon and Papa played with the doctor at chess.

Wed 6th

Everybody very busy packing. The sea ran after and going on faster so we expect to get to Bombay tomorrow. I played at backgammon with Mrs Byan in the evening and Mama played with Mary.

Thurs 7th

Written by WILLIAM STEPHEN – letter to Professor Smyth

The same remarks [about irregular winds] will apply to the end of our voyage; when this [letter] was commenced we were expecting to reach Bombay in about a week, the passage from the line being generally pretty rapid at this season, but instead of finding the S.W. Monsoon at or near the line, we met with light baffling winds from S.W. and with N.W. as far as Lat. 10° N. For the last three days we have had the monsoon wind, but very little S or W. We hope to anchor this afternoon. All well and in pretty good spirits, though we have been suffering latterly from heat more than I should have expected, the highest temperature having been 85°, bit the light winds made it more oppressive. With our kind remembrances to ... , yours very truly, W.S.Jacob. (On 12th he wrote: Anchored on 7th at 2pm).

Written by ANNA JACOB

The sailors finished hauling up the anchor chain today. The sea very green and landish. We arrived in harbour about 2. The pilot came on board about one. All the gentlemen went on shore, Papa and the Captain went together. Capt Byan was the first to come back and soon after we had dinner. The Byan's went on shore between 5 and 6, all the other passengers slept on board. We had been reckoning on going on shore that day and were disappointed that we would not, but as Papa did not come back till 6 ½ it was too late to go then. He brought a small bunch of plantains which were very nice.

Fri 8th

We left the ship about 7 ½ am and arrived at the Hopehall Hotel, where Papa had engaged a separate bungalow for us the day before. About 9 when we had breakfast. We find it very warm in Bombay. We went out for a pretty drive in the afternoon and got out two or three times to walk. Hope Hall Family Hotel. (An 1852 advert for the Hope Hall Hotel states: " The proprietor of the above establishment has spared neither expense nor trouble to deserve the distinguished patronage with which he has been honoured, and the continuance of which be most respectfully solicit. " The house is situated in Mazagon, on one of the most agreeable, healthy, and fashionable spots of the island, and contains apartments particularly well adapted for families. Every room has a bathing place, etc., attached to it, and there is a number of single and double pole tents, with very desirable accommodation for single gentlemen. A bungalow containing a billiard table is set apart for smoking, which is not allowed in the house, " he meals, consisting of breakfast, tiffin, and dinner, besides coffee and tea, are served Table d'Hote or separately, as may be desired. " For passengers by the Overland route, boats are kept ready to take them on shore as soon as the steamer is anchored. An agent of the establishment will take care and bring to the hotel the luggage, which every passenger is requested to point out to him. Arrived on shore an omnibus and private carriages belonging to the establishment will bring the ladies and gentlemen to the Hotel http://archive.org/stream/glimpsesofoldbom00dougrich/glimpsesofoldbom00dougrich_djvu.txt).

MARY JACOB takes over writing the diary

9th Sat

This was cocoanut day, with the natives a great feast, so that no work can be got done. In the afternoon we drove past the Esplanade to Calaba and we saw a great concourse of people; the streets were crowded with natives, also the esplanade and numbers were down on the beach throwing cocoanuts into the sea. Papa thinks there were ½ a million on the esplanade. There were also a great many Parsees* with their children dressed up very grandly. (*a member of the larger of the two Zoroastrian communities in South Asia). There are a great many Parsees in Bombay, and some very rich. We see many more Parsees driving about in their carriages than Europeans but then at this time in the monsoon so many Europeans are away at Poona.

10th Sunday

Papa was not at all well having suffered from tick in his cheek all night. In the morning Mama, Annie and I went to Church in the Shigram* which Papa hires every day (*a kind of coach usually drawn by two bullocks). We went to Christ's church where we had a short sermon because it was sacrament Sunday and which we could scarcely hear. We were to have gone in the evening as well but Papa was so ill that Mama did not like to leave him alone with the Children so Annie, George, Baby and I went out for a drive.



Shigram

11th Mon

WILLIAM STEPHEN – addendum to letter to Professor Smyth

Leaving for Poona tomorrow morning. All well!

Written by MARY JACOB

Neither Papa, Geogie nor Baby were at all well, the two latter suffering from diarrhea. Geogie had fever in the night. Papa went soon after breakfast to see about the other boxes etc. Dr and Mrs Wilson called. A letter came from Mrs Candy – one came on Sat from Maj. Candy saying that a house had not been got for us at Poona as all were occupied, but that they could take in Annie and me, and Adolphus* could take Papa, Mama and the children. (*George Adolphus Jacob -

Mary's cousin - was born on 21st August 1840, the son of Rev George Andrew Jacob DD. He was educated at the Sheffield Collegiate School where his father was headmaster at the time. At the age of 16 he went to India, by the Cape, to join the 22nd Bombay Infantry, arriving in March 1857. In 1858 he became a member of the Bombay Staff Corps and until 1861 was engaged in regimental staff duties. In 1861 he joined the Poona School of Instruction. He rose to become Superintendent of the Native Army School, in which post he continued until his retirement. He was also Director of Instruction for the Bombay Presidency. He married an American, Emily Abbot, a daughter of the Reverend Amos Abbot, and they had their first child in 1865. Returning to England in 1890 he settled at Redhill and concentrated upon his Sanskrit studies. He published a number of books and articles. Emily pre-deceased him and he died on 9th April 1918.

<http://myjacobfamily.com/favershamjacobs/georgeadolphusjacob.htm>



12th Tues

We started at about 9 am from the station for Poona* (*Pune) and did not get to our destination till 7 pm. We went to the foot of the Ghants* in the train (*Ghats are a range of hills near Pune). When we got out and climbed the Ghants in two bullock garees* (*bullock carts); the first part of this was very pleasant for we had lovely views and once Papa and I got out and gathered ferns but afterwards it began to rain and we had to be shut up close, then the rain got in notwithstanding the covering let down over the windows, and it rained on heavily till we got to the station at the top of the Ghant. Major and Mrs Candy met us at the Poona station and took us to their house where Mr and Mrs Harrison and Adolphus met us to dinner. Soon after dinner Papa, Mama, the two boys and Mrs Harrison went away in the Harrison's bullock garee, and Mr and Mrs Adolphus rode. The Harrisons and Adolphus' live near each other.

13th Weds

After a comfortable night we arose about 6. We have a nice bedroom in a separate little bungalow which is attached to the house by a covered passage. Mrs Candy sent a doctor to Papa and he put 4 dozen leeches on his faee throat: yesterday poor Papa's tongue was so swollen that he could scarcely speak. In the afternoon Mrs Candy and Mrs Mitchel went for a drive and to make calls and Maj. Candy took Annie and me to Adolphus house to see Papa and Mama and we found Mrs Candy there. We just went in to see Papa for a few minutes and kissed his forehead. He had a good deal of pain. Mrs Mitchel is going to have a bazaar on the 22nd of this month for the benefit of the school here, and she is busy dressing dolls for it.

14th Thurs

Early about 7 ½ am Mrs Candy took Annie and me to spend the day with Mama. Papa was a little better, he could speak more clearly. Adolphus had gone to Kirkee* (*town near Pune) for the day taking the opportunity when Mama would not be alone. Fany called in the afternoon, she looks very pale and very different from when we saw here at Cheltenham.

15th Fri

Walked before eight with Major Candy. Dr Larkin and another doctor came early this morning to tell Mrs Candy that Papa is dangerously ill, they were with him in the night and had to cut his throat in two places and there is a bad fungus growing under his tounge. They say they never saw a man who bore the pain so patiently. Dear, dear Papa. We hope he may get better soon.

Mrs Candy is going to see about having him removed here and asking Mrs Feenton to take the two boys. We heard that our boxes had arrived at this station. The boxes came in the afternoon and I helped Mrs Candy in seeing about where they were to be put. We had scarcely done this when Papa and Mama and Adolphus arrived in a carriage; Major Candy was just going to start in his carriage to bring Mama and Papa was to have come in a Palkee* (*a Palki is a hand carried enclosed seat) but they came earlier than we expected. Before dinner Mrs Candy had gone over to Adolphus and taken the children to Mrs Fenton's. Papa said he felt better for the drive and he said that he had no doubt if he was to ride two miles he would be much better. Dr Larkins and Maitland came in the evening and when they saw Papa they said they could do nothing. He was suffering the most dreadful agony, he said to Mama that evening – the pain I am enduring here is something dreadful, one years moderate pain is nothing compared to one moments such pain as this.



16th Sat

Annie and I were dressing soon after 6 am when Mrs Brown came into the room and told us Papa was much worse and that he was wandering and soon after she came again and said Papa was rational and we were to make haste and go, so we did. We went and kissed Papa and he said to Annie who went in first "Good night, Annie my dear, I hope you will lay all these things to heart and especially what Jesus said, where I am, thou shalt be also". When I went he said "Good night Polly". And Mama said "What will Mary do without you, who have been her constant teacher", he said "she will have a better teacher, she must ask God to be her teacher". He spoke with great difficulty. They tried to make him sign a paper but could not get him to do it. When the doctor came they tried again and Mama was going to hold his hand, but he would not let her and said "What is it you want me to sign, I don't sign papers without knowing what they are about". (His mind went directly they asked him about that). They tried to explain but he said he thought he and Capt Shortrede had signed that document before, he made a sign for his spectacles and seemed to be reading and then repeated what he had said. Then he took hold of the shawl and said he was looking for the document Shortrede and he had signed together. Mama said – "never mind about that" and laid him back and he said "take care you'll lose the place" and lay back still. Mama asked him several times if he had any message for the boys and once she thought he said "trust in God". Then she asked him several times if he knew her voice and if he did to press her hand and once he nodded. He became fainter and fainter and his breath came thick and hard. We rubbed his feet and hands and put warm bottles to them for they were very cold. Suddenly the hard breathing stopped and he breathed quietly for a few minutes and then died. The Candys, Mrs Mitchel and Mrs Brown were in at different times and we sent for Adolphus who came shortly before his death. Our grief is unspeakable. All that pain was from his liver and he could not lie down since Thursday afternoon. They sent for a Mrs Miller to lay out the body and we saw it several times; the countenance was so calm, noble and beautiful, all suffering had passed away, Flowers were put round his head and we cut off some of his hair and we each have a piece. He said to Mama before we went in, when Mama asked him if he were happy – you know I am – thou shalt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is staid on thee". The funeral was at ¼ before 6 pm and several of dear Papa's old Christian friends came to it, Mr James Mitchell read and prayed here, and there again at the burial ground under a shed. It was pouring all day, the first good monsoon day they have had at Poona. Dear Papa died at 10 to 10 am and the last time he spoke clearly was 8.

17th Sun

We did not go to church. We wrote some of our letters, only sad news to send home this time. Dear Mama has had scarcely any sleep since we came on shore and she feels very weak and weary. In the afternoon Mrs Fenton came with the little boys to see us, they seem very happy

there. Mrs Fenton is a very nice woman, she says she remembers me very well, that my face is not altered scarcely from when I was 3 years old, when we left Poona* (*Mary was born in Poona in 1845).

