

NOTES

of a

VOYAGE

to

Jamaica & Carthagen.

Sailed 9th March 1833
Returned 19th June 1833

List of Ship's Company

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*Robert Snell*                      *Commander.*

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<i>John A Geach</i>	<i>Master</i>
<i>James Williamson</i>	<i>Surgeon</i>
<i>Charles Williams</i>	<i>Mate</i>
<i>James Pashbee</i>	<i>Steward</i>
<i>James Edwards</i>	<i>Steward's Mate</i>
<i>James Evenett</i>	<i>Boatswain</i>
<i>Gustavus Glason</i>	<i>Carpenter</i>
<i>William Stevens</i>	<i>Sail Maker</i>
<i>James Webber</i>	
<i>William Butson</i>	<i>Cook.</i>
<i>Dyer Williams</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>Charles Richards</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>John Richards</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>Alexander Webb</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>George Kelloway</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>Joseph Stevens</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>James Hoskin</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>Philip Waistcoatt</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>William Watts</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>John Sedgmore</i>	<i>A.B.</i>
<i>Henry Sanders</i>	<i>A.B.</i>

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Two boys John Evenett & John Sedgmore

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*Notes of a Voyage  
to  
Barbadoes, Jamaica & Carthagenia*

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Sailed Saturday 9th March 1833

}14 weeks 4 days

Returned Wednesd.^y 19th June 1833.

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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1833 - the Mail having arrived this morning for Lisbon, Jamaica and for Halifax, it was one P.M. ere we were ready to start. During nearly five weeks previous to this day, the wind had been chiefly to the West.<sup>d</sup> and South.<sup>d</sup> with now and then an easterly breeze for a short time; but fortunately for us we had a fresh and favourable wind from the Eastward, which we considered as a sure sign that the Easters were about to set in for some time. Under the influence of a strong & steady friend we soon got clear of the channel, and thereby avoided the dangers of detention in it, and the unpleasant feelings, which the continued sight of land you dare not approach naturally inspires. Weather cloudy with occasional rain.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - very fresh and favourable breeze from East.<sup>d</sup> Cloudy weather with occasional showers.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> - fine weather & favourable wind.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – very fresh and favourable breeze.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – very fine weather. Fresh and favourable breeze.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – fine weather. Moderate and favourable breeze.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – fine weather. Moderate and favourable breeze.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> – nearly a calm all day. Towards night light and favourable breezes.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – cloudy but pleasant weather, fresh and favourable breeze from SE.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – cloudy but pleasant weather. Wind fresh and still favourable but has drawn forward more to the Southward. At 8 P.M. foul wind at SSW, preceded by a heavy shower.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – fine morning – rain in the afternoon. In the horse latitudes or variables, Wind fresh but drawing still more forward.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> – rain all night, which altered the wind and brought it fair. This morning very little wind. During the day, light inefficient breezes from all quarters. At 7 P.M. wind sprung up steady but light at NW, just enabling us to lay along our course, fine weather.

Friday 22<sup>d</sup> – cloudy weather. Moderate and favourable breeze.

Saturday 23<sup>d</sup> – very light & favourable breezes all day from N & E, fine weather. Two vessels in sight, one steering after us, the other on a wind bound the N & W.

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – calm all day. Beautiful weather. One of the vessels seen yesterday in sight, showed colours when she proved to be a French barque.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – calm all day – fine W.<sup>w</sup> French barque still in sight.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – beautiful weather – very light favourable airs & calms all day – several vessels in sight. Spoke the *Free Trader*, Southwark, out 142 days from Madras and supplied her with provisions.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – morning calm – in the course of the day a light breeze sprung up from W & WNW tho' we are in 24\* N.<sup>th</sup> Three vessels in sight - & one of them (the Frenchman) is sailing parallel with us having kept us company since Saturday. Beautiful weather.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> – delightful weather, foul wind at W & WSW very light. Crossed the tropic today.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – calm all day – light foul wind from N & N.<sup>d</sup> in the afternoon – fine weather – very warm. No vessels in sight.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> – much rain last night – light foul breezes with a preponderance of calms – very fine w.<sup>r</sup>

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> – fine w.<sup>r</sup> calms with puffs & catspaws from WNW.

