

Thomas Mellersh

Day Book

Kept at Woodlands

March 12th, 1836 – December 27th, 1837

MARCH

Saturday March 12th

Left Guildford on Thursday morning with my provisions and arrived at Woodlands this afternoon. Employed getting my goods into my hut. Borrowed 50 lbs of meal off Mr Knight. Hired a boy to cook for me for his keep.

Sunday 13th

Nothing occurred.

Monday 14th

The former part of the morning grubbing land for Garden and this latter part, went back 3 miles on my Grant and returned very well satisfied. This afternoon I shot 3 pigeons – Mavis and Joyce undertook to complete my house for me and commenced work this morning. They had 19¾ lbs of Flour and 5 lbs of Pork.

Tuesday 15th

Went into York with Knight's cart and returned at 3 o'clock with my filly, 136 lbs of Meal and 27 lbs of Wheat.

Wednesday 16th

Grubbing in the morning. Mavis and Joyce 3 ¾ lbs of sugar and 3 ¼ of pork. Sent boy to York for my mare and he brought her back.

Thursday 17th

Cutting stakes for Garden fence. Mavis and Joyce 8 ½ lbs of wheat at 3d/lb. Burges called. Boy putting sheep dung in heaps.

Friday 18th

In the morning cutting more stakes and finished grubbing land for Garden. After dinner dressed a bag of meal. Boy finished cleaning up manure.

Saturday 19th

Went with man to the Native Well, and followed the brook down to the River, about 1¼ of a mile from the Well I discovered another one, which contained much better Water, passed over very superior country, both as to the quantity and quality of the feed. Mavis and Joyce, 31¾ lbs of flour and 4 lbs of Pork, Mrs Knight 6 ½ lbs of rice.

Sunday 20th

Walked down to Mr Burges'. Messrs Brockman, Shaw and L. Burges called. Dog came from York.

Monday 21st

Cutting stakes for garden fence. Mavis and Joyce 3¾ lbs Pork. Dog being a great thief, I sent him away. Bland and G. Eliot called.

Tuesday, 22nd

Cutting stakes for Garden fence. B. Brockman and M. Shaw called. Mavis and Joyce 4 lb Pork.

Wednesday, 23rd

Mavis and Joyce 4½ lbs Sugar.

Thursday, 24th

Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs Pork

Friday 25th

Went with (a native) to a spring which was dry, but evidently contained water 9 months in the year and passed over very superior country both as to the quantity and quality of the food. Mavis and Joyce 23¾ lbs of flour.

Saturday, 26th

Nothing particular occurred.

Sunday, 27th

Went into York

Monday, 28th

Arrived home from York about 2 o'clock and was impressed that every mare and filly had been adrift since yesterday morning. I immediately went in pursuit of them and after a very difficult and laborious search found the mare with the rope passed a tree 3 or 4 times in a dreadfully famished state, one day longer and she must have felt a victim of the boy's neglect and want of water. He absconded at York. I sent for him and gave him a severe thrashing. I shot 3 cockatoos and one duck.

Tuesday, 29th

Looking after filly, but was unsuccessful. Mavis and Joyce 4¾ lb of Pork. Mr & Mrs G. Cheyne and A. Trimmer called. Filly came home voluntarily about 1 o'clock. Lost the Boy.

Wednesday, 30th

Boy not come home, feel rather uneasy for his safety. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork.

Thursday, 31st

Nothing occurred, except Boy has escaped to Guildford. Mavis and Joyce 29¾ lbs of flour.

APRIL

Friday, 1st April

Nothing particular occurred.

Saturday, 2nd

Went Kangaroo hunting with Mr Knight but did not kill. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork. Shot 2 cockatoos. In the evening caught 2 cobblers.

Sunday, 3rd

Nothing occurred.

Monday, 4th

Clearing the garden land of timber and piled it in heaps. Mavis and Joyce 4 lbs of Pork and 4½ lbs of Sugar.

Tuesday, 5th

Went out hunting with Mr Knight and killed one small one.

Wednesday, 6th

Burning wood on the garden land this morning. In the afternoon walked to York and had off Mr Bland 20½ lbs wheat. Mavis and Joyce 4 ¾ lbs of Pork.

Thursday, 7th

Returned from York and prepared to start for Guildford tomorrow.gave me some garden seeds.

Friday, 8th

Started for Guildford. Mavis and Joyce 14½ lbs of Flour, 9½ lbs of Pork, 2½ Sugar.

Friday, 22nd

Returned from Guildford after being absent a fortnight.

Saturday, 23rd

In the morning clearing land. Mavis and Joyce 8 lbs of meal, 4 lbs of Pork and 3¾ lbs of sugar.

Sunday, 24th

Went into York and found Jones's cart there with my seed, wheat, 2 dogs, etc. Unfortunately, one of the dogs went mad and died immediately. Had of Mr Bland 160 lbs of meat.

Monday, 25th

Employed clearing land for wheat in the morning and dressed the meat after dinner. Mavis and Joyce 59 lbs of meal. Mr W. Burges called and Mr Manson who slept here.

Tuesday, 26th

Went out hunting this morning and killed 2 kangaroo rats. Mavis and Joyce 3½ lbs of Pork.

Wednesday, 27th

Grubbing land for wheat. Mavis and Joyce 36 lbs of flour.

Thursday, 28th

Grubbing land for wheat.

Friday, 29th

Grubbing land for wheat this morning. In the afternoon set fire to 5 large gum trees.

Saturday, 30th

Went out hunting this morning, no luck. Killed 2 kangaroo rats. Mavis & Joyce 4¾ lbs of Pork.

MAY

Sunday, 1st May

Mavis and Joyce went out hunting but had no luck. Agreed with Ginger to work (grub) for a week for 2/- a day and his board.

Monday, 2nd

Agreed with Lawrence that he should grub and clear for the plough 2 acres of land for £5.10.0 and find himself. He (Lawrence) had 7½ lbs of flour.

Tuesday, 3rd

Ginger arrived last night and commenced grubbing this morning. Mrs Knight 4½ lbs of Rice. Burning trees today.

Wednesday, 4th

Burning trees this morning. Mavis and Joyce 2 lbs of sugar and Lawrence 1 lb of sugar. Purchased a kangaroo dog offor three nanny goats and £3. And, coming from his place, killed a doe about 40 lbs.

Thursday, 5th

Collecting wood in piles all day. Mavis and Joyce 22 lbs of flour and 8 lbs of Pork. Lawrence 11 lbs of flour and 1½ of Pork.

Friday, 6th

Employed burning and collecting wood all day.

Saturday, 7th

Went out kangaroo hunting with my dogs, Spot and Miller, but was unsuccessful.

Sunday, 8th

Went to York. Mrs Knight 5 lbs of sugar, Mavis and Joyce 2 lbs of sugar and Lawrence 1 lb of sugar. Sold Axley 5 wethers for 6 guineas. Mavis and Joyce went out hunting and killed a buck weighing between 60 and 70 lbs.

Monday, 9th

Collecting wood in heaps all day.

Tuesday, 10th

Burning and collecting wood.

Wednesday, 11th

Burning and collecting wood. Mavis and Joyce 6 lbs of flour and Lawrence 4 lbs of flour. Lawrence completed his two acres today and I gave him one more acre to do for £4.5/- and find himself.

Thursday, 12th

Went out this morning to seek for three sheep of mine (in company with Mr Knight) which are lost in the bush, but could not find them. Messrs Bland and G. Eliot called.

Friday, 13th

Went with two Natives after the sheep but could not find them. In the afternoon went with my mare to York and returned with one bag of meal. Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs of flour and 2 lbs of sugar, Lawrence 2½ lbs of flour and 1 lb of sugar.

Saturday, 14th

Cutting up wood and putting it in heaps. A. Jones called. Mavis and Joyce 16 lbs of meal and 3 lbs of wheat. Lawrence 6 lbs of meal and 4 lbs of wheat.

Sunday, 15th

Men went out hunting and killed 2 Kangaroos, each weighed about 45 lbs. Mavis and Joyce 3 lbs of pork and Lawrence 1½ lbs of pork. Mrs Knight 4 lbs of sugar.

Monday, 16th

Dressed a bag of meal this morning and cut up some trees. To Mrs Knight I paid 17 lbs of meal. Lawrence 11 lbs of Kangaroo.

Tuesday, 17th

Cutting up trees. Mavis and Joyce 16 lbs of flour ad 2 lbs of sugar. Lawrence 8 lbs of flour and 1 of sugar.

Wednesday, 18th

Burning piles of wood on wheat land.