18th Mon

Mama and Mrs Candy were busy getting mourning from a hawker. Oh, how great is our loss! I cannot realize that we shall never see that dear face again on earth, never feel his arms lovingly round me and hear him call me "Polly". It was dreadful to see that body, so active in life, lie so still, and give no answers to our kisses, those bright, expressive eyes closed in death, never more to look upon us in affection and love. Jamie brought the children to see us; she has been very kind, lending us hymn books and copying out some hymns for us which she thought we might like: there is one book with beautiful hymns in called "Sacred Poetry".

19th Tues

Exactly a week since we came to Poona; how little we knew a week ago what would happen before another had gone. In the evening Mrs Mitchel and Mrs Brown went to Maj. Sandwith's to tea and to have a lecture. Mrs Brown is going to stay at the Sandwith's a day or two. In the morning Mama got a very kind letter from Mrs Byan; Mrs Candy had written to Capt Byan to tell him before. Adolphus came in the afternoon and read with us.

20th Wed

We are very busy unpacking all the boxes, drawers, etc which have come, as they are in a bad state, many of the things very much moulded, so that they cannot have got wet only coming over the Ghants, the ships hold must have been very wet. Adolphus came again about 4 ¼ p.m. and read and prayed with us. I do not think I have mentioned that on Sunday when Mama was talking to our hammaul* about Papa, she found out that he knew Papa when quite a little boy having accompanied Papa and Gen. Shortrede with his father on their surveying expeditions, and he says there were about 60 hammauls* waiting to say Salaam to Papa (*servant of burden bearer or carriers of the palkee).

21st Thurs

Adolphus birthday. Major and Mrs Klem and Sandwith came and stayed to tiffin, Major John Sandwith was helping Mama with her papers etc before tiffin, Adolphus came to tiffin too, so we were a large party. After tiffin some men came to the door with 2 bears and a young cheta, so Mrs Candy sent to Mrs John Sandwith's where the children were dining, for them, and they came and saw the animals and then the K. Sandwiths took the children back to Mrs John Sandwith's, then they came here again before they went home to Mrs Fenton's.

22nd Fri

The children came to see us.

23rd Sat

In the evening there was the usual meeting at Major Candy's and several people came to tea before. They read part of the 4th chapter of Ephesians and then talked about it, there was also singing and prayers. Mrs Brown went today in the morning.

24th Sun

Some of us went to church in the morning but Maj J* (*Major John Sandwith). In the evening we had a shigram and called at the Fentons to see the little ones and then went to the Scotch church and whilst we were in the church George and Baby went for a drive. In the evening some young officers came to tea, as they always do on Sundays to keep them from mischiefs; there was singing of hymns while Jamie played and then we had prayers.

25th Mon

I went out for a walk with the Major as usual before breakfast. Georgy was brought here by Mrs Fenton to stay as he keeps beating and kicking Baby and so has to be separated from him. Dr Mitchel came.

26th Tues

We had to finish our letters to England and send them in the evening, as the mail was to start next day from Bombay. Dear little Baby came in the afternoon to stay here as Mrs Candy has room for him, now that George Candy, whom she was expecting is going to stay in Bombay till after Mrs Brown's niece's wedding. Dr Mitchel heard us read some German. We went and saw Papa's grave.

27th Wed

Poor baby is not well and was peevish all day. Dr Mitchell heard us German again. Did not go out before breakfast with Maj. J. as I was asleep and Mama would not awake me.

28th Thurs

Baby better. Adolphus did not come today. Mr and Mrs Candy went out in the evening and Dr Mitchell was also out so we were a small party. Annie and I had a game of chess.

29th Fri

Maj and Mrs [Kossinson] came to tiffin and afterwards two of their children came, regular Anglo-Indian children, pale, thin and shy, not speaking any English. In the evening Maj Sandwith came to tea and Annie and I had a German lesson with Dr Mitchell, who afterwards read aloud a nice poem in honour of the Prince Consort by a Cambridge student.

30th Sat

Dr Mitchell left directly after breakfast to return to Bombay for which we were all sorry as he is a very nice man. In the afternoon Mama and the little ones went to Adolphus's, now that George Candy is coming, the Candy's have not room for us so we are to live with Adolphus. Dr Giraud called before dinner; he knew dear Papa well and also Grand-papa; he said Georgy was very like grandpapa, and I like Aunt Mary* (*could be Mary Coats or Mary Jacob). Annie and I stayed to the evening meeting and Mrs Fenton brought us afterwards to Adolphus. Mama had a letter from Mrs Dobbie, formerly Mary Groves, saying how sorry she was to hear of our bereavement.

31st Sun

We did not go to church in the morning, except Adolphus, but in the evening we walked to the Scotch chapel, Adolphus accompanying us as the church is close to the chapel.

SEPTEMBER

1st Mon

We went for a walk in the morning and Adolphus taught us some Hindustani as well as giving us a lesson before dinner. In the afternoon I gave him a lesson in German. Mr and Mrs Fenton called and also Mr and Mrs Candy and Mrs Mitchell. In the evening Adolphus went to a meeting and Annie and I had a game at chess.

OCTOBER

I found it so difficult to keep up any diary that I thought I would leave it off, but there are so many things I should like to remember that I am going to keep it up. On **Sat 18th** we (i.e. Mama, Annie, Adolphus and I) went to Dapoory** to see the governor and Lady Frere* (Sir Henry Bartle Edward Frere, 1st Baronet, was Chief Commissioner of Sind at the same time as General John Jacob – the latter died in 1858); they had promised to come and see Mama but had not been able to find time and as they were soon going to leave Mama proposed going to see them at which they were very glad. They are very nice people I think; Sir Bartle had a long talk with Mama about the telescope Papa brought out, and which he and others wish government to take as it was built especially for India. Adolphus, Annie and I went round the grounds accompanied by an aide-de-camp and found them very pretty. (**The Dhapooree House (or Raj Bhavan Pune) was the monsoon resort of the Governor of Bombay, situated in Ganeshkhind, and built in 1866).



Commissioner of Sind

On **Monday 20th** an elephant came from Major Holland by order of the governor for us to ride upon for when Georgy went to Dapoory the governor promised him a ride on an elephant, and on Saturday when Sir B. asked after Georgy, we mentioned how after he had spoken about the elephant and although the governor went away this day he did not forget his promise; so Annie, Adolphus and I with the little ones rode to the Sandwith's on it, as we were going to play at croquet there, and the hamal and aya who had gone before brought the children home on it. Mrs Candy who was coming to tea with us called for us and brought us home. Tuesday was Willy's birthday and the Fentons and Griessons came to tea.



22nd Wed

Today Mama got a letter from Aunt Fanny* (*Fanny Coats – married William Mitchell, Governor of one of the Malay states) in answer to hers telling of dear Papa's death.

24th Fri

Nothing particular happened on Thursday except that it rained almost all the afternoon as it did also this afternoon, very heavily. It is very strange having rain now so late in the month; the monsoon is generally over at the beginning of October. In the evening Adolphus and I played at "Beasts, birds and fish" on the slate and then joined Annie in trying to "squeeze" teapot, but have not yet succeeded.

25th Sat

This morning Adolphus got a letter from Mr Brown whom we have met several times at meetings saying he was engaged to be married and asking Adolphus to be his first man. He went down to Bombay less than a fortnight ago and is now engaged to be married next Tuesday. We finished our home letters, but no mail in yet. Major Candy and Janey called to take back Mama and Annie to the meeting, but I did not go as I had a bad cold on my chest. Adolphus stayed tea with me and then went. It rained hard in the afternoon.

26th Sun

We sent off our letters to England. The service at church is not only very early in the evening. The early morning begins at 6½, and Annie and Adolphus went, but Mama and I only walked out a little. My cold was better having gone into my head. We went to church in the evening, Annie went in a palkee and I came back in it.

27th Mon

Nothing particular.

28th Tues

In the morning before breakfast Annie, Adolphus and I walked to Mr Pitman's to take an instrument for the microscope which he had bought of Mama, and getting there a little after 6 we found both Mr and Mrs Pitman were asleep. Mrs Pitman called afterwards and said how sorry she was she did not see us, and invited us to go to tea on Friday. Dr Larkins came; he said the mail would not be in perhaps till the 1st or 2nd Nov: it is a great shame to send so slow a steamer as the "China". Cousin Fanny's* birthday (*3rd/5 daughter of Rev George Andrew Jacob). Maj. Candy and Janey called and took Mama and me for a drive; Annie went out with the children; Adolphus took a meeting for Mr Stothert.

29th Wed

To our surprise the home letters came this morning and there were heaps for us, those that ought to have come by last mail as well as this. They had just heard of dear Papa's death and it was a mournful pleasure to read all their kind and sympathising letters. In the evening we went to the bazaar meeting and then to the Fentons to tea where we met the Wahabs and Major Reynolds. Major Candy and Janey called in the afternoon and took Annie and me to have our likenesses taken by the two sons of the Khan Bahadar, Parsees, and they were taken well I should think to judge from the negatives. These Parsees are very rich and have a grand house finely furnished, on our going away they gave us each a pretty nosegay as they do to all visitors. We saw there a curious French organ with figures playing different instruments. They have a fountain playing in the garden.

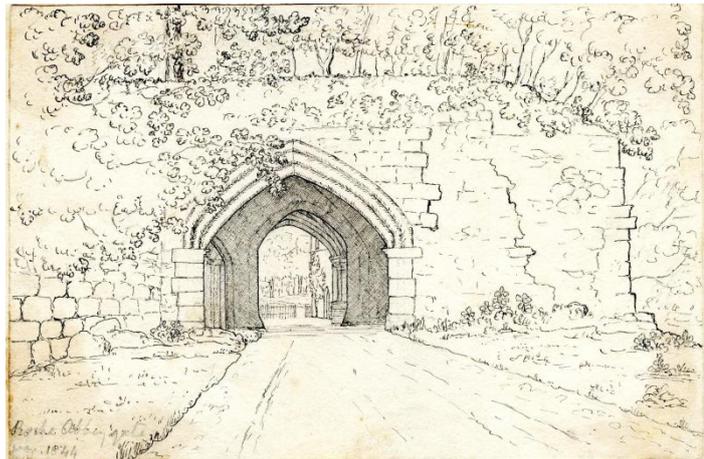
30th Thurs

In the evening Mama, Annie and Adolphus went to the meeting (station prayer meeting) but I did not go as Mama thought it would make my cold worse.

31st Fri

Step's (Stephen) and Baby's birthday. We heard there was an extra mail going to England to start the next day as the Commander in Chief and Col. Phayre and others are going to Aden, so scribbled off a short letter to Stephen for his birthday and Mama wrote to Uncle George. In the afternoon Mama, Annie, Adolphus and I went to see the French tombs and on the way stopped at the shop to get some long cloth for Adolphus and he and Mama kept me waiting in the carriage

near by ½ hour getting the cloth and making a good bargain about a dinner service. We then went to the French tombs which are very much altered since Mama and Papa were here before and Papa sketched* them; afterwards we went to the meeting in Gorpoory church which Adolphus takes when Mr Gell is not here. (*W.S. Jacob seems to have been a competent artist. As part of his astronomy work he sketched pictures of Mars. We only have one copy of one of his sketches – of Roche Abbey Gateway from 1844 – copy right).