Monday 1 April – delightful weather, very light and favourable breeze.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – very fine w.<sup>r</sup> – light and favourable breeze.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – light airs and calms, beautiful weather – heavy swell from NW.

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – calm all day – fine weather – heavy swell from NW.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – light and foul wind in the morning. At 3 P.M. strong squall with heavy rain – after rain ceased the wind drew more aft – then fell off a dead calm, which continued till half past eight, at which time a fresh and favourable breeze struck up. Saw then for the first time a lunar rainbow – which verified an old nautical saying – a rainbow by night is a sailors delight.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – cloudy weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – fine w.<sup>r</sup> light and favourable breeze.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – light & foul winds from SSW & WNW all day – calm at night

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – calm – calm – calm – fine weather.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - moderate and favourable breeze – cloudy weather.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> – fine day – cloudy night – fresh and favourable breeze.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – cloudy morning with fresh and favourable breeze. At 11 A.M. a heavy flood of rain fell, which lessened & drew the wind forward. At 3 P.M. the breeze again struck up fresh and favourable – weather very cloudy with occasional showers. A vessel in sight this morning, steering more to the Westward than we are, and at 9.30 P.M. another vessel shewed a light, but we could not make her out.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - fine weather - fresh and favourable breeze – in the afternoon passed two vessels steering to the Northward.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - fresh breezes – fine weather. During last night we unfortunately got to the Westward of Barbadoes, either from bad steerage, or the influence of a current so that the wind which but for this circumstance would have been fair for us, was thus dead on end – and we were occupied the whole day in beating up to the Eastward to gain our former vantage ground. The Island was in sight all day – and by night we were not ten miles off!

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - at 5.15 A.M. came to anchor near our old spot. The morning was lovely - & more vessels were in the Harbour than I had ever seen yet. The aspect of nature was also the same, & I looked in vain for some dreadful memento of the last hurricane – such as the absence of trees – but none could I see. After breakfast I went on shore and found the same bustle, squabbling & numbers as ever. The town bore very few traces of the hurricane – indeed were it not from some suspicious signs I should never have conjectured that the place had been nearly overwhelmed by such a visitation. These signs were some houses, small in number here & there with their windows blown in and their roofs blown off. All the rest of the town had had the damage done effectually repaired, & now presented the same appearance as before.

The atmosphere on shore was excessively hot, and we were glad to bid it adieu at ½ past 12 and return on board, where under a large awning, & with the breeze playing freely around us, we enjoyed comparative comfort. Our vessel presented the usual [collection] of women – talking, laughing, scolding & chaffering – but there were not so many as we had been accustomed to see & I rather think that some of our old acquaintances have found a grave among the ruins of their dwellings. At 5 P.M. we received our Mail on board, and with a fresh and favourable breeze set sail for S.<sup>t</sup> Vincent.

S.<sup>t</sup> Vincent

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - this morning when I came upon deck, we were close to S.<sup>t</sup> Vincent's, and I had this time an opportunity of seeing it throughout its whole length. It is indeed a lovely island. At the extremity we are passing, the ground is comparatively low, and thickly covered with wood, then after a few miles it rises to a pretty considerable elevation – and you still see nothing but woods, woods. Now we are sailing at a rapid rate along the coast, and in a quarter of an hour we come to the first slight spot of cultivated land, which forms a large space on the declivity of a hill, & is marked off into regular fields – some of which were newly turned up, while others bore their fruits in various stages of perfection – and the whole presented a delightful picture of fertility & beauty. No sooner do you pass this oasis green in the vast extent of wood, than the faces of the country changes at every bound forwards which the vessel makes – and every time for the better. Ravines – acclurched – hillock – hills & tongues of land succeed in astonishing rapidity and variety. You have hardly time to gaze on one enchanting scene of a vale lying between two hills, which by their height confine your view within their inclosure, before, passing it like an arrow, another similar vista, if possible more beautiful is opened up. Adieu now to interminable woods. The industry of man stimulated by his avarice, had cleared these away to make room for productions more essential and important. Enough however, is still left to afford shade to man & beast, & ornament to scenery – a point of taste, in which the planters appear by no means deficient. But who can tell the favours and charms of each particular spot. Impossible. At very short intervals indeed in every valley, you can discover one or two windmills, revolving briskly & cheerily under the influence of a strong wind, & no doubt doing wonders in crushing the cane. Hard by the windmill, were the sugar houses, each with a lofty chimney, from which a steady & dense volume of smoke ascended in circling eddies to the air - & all presenting a very respectable appearance in the exterior. Again not above a stone's throws from these were grouped in a very picturesque style, the lowly huts of the slaves, formed of rude materials & thatched with broad leaves - & in the intervals between each of these trees of the liveliest green reared their umbrageous heads, & contrasting with the dark huts formed a picture of rural beauty worthy of the pencil.