Thursday, 19th

Went out hunting this morning and killed 2 Emus, one about 20 lbs and the other about 30 lbs. Mrs Knight 6½ lbs of sugar.

Friday, 20th

Mavis and Joyce 6 lbs of flour and Lawrence 3 lbs of flour.

Saturday, 21st

Cutting up trees and burning piles of wood all day. Mavis and Joyce 5 lbs of flour and Lawrence 2½ lbs of flour.

Sunday, 22nd

Went into York and had of Mr Bland 142 lbs of meal. Mavis and Joyce 18 lbs of meal and 6 lbs of Emu. Lawrence 9 lbs of meal and 3 lbs of Emu.

Monday, 23rd

Went out hunting and killed a doe between 30 and 40 lbs.....

Tuesday, 24th

This morning myself and a native carted 6 loads of manure from Mr Knight's farm. Mavis and Joyce 8 lbs of kangaroo and 3½ lbs of sugar. Two sheep were missing from my flock. To compensate the loss Mr Knight gave me five fine hens and said, "one here has 11 chickens and I gave 22 shillings for them".

Wednesday, 25th

Digging land in the garden, and in the afternoon put some cabbage, onion and radish seed in. Lawrence finished his three acres yesterday and after deducting £1.15/- for his board I paid him £6.0/0 and he left. Mr and Mrs Knight left for Perth. Bought of Mr and Mrs Knight 6 bushels of wheat at 11 shillings per bushel, which I am to pay to Mr Bland.

Thursday, 26th

Digging land in the garden.

Friday, 27th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Finished dressing a bag of meal.

Saturday, 28th

Digging land in the garden and put in some turnip seed. Mavis and Joyce 23 lbs of flour and Mr Hunter 3¼ lbs sugar.

Sunday, 29th

Went into York and bought of Mr Bland 10 bushels of wheat at 12 shillings a bushel.

Monday, 30th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Bought a puppy of Mr Bas.... For 35 shillings.

Tuesday, 31st

Digging land in the Garden and put in some turnip seed.

JUNE

Wednesday, 1st June

Digging land in the garden and put in some cress seed. Mavis and Joyce finished the house according to their agreement and, after deducting £9.1/6 for their provisions, etc. I gave them an order on Mr Samson for £15.9/6.

Thursday, 2nd

Breaking up land in the garden. This afternoon I walked down to Mr Burges. Mavis left this morning. Today I hired Joyce for 1 year, until he takes the ship. I am to give him at the rate ofand when he takes charge of the ship I am to pay him £5 per annum and his keep. Joyce burning wood on wheat land all day. Richard undertook to dig a ditch and put a small fence on

the bank around the Garden for.....and I am to bring the wood to the spot. Richard 4 lbs of Pork.

Friday, 3rd

Went out hunting and killed a doe between 20 and 30 lbs. Joyce clearing land of timber. Richard 10½ lbs of flour and 6½ lbs of Kangaroo.

Saturday, 4th

Writing a letter home andfor Perth. And rode down to Mr Clarkson's, returned in the evening. Joyce started for Perth and I gave him £5 for his 2 ½ days work. His time will commence when he returns.

Sunday, 5th

Stopped at home today.

Monday, 6th

Went out hunting with Spot and Miller and killed a buck about 70 lbs. Spot killed him and all the others I have killed before.

Tuesday, 7th

Digging up land in the Garden. Richard 13 lbs of Kangaroo and 12 lbs of flour.

Wednesday, 8th

Digging up land in the Garden this morning. Went into York and brought 2 bushels of wheat from there.

Thursday, 9th

Digging up land in the Garden.

Friday, 10th

Went out hunting and Spot killed 2 kangaroos, each weighed about 40 lbs. Miller ran home.

Saturday, 11th

Working in the Garden all day and put in some peas.

Sunday, 12th

Rode down to Mr Aget's this morning. Richard 2½ lbs of Kangaroo.

Monday, 13th

Returned from Mr Aget's about 10 o'clock. He gave me some cauliflower plants and I put them in the Garden this afternoon. I also found some mustard seed.

Tuesday, 14th

Working in the garden this morning and sowed some lettuce seed. Dressed a bag of meal this afternoon.

Wednesday, 15th

Went out hunting and killed 2 does. Miller killed one and Spot the other, both of them about 40 lbs each. Hired Richard by the month; he finished the ditch and I am to give him £2 a month and his grub. He was cutting stuff for Garden fence all day. Mr Tom Dodd arrived and slept here. He brought Mr Clarkson's plough. I have arranged with Mr C. to plough, harrow and fence for £2.10/- an acre and I am to deduct 9d a day for Richard's wages and grub.

Thursday, 16th

Working in the Garden. Richard went down to the Clarkson's this morning and returned with a pair of horses from there this evening.

Friday, 17th

Richard driving ploughing and I was driving the horses and grubbing small stuff. Joyce returned from Guildford.

Saturday, 18th

Richard ploughing and I was at the same work today as I was yesterday. Joyce commenced from today to work for me for a year. He was burning wood on wheat land and was filling the holes.

Sunday, 19th

Went into York.

Monday, 20th

Driving the horses and working in the Garden. Richard ploughing and had not been long at work before he broke the cock. Richard drew up some stuff for fences with Jack in the afternoon. Joyce grubbing a few trees and filling up holes in wheat land all day.

Tuesday, 21st

Rode up to Parker's this morning. Joyce went hunting and killed a buck about 70 lbs. Richard drawing stuff up for Garden fence.

Wednesday, 22nd

Returned from Mr Parker's and borrowed a cock of a plough of Mr Trimmer and engaged Mr Parker to plough and harrow, sow 3 or 4 acres for 50 shillings an acre. He is to have my mare for 10 shillings a day and allow her 2 feeds of corn a day. His son is coming down and I am going to charge 1 shilling a day for his keep. He is to be here on Sunday. Richard and Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence in the morning, but this afternoon, being very wet, I could not do anything.

Thursday, 23rd

Driving the horses all day. Richard sowed 1 acre today and ploughed nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ of it. I am going to plough it in. Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence. Captain Pratt and Mr Carter called.

Friday, 24th

Driving horses nearly all day. Richard ploughing. Joyce cutting stuff for Garden fence. Governor and 5 or 6 more Gentlemen called.

Saturday, 25th

Driving horses and working in the Garden, sowed some onions, Richard ploughing. Joyce out hunting this morning and Miller killed a doe, about 30 lbs. Sent Joyce to York and bought 52 lbs of meal.

Sunday, 26th

Messrs **Shirt** and Burges called.

Monday, 27th

Driving horses and planted some Garlic and shallots this afternoon. Richard ploughing and Joyce cutting stakes.

Tuesday, 28th

Driving horses, in the afternoon dressed a bag of meal. Richard ploughing and Joyce out hunting. Spot killed a small doe, about 25lbs.

Wednesday, 29th

Driving the horses and put in some peas. Richard ploughing. Joyce finishing hut for a fowl house.

JULY

Wednesday, 13th

Working in the Garden. Richard sowed and harrowed in 2 acres of wheat. Joyce cutting black boy tops and grubbing in the garden. Mr Manson called and dined here. Heard today from G. Eliot that I have a large case from home.

Thursday, 14th

Drawing up stakes with my man this morning. In the afternoon walked down to Mr Burges'. Richard sowed and harrowed an acre today. Finished sowing for this season. Joyce working in the Garden.

Friday, 15th

Richard bringing in black boy tops. I went out hunting this afternoon but had no luck. Joyce working in the Garden and bringing in black boy tops. Mr Aggett called and took Mr Clarkson's horse, cart and plough and harrow away.

Saturday, 16th

Planting someplants and started for Guildford this afternoon. Joyce out hunting and Spot killed 2 small does. Richard working in the garden, he will commence working at and finishing off his ditch by Monday. He had 11½ lbs of kangaroo, 14 lbs of Pork 2 lbs of Pork

Saturday, 23rd

Returned from Guildford this morning – Joyce cutting battens for kitchen all the week except one day when he was hunting and killed two bucks, each weighing about 60 lbs – Richard doing his fence all the time. Last night a native dog broke into my fowl house and killed 7 fowls out of 17.

Sunday, 24th

Went into York and brought down 75 lbs of meal and a Cock, which I am to give Mr Bland 1

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Monday, 25th

Planting cabbage plants, which I bought from Guildford. Richard doing his fence. Joyce cutting and bringing up stuff for Garden fence. Richard 4 lbs of meal and 3½ of kangaroo.

Tuesday, 26th

This morning being very wet, could not do anything. This afternoon went over to Burges' – Richard finished his fence. Joyce in the morning putting roof of the kitchen together. This afternoon cutting and bundling up stuff for Garden fence.