After the meeting we went to the Pitmans.

NOVEMBER

1st Sat

We went to tiffin to Mrs Gell's and when we came home Mama, Adolphus and I went for a drive. We did not go to the meeting as the Candy's.

2nd Sun

We went to the early morning service and in the evening Mama and Annie went to the Scotch church, while Adolphus and I went to the English one.

3rd Mon

In the evening Janey called for us and took us for a drive and we went to Major Candy's to tea. Adolphus came too about 1½.

4th Tues

Mama and I were looking over our linen etc to see if there were enough for the voyage, as we are going home in Jan or Feb (D.V.*). (*dieu vollante/God willing). Then Mama went out paying calls. In the evening Maj Candy and Janey, Mr and Mrs Pitman came to tea.

5th Wed

We did not go to the bazaar meeting as to the Fentons in the evening, but Adolphus went to the Fusiliers. Mama was so tired that she could not walk without us in the afternoon, but Adolphus, Annie and I went down to the burial ground to dear Papa's grave and while we were out Maj Candy and Janey called with Mr Harrison, Janey's husband's father, whom we saw at Malvern often; we were sent for but they could not wait. Janey had written before to ask Adolphus to go to dinner the next day to meet him.

6th Thurs

Mama, Annie and I went out early about 11am to see Mr Harrison who is going away this evening. We also went to the Sandwith's who invited us to go tomorrow to play at croquet and stay to tea and they are coming to us on Monday to spend the day. We went shopping a little too and called on Mrs Fenton. In the afternoon Mrs Fenton wrote and said she would lend us her pony that afternoon if we liked, for as Col. Phayre has left his "Marmion" with her she does not need this pony. We accepted her kind offer and the pony came about 5, when I went out on it and Adolphus walked by my side, I cantered too a little. In the evening Adolphus went to dinner to the Candys.

7th Fri

Early in the morning we walked to Mrs Pitman's to gather some flowers out of her garden, as she had given us leave to take some when we liked and she came out for a minute to us just as we were leaving. In the afternoon about 5 Annie and I went to Major Sandwith's and Adolphus accompanied us thither as far as the gate and then returned. There were a few others there and they had already been playing some time when we got there; we had a nice game of croquet. Mama came at about 6. Adolphus came later as he had to go to a meeting first. After tea we were asking riddles and Major Sandwith had lent us a book to read, and had promised if we took it that evening he would read part of it aloud, but he did not.

8th Sat

Janey called for us in the evening and took us to the meeting and sent us back in the Candy's carriage. When we got to the Candy's we found our likenesses had come from Pudumjee's; Major Candy's and Janey's are very good, and Annie's and mine are pretty good, but too dark.

9th Sun

I was not well, suffering from diarrhea so did not go to church and as Mama too was not well only Adolphus and Annie went.

18th Tues

From various causes I have not been able to write my diary since the 9th. My birthday was on **14th Fri**. Mama and Annie gave me a nice paintbox, one of the Reeves and Adolphus gave me a beautiful papier-mache book stand for the drawing room table. I was not very well that day. This evening (Tues) we went to the Griessons to tea; the Candy's were there too and we made quite a large party there being Dr and Mrs Griesson, their daughter and her husband, Capt and Mrs Hailes, their son in law Capt Davidson and Mary Griesson being of the home party. These 3 last came out in the mail steamer last week and we called on them yesterday. We enjoyed the evening looking at photographs and playing "[Duncram bo]".

19th Wed

Dear Papa's birthday; he would have been 49 if he had lived. Have heard of so many of his good and kind actions lately of which I knew nothing before, because he did the secretly not to man but to God; may He grant us grace to do so too. In the evening Mama, Annie and Adolphus went to meetings, Mama and Annie to the bazaar; Adolphus to the Fusiliers, but I did not go for fear of catching cold.

24th Mon

Forgotten to write my diary again for some days. Mrs Holland called in the morning. In the afternoon we (i.e. Mama, Adolphus and I – Annie not being well) went for a drive and then to the

Mitchel's to tea; there were also Mr Gardener and Mr Stothert there and part of the time we sang hymns and the schoolgirls came in and sang; they sing Marathi hymns best I think.

25th Tues

I for the first time for some days got up at 5 and went for a walk with Adolphus. Annie is still suffering from a sore throat and cold. In the afternoon there was a good deal of rain.

30th Sun

Adolphus went to church before breakfast alone. After breakfast he took Annie and me to the Scotch church as Mama staid with Georgy who was not well. In the evening we went to the Church.

DECEMBER

1st Mon

Not quite well this morning so did not get out. In the afternoon we got a carriage and went to Kirkee where Adolf had a meeting; we thought it would begin at 6, but as it did not till 6½ we sat outside till the time. We got home about 8 to tea.

DIARY AT SEA

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MARCH

17th Tues

We left Bombay on 7th and reached Kurrachee on this day. We are going in the Walmer Castle* commanded by Capt Ormsby and had come to Kurrachee to take troops to England, this being one of four ships the Govt has hired for that purpose. We have had only 2 days sickness coming this

far. Mr Owen, the first officer has been very ill and is not yet recovered. We arrived in the sight of land this morning and cast anchor about 6pm. Lat 24.44 Long 66.42 E. (*source for picture of Walmer Castle: <http://prints.rmg.co.uk/image/378898/walmer-castle-1855-under-way>).



18th Wed

To our surprise George Candy arrived on board before 8am, for though we expected him we did not think we should see him so soon. He told us Mr and Mrs Hudson would be very glad to take us in if we would go on shore, so we went after breakfast and had a long row to the shore almost 2 hours, and at last arrived at the Hudsons rather tired with our journey. Mrs Hudson is Mrs Brown's niece who was at Mrs Candy's when dear Papa died, and gave us a very kind reception. In the evening we went shopping and to the band. Lat 21.25 N Long 66.5 E.

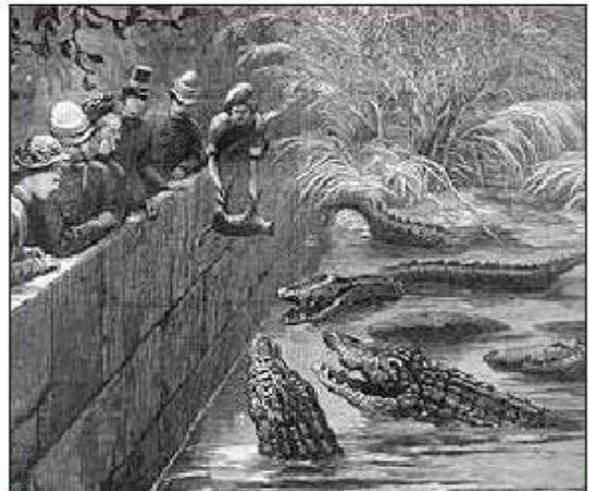
20th Fri

We had dinner early and started about 2 ½ pm to Muggerpil* to see the alligators (Mugger Hindustani for alligator) in two carriages. When we got there we went into the grove and saw the muggers and had a goat killed and given to them to eat. We counted 28 that came out of the water to eat the goat and there are many more. They are worshipped by the natives there; the largest which is called the "Padre" is a great monster.

feeding of Mor Sahib in 1878.
He is 12 feet long.



*live feeding of Manghopir crocodiles
circa 1870s.*



(*Muggerpil is 12 miles away from Karachi and is a well-known swamp fed by a hot spring of reputed medical value. Adjoining it is a shrine of Pir Mangho, an ancient Mussalman saint, which is visited by hundreds of pilgrims every week. The swamp is filled with huge alligators (known as 'muggers'), some forty in number. The highlight of the Manghopir festival is a garlanding ceremony, during which the Holy Successor (gaddi nasheen) puts a garland around the neck of the Chief of the Crocodiles called the Mor Sahib).

As we were going we saw the mirage. I have often wished to see it and was very glad of this. Indian Kurrachee is a very dry barren place and gives me a very good idea of what the desert must be. We got home again about 9 ½ pm with great difficulty as all the way w as very sandy.

21st Sat

We had enjoyed our little stay on land and are thankful I hope to our Heavenly Father for his mercies and the earthly enjoyments he gives us. After we had breakfast about 7 we started to go on board again as we had heard that the ship would sail again about noon the same day. Some commissariat officials being on board however they said the beer was bad and we were delayed to get some fresh. We have left some passengers at Kurrachee and others have taken their place. About 60 or 70 soldiers came on at Bombay with 2 officers Capt Turner and his wife and Mr Lodge, and about 150 I believe had come from Kurrachee also 3 officers (Capt & Mrs Scott and 2 others). Capt Scott who is only one month Capt Turner's senior in rank has taken his place in commanding the troops and he and his wife have turned out Capt and Mrs Turner in rather an ungracious way from the stern cabin. Mrs Scott has 2 children the eldest a girl about 2 years old and these added to the ten children already on board makes a dozen. Mrs Clogston a widow of 28 has 5 children and Mrs Stubbs 2, Capt and Mrs Byers have 1 boy. Altogether there are a good many passengers and the cuddy table is quite filled at meals.

22nd Sun

The Captain came on board and also Mr and Mrs Davies who had come as far as Kurrachee in this ship and came to bid goodbye; Mrs Abbot also who had come thus far returned with them to shore, but the sea was very rough and I should think they had no very pleasant journey back. We had set sail before they left the ship which was about 6pm. No service today.

25th Wed Lat 19.48 N Long 44.40 E

I will give an account of how we pass our days generally. Rise about 6, and soon after a soldier comes to take Georgy for his salt water bath on the poop; Charles went also for some days but the doctor has forbidden it whilst his prickly heat lasts. The children breakfast at 7 ½ after which we read and then go on the poop till breakfast about 9. After breakfast Annie takes Georgy, Charley, Binky Clogston and Arty Stubbs to their lessons and I go to my studies till twelve, lunchtime; then we are doing anything we please till 2 ½ when we all go into the cabin together with Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Clogston and read; we are now reading St Luke's gospel and the Expos on it by Mr Byle. The dressing bell at 3, dinner at 3 ½ after which till about 5 ½ the children's tea-time we are generally on the poop. 6 ½ our tea-time. Afterwards there is always a card party of gentlemen and the rest play, read or write. I forgot to mention Charley's going to bed at 11am and the children having dinner at 12 ½ or 1. The run was 86 miles. The Capt proclaimed a rule that all the children are to go off the poop at 7pm which rule he pretends is made by Green but as this rule is not from all accounts to be found in the other ships I think the Captain has made a mistake on purpose and not spoken the truth, especially as this is not down in the board of rules hung in the cuddy. All this occasioned great warmth among the mothers.

26th Thurs

Very warm as it has been for some days. The Capt showed us the chart and the run today was 114 m. We are about 60m south of Bombay. In the evening we heard some soldiers singing in parts: so after tea we asked Mr Lodge to ask them to come near to the cuddy and sing; we found they were Germans, they came and sang us their songs, the last "Guta []" very well and said they were going to practice some more. Lat 17.54 N Long 66.36 E.