Around all these objects lay the various fields – some green with the young canes or grass – some yellow with those ready to be cut & otherwise gleaming with a light straw colour, intermediate between the young plants & those in full maturity. In some of the fields a lively throng were engaged in cutting down and carrying away the canes to the crushing house. All seemed lively in their movements - & presented an apparent scene of happiness utterly inconsistent with your preconceived notions of the misery of the negroes lot. It is almost incredible to be told what numbers of mills & villages we passed - & the whole gave us an idea that S.<sup>t</sup> Vincent, is one of the best cultivated if not one of the most fertile of the Islands.

At 11 A.M. we came to anchor when the Mate went on shore with the Mail, but I did not take the opportunity of visiting the town myself.

The town is situated in a small but not deep bay, and presents but a so so appearance. The church I [found?] the most remarkable & most respectable building. The extent of the town is small, formed of huts & houses of two stories – some of the more respectable built on arches. At the right extremity of the Bay is a hill on which is a fort, whilst that to your left is unoccupied, & descends low to the water. The town may be said to be built at the foot of a ridge of hills which arise very irregularly in different parts. The centre terminates in a cone like form - & the whole is rugged, broken & covered in a great measure with trees. At 1 P.M. we left S.<sup>t</sup> Vincent with a

fresh and favourable breeze, which carried us quickly past the Grenadines, on our way to our next port Grenada. Fine weather all day – cloudy with occasional showers at night.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April – at 9 I accompanied the Mate & our passengers on shore with the Mail. All things were in status quo among the good folks here. There is nearly finished an excellent Presbyterian Kirk – with a handsome tower. At 12 we left in the midst of a shower of rain, with a fair wind for Jamaica.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – fresh and favourable breeze, fine weather. One slight shower.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Monday 22<sup>d</sup> – in sight of S.<sup>t</sup> Domingo this morning. At 12 abreast of Alta Vela – fresh and favourable breeze – fine weather.

Tuesday 23<sup>d</sup> – cloudy weather. Moderate and favourable breeze. The land of S.<sup>t</sup> Domingo still in sight, terminating in Cape Tiberon.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – light and favourable breezes all night & to day. At 10 A.M. descried the island of Jamaica. In the evening sailing along the coast – fine weather.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April - this morning at 10 arrived at Port Royal, where our passengers left us. Of these I shall now proceed to give you the opinion which I formed of them. They were two in number. M.<sup>r</sup> Michael Henry and M.<sup>r</sup> Caravallo.

M.<sup>r</sup> Henry was a stout man about 33, of ordinary height, black hair, & a very ruddy clear complexion. From his countenance I immediately judged him to belong to the tribe of Israel – but I could not say so for certain, and there was nothing Israelitish in his name, nor did any one on board seem to be acquainted with his nation. Sometimes I was doubtful of the inference I had drawn from the peculiars of his phiz – when I saw with how little scruple, nay with what gusto he devoured our pork and hams. In his manners he was very pleasant – in his conversation lovely & agreeable, but never deep or profound. He had resided 13 years in Jamaica, & having come home on account of his health, which being completely restored, he was on his return to Kingston, to resume his business. I met him several times at the Town and found him to be a Navy & Army Clothier, which business however, he gave up before we left for England, for that of a Jeweller and fancy merchant – or a seller of fancy articles. On making inquiry about him I was told that he was in truth and indeed a Jew – and in addition, that the Jews in Jamaica, were not at all scrupulous in violating the mosaical prohibitions against swine's flesh.