Wednesday, 27th

Put in the onion and carrot plants this morning. This afternoon assisting Joyce and Richard working at the kitchen. This afternoon, cutting battens - Joyce working at the kitchen. Dick, the native, brought from York a kangaroo puppy out of a greyhound bitch I brought from England. Mr Manson called and he is going to stop with me for a few days.

Thursday, 29th

Went out hunting and killed 2 does, average weight 40 lbs. Richard cutting battens for kitchen, Joyce working at the kitchen.

Friday, 30th

Gardening all day. Richard fencing garden gate – Joyce at the Kitchen.

Saturday, 31st

Hearing someterrified. Richard banging in with the wheelbarrow with feed for the kitchen. Mr Clarkson called andhis horse and ploughed a pasture 4 acres for me at 50 shillings an acre, and after deducting £3.10/6d for Richard's wages and board, I paid him £6.3/6d.

AUGUST

Sunday, 1st August

Nothing worth remarking occurred.

Monday, 2nd

Mr Manson and myself went in search of our horses, but could not find them. Took the dogs and killed 1 small buck, about 35 lbs – Joyce bringing round a wheelbarrow for kitchen. In the afternoon, went in to York and bought from there 1 bushel of meal and 3 lbs of rope for thatching, for Richard thatching the kitchen.

Tuesday, 3rd

Planting out plants and dressed a bag of meal. Joyce working at the kitchen, Richard thatching kitchen. Mr Manson went into York; Mr L. Burges called.

Wednesday, 4th

Planting rape plants all day. Richard thatching kitchen all day. Joyce working at the kitchen all day. Mr M. returned.

Thursday, 5th

Went out hunting. Spot and Miller killed a buck – 40 lbs. Joyce working at kitchen all day. Richard left this morning - and after deducting £2.1/10½ for his grub whilst doing the fence, I paid him £3.2/4½d. Mr M. left.

Friday, 6th

Working in the garden all day – Joyce working at the kitchen.

Saturday, 7th

Working in the garden all day – Joyce, in the morning working at the kitchen. In the afternoon we went out hunting and Spot and Miller killed 3 does, average weight 45 lbs.

Sunday, 8th

Nothing worth mentioning occurred.

Tuesday, 9th

Working in the garden – Joyce working at kitchen. Mr Monger arrived.

Wednesday, 10th

Working in the garden, Joyce working at kitchen. Agreed with Mr Monger to give 5s.-6s. per day and his board. He walked down to Mr Burges and borrowed some tools and planed boards for table.

Wednesday, 11th

Working in the garden. Joyce working at the kitchen. Mr Monger planing boards.

Thursday, 12th

Richard to Mr Eliot's. Joyce at the kitchen. Mr Monger making stools, etc.

Friday, 13th

Went out hunting and Spot killed a 40 lb buck. Joyce at the kitchen. Mr Monger making table and 4 stools.

Saturday, 14th

In the morning working in the garden, in the afternoon went to York and bought 32 lbs of meal from there. Joyce at the kitchen, Mr Monger making table.

Sunday, 15th

Nothing occurred.

Monday, 16th

Working in the garden, Joyce wheeling in mud. Mr Monger making table.

Tuesday, 17th

Went out hunting and Spot and Miller killed 1 buck and 1 doe, average 50lbs. They also killed 1 brown kangaroo, about 20 lbs. Joyce clearing land for wheat next year, Mr Monger making table.

Wednesday, 18th

Digging in the garden – Joyce grubbing mud. Mr Monger making table.

Thursday, 19th

Sowing peas in the garden. Clearing land. Mr Monger finished table and stools.

Friday, 20th

Went into York yesterday afternoon and returned this morning with 15 lbs of meal which makes up the Joyce clearing land. Mr Monger left.

Saturday, 21st

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce working at the kitchen.

Sunday 22nd

Joyce went out hunting but was unsuccessful. Prepared to start for Guildford in the morning of tomorrow. O'Connor came down to stop for protection during my absence. Borrowed from Mr Burges one hinder leg of kangaroo.

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 1st

Returned from Guildford last night and brought up D. Pettitt to work for me. This morning sowing melon seeds – Joyce has been clearing land since I have been down and was at the same work today. left, he has been out hunting 4 times since I have been away and has killed 1 each time. Mr & Mrs Clarkson called.

Thursday, 2nd

Sowed some melon seeds – Joyce clearing land.

Friday, 3rd

Went out hunting and killed one doe about 40 lbs – Joyce clearing land. L. Burges called.

Saturday, 4th

Sowing melons. Joyce clearing land.

Sunday, 5th

Walked down to Mr Burges's farm and dined there.

Monday, 6th

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 30 lbs. Joyce clearing land.

Tuesday, 7th

Went into York and took 2 bushels of wheat to be ground. Joyce clearing land. Messrs J. Knight and S. Trimmer called and dined.

Wednesday, 8th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

Thursday, 9th

Cutting up trees on cleared land. Joyce clearing land.

Friday, 10th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

Saturday, 11th

Cutting up timber. Joyce went hunting and killed 2 bucks, one about 30 lbs, the other 20 lbs. In the afternoon Joyce went into York and brought 2 bushels of meal from there. Messrs Carter, Hapgood, Waters, J. Knight,and S. Trimmer called and dined.

Sunday, 12th

Messrs Knight & Burges dined here.

Monday, 13th

Cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land.

Tuesday, 14th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce clearing land.

Wednesday, 15th

Cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land.

Thursday, 16th

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 60lbs. Miller, I fear, has broken his leg, however I shall keep him until I can learn whether it is broken or out of joint. Joyce clearing land.

Friday, 17th

Working in the field cutting up trees. Joyce clearing land. Messrs Knight, Burges and Mackie called.

Saturday, 18th

Cutting up trees. Joyce finished chimney this morning. In the afternoon clearing land. Mr Trimmer called.

Sunday, 19th

Went into York and heard Doctor Justinian preach.

Monday, 20th

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land. Ordered Joyce to shoot poor Miller and on examining his leg found his thigh bone broken asunder.

Tuesday, 21st

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land.

Wednesday, 22nd

Went out hunting and killed a buck about 30lbs. Joyce clearing land. Messrs Slater & Clarkson called.

Thursday, 23rd

Very wet, consequently neither Joyce or myself could do much. Messrs Burges & B. Brockman dined with me.

Friday, 24th

In the morning cutting up trees, in the afternoon went into York and took about 2 bushels of wheat to be ground. Joyce clearing land.

Saturday, 25th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce washing sheep.

Sunday, 26th

Killed a wether. Shearers had 3 ½ lbs of kid and 5 ½ lbs of pork. Messrs Guber & Brockman called.

Monday, 27th

Joyce, myself and shearers washed my sheep this morning. With any sheep away, and I intend the boy to go with them at presentg g.

Tuesday, 28th

This morning working in the garden, in the afternoon went into York. Joyce making wool bag.

Thursday, 29th

Returned from York with a bag of meal. Joyce clearing land – in the afternoon Joyce walked over to Mr Clarkson's and brought Mr A. Trimmer's horse from them.

Thursday, 30th

Working in the garden – Joyce clearing land.

OCTOBER

Friday, 1st October

Packing wool all day – Joyce in the morning clearing land. PM: learning to shear. The three shearers commenced shearing my sheep this morning and finished about 3 o'clock. Number shorn, 91.

Saturday, 2nd

Working in the garden and PM: dressed a bag of meal. Joyce clearing land. Settled with the shearers and after deducting £1/2/6 for provisions I bought them for washing and and shearing, £1/6/0.

Sunday, 3rd

Walked over to Mr Burges with Mr Johnson who slept here.

Monday, 4th

Working in the garden. Joyce went out hunting but did not kill.

Tuesday, 5th

Working in the garden. Joyce clearing land. Mr Johnson called.

Wednesday, 6th

In the morning working in the garden and PM: went into York. Joyce clearing land.

Thursday 7th

Working in the garden and sowed some rock melons. Joyce out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. Mr Johnson brought down 24 iron hurdles and a crow bar, I shot two wood ducks.

Friday, 8th

Joyce and myself drenching sheep for the scab.

Saturday, 9th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce drafting sheep.

Sunday, 10th

Nothing in particular occurred.

Monday, 11th

Working in the garden. Joyce went out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. PM: took a bag of wheat to York.

Tuesday, 12th

Joyce and myself cutting and piling up wood in wheat land.