27th Fri

Going slowly, almost calm and very hot. 115m the run today. In the evening the German soldiers sang to us again; they said if they had a light they could sing us several songs from the music and Mama has a lantern which she got for them but the Capt unfortunately says it is against the rules to allow the light so the poor fellows were obliged to sing in the dark; however they gave us several pretty songs one of which was "[]" and they ended by singing "God Save the Queen". Lat 16.00 N Long 66.23 E.

28th Sat

Again a very hot day. The run 109 miles. The soldiers sang again in the evening. Lat 14.[] N Long 66.21 E.

29th Sun

We had service at 10 ½ am on the poop and the soldiers attended as well. In the evening we with Mrs Stubbs, Mrs Byres and Mrs Clogston and the children sat on the quartermaster deck and sang hymns. It is very pleasant now in the evenings in the poop and the stars are lovely. The run 103m. Mama and Mrs Clogston went down into the hospital and read to some men. Lat 12.28 N Long 66.36

30th Mon

The run 90m. In the evening the soldiers sang as usual and we gave them some water as they have only a certain allowance. Afterwards Annie and I had a game at chess and then we had letters and gave words to each other to find out. Lat 10.56 Long 66.52

31st Tues

Had no sleep hardly at night and rose weary and unrefreshed. A very warm day. 138m today. In the evening it was nice and cool on the poop and we sat there and heard the soldiers sing. Lat 8.39 N Long 66.43 E.

APRIL

1st Wed

Most trying weather consequently all the children are very cross; Charley is suffering much from prickly heat and there is nothing but crying all day long. Run 140m. In the evening the Germans sang a little. Lat 6.20 N Long 66.55 E.

2nd Thurs

It rained a little in the night. We had a squall before noon: the run 109m. In the evening almost calm and very close. Most of the passengers sat on deck. Lat 4.35 Long 67.11

3rd Fri

We had hot cross buns for breakfast. In the evening the Germans sang to us. The run 66m. In the evening there was a squall. Lat 3.36 N Long 66.41 E

4th Sat

Almost calm and what distance we went was in the wrong direction Full moon and it was very bright and beautiful. In the morning tried to sing some Christian Minstrels – i.e. Mama, Mrs Scott, Mr Lodge, Annie and I, but we could not succeed very well as we did not know our parts so I am going to copy out the seconds for Mama and me. About 11 am we saw a water-spout* some distance off; a very good one and a curious sight; it lasted about ½ hour I should think. (*a tornado that forms over water). Lat 3.16 Long 65.45 E.



5th Sun

Very hot and a calm. Service on the poop. Mama had not a good night and was very tired. In the afternoon a shark was seen, baited and a boat being lowered it was caught and brought on board. It was not a large one but had very sharp teeth: there were two suckers on it one of which was put in a bottle of gin to be preserved. Mama asked the doctor if we might go down and read to any of the men in the hospital but he said there were so many cases of dysentery that it would not do, so Mama and I read to some on deck, I before dinner and Mama after and the poor fellows seemed very thankful. I forgot to mention before that Mama and Mrs Clogston went downstairs several days to the poor sick men to read to them; Mrs Clogston had asked the doctor's leave which was granted, but as they did not ask what time they might go he went down one day and found them there and said he could not have the ladies interfering with him, and when Mama asked him afterwards he said they were always so busy in the hospital that we could

not go more than twice a week on Sundays and one other day which he will tell us in the cold weather. Lat 3.03 N Long 16.18 E.

6th Mon

We had some of the shark for breakfast and it is not bad at all, a little bitter, but not strong as I thought it would be. We have gone back 11 miles to day. Very hot. Nearly all the gentlemen went out for a row in a boat and took Georgy with them. Lat 3.14 N Long 66.40 E.

7th Tues

Made our 11 miles again. The Captain and 4 officers went out before dinner and shot two porpoises but we could not get them. After dinner the gentlemen went for a row again. Lat 3.03 N Long 66.51 E.

8th Wed

We woke to find ourselves going at a pretty good rate and saw a ship some distance off. The run 74 miles. It is always dark now in the evenings on the poop as the moon does not rise till after 8; it is a beautiful sight to see it rising. It has been so warm in the cuddy and every where else during this calm that we have not been able to sit anywhere else. Lat 1.52 N Long 17.12 E.

9th Thurs

The run 64 miles but only 42 in the right direction. In the afternoon there was a row with one of the women, a soldiers widow, Mrs Dale, who was very rude to Mrs Scott and when threatened with punishment answered very impudently so all the 3 women were sent behind the main mast, however she continued her abuse and was obliged at last to be reported to Capt Scott, who said she must go to prison if she did not stop; she would not listen and so he gave orders for her to be kept in prison all night; at this the men hooted so Capt Scott had a parade and told the men he was commanding officer on board and he would be obeyed and then there were men sent to take Mrs Dale down, in which they succeeded tho' the women were screaming and making a great noise. Lat 1.09 N Long 67.59 E.

10th Fri

The run 91 miles. Mrs Dale was let out of prison about midday, as the doctor thought that if she were kept longer there her child might suffer for she had worked herself almost into a fever. She was quiet the rest of the day. The Captain not well and in bed. Poor Mrs Clogston was feeling very faint and troubled about her Dhai* who seems half crazy. (*Hindi word for wet-nurse). Lat 00.00 Long 69.00 E.

11th Sat

There was a squall last night which woke Mama but Annie and I slept through it all; Mr Lodge says there was a perfect lunar rainbow to be seen then, which I should like to have seen much. Poor Mrs Clogston was so faint about dinner time that she could hardly walk and after dinner sent for Mama who went and gave her some brandy and soda water and made her lie down in our cabin. She is much worried with her troublesome children and the Dhai; I do not fancy she has had much to do with children before she came on board, and the soldiers wife Mrs Flake whom she hired to take care of "Cuckoo" the sickly baby will not do so now because the doctor said she ought to be kept up here and it was a bad thing to take her down so much as she did. Charley suffering from boils on his chin and breast. Lat 1.12 S Long 69.20 E.

12th Sun

Service on the poop. In the evening we saw a long line of fish not far from the ship called a "School of fish". The run 91 miles. Lat 2.37 S Long 69.53 E. Captain better.

13th Mon

Very warm, Run 96 miles. Lat 2.54 S Long 79.29 E

14th Tues

We expected a squall but the Captain managed to keep out of it. Run 92 miles. Lat 3.38 S Long 72.49 E.

15th Wed

There was much more swell today and the ladies in the stern cabins felt the motion a good deal. Several people are suffering from boils now. The run 124 miles about 80 southing. Lat 4.56 S Long 74.24 E.

16th Thurs

Very squally and a good deal of pitching. Lat 6.36 S Long 75.17 E. The run 104m.

17th Fri

Very rough. Lat 8.5 S Long 75.37 EE. Run 102m.

18th Sat

Lat 9.05 S Long 76.02 E. Run 60m.

19th Sun.

Service in the cuddy at 10.30am as usual. Lat 10.44 S Long 74.32 E. Run 134m.

20th Mon

Lat 14.50 S Long 69.59 E. Run 122m.

22nd Wed

A rash all over Charleys face and he was very fretful. Lat 17.50 S Long 68.20 E. Run 124m.

23rd Thurs

The rash was all over Charley's body, and the doctor came to see him before breakfast and said it was scarletina* and he was to be kept in bed all day. (*scarlet fever). Lat 17.50 S Long 68.20 E. Run 124 m.

24th Fri

It has been so rough that I have not been able to write my diary since the 16th. Up to yesterday we have been in the outskirts of a hurricane and have been obliged to go out of our course to keep out of the vortex; the sea has been very high and the ship leaning over very much; one day at dinner I slipped right under the table at a sudden lurch; the seats are fixed and rather too far from the table and I sitting on the windward side and not being very tall was obliged to sit just on the edge of the seat. Another morning Mama fell down slipping from one side of the cuddy to the other. The cuddy has been made dreadfully slippery by the sundry things spilt on it and it not being possible to wash it much this rough weather. Poor Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Scott have been very sick. Charley was not so well today the rash had been driven in too much so the doctor ordered that the port should be kept quite closed that Charley should have a double blanket over him and ordered that he should have nothing to drink but blackcurrent jelly and water and some sago congee: Charley would not drink the blackcurrent water so the doctor made him some other stuff to drink. Mr Lodge took Georgy into his own room to sleep last night so that he might not be separated from the other children for fear of infection, which was very kind of him, as otherwise poor Georgy would not be allowed to go near the other children; if they catch it, we shall have to be put in quarantine at St Helena, so the doctor is taking all possible precautions against the spread of the malady. Lat 19.15 S Long 65.12 E. Run 201m. The foretop gallant yard broke.

25th Sat

Charley much better; he slept pretty well the first part of the night but after 12 was very restless. The sea not quite so high, but the ship knocking about a good deal. Lat 23.42 S Long 63.37 E. Run 125m. Passed the island of Rodrigo*. (*An island in the Indian Ocean, 560 kms from Mauritius).

A finer night than we have had for a long time. The



rodriguez island landscape

cold has died, so no more nice milk till we reach England I fear.

26th Sun

Franks birthday. (* Francis, Mary's brother, so exactly a year since leaving England). I do not think I mentioned Mrs Candy sending two Persian cats home by us to her uncle General George LeGrand Jacob, one of them having blue eyes: well, this cat got 4 kittens yesterday, but this morning the butcher, who is the animal keeper in general, informed us that the cat had eaten her kittens, much to our horror. Service in the cuddy. Charley much better. Lat 22.45 S Long 59.55 E. Run 240m.

27th Mon

Going slowly. The ship once more on a level, which was very pleasant. Very rainy all day. In the evening a beautiful sunset; dark clouds all over the sky slightly parted from the horizon, and all round the west a bright fiery hue reflected on the sails as if there were a fire in the distance. A foul wind* and having to tack. (*foul wind means from the wrong direction). Lat 24.47 S Long 57.27 E. Run 183m. The carpenter had made a new yard and it was put up while we were at dinner. Lassy, Mrs Scotts dog got 5 puppies, 3 of which were kept and 2 thrown overboard.

28th Tues

Charley better. Not going well. L.25.26 S Long 57.12 E. Run 51m. Heavy squall early in the morning. Ther. 74°.

29th Wed

A fine day, of which we took advantage to dry our things. After dinner saw two "Mother Carey's chickens". Going slowly. Charley still a little feverish and not out of bed yet. Ship in sight 6am standing to the Northward. Lat 25.19 S Long 54.26 E. Run 133m. Therm 73.



30th Thurs

Almost a calm. Lat 25.46 S Long 53.35 E. Run.

MAY

1st Fri

Almost a calm. Very warm. Lat 26.25 S Long 52.9 E. Run 81m.

2nd Sat

Lat 27.24 S Long 49.56 E. Run 141m. Ther 78°.

3rd Sun

Rather rough. Albatross seen. Service in the cuddy. Lat 29.47 S Long 47.59 E. Run 161m.

4th Mon

Rough weather and Mrs Stubbs very sick and lay on our couch nearly all day. In the evening very high wind and beautiful forked lightning and loud thunder. In the evening and all night we were under treble reefed maintopsail, double reefed foretopsail, reefed foresail and topmast staysail*.