M.<sup>r</sup> Carvallo was a young man, about 22 as he told me – but I should have guessed him to be not more than 19 or 20. In his personal appearance he was very tall (about 6 ft. 3 in) – of a dark complexion - & from his name I set him down as a descendant of some of the old Spaniards. M.<sup>r</sup> C. and M.<sup>r</sup> Henry had been some months travelling thro' England and Scotland - & had derived amusement as well as reestablishment of their health from their tour. Altho' both these gentlemen were thus intimate, I never once suspected that M.<sup>r</sup> Carvalho was also a Jew – so little of the Jew had he about

him. Nay I never ever suspected the truth (for truth it certainly was), even when I heard him decline peas soup in which pork had been boiled – roast pork and some of the finest ham in the world – and I set down his consistent rejection of these to a dislike for them on the part of his stomach or palate & not to the real cause, viz. a conscientious scruple upon religious grounds. M.<sup>r</sup> Carvalho had not even the slightest accent, which M.<sup>r</sup> Henry had. He was also extremely well informed on all general topics – Had dabbled in History – Chemistry – Natural Philosophy & Astronomy – and the only fault I could discover in him was a certain degree of opinionativeness, which in some measure approached to an obstinate adherence to his own sentiments against all arguments or reason. But *quis omni caret cula* – nobody - and therefore I should say he was a precious metal whose intrinsic value is not lowered by some slight flaws in the workmanship, or some slight partial dimness of its lustre. M.<sup>r</sup> Carvalho then was a great favourite of mine - & I should not be sorry to have always so intelligent & pleasant a Companion de voyage.

I had almost forgot another passenger whom we brought with us from Barbadoes, a M.<sup>r</sup> Mahon, an assistant Surgeon in the Artillery. He was so short a time with us that, I can say very little respecting him. He made himself very pleasant – assumed no airs – amused us with sundry articles of mess chat.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April - at anchor in Port Royal Harbour. Went to town today – no news – no stir. Walked about a good deal and was exceedingly glad to get back to the old *Duke* in the evening.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> - at daybreak this morning left Port Royal for Carthagenia – fine weather - fresh and nearly favourable breeze.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – fresh and nearly favourable breeze – fine weather.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - fine weather - fresh and favourable breeze.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – at 8 A.M. in sight of land. At 12 saw the mountains of La Popa. At 3 P.M. passed thro' the Boca Chico & at 5 P.M. came to anchor.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>; Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – at anchor fine w.<sup>r</sup>

I have nothing new to remark respecting Carthagenia – it seemed as dull & uninteresting as ever. Here we landed an old Spaniard whom we called Don Juan – whom I did not much like & who had one peculiarity which I had never seen viz a new thumb growing out from the first joint of the proper thumb of his right hand.

We landed also a Senora Magdalena, a young lady who was on her way from Habana, to join her family in the Interior of Columbia. I was much pleased with her. She was by no means beautiful but her smile was so sweet that she almost seemed to be so. She suffered a good deal from sea sickness – but used to come upon deck & recline on the cushions of the poop Cabin. Thither an old slave (a black woman) used to bring for her convenience a certain utensil which shall be nameless, in case it should be required to receive the contents of the young senora's stomach – fough! fough!



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – at 3 P.M. we weighed anchor and left Carthagenia on our return to Jamaica, fine weather – foul wind.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – foul wind – land in sight at night.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – fine weather. Moderate and foul wind.

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – nearly favourable wind.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – rainy weather all day – fair but cloudy at night. Moderate and favourable breeze.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – very light and favourable breeze. Made Jamaica at 10 A.M. – lay off and on all night, as we found it impossible to enter Port Royal before darkness came on.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – at 10 A.M. we anchored off Port Royal. Here we landed several passengers, of whom I shall make a very cursory mention.

M.<sup>r</sup> Thomas T. Liddal came on board our Packet and took his passage with us over to Carthagenia, whither some particular business called him. I soon found out from his accent that he was a countryman, and was not long in learning from himself that he was a Glaswegian - & that at present he was a Merchant at Havannah, which place he had lately left in order to go to Carthagenia. I was highly delighted with him. Tho' engaged in active business, his mind was not like that of so many of similarly circumstanced full only of mercantile details & ideas & without an a [sic, but 'any'] particle of interest for any thing beyond profit & loss – but was surprisingly lively & imaginative. I have tried him on a good many points Theology, Poetry, History, &.<sup>c</sup> & I found him passably acquainted with one & all. He had a great taste for reading & it would appear that at Havannah after business hours, that was the only amusement he enjoyed. With such character as his I always find myself instructed and amused - & I always keep in mind the observation (if I mistake not of Franklin), that to converse with a man on the his [sic] particular trade or profession is a certain means of deriving much information in a pleasant & easy way.