Wednesday, 13th

Working in the garden and PM: went into York. Joyce out hunting and shot 1 doe, about 30 lbs and Spot killed a buck about 80 lbs. He was obliged to leave the doe in the field.

Thursday, 14th

Returned from York and brought 115 lbs. of meal from there. Joyce piling up wood on wheat land.

Friday, 15th

Working in the garden . Joyce fetched 2 loads of the framework of a sheep cart which Wall is to make for 50 shillings.

Saturday, 16th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Joyce cutting up wood in wheat land. Wall came down and finished sheep cart.

Sunday, 17th

Nothing in particular occurred.

Monday, 18th

Went out hunting and killed a doe about 35 lbs. Joyce cutting up trees in wheat land. Commenced folding on land intended for wheat next year. Mr Burges called.

Tuesday, 19th

Joyce and myself cutting up trees and burning the same.

Wednesday, 20th

Both Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday.

Thursday, 21st

Went into York and took a bag of wheat to be ground – this is the last of Mr Knight's. Joyce employed the same as yesterday. Messrs Macdermott and Harris called.

Friday, 22nd

Joyce out hunting but had no luck. Working in the garden.

Saturday, 23rd

Joyce and myself cutting and piling the wood in wheat land.

Sunday, 24th

Rode into York.

Monday, 25th

Returned from York with a bag of meal. PM: did the same, Joyce cutting up wood.

Tuesday, 26th

Cutting up wood. Joyce went hunting.

Wednesday, 27th

Started for Guildford. Joyce will be finishing land for wheat (ie. Burning off wood) during my absence.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, 2nd November

Returned from Guildford this morning and found everything to be to my satisfaction.

Thursday, 3rd

Joyce and myself clearing land all day

Friday, 4th

Joyce and myself employed as yesterday.

Saturday, 5th

Joyce and myself employed as before.

Sunday, 6th

Went into York and took a bag of wheat to be ground which is some I bought of Mr James for seed.
Heard a ship was in from England.

Monday, 7th

Joyce and myself finished clearing land of timber.

Tuesday, 8th

Employed doing sundry little jobs. Out hunting but had no luck. Shall not hunt for this 2 weeks until
Spot gets in condition.

Wednesday, 9th

Went into York and bought 87 lbs of meal from there. Mavis and Joyce pulling down chimney and
putting up a new one. Mr L. Burges had let me have Mavis for 2 or 3 days. Mr L. Burges sent me 16
lbs of beef,

Thursday, 10th and Friday, 11th and Saturday 12th

Myself, Joyce and Mavis have been employed doing chimney and fire place. Mavis left on Saturday
evening. Mr Arthur Trimmer brought a packet of letters up from England. Thursday afternoon I
walked to York and got them.

Sunday, 13th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday, 14th

Joyce plastering house. pm took a bag of wheat into York.

Tuesday, 15th

In the morning Joyce and myself drafting sheep for the scab: generally very clean. 110 in flock.
Joyce pm plastering house.

Wednesday, 16th

Joyce out hunting and Spot killed a doe about 30 lbs. PM: Joyce plastering my house. I did nothing in particular today.

Thursday, 17th

Rode into York and brought a sack of meal from there. PM: Dressed the meal. Joyce plastering house all day.

Friday, 18th

Joyce plastering house all day.

Saturday, 19th

Rode with Mr & Mrs Shaw to his place and returned on Sunday evening. Joyce in the morning finished the plastering and PM: mowing for Mr Burges.

Sunday, 20th

Nothing in particular occurred.

Monday, 21st

Joyce out hunting but had no luck. In the evening he went to Mr Burges to mow. Today I had the misfortune to lose 3 sheep, one ewe after lambing, the other two (ewe and ewe lamb) were driven away from the flock by Christmas' dog.

Tuesday, 22nd

Nothing particular except I shot two hens today.

Wednesday, 23rd

Putting oats in heaps all day. Joyce mowing till 5o'clock in afternoon when he took a sack of wheat into York.

Thursday, 24th

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. Ewe and lamb that ran away found the flock today.

Friday, 25th

In the morning out hunting but had no luck and PM: collecting oats in heaps. Joyce at the same work as yesterday and finished mowing today. Killed a wether lamb, weighed about 30 lbs.

Saturday, 26th

Joyce and myself collecting oats together.

Sunday, 27th

Messrs G. and L. Burges dined with me and after dinner rode into York.

Monday, 28th

Joyce collecting oats together all day. Returned from York this afternoon with a bag of meal.

Tuesday, 29th

Joyce and myself collecting oats together all day.

Wednesday, 30th

Joyce and myself finished oats today. S. Trimmer called and will stop

DECEMBER

Thursday, 1st

Joyce and myself reaping wheat all day. PM: S. Trimmer assisted. Mr & Mrs McLeod, Eliot and Mortimer called.

Friday, 2nd

Joyce and myself reaping all day.

Saturday, 3rd

Joyce and myself reaping all day. Mr & Mrs Trimmer and Mr Brockman called.

Sunday, 4th

Nothing in particular occurred.

Monday, 5th

Joyce and myself reaping all day. Killed a sick lamb, weighed about 20 lbs.

Tuesday, 6th

AM: I was reaping and PM: myself and S. Trimmer drove 27 lambs down to be weaned. Joyce binding and reaping all day.

Wednesday, 7th

AM: I was reaping and PM: took a sack of wheat to be ground. Joyce reaping all day.

Thursday, 8th

Returned from York this morning with a bag of meal and PM: reaping. Joyce reaping and binding all day.

Friday, 9th

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day.

Saturday, 10th

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day. G. Eliot and MacLeod called.

Sunday, 11th

Rode into York.

Monday, 12th

Joyce and myself reaping and binding all day.

Tuesday, 13th

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. S.Trimmer went out hunting and killed a buck around 50 lbs and a Bush Kangaroo.

Wednesday, 14th

Joyce and myself reaping all day.

Thursday, 15th

Joyce and myself employed the same as yesterday. Finished reaping. Messrs MacLeod and Mortimer called.

Friday, 16th

Joyce binding all day. In the afternoon I went out with the sheep, boy being unwell. S. Trimmer went out hunting but had no luck.

Saturday, 17th

Binding all day. Joyce in the morning bought 23 lbs of flour from Mr A. Trimmer and in the PM: binding.

Sunday, 18th

AM: Joyce went out hunting and killed a doe about 30 lbs. PM: I went into York.

Monday, 19th

Returned from York. Sold my mare to Mrfor £27.0.0 and 5 old merino ewes and one wether lamb. I went into York to appear as a witness.....Mr Trimmer's case came down and **will in any case**.

Tuesday, 20th

Joyce and myself loading cart and finished at 12 o'clock. 260 of Mr L. Trimmer's lambs came down to be weaned with Mrand a dog.

Wednesday, 21st

Went out with the sheep.digging in the garden. Joyce and L. Trimmer went out hunting and killed a buck about 70 lbs – the remainder of the day Joyce plastering chimney.

Thursday, 22nd

Working in the garden. Joyce plastering chimney.

Friday, 23rd

PM: Went out with sheep and AM: working in the garden. Joyce wheeling up clay for parlour floor. PM: laying boards to tread on.

Saturday, 24th

AM: out with sheep; Joyce wheeling up clay. Meares came and took lambs away. left. Killed a wether weighing 34 lbs. Mavis came and took lambs away.left.

Saturday, 25th

Christmas Day. Killed a wether, weighed 34 lbs. Dined with L. Burges.

Monday, 26th

Doing various jobs. Joyce wheeling up clay in the morning. PM: Went out with Christmas threshing. T. Jamieson and L. Burges went out and killed 4 kangaroos.

Tuesday, 27th

Cleaning wheat and went to Mr Burges' and ground it. AM: Joyce with sheep and Christmas threshing.

Wednesday, 28th

AM: working in the garden. PM: cleaning wheat – about 2 bushels. Joyce finished chimney today.

Thursday, 29th

AM: Walked to Mr Burges' and brought away 120 of his sheep.....who will pay Mr Joyce's wages and keep for three months. PM: walked into York and bought a sheep dog on trial. Joyce putting on

Friday, 30th

Went to Mr Burges and ground about 40 lbs of wheat. Joyce out with sheep. David cooking. Number in flock 240.

Saturday, 31st

S. Trimmer out hunting but had no luck. Joyce with sheep.

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JANUARY

Sunday, January, 1st

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday, 2nd

Cleaned wheat and started for Guildford.

Wednesday, 11th

Returned from Guildford and found everything going on well.

Thursday, 12th

Mrcame and took away 16 oflambs and his.....S. Trimmer went hunting and brought home half a hind quarter of a buck.