(Barques three or more masts with fore-and-aft sails on the aftermost mast and square sails on all other masts). Lat 30.7 S Long 40.58.

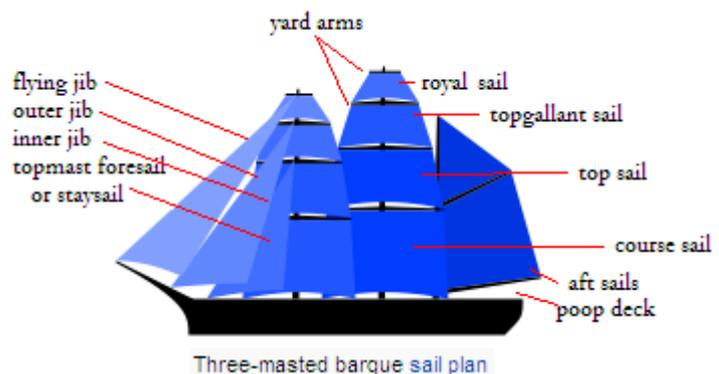
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5th Tues

Very rough. Lat 31.10 S Long 44.27 E. Run 144m.

6th Wed

Unsettled weather. At dinner a slight squall came over but soon passed off. We got Mrs Stubbs to come on the poop both in the morning and afternoon, the last two or three days she has been lying on our bed. Lat 31.37 S Long 44.28 E. Run 18 miles.



7th Thurs

Early in the morning about 6am a severe squall came on taking the ship aback and tearing the mizzen stay sail to shreds. All helped to get the ship right, soldiers, stewards and some gentlemen. Fine the rest of the day. The Captain says that squall in the morning was really dangerous coming on so suddenly and taking the ship aback; if the lower stern ports had been open which they were not, they might have let in water and sunk the ship. We have had some narrow escapes which prove God's watchful care over all. Lat 31.19 S Long 43.40 E. Run 50m. Ther. 71°.

8th Fri

Generally a calm all day but the weather is now very uncertain. In the evening getting rough and the Captain was in low spirits expecting bad weather. Lat 32.45 S. Long 43.5 E. Run 86m.

9th Sat

Very rough all night: high breeze from midnight to 1am. Nearly all sail set and going about 14 knots and hour. At 1 o'clock a bad squall came on taking the ship aback; the maintopgallant sail was torn to shreds and completely carried away and the flying gib split. We awoke heard the dreadful noise, the Captain, Mr Owen and Mr Meeson shouting at the top of their voices, the men rushing about, ropes knocking on the deck, and the wind roaring and whistling among the sails. All the rest of the night it was rough, gales coming on at times, and the poor sailors got little sleep. About daylight it was calm again; in the afternoon however it became rough again. Raining almost all day and the dead lights were put up after dinner. A southwesterly gale blowing in the evening. Lat 32.50 S Long 41.26 E. Run 85m.

10th Sun

Service in the cuddy. A cold, windy, dull day. Mrs Stubbs lay on our couch; she is still suffering much from seasickness. Lat 31.48 S Long 48.55 E. Run 68m.

11th Mon

Fine day, warmer than yesterday and very pleasant. A gale* at dinner (*seems to mean row), after which a certain lady declared she would never sit at the table again and flew out again on the poop. I hope it will not come out any more. Lat 29.56 S Long 39.43 E. Run 120m.

12th Tues

Moderate breeze and fine. After breakfast a sail came in sight and drawing nearer we saw she was a barque; she passed us and we had a short conversation with her and learned she was the "Sirocco" bound from London to Bombay, 72 days out. Lat 29.11 S Long 37.23 E. Run 130m.

13th Wed

We awoke to find it almost a calm of which I was glad for Mrs Stubbs sake as I hope she may have a little respite. Going only 4 or 5 knots but that in the right direction I am thankful to say. Lat 29.57 S Long 35.28 E. Run 112m.

14th Thurs

Going smoothly and Mrs Stubbs much better. Charley has been suffering from diarrhoea the last two or three days so Mama packed him this morning. In the afternoon George was teasing Merry, Mrs Turner's dog and pulling its tail, when the dog turned round and snapped and bit his thumb, but fortunately did not hurt him much, and the doctors burned it with caustic. Lat 31.07 S Long 33.45 E. Run 110m. Therm 75°.

15th Fri

When we woke this morning found we were going very fast in the right direction and the fair wind continued all day. In the evening we made up a party and played "Lotto". Arty Stubbs fell down the ladder from the poop before breakfast, but providently was not much hurt. Lat 32.36 S Long 31.19 E. Run 157.

16th Sat

Wind changed in the night and we went too far South; it continued foul all day and after dinner we "bouted ship" and went Northward. Lat 35.22 S Long 27.37E. Run 250m.

17th Sun

Service in the cuddy as it was dull and rainy. Two ships in sight one behind and the other before us; we also saw a whale spouting and sighted land in the afternoon. Georgy and Charley both unwell. Lat 34.54 S Long 25.16 E. Run 120m.

18th Mon

Have had a fair wind all night and going nicely. Land still in sight, high mountains more than 30 miles off. We have outrun the ships we saw yesterday and are out of sight of them. Towards evening the wind died away and there was almost a calm. Two ships in sight, one a barque, pretty near; the Capt supposed her to be Dutch and after dinner lowered a boat and tried to get to her, but was unable to do so from the strong current the opposite way so he and several others went bird shooting and shot three mollyhawks and one cape blackbird. The mollyhawks have beautiful soft downy feathers on the breast and lower parts. Lat 34.52 S Long 23.55 E. Run 68m.



19th Fri

Early in the morning going nicely and 6 ships in sight. Spoke with one that was near the "Mornington" from Bombay to Liverpool 54 days out. Afterwards spoke with a Dutch barque. Before dinner we passed the Mornington and other ships and came up with the "William Cargell" which we had seen far before us in the morning; she is laden with sugar bound from Mauritius to New Brunswick. A foul wind sprang up about 6.30am and freshened a good deal in the afternoon causing the ship to roll a great deal and the mizzen mast which pushes through the cuddy makes a most dreadful creaking. Georgy is better, but stayed in bed all day. A whale was seen to pass very near to the ship today. Lat 35.27 S Long 21.7 E. Run 98 miles.

20th Wed

Several ships in sight. In the evening we came up with the "Mornington" who had outrun us and at night she showed the port light, red. We had our lights up this night, green for the starboard and red for the port. Georgy still in bed; Binky Clogston is also laid up in the same way sore throat and mouth and feverish. Arty Stubbs had it before. Foul wind. Lat 36.16 S Long 19.48 E. Run 82m. Ther 63°.

21st Thurs

Fair wind sprang up late last night and freshened into a breeze this morning. At 11am lost sight of the Mornington astern. Sighted



table mountain faintly in the distance. And now we may be said to have rounded the Cape! The long wished for event! And if we have a fair wind we may reach St Helena in 10 days. (If I were a man I would say) "Hurrah!! Bravo Mary". Lat 35.01 S Long 18.00 E. Run 100m.

22nd Fri

Rather squally in the night, and rained several times in the day. Fair wind. Lat 33.34 S Long 15.50 E. Run 140m. Ther 63°.

23rd Sat

Fine weather and fair wind. Georgy was much better and came into the cuddy. Wrote to Adolphus. Lat 31.49 S Long 13.31 E. Run 160m. Ther 65°.

24th Sun

A bright fine day. Serviced on the poop. The Queen's birthday, and we drank her health in champagne at dinner. Annie had a bad headache all day and went early to bed. Poor Mrs Stubbs was in very low spirits and very weak from her continued sickness. Lat 30.37 S Long 11.24 E. Run 132m. Ther 68°.

25th Mon

Lat 28.36 S Long 9.31 E. Run 157m.

26th Tues

Annie very unwell. She had been twice sick in the night and had fever and headache and staid in bed all day. It is the same sort of illness as George had. The doctor says it is from being near land and many of the sailors have it also. Mrs Stubbs was better and they gave her gelatine in her congee and broth which keeps down food and prevents sickness. Black Tues. Lat 26.56 S Long 7.34 E. Run 146m.

27th Wed

Annie was a little better. Going slowly. Nothing particular happened, except that the children were in general very cross and troublesome. A bright moonlight night. Mrs Stubbs better. Lat 25.32 S Long 5.43 E. Run 132m. Ther 69°.

28th Thurs

Going slowly in the morning the wind gradually dying away till it became a calm. Mrs Clough, who has also had this fever which has been going through the ship, was better and made her appearance again. Annie better. Lat 24.00 S Long 4.16 E. Run 107m.

29th Fri

Almost a calm till noon till while we were at lunch a strong wind set in imperceptibly and suddenly supposed to be the SE trade. Crossed the tropic of Capricorn in the evening. Lat 23.21 S Long 3.22 E. Run 102. The sun not visible, ships position made out by dead reckoning.

30th Sat

Going fast. We heard that the beer was all done and they began the porter. Annie was better. Lat 20.50 S Long 00.26 E. Run 260m. Ther 71°.

31st Sun

Very windy. Service on the poop, but I did not go to it as I had a bad cold. Mama never goes to it, but stops with the children. I went and read one of Mr Cheyries sermons to Mrs Stubbs, who was feeling very weak today.

JUNE

1st Mon

About breakfast sighted St Helena and having a good wind cast anchor in the roads about 2 o'clock. It is a very rocky island and Jamestown is only a small place but looks very pretty from our ship with Long Wood (where Napoleon's tomb is) above it, especially as we have not seen land and houses for so long. Poor Mrs Stubbs was very ill in the morning and we grew very anxious about her, but by God's blessing on



the means used, she grew much better towards the afternoon. We have kept her as quiet as we could, Mama and Mrs Clogston staying with her by turns singly. As soon as we cast anchor the doctor came and as soon as he heard there was no infectious disease he came on board, and then the washer woman came on board dressed in grand style; though she did not get very much I think, as they charge 4s a dozen for washing here.

2nd Tues

Mrs Stubbs was better a little. She had some boxes up whence Pulu (her aya) extracted what she needed. Mama wanted two boxes up, but they could not find one of them. Soon after breakfast Mama, Mrs Lodge, George, Arty and I went on shore and did a good deal of shopping, as Mrs Stubbs wanted several things, and then went into the Govt gardens, which have nothing much to boast of but the name, and then returned to the ship. Jamestown is a nice little town built in European style and pretty clean, almost entirely inhabited by negroes and half-Europeans; it has a nice little church. The town is situated in a little valley between two high rocky hills and on the left hand one as we stand facing the sea, are the barracks, to which a very steep ladder leads from the town consisting of 650 steps. Some of the gentlemen went to Longwood and saw Napoleon's tomb. Total eclipse of the moon beginning about 9.30am and we watched it till it was nearly total.

3rd Wed

Mama, Annie, Mrs L. and Binky and Totty Clogstown went on shore after breakfast; and went to Lady Ross who took them into her garden and gave them some flowers and fruit (guavas, figs and grapes) and as she is building a new church, she begged them to buy some things she sold for the purpose of discharging the debt. Lady Ross is the widow of the late governor and not having any call elsewhere, remained in the island, to do what good she can there. The little negro town boys often lead strangers thither and she is very glad to receive them. Poor Mrs Stubbs enjoys the figs and grapes. The new cow bought here came on board this morning so now we shall have good milk again I hope.