During the time we remained at Carthagenia, M.<sup>r</sup> Liddal was very busy – so busy indeed, that he managed to get all his affairs settled there & to return with us to Jamaica on his way back to Havannah. All of all [sic, but 'us'] were extremely glad of this as we were mutually pleased with one another. Whilst we were at Kingston I was told by M.<sup>r</sup> L. that he found it impossible to get direct to his destination in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera there - & that thus he was compelled to seek a circuitous route by going to Belize in the Mexican Packet *Skylark*,<sup>1</sup> where if he could not obtain a direct passage Havannah he would be compelled to go along with the Packet to Vera Cruz, & Tampico. Success follow him!

The next whom I shall speak of is a Spaniard or I should rather say, one who talks Spanish alone – being a native of Coracoa but educated entirely at Carracas. His name was by courtesy Sen: Don Jose A. Apellaniz. He was a Clerk, as I understood, to the brother of the young lady whom we took to Carthagenia, & had been sent by his Master from Havannah for the purpose of escorting her in safety to her destination. He was a little thin fellow and amused us more by his actions than his words. He

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<sup>1</sup> Falmouth R.N. Packet *Skylark*, Lt. C.P.B. Ladd, in command. Sailed from Falmouth March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1833, for Jamaica and Mexico, returned October 11<sup>th</sup>.

suffered much from sea sickness – but like all Spaniards, no sooner were the contents of the stomach ejected, than he took in a liberal supply to fill the vacuum. We left him at Kingston waiting for an opportunity to go to Havannah.

We brought again from Carthagena the young female black, named Teresa, the servant of Senora Magdalena –

The other passengers require no description being neither good, bad, nor indifferent viz. a M.<sup>rs</sup> da Costa & her boy – a M.<sup>rs</sup> Isaacs with two children & servant girl, both ladies being Jamaican Jews.

Thus I have enumerated our passengers – and have left little more to be said of our voyage. During our stay at Port Royal I generally went up to town every day and as generally returned tired exhausted at night.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May - at daybreak we left our moorings in Port Royal Harbour and set sail for Ingleterra – fine w.<sup>t</sup> – beating wind.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – cloudy weather – engaged beating up to the East end of Jamaica – heavy rain at night.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – cloudy weather, beating up between Jam: & S.<sup>t</sup> Domingo.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – stormy, squally morning – fine afternoon – foul wind. At 6 P.M. close to Navasa, a small barren, uninhabited island.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> – fine day – rainy squally afternoon & night with most vivid lightning – beating up the coast of S.<sup>t</sup> Domingo.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – foul wind – in sight of Cuba & Hayti.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – left [sic] and favourable breeze, inclinable to calm, passing between Cape Maize & Cape Nicolas – very fine weather.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – fine weather – calms and light breezes.

Wednesday 22<sup>d</sup> – fine weather, light breezes. At 6 P.M. abreast of Fortune Island.

Thursday 23<sup>d</sup> – at half past 5 A.M. the Master went ashore with the Mail at Crooked Island – and at 11 A.M. we left with a moderate & foul breeze – fine weather all day. At 5 cloudy weather with rain, which caused the wind to draw more aft.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – rainy morning – fine day – pretty favourable and moderate breeze.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – Moderate and favourable breeze.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – very light and favourable breeze.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – fine weather – very light & favourable breeze

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> – rainy morning fine day – fresh and favourable breeze.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - fine weather – light and favourable breeze.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - fine weather – Moderate and favourable breeze.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> - rainy weather – Moderate and favourable breeze.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> - rainy cold weather – Thermometer at 58\*.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - squally weather – favourable wind but variable in strength.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> - variable wind & weather.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – we have felt very cold for these four or five days past – fresh and nearly favourable breeze.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - very disagreeable weather – gale of wind from S & E.<sup>d</sup>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> - cloudy morning – fine day – fresh and favourable breeze, with a heavy swell & loping about.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - cloudy weather – Moderate & favourable breeze.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - foggy weather with slight drizzle. Moderate & favourable breeze.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - fine weather – fresh and favourable breeze.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> - squally weather with occasional showers of rain and hail – fresh favourable breeze.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> - squally forenoon – fine afternoon, fresh & favourable breeze. Spoke the **Renard**<sup>2</sup> bound to Halifax.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - fresh and favourable breeze – fine weather.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - fresh and favourable breeze – variable weather.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - at 7 A.M. came to anchor in Falmouth Harbour.