Friday, 13th

Nothing particular occurred.

Saturday, 14th

Nothing particular.

Sunday, 15th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday, 16th

G. Eliot brought over aof pork and a bag of meal for me in his cart.

Sunday, 22nd

Nothing particular occurred last week – excepting Mr Parker's cart brought up some goods for me from Guildford.

Monday, 23rd

Wheeling up clay all day.

Tuesday, 24th

Picking up clay and wetting it.

Wednesday, 25th

Went into York and brought from there 30 lbs of flour.

Thursday, 26th

Went out with sheep. Joyce laying floor in sitting room.

Friday, 27th

Myself and Joyce employed the same as yesterday. Joyce finished.

Saturday, 28th – Monday, 30th

Nothing particular occurred. I went into York and bought 70 lbs of flour from there.

Tuesday, 31st

.....floor to.....22m²

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 1st

Joyce threshing and David went out with sheep. G. Elliott called – Garyn, the Native, went out hunting with Spot and killed a doe about 35 lbs.

Thursday 2nd

Cleaned up wheat- about 2 bushels.

Friday, 3rd

Joyce threshing again. David out with sheep.

Saturday, 4th

Cleaned up wheat – about 3 bushels.

Sunday, 5th

Walked into York.

Monday, 6th

In the afternoon took $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wheat down to Mr Burges' but did not finish grinding it.

Tuesday, 7th

In the morning David and myself out with sheep. PM: Finished grinding at Mr Burges' and brought it home. PM: David out with sheep, Joyce thrashing all day.

Wednesday, 8th

Cleaning up wheat – $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels.

Thursday, 9th

PM: Took $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel of wheat to Mr Burges' and ground it. and J. Harris called.

Friday, 10th

Joyce threshing – David with sheep. Mr Carter dined here with Mr S. Trimmer.

Saturday, 11th

Cleaning up wheat – about $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels.

Sunday, 12th– Monday, 13th and Tuesday, 14th

Nothing in particular happened.

Wednesday, 15th

Myself and David out with sheep all day; Joyce threshing.

Thursday, 16th

Cleaning up wheat – about $2\frac{1}{2}$ bushels.

Friday, 17th

AM: walked over to Mr Burges and ground 40 lbs of wheat. PM: went into York. David out with sheep, Joyce threshing.

Saturday, 18th

Cleaning up wheat – about 2 ½ lbs.

Sunday, 19th

Set a hen over 8 eggs – also a native dog killed one of my best hens and I shot him.

Monday, 20th

Ground ½ a bushel of wheat at Mr Burges'.

Tuesday, 21st

G. Eliot, B. Brockman and L Burges dined with me today. David left for Guildford yesterday.

Wednesday, 22nd

Digging in the garden all day. Billy, the Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck, about 20 lbs.

Tuesday, 23rd

Went over to Mr Burges and ground ½ a bushel of wheat.

Friday, 24th

Digging in the garden all day.

Saturday, 25th

AM: Digging in the garden. PM: Out with sheep, Joyce threshing. Gillani, a Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck about 20 lbs and 4 kangaroo cats. Had a heavy fall of rain this week. Number in flock – 220,

Sunday, 26th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday, 27th

AM: Went to Mr Burges' and ground ½ a bushel of wheat. PM: Cleaned up about a bushel of wheat.

Tuesday, 28th

Went with sheep all day. Joyce threshing. Gillani, the Native, out hunting and killed a fine buck about 60 lbs.

MARCH

Wednesday, 1st

Ground ½ a bushel of wheat at Mr Burges'.

Tuesday, 2nd

Cleaning up wheat – about 2 bushels – and digging in the garden.

Friday, 3rd

PM: Out with sheep. Joyce PM: thrashing. Gillani out hunting but did not kill – shot a fine black duck.

Saturday, 4th

PM: Out with sheep and AM: Went over to Mr Burges and ground ½ a bushel of wheat. AM: Joyce threshing, PM: Out with sheep. Heard the *Shepherd* is arrived from England.

Sunday, 5th

Nothing particular occurred except Northeast arrived and I hired him at £2 a day and his keep to thatch my house.

Monday, 6th

PM: Walked into York and brought from there rope for thatching. Northeast getting things ready. Gillani out hunting but had no luck.

Tuesday, 7th

PM: Assisting Northeast . In the morning ground ½ a bushel of wheat. PM: Thatching – Native and I went with and Each of them killed one – 30 and 20 lbs.

Wednesday, 8th

Heard I had a box from England. Northeast and myself thatching all day.

Thursday, 9th

AM: Northeast and myself thatching. The former fell off the ladder and will be laid up for two or three days. Set a hen under 10 eggs.

Friday, 10th

AM: Ground ½ a bushel at Mr Burges'. Gilloni, the Native went out hunting and killed a fine buck, around 80 lbs.on the buck.

Saturday. 11th

AM: Out with sheep; PM: Cleaning up wheat, about 2 bushels. Finished threshing what turned out very indifferently. AM: Joyce thrashing. Northeast so bad that he was obliged to leave, white hen hatched 8 chickens.

Sunday, 12th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday, 13th

PM Ground $\frac{1}{2}$ a bushel of wheat.

Tuesday, 14th

AM: Out with sheep. Joyce walked down to Mr Dodd's and brought back Northeast who will take charge of my house and sundry jobs whilst I am down below.

Wednesday, 15th

Started for Guildford,

Thursday, 23rd

Returned from Guildford and found that the Natives had stolen 3 bushels of wheat during my absence. Northeast gardening – Joyce out with sheep. B.B. has taken his sheep away and I have 7 of G. Eliot's rams.

Friday, 24th

Northeast thatching, Rob, the Native, out hunting and killed a buck about 50 lbs. Several people called and I sold Mr Carter 8 chickens for 3s.6d each.

Saturday, 25th

AM: Northeast and myself thatching. PM: Joyce went to Mr Burges' and ground $\frac{1}{2}$ a bushel of wheat. Northeast out with sheep.

Sunday, 26th

Walked to Mr Burges' and dined there. Killed a wether lamb which weighed 32 lbs.

Monday, 27th

Northeast and myself thatching. Mr Burges took 6 lambs of his from my flock and I

Tuesday, 28th

Northeast and myself thatching.

Wednesday, 29th

AM: Out with sheep. PM: walked into York; Joyce assisting Northeast. AM: Northeast thatching; PM: Ground a bushel of wheat.

Thursday, 30th

Returned from York. PM: Assisting Northeast who was thatching all day. Billy, the Native, went out hunting and killed a small buck about 25 lbs.

Friday, 31st

Northeast and myself thatching all day. One of Mr Eliot's rams was killed.

APRIL

Saturday, 1st

Out with sheep all day. Joyce and Northeast thatching and finished.

Sunday, 2nd

Walked over to Mr Burges'.

Monday, 3rd

Northeast puttingon chimney. PM: out with sheep. Joyce ground ½ a bushel of wheat.

Tuesday, 4th

Out hunting but had no luck. Northeast finished chimney and clipping thatch around the house.

Wednesday, 5th

Wheeling up manure and digging in the garden. Northeast plastering all day.

Thursday, 6th

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Out with sheep. Northeast plastering all day. PM: Joyce ground ½ a bushel of wheat. Got out of Mr Burges 2 ewes, which Mr Brocking took away of mine. Killed a small wether, about 25 lbs. Mrbrought his things over and is going to reside with me.

Friday, 7th

Loading manure in heaps all day. Northeast plastering all day.

Saturday, 8th

Digging in the garden. Northeast finished plastering bedroom this morning. PM: Bringing up clay.

Sunday, 9th

Walked over to Mr Burges' and dined there.

Monday, 10th

Branded 36 of my young ewes and sowed a little cabbage seed. AM: Walked up to receive Lady Stirling's sheep from Mr Parker.

Tuesday, 11th

Returned with 142 sheep and 9 lambs of Lady Stirling's and am going to keep them at the rate of £25 per hundred per annum. I also brought down 10 of Mr Carter's rams and he is to pay me for keeping them the market price. Northeast laying floor in bathroom on Monday and Tuesday and today grinding. Number in flock 201.

Wednesday, 12th

Northeast and myself splitting wood for hurdles.

Friday, 14th

Northeast and myself splitting wood for hurdles. Killed a wether about 26 lbs.

Saturday, 15th

Ground about 15 lbs of wheat. Northeast sawing out stuff for hurdles.

Sunday 16th

Stopped at home today.

Monday 17th

Ground about 25 pounds of wheat. Northeast making hurdles.

Tuesday 18th

Started down the river. Northeast making hurdles. Billy, the native, went out hunting and killed a buck about 60 pounds.