In the evening Mr Owen took Mama and me on board the gunboat, Lee*, to see it, nearly all the officers were on shore but one of the middies took us about to see the vessel, and we saw the Armstrong guns, the Capt's cabin and the engine room: all the vessel is kept beautifully clean and nice.

(*HMS Lee, launched in 1860 and broken up in 1875, was a Philomel Class, steam screw-powered wooden gunboat with a barque-rigged sail plan. They were armed with a 68-



pounder 95 cwt muzzle-loading smooth-bore gun, two 24-pounder howitzers and two 20-pounder breech-loading guns. All ships of the class later had the 68-pounder replaced by a 7-inch/110-pounder breech-loading gun). The washerwoman, Mrs Fanny O'Neil, came on board in the evening about tea time with the passenger's clothes.

4th Thurs

Some more stores came on board this morning, and we began to take leave of St Helena soon after noon. Mrs Stubbs was very ill and wandering a good deal; she is in a dreadfully weak state, the last two or three days doing nothing hardly but doze. About 11.30pm passed the "Sailors Prince" (which left St Helena last night) so close that the captain could make himself heard by her captain by shouting.

5th Fri

Mrs Stubbs no better. Annie and I had a great deal of trouble keeping the children quiet all day, as Mrs Stubbs hears the noise on the poop and they disturb her. Aunty's* birthday. (*Sarah Anne Coats, born 5.6.1814). Lat 14.35 S Long 7.33 W. Run 133m. Ther 79°.

6th Sat

Fine weather, and going fast. Mrs Stubbs very ill indeed, and not sensible; she seemed fast going. Arty and Jemmy have been sleeping in our cabin for several nights, ever since Monday Annie says. Lat 12.21 S Long 9.24 W. Run 184m. Ship in sight.

7th Sun

Fine and steady breeze. Service on the poop. Mrs Stubbs the same; the doctor seemed to have given up on her altogether. Mama and Mrs Clogstown have been watching by her night and day ever since we left St Helena. Lat 10.00 S long 11.30 W. Run 185m.

8th Mon



Poor Mrs Stubbs fast going. Came in sight of Ascension early in the morning. During dinner time about ¼ to 5 poor Mrs Stubbs breathed her last; for the last 2 ½ hours she was calling out as if in great pain. The funeral was had as quickly as possible all the soldiers being mustered. Poor little Arty cried a good deal but Jemmy does not seem to mind at all, the poor aya felt it much, and sobbed most piteously. We passed Ascension just as she died. I trust she is gone to everlasting peace and joy. (*Mary Stubbs was born on 9 December 1824 in Secunderabad, Madras, the daughter of G.A.Bushby Esq Bengal Civil Service. She married James William Stubbs in 1854. He was promoted to Captain in the 46th Native Infantry on 18 February 1861, Lieutenant-Colonel in the Madras Staff Corp in 1867 and to Colonel in 1872. They had 4 children, but two died very young and two survived Mary: Arty (Arthur George Bushby Stubbs) (1856-?) and Jemmy (James William Hill Stubbs) 1860-1925 – the later became a mine engineer in S.Africa and fought in the Boer War.

<http://www.ocotilloroad.com/geneal/stubbs1.html>). Lat 7.59 S Long 13.57 W. Run 193m.

9th Tues

Mama and Mrs Clogstown were busy arranging and putting away Mrs Stubbs things and making lists of the valuables. Her cabin was thoroughly cleaned out and Arty and Jemmy are to sleep there again tonight, with Pulu and Mrs Stubbs aya who has hither to slept outside in the cuddy. Very warm today. In the morning came in sight of the “Monsoon” which left St Helena on 4th early and passed close by her about 7.15pm so that the two captains kept up a pretty long conversation. Lat 6.3 S Long 16.16 W. Run 180m. Ther 82°.

10th Wed

Mrs Clogstown and Mama were busy again packing and nailing up Mrs Stubbs things. Sail in sight astern. We began reading Byle’s Expository on St Lukes again; the last time we read it was on the 31st May, I think. I did not mention I think before that some time ago I took Arty, Totty, and Charley to teach each morning, and Annie keeps Binky and Georgy. Lat 4.20 S Long 18.12 W. Run 156m. Ther 83°.

11th Thurs

Very warm. A Portuguese man of war (nautilus) was seen early this morning. Lat 2.56 S Long 19.56 W. Run 133m.

12th Fri

Very hot. Lat 1.15 S Long 21.28 W. Run 137m. Ther 84°.

13th Sat

Very warm. Children rather fretful. The doctor laid up. Crossed the line* (*equator). Lat 00.29 N Long 22.40 W. Run 137. Ther 83°.

14th Sun

A ship in sight, one of Green’s named “Prince of Wales” bound for Australia, which carries about 300 passengers; she came a little out of course on purpose to speak with us, and came so near that the captains could shout to each other and the two ships cheered each other. Service on the

poop. About noon spoke to the barque the "Patriot King", bound for Cork from Manilla. Lat 2.29 N Long 23.25 W. Run 128m.

15th Mon

The clouds were dark and lowering early in the morning and soon it came on to rain and continued doing so without hardly any intermission all the day. When it rains the rain always comes down just into that part of the cuddy where the children usually play so they had to play in the Stubbs and our cabins almost all morning. Mama, Annie and I got up on the poop a little while after dinner, though the deck was very wet. No observation taken.

16th Tues

Instead of being wet as we feared, it turned out a bright warm day, but we were not going at all. Lat 5.40 N, Long 23.01 W. Run 100m.

17th Wed

A very wet day so that we could not get out, except that Georgy and I went up on the poop when it was not raining much; Arty came up too, but the doctor sent him down again saying it was not fit for so delicate a child, and soon it came on to rain faster and I came down; Annie went up, fell down and came down again, and that was the end of our going out. In the doldrums still. No observation.

18th Thurs

A fine day. Early in the morning a shark was caught, just about the children's breakfast so they all left their breakfast and rushed upstairs to see the shark and when they came down, the table was cleared, however they got some rice and sugar at our breakfast. The shark's tail was cut off and when it was dead it was thrown overboard. It began to rain in the evening again. Lat 6.29 N Long 22.40 W. Run 36m. Ther 79°.

19th Fri

Raining almost incessantly all day. In the morning there was a ship in sight on the port stern. After breakfast several porpoises close up to the ship and the gentlemen had some shots at them. Mr Stubbs little monkey died of poison having eaten Lucifer matches. The poor little thing was a great favourite with the children and often had a game with them. Lat 6.51 N Long 22.56 W. Run 29m. Ther 82°.

20th Sat

Was not raining between 8 and 9am so we got up on deck before breakfast and saw a "Portuguese man of war". Mama was not well all day, suffering from bad headache and backache. We got the N.E. trade about noon. Rainy but still we were able to get out a good deal. Lat 7.28 N Long 25.24 W. Run 52m. Ther 81°.

21st Sun

Fine and warm, but high wind. Service on the poop. Mama remained in the cabin all day lying down. Lat 9.13 N Long 25.37 W. Run 170m.

22nd Mon

Making good progress. Mama much better and came out into the cuddy. Lat 11.65 Long 27.32. Run 160m. Ther 79°.

23rd Tues

The ship leaning over extremely. Lat 13.10 N Long 29.48 W. Run 177m. Ther 78°.

24th Wed

Leaning over very much, and lurching a good deal. Box day: one of our boxes which Mama bought new, when we came out, was brought up from the hold in a most dilapidated state and Mama was obliged to empty it and throw it overboard; then we had the big chest up and put several things into it: we had also another box up and got out our bonnets, which though they were in the tin were in a dreadfully damp state. So we had a very busy morning. Today the doctor pronounced the rash which began on Binky yesterday to be "chicken pox"; he says the children down below have it so bad as to be laid up in bed; they are very sick. Mrs Byers has it too. Lat 15.19 N Long 32.41. Run 220m. Ther 75°.

25th Thur

Very rough, high wind and sea. Three men down below have caught the chicken pox, Mrs Byers is very bad: they are talking seriously of being put in quarantine in England. Lat 18.10 N Long 35.55 W. Run 255m. Ther 74°.

26th Fri

Jemmy had the chicken pox and was kept shut up in his room. Between 2 and 3 o'clock am several soldiers broke open the hold, where the wine and spirits were kept, hoping to get some rum, but as they could not get any, they took the port wine, about 3 dozen; 5 were caught drunk and put in confinement. Lat 21.34 N Long 37.57 W. Run 235m. Ther 75°.

27th Sat

Early in the morning on Fri a barque was seen. Heard that a court martial was going to be held on 3 of the men, caught yesterday, on Monday. Ther 78°. Lat 25.2 N Long 39.15 W. Run 220m.

28th Sun

Early in the morning some of the "young gentlemen" were getting up seaweed on a hook and reached some to our ports; this weed is brought by the gulfstream from the Gulf of Florida, and several of us put some in bottles with saltwater to preserve it. A barque was in sight in the morning and we have hoisted our colours, and wished to hold conversation with her but she would not answer until we were too far to distinguish the signals. It was a French barque homeward bound. A brigantine* was in sight in the afternoon, outward bound.



(*two masted small ship, square rigged on the foremast and fore-and-aft rigged on the mainmast). Service on deck. Lat 27.58 N Long 39.36 W. Run 176m.

29th Mon

Almost a calm still. Warm weather. About 11am the court martial was held and was continued after lunch. A most beautiful moonlight night and we were on deck some time after tea. It is so light now in the evenings that we are able to have tea by daylight. Lat 29.38 N Long 39.55 W. Run 107m. Ther 79°.

30th Tues

A calm still, and very warm all day. The court martial was finished today. The aya having arranged Mrs Stubbs hair put us each some in a paper. A beautiful moonlight night again. Lat 30.53 N Long 41.18 W. Run 79°. They began painting the ship.

JULY

1st Wed

Very warm and there is a disagreeable smell of paint all about the ship as they are painting her sides; though I do not smell it so strong as I might with my cold. We have beautiful evenings now, the moon was at its full this morning. Mama and I stayed on the poop till about 8 ½. Jemmy came out of the cabin for the first time today after his chicken pox: Mrs Byers also is recovering and sits on the poop and in the cuddy in the evening but does not come to meals yet. Lat 31.56 N Long 41.18 W. Run 79. Ther 79°.

2nd Thur

Very warm. Three poor men in the hospital died today. The first died suddenly of heart disease after having been in the hospital only 3 days, and another died of the same an hour after from fright when he heard of the death of the first. The three dead men were buried after dinner. (I forgot to mention yesterday that there was a parade of the men to read the sentences* given on the three men tried by court martial on Monday and Tuesday). (*it is not clear what the sentences were). A slight breeze sprang up in the right direction. Lat 32.35 N Long 41.45 W. Run 46m. Ther 82°.