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<sup>2</sup> Falmouth R.N. Packet **Renard**, Lt. Dunsford in command, sailed from Falmouth for Halifax, June 8<sup>th</sup> 1833, returned to Falmouth, August 26<sup>th</sup>. With a favourable wind the old **Duke** was able to cover in 4 days the same sea-miles as took the **Renard** eight days beating to windward.

Thomas Russel Dunn <sup>3</sup>

Here we landed Thomas Russel Dunn M.D. of Glasgow. We took him on board at Port Royal, where for the last five years he had been Assist.<sup>t</sup> Surgeon at the Naval Hospital in that place. Before him no one, for the last thirty years back had been able to fulfil the duties of that situation for more than two or three years. Such was the fag & exertion required that they all either died at their post, or were obliged to invalid home. Dunn alone stood the trial five years, and if merit and services ought to entitle a man to promotion, no one could be more deserving of than my countryman. Yet still it is withheld because forsooth he has no interest with the present administration – and after nine years of active service, he is apparently as remote as ever from the only reward he covets. Five or six years ago, it was a great object of ambition to obtain the office he held at the Hospital, as it was considered that it would lead as a certainty to promotion – and indeed had always done so – *mais tout cela est change* – and Dunn remains as he was.

D.<sup>t</sup> Dunn was a tall & handsome man, inclined to embonpoint. He must have been very strong in former times – altho' a long residence in a tropical climate has somewhat undermined his constitution and reduced his strength. He was very well informed as all Scotch M.D. are (hem!) and possessed a fund of anecdotes of the navy, which often furnished us with amusement in moments of dullness. His manners were gentlemanly and agreeable – he seemed disposed to be comfortable and to render us so also. In that he was exceedingly liked by all.

The only other passenger we had was a Master James Budd, son of a M.<sup>t</sup> Budd, belonging to the Ordnance department.

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³ Assistant Surgeon Thomas R. Dunn, *m.d.* is listed in the *Navy List*, of September 1832, with a Seniority date of April 6th, 1824, but no current appointment is indicated. Despite the implication that Dunn worked alone, this edition of the *Navy List* indicates that the R.N. medical establishment at Jamaica was headed by *Surgeon* Charles Linton; supported by *Act. Dispenser* Isaac Alvarengo, and *Hospital Mate* James Andrew.

Expences
During the Voyage to Jamaica & Cartha.^{ga}

1833

Barbadoes			
16 th April	£.	s.	d.
Segars -	0	2	0
Ginger & Guava Jelly -	0	5	0
Grenada			
18 th April			
Keg of Tamarinds -	0	4	0
Jamaica			
26 th April			
Various expences refreshments -	1	0	0
Carthagen			
2 nd May			
Panama Hat -	0	16	0
2 Parrots -	0	11	6
3 Straw Mats -	0	6	0
12 Cocoa Nuts -	0	1	0
Sundries -	0	4	0
Jamaica			
11 th May			
6 Gallons Rum	0	12	0
1 Gallon Shrub -	0	4	0
13 th May			
200 Cegars -	0	3	0
200 Cegars -	0	8	0
100 d. ^o	0	3	0
100 d. ^o	0	2	0
Personal Expences -	0	16	0
1 dozen forbidden fruit -	0	1	0
100 oranges -	0	2	0
6 tumblers -	0	3	0
Various fruits -	0	3	6
	<u>£6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Pay from 9 th February 1833 to 20 June 1833 (20 weeks)	£40	0	0
Falmouth 19 th July 1833-			
Received from Captain Snell a check on Tweedie's Cornish Naval Bank for -	£10	0	0