Wednesday 19th

Returned this evening and bought of Mr Chidlow 30 bushels of wheat at 9 shillings per bushel, deliverable at my house. Also a steel mill off Mr. Davey for three pounds. Northeast finished making hurdles.

Thursday 20th

Ground half a bushel of wheat. Northeast laying stone for fireplace.

Friday 21st

Northeast thatching Mr Knight's house. Grant who is to cook arrived and I am to give him £1.5s per month and his board.

Saturday 22nd

G Elliot arrived and dined with me and I walked in to York with him. Northeast thatching Mr Knight's house and shepherds' hut. He left and has to receive £5.4s.

Sunday, 23rd

Returned from York this evening with Mr Eliot's cart and a cask of pork, Grant's box and some tea and sugar.

Thursday 24th

Carting up manure this morning, 6 loads, and PM: Drove cart back again and returned this evening.

Sunday 25th

Messrs L Burges and T. Trimmer dined with me today. Doing nothing in particular today.

Wednesday 26th

Chidlow bought 30 bushels of wheat from me and a mill. Out hunting but had no luck. Grant took about 20 pounds of wheat to Mr. Burges to grind.

Thursday 27th

Doing sundry jobs. Grant took 12 pounds of wheat to grind at Mr. Burges'.

Friday 20th

PM: Out with sheep. Joyce putting up mill.

Saturday 29th

Messrs Canfield and Burges called and dined with me today. Native cat killed hen and four chickens. Gasper, the native, out hunting but had no luck.

Sunday 30th

Walked down to Mr. Burges. Native cat killed two more chickens last night. Mr Grindall arrived.

MAY

Monday 1st

Carting dung into garden.

Tuesday 2nd

Out hunting but had no luck.

Wednesday 3rd

Walked into York with Grindall.

Thursday 4th

Digging in the garden. dined with me today.

Friday 5th

Nothing in particular.

Saturday 6th

Sowed some cabbage seed. slept here and I sold him 15 Van Dieman's land ewes heavy in lamb for £3/7s6d each.

Sunday 7th

Walked down to Burges'.

Monday 8th

Digging land in the garden and sowed some turnips. Gooch assisted me.

Thursday 9th

Walked into York and returned this evening. Killed a small wether about 20 lbs.

Wednesday 10th

Working in the garden. Messrs Trimmer and and Manson called.

Thursday 11th

Working in the garden.

Friday 12th

Digging in the garden.

Saturday 13th

Walk down to Mr. Burges' and digging in the garden.

Sunday 14th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday 15th

Started for Guilford with Mr Grindall and left Mr Trimmer to take charge of my house.

Wednesday 24th

Returned from Guilford with a load of goods and found everything all right excepting that a native dog had been very troublesome and killed 3 lambs of Lady Stirling's.

Thursday 25th

Working in the garden. AM:assisted.

Friday 26th

Working in the garden. Gasper, the native went hunting and killed a splendid emu about 75 lbs. Joyce shot at the native dog and wounded him since which time the natives found him dead in the bed of the river.

Saturday 27th

Working in the garden all day.

Sunday 28th

Walked into York and followed a soldier who was speared by the natives to his grave.

Monday 29th

Working in the garden.

Tuesday 30th

Working in the garden and sowed some carrots and onion seed.

Wednesday 31st

Working in the garden. Messrs Grindall and Jamieson left for Guildford.

JUNE

Thursday 1st

Walks down to Mr Brockman's.

Friday 2nd

Returned from Mr Brockman's with five ewes of Lady Stirling's.

Saturday 3rd

Working in the garden. Gasper went out hunting and killed a doe about 20 pounds. Native cat came last night and killed one of my young fowls. I commenced a year ago with 10 and I have now only five of my original stock left. Joyce is sheep***** Gibbs went mad today.

Sunday 4th

Dined at Mr the Burges' today.

Monday 5th

Working in the garden. Mr Grindall returned from Perth.

Tuesday 6th

Working in the garden.

Wednesday 7th

Walked into York today. Very wet weather which is much required at present.

Thursday 8th

Returned from York.

Friday, 9th

Working in the garden.

Saturday 10th

Went out hunting but had no luck. Omitted to put down that on Thursday Gasper went out hunting and killed a buck about 25 lbs.

Saturday 11th

Stopped at home today.

Monday 12th

Employed doing different jobs. Gasper went out hunting. Spot and killed a buck about 50 lbs.

Tuesday 13th

Working in the garden.

Wednesday 14th

Working in the garden. Gasper went out hunting but had no luck. Mr Barker called and I agreed with him to plough, sow and harvest 4 or 5 acres for £2 an acre. I am also to keep the mare and find of corn for each horse per diem. Swinson, Mr Barker's man arrived.

Thursday 15th

Cleaning wheat. Swinson ploughed nearly one acre today. Doctor Foley called.

Friday 16th

Cleaning wheat. Swinson lost his horses last night and he has gone to search for them. Shot a large wild cat today. Gasper out hunting but had no luck. Swinson has not returned.

Sunday 9th

Stopped at home today. Missed putting down the day last week – Joyce has been with me exactly one year today and certainly has conducted himself as a faithful servant and as he will not make any permanent arrangement with me, I have hired him by the month at the same rate which is £25 per annum.

Monday 19th

Cleaning wheat for seed. Joyce went out hunting but had no luck.

Tuesday 20th

Shifted fold to make manure for potatoes and melons and finished folding for wheat. Swinson not yet returned.

Wednesday 21st

Mr J. Walcott and boy arrived to plough for Mr Grindall. Swinson returned – he was delayed on account of having lost one of his mares.

Thursday 22nd

Nothing worth mentioning.

Friday 23rd

Out hunting but did not see a kangaroo. Swinson sowed nearly one acre and ploughed it in.

Saturday 24th

Working in the garden. G. Eliot called. Swinson sowed nearly one acre of wheat and ploughed it in.

Sunday 25th

Nothing particular occurred.

Monday 26th

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson ploughing, too wet to sow. Gasper out hunting but did not kill.

Tuesday 27th

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson harrowing and sowing all day. Mrcalled and dined.

Wednesday 28th

Cleaning wheat for seed. Swinson sowing and harrowing. He finished, having ploughed 4 ½ acres and 1/10 of an acre. I gave Mr Barker an order on Mr Hapgood for £9.4s. Mr Grindall left for Guildford. Mr J. Walcott and Boy left.

Thursday 29th

Left for Mr Brockman's today.

Friday 30th

Returned from Mr B's with Mr Casey and 5 ewes with 3 wether lambs by their sides and for which I payed (sic) £14/12s.

JULY

Saturday 1st

Very wet all day and could not work.

Sunday 2nd

Walked into York.

Monday 3rd

Returned from York and found that the Natives had again robbed me of ½ a bushell of wheat. Mr Knight slept here.

Tuesday 4th

Transplanting cabbage plants. Gasper went out hunting and killed a small one of about 15 lbs.

Wednesday 5th

Planting cabbage plants and putting down sheep guard. Mr Knight arrived and I sold him 10 wethers for £2/4s. per head.

Thursday 6th

Planting cabbage plants.

Friday 7th

Cleaning out sheep yard. Gasper out hunting but had not killed. I am giving up hunting and selling my dogs.

Saturday 8th

Planting cabbage plants.

Sunday 9th

Walked into York.

Monday 10th

Returned from York and sowed a few peas.

Tuesday 11th

Drove 16 of Mr Eliot's rams, 10 of Mr Parker's, 2 of Lady Stirling's and 2 of my rams into York and I am to pay him for the keep of my and Lady Stirling's rams the market price. Left the old ram I bought 2 years ago of Mr B. Brockman in the flock instead of killing him.

Wednesday 12th

Went out hunting and killed a doe about 40 lbs. PM: Sowed some radish seed.

Thursday 13th

Working in the garden.

Friday 14th

Mr Grindall arrived. Mr MacLeod called and told me that the Natives had killed two Settlers to the Northward.

Saturday 15th

Out hunting but did not kill. In the evening walked down to Mr Burges'.

Sunday 16th

Stopped at home. Mr Eliot called.

Monday 17th

Wheeling dung in the garden. Killed the old ram and he weighed about 65 lbs. His fleece weighed 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.

Tuesday 18th

Planted 4 rows of potatoes but I shall stop for another week before I plant any more in order to let the dung set down. Cut about 25 lambs this morning.

Wednesday 19th

Working in the garden. Gasper out hunting but did not kill.

Thursday 20th

Working in the garden and sowed some turnip seed.