3rd Fri

Very warm. Still painting the ship. A dead foul wind sprang up early this morning. It rained a little in the evening. Lat 33.16 N Long 40.15 W. Run 86m. Ther 78°.

4th Sat

Fine and warm. Foul wind still. Almost a calm. Lat 33.18 N Long 38.49 W. Run 106m. Ther 75°.

5th Sun

Before breakfast saw a whale pretty near the ship; it was rolling over and over and spouted a little. Service on the poop. In the afternoon saw a large shoal of albereose+ (+ a large fish dark on the back and white underneath) which came close to the ship and amused us by bobbing up and down in the water. Lat 33.22 N Long 37.9 W. 4m – course.

6th Mon

A foul wind. Sunday fights between the children; they are almost always fighting now, especially Georgy, Willy and Binky. Lat 34.27 N Long 35.57 W. Run 130.

7th Tues

Warm weather, but heavy dews in the evening. A fair wind sprang up early in the morning and set in steadily about 10am. Lat 35.15 N Long 35.12. Run 60m. Ther 78°.

8th Wed

Rained a little before breakfast. Hope to reach England in 8 days hence. A panic occurred being spread through the ship or rather among the passengers that we were going to anchor at one of the Azores in order to get more provisions, as they say the soldiers have not much more than would last for a week, however it seems the Capt has no such intention. Lat 37.14 N Long 33.33 W. Run 145m. Ther 79°.

9th Thurs

Came in sight of Flores one of the Azores in the afternoon and before dinner was over quite, Mama and I went on the poop and saw the town of Santa Cruz on that island with corn fields spread around it, reminding us of dear old England. We went pretty near the island and seeing a schooner leaving it we sent of one of the boats to ask those on it if any provisions could be got in the island, but we were informed if we wanted provisions we must go to San Miguel, which was some way off so we did not attempt to go there. We saw also a small island near Flores called Cawo. Flores is a very high island, one mountain is between 3 and 4 thousand feet in height, but when we saw it a great part of it was hidden by cloud. Dull, cloudy weather. Lat 39.12 N Long 31.30 W. Run 152m. Ther 77°.



10th Fri

About breakfast time (the children's) heard there was a man of war quite close and we went on the poop to see it; they say we had been waiting some time for her to come up; she was Russian; Mr Owen went to her in a boat to ask if they had any provisions to spare for us, and soon he called for another boat and brought back four casks. Soon after we left her behind, but she kept in sight of us all day. Lat 39.56 N Long 30.08 W. Run 78. Ther 74°. Russian barque's name the "Gill Jack".

11th Sat

Foul wind in the afternoon. Another poor soldier died, the 9th! He was buried about 6pm. An order was issued that the soldiers were to be on half rations. In the evening a rather bad squall, a good deal of rolling and pitching. The lamps in the cuddy both last night and tonight have burned very badly, so some people brought out their lamps and just when this squall came on Capt Scott's lamp fell down and his shade was broken, chairs fell down, the Captain was shouting on

deck, the sailors running about, and altogether there was a dreadful noise for a minute or two; the mizzen topsail was torn. The "Jack Gill" was still in sight. Lat 41.26 N Long 27.49 W. Run 146m.

12th Sun

High wind and foul. Service in the cuddy. Before dinner we perceived some spots on Georgy which looked like chicken pox and called the doctor who said he was to be kept quiet and out of draughts. Lat 43.15 N Long 26.53. Run 117m.

13th Mon

Wind a little more favourable. Pitching a good deal, what sailors call "driving piles". Spots more out on Georgy. Lat 45.44 N Long 25.33 W. Run 160m. Ther 67°.

14th Tues

Wind about the same. We are feeling the weather very cold now. The steward has been ill for two or three days and Vaughan has been put in charge of all the stores now. There has been a great deal of mismanagement in everything: the steward having been entirely to himself and allowed to do as he pleased. There is very little beer left, 50 dozen can be accounted for. Fortunately there are a good many fowls left, the steward having laid in an extra number at St Helena as he thought Mrs Stubbs would want one every day for her fug broth. Lat 47.22 N Long 23.48 W. Run 123m.

15th Wed

Wind still foul. On the SW tack today. A brigantine was in sight, and between 1 and 2 pm Mr Owen lowered a boat, as she was pretty near and went to ask if she had any provisions to spare. The Capt said that it was hard to say "no" to such a request, but he must consider his own men first, and they had only 2 barrels of meat and half a cask of flour left. In the latter part of the day we came up with a barque bound from the W. Indies to London and



after dinner we spoke with her and asked if she had any provisions to spare, upon which she answered yes, and immediately we changed our tack to come nearer to her and hove to; the cutter was lowered and Mr Owen and some sailors went in it to the barque (named Islander) and afterwards the captain sent the dingy too with instructions to get as much as he could and to promise the Capt good payment for himself. Mr Owen got 4 pigs, three casks of pork and 3 of beef and some sacks of biscuits. We are not very badly off for food but the Capt is liable and I believe, to the loss of 50 thousand £ for breach of contract from not having laid up provisions for the certain number of days specified by Govt for the troops. Psalm CVII. Sun could not be taken today.

16th Thurs

Dull and chilly. Foul wind still. A brigantine in sight in the afternoon. Numbers of jelly fish and Portuguese men of war round the ship. The jelly fish are very curious looking like mushrooms in the water and their long feelers answering to roots, but when they look just like a turnip of jelly and they cannot be kept, as they soon dissolve. Lat 46.53 N Long 21.14 W. Run 80m. Ther 65°.

17th Fri

Jelly fish and Portuguese men of war in numbers and the gentlemen fished up numbers in a net: Mr Dunlop took off all the jelly from some of the men of war and gave the skeletons (a thick sort of membrane) to Annie to press. Jamie had fever and the doctor saw him and Georgy in the evening and pronounced the latter convalescent and able to come out tomorrow. A poor soldier

(of the name of [Pluphton]) dying who sent for Mr Meeson to give him a message for his mother he was born a gentleman, but his father died and his mother and sisters were reduced to low circumstances and he enlisted; he knew Mr Meeson some years ago and recognised him but did not make himself known. Lat 46.34 N Long 20.15 W. Run 45m. Ther 68°.

18th Sat

Dull and hazy. Unsteady breeze all day. No sun could be taken today. A schooner in sight on the starboard bow and brig on the port beam. Also a Dutch brigantine of the name of "Uderneming", which we signalled in passing.

19th Sun

A very rough day, high wind and great swell. We saw another ship just before us in the same predicament. Service in the cuddy. We passed the ship before noon. This ship knocking about a great deal. Lat 49.02 N Long 16.43 W. Run 156m. Ther 65°.

20th Mon

Very rainy day so that we could not go out all day. A comfortless day altogether. Lat 49.09 N Long 15.59 W. Run 30m.

21st Tues

A fair wind and fine day. Going well all night, but the wind died off between 9 and 10 am and there being a great swell on still, the rate we went all day was not more than one or two knots. Signs of a NW breeze sprang up. Very pleasant to have the sun shining bright by once more, after his face has been hidden so long. Lat 49.29 N Long 13.35 W. Run 97m. Ther 67°.

22nd Wed

Squally in the night. Fair wind all day and going fast. In the evening we were in the chops, i.e. the outer sounding of the Channel. Lat 49.7 N Long 10.10 W. Run 136m. Ther 64°.

23rd Thurs

Six ships in sight before breakfast. A Spanish steamer passed 7am. A great many ships in sight all day. A pilot from the Scilly Isles came on board about 1 o'clock and after some deliberation the captain decided on employing him. A fine day. Heard from the pilot that it is a nice warm summer in England and the crops well. A war between Russia on the one side and France, Austria and Poland on the other; perhaps England also. Saw the Scilly Isles and the lighthouse after dinner, and soon after Land's End and in the twilight saw the double light at Lizard Point. Lat 49.26 N Long 6.33 W. Run 144m. Ther 63°.

24th Fri

A fine day and fair wind. Passed Eddystone in the night. By day passed Strat Point, Torquay, and after dinner had a good view of Portland, which is an island and on which is a convict military prison. Before dark came in sight of the Isle of Wight and hope (D.V.) to be anchored at Spithead by tomorrow morning. Mama and I were busy packing a good part of the day. No more Lat and Long I am happy to say!

25th Sat

About 3am anchored at Southampton or rather Spithead. Capt Scott went on shore to report the arrival of the troops by the Walmer Castle. The agent came on early in the morning for Mrs Clogstown, and she with her children and Dhai went on shore about 12 o'clock. Mr Stuart, Mr Innes, Mr Butler and Mr Lodge went on shore; the two former did not return, but Mr B came back for the money won from Capt Turner at cards which amounted to 15£ I believe; he got it after some difficulty and then bid us goodbye.

Mr Taylor, the agent Uncle George* had engaged (*Rev George Andrew Jacob, Head Master of Christ's Hospital) for Mama came on board and brought a letter from Uncle George dated 7th July and



Miniature paintings of Susanna Pidsley and G A Jacob

informing us among other things of the death of dear Grandmama* on the 6th of April (*Sarah Cross, wife of Mathew Coats i.e. 'Mama's mother). Mama had often uttered her fears, lest she might die before our arrival, yet it was a shock to us. How strange it must seem to dear Aunts without her. Mr Lodge's eldest brother came on board to meet him and as we expected Mr Lodge back in the evening, Mr De Belin asked his brother to remain and sleep on board; he waited till Mr Butler came back, but he said Mr Lodge was staying on the shore for the night, so his brother went off to him. We had a very good view of Portsmouth on the one hand and Ryde on the other. We also saw Osborne in the distance. Numbers of steamboats going to and fro passed close by us. It is delightful to see "dear merry England" as Georgy says, again. How thankful we should be that we have been brought in safety hither and preserved from all the dangers which threatened us. The cow died, they say with eating too much green.

26th Sun

About 8 o'clock in the morning a Mr Morland came on board and asked for Mrs Stubbs; Mr Owen told him of her death, and then called Mama to speak to him; the poor old gentleman was much shocked and grieved at this news; he had known Mrs Stubbs when she was a girl and she and the children were to have gone to him and his wife when they arrived. Mr Morland stayed on board till 3pm and Mama told him all she knew of Mrs Stubbs. Mr Davis, Capt Stubbs' agent, came on board the day before and brought a letter for Mrs Stubbs from Capt Stubbs her brother in-law, and when he learnt what had happened he telegraphed to Capt Stubbs and a telegram came today from him to say that the children were to be taken to Mrs Bushby, Mrs Stubbs' aunt, so the captain is going to take them unless anyone else meets them at the docks. No service, in fact all day business was being carried on as if it were not Sunday; on the quarterdeck an auction was being held over the dead soldiers things, and in the cuddy officers, who had come on for the purpose, examining the food the soldiers had during the voyage and Mr Lodge came back with his brother and in the afternoon his younger brother arrived and the eldest left.