Friday 21st

Went out hunting but did not see a kangaroo, however coming home, Spot went on the scent after one and after a chase of 2 miles long the kangaroo escaped by getting amongst a quantity of rocks.

Saturday 22nd

Working in the garden. Oxley and Smith called and told me that James had sold my Filly for £15./0/0, A policeman called and said that they had shot a Native at Mr Heale's. Mutton, butter, pork and wheat, in fact everything, is dear at present.

Sunday 23rd

Walked into York.

Monday 24th

Returned from York with a bushel of wheat from G. Eliot's which I had lent him some time ago. He owes 3 more bushels for keeping his Rams.

Tuesday 25th

Mr S. Trimmer lent me his bitch, Kebe, and I went out hunting with her and my dogs and killed a fine emu, about 70 lbs.

Wednesday 26th

Working in the garden.

Thursday 27th

Walked down to Mr Burges' and working in the garden. Heard another Native was shot at Mr Dodd's. Ordered Joyce to shoot poor old Spot.

Friday 28th

Went out hunting and Kebe killed a doe about 35 lbs. Sent a note to Mr Mortimer and he allowed me two soldiers, one to go with the sheep for protection and to whom I am to pay 1 shilling per diem, and the other to stop at the house.

Saturday 29th

Working in the garden. Mr Trimmer sent for Kebe. Mr Grindall is going to Perth and will not be back for 2 weeks.

Sunday 30th

Walked into York.

Monday 31st

Working in the garden. PM: Took a dog down to Mr Burges to be taken to Guildford by him. Captain Armstrong and Mrand Armstrong called. Commenced allowing the soldiers 1 lb of flour extra per diem.

AUGUST

Tuesday, 1st

Very wet all day and could not do anything. Killed a wether about 40 lbs.

Wednesday 2nd

PM: Went out with sheep. Joyce went into York for a bushel of wheat.

Thursday 3rd

Working in the garden.

Friday 4th

Planting potatoes. Soldier assisted me.

Saturday 5th

Planted two rows of potatoes. Another ewe lamb, about 2 months old, died today. This is the second one I have lost within the last three weeks. PM: Writing a letter to my Father.

Sunday 6th

Walked down to Mr Burges'. Hill, the soldier was recalled.

Monday 7th

Walked into York.....

Tuesday 8th

Planted a few potatoes and some cauliflower plants I got from G. Eliot. Mrcame down and slept here. Joyce brought one bushel of wheat from York.

Wednesday 9th

AM: Planted 2 rows of potatoes. PM: Out with sheep. PM: Joyce shearing 5 wethers. Mr Knight arrived. Sold Mr a pair of boots for £1.6/-.

Thursday 10th

Very wet and could not do much. This evening Mr Knight and myself and two men went out hunting after the Natives, in order to take Ben..... and in the doing, he resisted and Sydney George shot him through the head with a pistol. They have shot two more Natives at York.

Friday 11th

..... and myself put in six rows of potatoes. Sold Mr Knight ten wethers (five of mine and five of Lady Stirling's) for £1.10/- each. Sent down to Mr Dodd's.

Saturday 12th

Put in 3 rows of potatoes. Heard that Ben was only wounded in the neck.

Sunday 13th

Walked down to Mr Burges. One of my old ewes lambred in the bush and Joyce lost her but we think the Natives have killed.

Monday 14th

I finished putting in potatoes. Mr Grindall arrived from Guildford.....

Tuesday 15th

Saved some melon seed. Mrcalled and slept here.

Wednesday 16th

Cleaning out sheep yard. Heard that 4 or 5 Natives are shot to the northward. Mr B. Brockman called.

Thursday 17th

Saved some melon seed today. Mr Grindall brought some fruit trees from York for us. Mr S. Trimmer bought them for me at Guildford.

Friday 18th

Planted fruit trees. Joyce found the ewe and lamb he had lost last Sunday.

Saturday 19th

PM: Went out with sheep. Messrs McLeod and Mackie called. Heard that 2 or 3 Natives are shot in at York.

Sunday 20th

Stopped at home today.

Monday 21st

Very wet, therefore could not do much.

Tuesday 22nd

Very wet all day.

Wednesday 23rd

Hoeing cabbages in the garden. Hill, the soldier returned.

Thursday 24th

Hoeing cabbages in the garden. Mr Manson called and dined.

Friday 25th

Nothing particular occurred.

Saturday 26th

Two Native dogs are about, therefore I shifted the fold opposite my house. PM: Walked to Mr Burges who, with Mr Mackie, called.

Sunday 27th

Stopped at home today. then called and told me that two more Natives are shot.

Monday 28th

Heard the was in and went into York.

Tuesday 29th

Returned from York and prepared to start for Guildford.

Wednesday 30th

Brought down 52 ewes of Mr Grindall's and 20 ewe lambs of Lady Stirling's from York. Started for Guildford.

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7th

Returned from Guildford. Purchased a horse of Captain Armstrong for £3.10/-, some flour atper lb, a cask of pork for £8.0/-, 15 gallons of wine at 4 shillings and six pence per gallon and 4 gallons of rum at 13 shillings per gallon, 4 wool bags at 10 shillings each.

Friday 8th

Rode into York and returned this evening.

Saturday 9th

AM: Working in the garden.

Sunday 10th

Stopped at home today. Messrs McLeod, Mortimer and 2 friends called and dined. Killed a wether, about 35 lbs.

Monday 11th

Two soldiers are to build me a small barn as I shall not send one out with the sheep any longer. I am to pay them so much per day. They were cutting timber today. Mr Burges called and brought a cask of wine, a keg of rum and some wool bags from York.

Tuesday 12th

Sowed some water melon seed in the garden.

Wednesday 13th

Sowed some melons.

Thursday 14th

Digging land for onions. S. Burges called.

Friday 15th

Transplanting onions in the morning and PM: rode into York and brought from there 30 lbs of biscuit for soldiers' rations.

Saturday 16th

Transplanting onions all day. Mr Burges' bullocks came and drew in 3 or 4 loads of timber for building barn.

Sunday 17th

Stopped at home today. Mr Burges called. Took Grindall over my Grant.

Monday 18th

Promised to give soldiers 2 shillings a day and a glass of grog each.

Tuesday 19th

Very wet and could not do much. Soldiers worked only ½ the day.

Wednesday 20th

Working in the garden. PM: Rode into York and borrowed from Mr Mortimer 60 lbs of flour.

Thursday 21st

Assisting the soldiers. Burges and Mr Parker called.

Friday 22nd

Digging in the garden. G. Eliot and MacLeod called.

Saturday 23rd

Very wet all day. Soldiers didn't work.

Sunday 24th

AM: Rode into York and brought 30 lbs of pork from there as Soldiers' rations. L. Burges called and dined.

Monday 25th

Soldiers worked in the day only. Ben called and we agreed to commence washing sheep tomorrow.

Tuesday 26th

Went into York to wash sheep. Joyce and Thomas took the sheep in and we finished in about 3 hours. Joyce got drunk and the soldier brought the sheep home.

..... called.

Wednesday 27th

.....5 ewes off for Mr Johnson of Mr Grindall's but **2 ran in the flock again and then saw in the bush and have not been found since.**

Thursday 28th

Went into York and borrowed 62 lbs of wheat from G. Eliot.

Friday 29th

Nothing particular occurred.

Saturday 30th

Went into York and brought from there 30 lbs of pork and 30 lbs of biscuits as soldiers' rations. Mr Burges called. Thomas did not work.

OCTOBER

Sunday 1st

Stopped at home. Shearers arrived and I am to pay them 3 shillings per ewe for washing and shearing and they are to find themselves provisions and grog. I have agreed to pay Joyce £10 per annum from this day.

Monday 2nd

Shearers have shorn about 100 of Lady Stirling's sheep. Lining up fleeces with Mr Grindall all day. Paid him about 5 shillings which is also the money that is due to him.

Tuesday 3rd

Shearers shorn about 100 of Lady Stirling's and about 100 of mine and Mr Mr Grindall and myself employed the same as yesterday.

Wednesday 4th

Shearers finished today about 11 o'clock. They have shorn 400 sheep, lambs included, besides 4 rams in at York. Mr Grindall and myself employed the same as yesterday.

Thursday 5th

Desired soldiers to leave and I paid them about 12 shillings besides £1 I have to pay Mr Mortimer for them. Mr Grindall left for Guildford and I lent him my horse for 6 shillings per diem. PM: Gooch and myself packed 1 bale of Lady Stirling's wool.

Friday 6th

Gooch and myself packing Lady Stirling's wool, she will have 2 ½ bales.