27th Mon

Annie and I got up about 5 o'clock in order to see the time expired* men go off as they were going about 6 (*soldiers who had served their time). A very nice steamer came for them and Mr Lodge and his brother left with them. Mr Lodge left all his things except a small portmanteau, locked up in his cabin and said he was coming for them in the Docks; he was not obliged to go to Netley Abbey* (*i.e. Netley Hospital, a Victorian hospital) with the invalids as he feared, so he was going to Southampton to meet his patients who were there. About 12 a steamer came for the invalids and a surgeon to see them on board the steamer and take them on shore; Capt Scott also went with them to take them to Netley Abbey; Mrs Scott had gone before with her father who came and slept on board last night. Mr Innes did not come back; he went on shore almost directly we got to Portsmouth but did not bid good-bye as he said he would return in the evening; however he did not come on and on Sunday he sent and asked Mr DeBelin to take his parrot to somewhere in Portsmouth but when he and the captain went, he had gone to London. Mr Innes came on board at Kurrachee the day we sailed and was so eager to come in this ship, that the captain who had 2 cabins gave up one to him; he gave the captain a check on Cox&Co for the payment of his passage which Capt Ormsby sent home but when he arrived at Spithead he received the answer "No Effects"; Mr Innes owed almost all the gentlemen on board some money, he lost a good deal at cards which he never paid and took 2 dozen of poor Mrs Stubbs soda waters for which the Captain is obliged to pay, and now he has decamped in a suit of clothes borrowed from Mr Meeson. We left Portsmouth about 2 or 3pm with a light foul wind.

28th Tues

Quite a calm and not getting on at all. Saw the Herefordshire* (*Ship they went out to India in) going out and spoke with her. I forgot to mention when we arrived at Portsmouth we found the Herefordshire there, going out again with troops; Capt Walker was on board and came to see us; he was much thinner than when we last saw him. A breeze sprang up in the evening and continued all night.

29th Wed

When we went up on to the poop we found that we were over against Beechy Head and saw the house that Grandmama, Aunty and Annie and I went to when at Eastbourne. Soon after 9am a steamer came to tug us into docks, which was a fortunate thing, as there was quite a calm. We had a good view of Eastbourne as we passed. About 10pm passed Dover; it was all lighted up, and was a very pretty sight. Annie's birthday.

30th Thurs

In the morning between 8 and 9 arrived at Gravesend where they landed a number of rifles put on board by Govt troops. Capt Stubbs* (*brother of Capt James Stubbs) came on board there and had a long conversation with Mama. About noon arrived in London, but could not get into Dock directly, as there were two ships to come out before we could go in. While waiting outside the Docks Mr Bushby, Mrs Stubbs brother, came and an arrangement was made to take Arty and Jamie to a Mr Patton's for the present. Then Aunty came and called us from the shore, but she could not come on board till we got into dock, as there was only a rope ladder up the side of the ship. Aunty knew we had arrived at Portsmouth, and was expecting us every day, and at last today started off to [Toton] to see if we had arrived or when we were likely to come, and there she found us. Got into Dock about 2pm; the agent had come on board before, so Mama left him in charge of the luggage and we came off directly and got to Aunties' about 4 ½. Poor Mr DeBelin had had no news from home when we left. Before leaving Kurrachee he had heard his father was very ill, and wrote and asked his sisters to write to him to St Helena, however he had no letters there, and now he could hear nothing so he was in a dreadful state of anxiety. Found letters from India awaiting us. Mama heard from Major and Mrs Candy, Adolphus, and Mr White, I had a letter from Janey and Mary Anne had written to Annie. Heard that the boys holidays had ended on Monday.



Colonel James William Stubbs at Akola, Berar, 1872

DECEMBER: 4 Horbury Gardens* London (*address no longer seems to exist)

23rd Wed

In the evening Annie and I went to Christ's Hospital to a party. We invited for 7 ½ but we started about 5 ½ and so had to wait about an hour there before anyone made their appearance. A pretty large party and we enjoyed playing at games; acted a charade Inspector. We were not home till 20' to 1.

24th Thurs

Went to the dentists about 12 ¼ and were there about an hour and half; to go again on Monday at 10am. In the evening went to tea to Aunties all except the 2 little ones and Philip who was in bed with measles; they came on just before breakfast and directly after that meal was put to bed. Heard from Mrs Dean last night and she sent me her photos.

25th Fri

Philip about the same. Stephen, Annie, Francis, and Willy went to Mrs Kelly's to take some Christmas presents to her children. Mama, Willy, Georgy, Charley and I went for a walk through Holland Park, then called on the Bells and then on Aunts, who were not at home, but just as we turned the corner of Horbury Gardens we saw them coming from the opposite direction and we reached the door together. Charley, who has a bad cold seemed very unwell and feverish in the afternoon, so was put to bed before tea. In the afternoon read life of Henry Martyn. We played at bagatelle in the evening.

26th Sat

Mama, Willy and I went to call on Mrs and Miss Byden, the Franklins who invited Annie and me for Wednesday, and then on Mrs Ellerton. Wrote to cousin Annie* (*AnneMary, a daughter of Rev George Andrew Jacob) a French letter and sent it in the afternoon. [undecipherable writing in a foreign language – Indian?].

27th Sun

Monther, Annie, Stephen, Francis, Willy and I went to Monmouth Hall and had three exhortations. Mr Coleman read Deuteronomy XXVI and brought before us the duty of Christians rejoicing and being thankful, he also read part of Song of Solomon IV beginning at Ver 12. We also had the fullness of Christ the Lord brought before us in Col I and Dr Smith speaking for a short time remarked what a precious thing it is to realize God indeed as our Father and that we are no longer in the world, but dwelling in heaven though on earth, and how little we realize it as we ought, and he read II Cor VI. As we were coming out a very young looking lady who always goes there, invited Mama to a party at her house on Wednesday at 7 o'clock. In the afternoon Willy and I went to the Kelly's; I read a chapter out of "Evenings Improved" and then 27th Mathew about the crucifixion of the Lord. Kelly asked me to lend him Evenings Improved for his son to read. In the evening Mama took Aunties to the chapel in the Mall to hear Mr Afford, and A, S, and F went to see Mr Spurgeon's chapel. Philip much better but still in bed.

28th Mon

Went to the dentists with Mama at ten and walked back. The first snow fell today that we had this winter but it did not lie.

29th Tues

Mother went out for the day with Aunty making calls about Sydenham and Norwood and also went to Crystal Palace and saw the giant balloon; she did not come back till 9 o'clock pm. Annie and I went to Misses Hulls' meeting which was a very nice one. When we returned I took Philip up and he sat by the fire in Mama's room, till 4 ½ when he went to bed again.



30th Wed

We went to Miss Perfect's meeting, then to Dr Maskwith, after which Annie and I went to spend the afternoon with the Franklins. After lunch Mr Franklin took Miss Edwardes, Edith, Annie and me to Madam Tussaud's.

31st Thurs

Mama's birthday. Annie, Philip, Stephen and I gave her a cardcase, and the little ones gave her a diary. Went to the dentist's. Philip came down into the drawing room today for the first time.

April 1864: Loudwater Parsonage, Loudwater, nr High Wycombe* (*Henrietta Jacob was married to Rev William Woolcombe, who was made vicar of Loudwater in 1965: Henrietta Jacob, daughter of Rev George Andrew Jacob, was born on 21.11.1838 so was 25 years old.)

Henrietta took Annie, Charlie and me to see one of the numerous mills about here; it was a paper mill and we were much interested in seeing the various processes through which it has to pass before it becomes paper; at this mill they make what is called "foolscap" for printing. First, the rag has to be cut; boys are employed for this; there is a knife fixed to a sort of wire grating and the boy holds the rag with both hands and presses it upon the knife which slants upwards towards him, and it not unfrequently happens that he cuts his fingers; the grating is to let the dust pass through; we saw heaps of old dirty rages which are nearly all used. They are then put in another sort of machine to take out more of the dust and then out into a round well-like place where they are steamed with two chemical substances vitriol I think is one, to make them into a pulp, they are then boiled, and the pulp, at first sticky and lumpy, is stirred about till it becomes much finer, this pulp is carried out of the round vessel in which it is stirred by means of running water and it then passes through a series of rollers accompanied nearly the whole way by running water which keeps it from getting clotted together and making the paper uneven thickness. All these rollers are wrapped round with felt which when new is beautifully thick and stiff, but soon becomes worn by the great friction of the rollers: At length the paper comes out of the end a number of sheets together they are cut off a certain size and then put into a press like a table clothes press, and the paper cut square according to the size of the press; it is then taken into another room where some women overlook it: they have to examine each sheet, and if there is the least flaw it has to go back again: it has then to be put up in packets etc and sent to London. The number of the mill has to be put on each packet, that the people in London may know where it comes. This mill's number was 417*. (* Kings Mill, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Wye, Buckinghamshire – it was walking distance from the parsonage – it produced fine paper for books and burnt down in the 1930s).

SIMILAR SHIP: LADY ELIZABETH: 658 tonne Barque built in 1869 – probably similar to the 1848 656 tonne Walmer Castle.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Elizabeth_\(1879\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Elizabeth_(1879))



THOUGHTS:

What an adventure. Mary sailed halfway around the world at a time when many people did not survive such trips. She travelled first class, and met with Governors and mixed with the top society of the British Raj. She travelled on elephants and bullock carts, and saw crocodiles, whales, sharks and distant islands. She experienced the boredom and beauty of long sea passages and the terror and excitement of storms strong enough to destroy her ship. She experienced life of con-artists, singing and starving soldiers, and court martials. And she experienced tragedy. She experienced the death of her father at the age of 16, and then the death of a friend on the ship, and the deaths of 9 soldiers.

To complete the children's story, at the age of 35 Anna married A.E.Pridham, a solicitor, in 1882; Charley and William both died young at 16 and 21; and Philip, Stephen and George all entered the Indian Civil Service.

The Jacob's were clearly a very religious family. Their Grandfather was Vicar of Woolvington, so this would have had a big influence, and church and reading the Bible seems to have been a big part of their life on the voyage out. However it is also probable that the death of her father had a profound effect on Mary: with his dying words to her: "*she will have a better teacher, she must ask God to be her teacher*" it is unlikely that Mary would have taken any other path than a strongly religious one.

In November 1869 Mary married the Reverend Arthur Elwin of Dover, Kent, and in 1870, at the age of 25 she set sail with him for the life of a missionary in China. Whether one holds the same beliefs as them or not one has to respect the bravery and continued sense of adventure. Mary and Arthur spent the next 30 years in China with 3 brief trips back to England. They finally returned for good in 1900. Mary died in London in 1928.

I find Mary Jacob's story a fascinating insight into the life of families at the time of the British Raj.

But also Mary Jacob was my Great Grandmother: I was born 100 years after the events in her diary, but I still feel a connection with her and her father, and can feel what they feels and see what they sees. Hopefully in 100 years time my great grandchildren will read this and read some of my diaries and feel the same connection.

Mary is one of our ancestors who we know a lot about, but there are other ancestors stretching back over more than 500 years, some of whom we know a little about and others we just know the names. Before this there are generations of ancestors with adventures and tragedies and stories untold. It is good to live one's life to its full, but it is also good to occasionally think of the people who have gone before, who have each strived to pass something on to their children, whether it's a tool, or piece of land, or skill, or knowledge, or belief, of personality trait: we are the products of thousands of years of ancestors.

Mary thank you for what you have passed down to me.

George Elwin
15 July 2012