Saturday 7th

Gooch and myself washing wool all day.

Sunday 8th

Rode into York.

Monday 9th

Returned from York and PM: Picked a fold and nearly packed 1 bale of my wool. Commenced folding for wheat next year, about 4 days ago. Mr Johnson called and took 5 of Mr Grindall's ewes away. Joyce shot a fine turkey today.

Tuesday 10th

Packed one bale of Lady Stirling's wool and finished packing my bale. Let her have about 60 lbs of my wool to fill her bale. Mr Trimmer's cart arrived and brought 3 bags of flour and 1 cask of pork from Guildford. Mr T. took the wool away: there are 3 bales. Mr T's shepherd came and brought down 196 lambs to wean and he took 109 of mine back to wean likewise.

Wednesday 11th

AM: Cutting slabs for barn and PM: as the lambs came back, took them into York.

Thursday 12th

Mr Grindall returned from Guildford. Took Mr Burges my hurdles to wash his sheep. Several gentlemen called. Mr G. brought his colt up.

Friday 13th

Building barn.

Saturday 14th

Building barn all day. Joyce shot another fine turkey.

Sunday 15th

PM: Rode down with Grindall to Mr Burges'.

Monday 16th

Majorand Wells called. Lent A. Trimmer 47 lbs of flour.

Tuesday 17th

Building barn. Mr Burges called.

Wednesday 18th

Building barn. Had a delightful fall of rain which was very acceptable.

Thursday 19th

Broke myand consequently could not work. Mr Knight called and I sent a note by him to Lady Stirling,

Friday 20th

Paid shearers £7.16/6. Messrs Eliot and L. Mortimer called.

Saturday 21st

Very cold and could not do much.

Sunday 22nd

Walked down to Mr Burges.

Monday 23rd

Building barn. Paid A. Trimmer £10 for cart horse. Let Grindall have 40 lbs of wool to fill his bale. Crops look well after the wet.

Tuesday 24th

Went into York and got Mr MacLeod to take a letter to England enclosed in one to G.B.

Wednesday 25th

Returned from York this evening.

Thursday 26th

.....a fold and went into York. Joyce took the sheep into York.

Friday 27th

Returned from York. Drew off Mr Trimmer's lambs from my flock and withdrew my lambs from his flock. Put the rams with the ewes of Mr Grindall's. Caught 5 Cobblers this evening.

Saturday 28th

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Caught 3 Cobblers.

Saturday 29th

Stayed at home. S. Burges called.

Monday 30th

Building barn. Mr Burges called. Joyce shot 2 ducks and I shot 1. Grindall and myself caught 3 Cobblers.

Tuesday 31st

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Had 2 or 3 showers this afternoon.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Building barn. Gooch assisted me. Mr Dodd called and dined. A most severe storm visited us this afternoon, such as ever I have not encountered before in the colony. Fortunately, it has not laid much of my wheat.

Thursday 2nd

Building barn and finished thatching it. PM: Wheeled up some mud and can to Mr Burges'. Gooch assisted.

Friday 3rd

Mudding barn. Gooch assisted. Brought from Mr

Saturday 4th

Mudding barn all day. Gooch assisted me. L. Burges called.....

Sunday 5th

Stopped at home today.

Monday 6th

Wheeling up clay and mudding barn, Gooch assisted me. Castrated and cut some lambs this morning. B. Brockman called.

Tuesday 7th

Joyce having a tremendous swelling on his instep and being unable to move, I was obliged to go out with sheep.

Wednesday 8th

Out with sheep. Messrs G.and Eliot called.

Thursday 9th

Out with sheep.

Friday 10th

Joyce's foot being better he went out with sheep. Mudding barn all day. Messrsand Burges called. Had a heavy shower this afternoon. One of Lacy Stirling's ewes died from a stoppage in the inside.

Saturday 11th

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn and rode to Mr Burges'.

Sunday 12th

Rode to Mr Brockman's.

Monday 13th

Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn.

Tuesday 14th

AM: Wheeling up clay. PM: Mudding barn

Wednesday 15th

Mudding barn and finished as much as I intend to do. PM: Started for Guildford.

Friday 24th

Returned from Guildford and found everything correct. Sold my horse for the same money I gave for him. *H.M.S. Beagle* arrived from England and brought a letter for me. I intend to leave the Colony by the first opportunity. Mr Grindall is going to take my farm and I have appointed Mr S. Burges to be my agent during my absence.

Saturday 25th

Mr Grindall started for Perth. Set a hen under 7 eggs. Mr Jennings' man came down for his bullocks, the same having been in my wheat.

Sunday 26th

Went into York with Mr Eliot.

Wednesday 29th

Returned from York. I have been assisting Mr Eliot get in his oats and barley. Joyce shot a fine turkey yesterday.

Thursday 30th

Went down to Mr Burges' and slept there. S. Burges and G. Eliot valued my wheat at 17 bushels to the acre. Sold 10 of Lady Stirling's wethers for 34 shillings each and 9 of my own for 32 shillings each. Sold my Horned ram to Lady Stirling for £4.10/0d which was valued by G. Eliot.

DECEMBER

Friday 1st

AM: Building up Mr Grindall's PM: Gooch and myself commenced reaping my wheat. It is rather singular that we should begin on the same day as we did last year.

Saturday 2nd

Gooch and myself reaping all day. Joyce assisted us for about 2 hours in the middle of the day. Done nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. Lost all my young chickens by the hawks and crows.

Sunday 3rd

Walked down to Mr Burges' and borrowed two sickles.

Monday 4th

Gooch and myself reaping all day. Mr Grindall returned from Guildford and helped us reap in the afternoon.

Tuesday 5th

Myself and Mr Grindall reaping all day. Joyce assisted us in the middle of the day.

Wednesday 6th

All of us employed the same as yesterday. Messrs Eliot and Mortimer called.

Thursday 7th

Gooch and myself reaping all day. AM: Grindall reaping. PM: As he could not get the reaping, sent him out with the sheep. Joyce reaping.

Friday 8th

Gooch and myself and all of us employed the same as yesterday. Mr Burges called. I have given up to 4,000 acres of my back land which is almost useless, for which I am allowed.....per acre to be laid out at future land sales for such a portion of land in the district as I may select.

Saturday 9th

All of us employed the same as before. Several Gentlemen called and Burges dined with me.

Sunday 10th

Stayed at home today. Several Gentlemen called.

Monday 11th

All of us employed the same as before except Mr Grindall did not assist us in the morning. Mr Burges dined with me.

Tuesday 12th

All of us employed reaping.

Wednesday 13th

All of us employed the same as yesterday and finished reaping.

Thursday 14th

Gooch and myself putting wheat in rows. PM: I was digging potatoes. I shall have about 100 weight.

Friday 15th

Digging potatoes all day. George Eliot came down. He is going to cart my wheat in tomorrow.

Saturday 16th

I was out with sheep. The rest were stacking wheat. G. Eliot left.

Sunday 17th

Walked to Mr Dodd's and sold my bitch "family" to him for £3.0.0. Heard that the Natives had driven off Major Bairn's sheep and speared 2 little boys who are not expected to recover.

Monday 18th

Digging potatoes all day.

Tuesday 19th

Digging potatoes and finished.

Wednesday 20th

AM: Looking over sheep and 302 of Lady Stirling's, 47 of Mr Grindall's, 21 of Mr And 116 of my own. Branded about 20 ewe lambs of mine.

Thursday 21st

AM: Taking an inventory of all farming, gardening, cooking utensils etc.on the farm. PM: Threshed out a little wheat. Captain Byrne called and told me the *Joshua Carroll* was arrived from England.

Friday 22nd

Threshing out wheat during the day. Joyce and myself cut three logs of raspberry jam wood to take to England.

Saturday 23rd

AM: Threshed a little wheat. PM: Mr Grindall and myself walked down to Mr Burges' and drew out the agreement between us.

Sunday 24th

Stopped at home.

Monday 25th Christmas Day

Dined at Mr Burges'.

Tuesday 26th

Walked into York and settled my accounts.

Wednesday 27th

Packing up my things, making out accounts. PM: Mr Burges came and took my things away in order to start for Guilford on Friday. I went down with them and took a last fond look at Woodlands. I have to pay Joyce about £23.0/0. and Gooch £9.7/-. Joyce is gone below and Warren will look after the sheep until he returns. Mr Grindall, my tenant, has to pay me £110.4/0 for board, wheat and sundry articles, £50 of which I have left with my agent to lay out in sheep. I am to pay 10 percent for commission. Mr G. has given me a receipt for 102 ewes, 12 wethers and 2 rams.