

Diary of John Johnson (1847-1850 and 1854-1857)

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John Johnson (1812-1872) arrived at New Plymouth on 03 September 1841 on the ship 'Amelia Thompson' with his wife Mary and their three children – Mary (4yrs), William (2yrs), and John born at sea.

- 01 Jan 1847 Went in the Arm Police.
- 11 Jan 1847 Came into Arthur Hoskins house (came to live in).
- 19 Jan 1847 Sold to Mr Bollan (Bolland) house and land and Weat (wheat).
- 29 Jan 1847 The Ship Castle from England. Mr Locke had a box with a saddle here starts.
- 21 Feb 1847 Ordered to get Trousers (Trousers) by the 21st March with red cord up the seam.
- 26 Feb 1847 Governor Gray came by steamer to New Plymouth and Colonel Wakefield with him. Brought oil, nails, glass.
- 27 Feb 1847 I was on first watch on Feby. 27, Stg. Halse sent Law, the clergyman, on duty to the Harrisons and never reported him. Also in same eve took a Maori into Custaite (Custody) and let him go again without ever reporting him. Against Regulations and orders.
- 05 Mar 1847 Me sentry on the Barracks. It was Newshams turn but he did not turn out on duty.
- 06 Mar 1847 Governor Grey left New Plymouth for Wellington.
- 09 Mar 1847 Mr Aubrey left the police for Mr McLean. Went up the coast to get the mail on 9th March and came back 11th March.
- 11 Mar 1847 Appointed Corporal in New Plymouth Police
- 17 Mar 1847 Aliser (Eliza) Landers was brought before Capt. King Magistrate for stealing house goods, the property of J. G. Cocke E (and) was tride (tried) and found guilty and sentenced to six weeks in prison.
- 15 Mar 1847 Received a letter from home eight months and 10 days. J. G. Cocke's servant left him. Deale things missing (A great deal). Paid Elisha Hoskins one pound for rent up to the 29th March 1847. June 1847 Johnson. Sgt. Halse Police Officer.
- 05 Apr 1847 Sent one letter home to London.
- 08 Apr 1847 The Government Brig came in (Victoria).
- 25 Apr 1847 Ordered to go to church on Sunday night. Katrine Johnson sailed for Wellington, Commander A. Marks.
- 28 Apr 1847 Mail from England by the Fisherman from inland. A murder in Wanganui by the natives, two women, one man, five children. Five of the natives taken. Four natives hung, one transported the 26th April (Chatham Islands?)
- 19 May 1847 Lot Mr William Harrison me one acre of land for one twelve months at one pound ten per acre. The Catrin Johnson arrived from Wellington and Wanganui with the news of the Topo (Taupo) natives came down on them. They were all obliged to take shelter in the Stockade and all the inhabitants of the place. One soldier, poor fellow was shutting fowls out a little way from the Stockhead and the natives caught him and cut his tongue out and his face from eare to eare and then they left him where they murdered him.

- 24 May 1847 Received a letter from home relating the death of my poor sister Mary who died on the 17th Sep, 1844.
- 29 May 1847 The Rev William Bolland died on the 29th May at half past ten o'clock in the night and was buried on the 5th June 1847. Was very lamented for, and a very great loss for the place, a very charitable man. James Law expended (Suspended) for one month from the Arm Police on the 28th July. Mr D. McLean went down the coast on the 28th July and with R. Gilliam and one native Police.
- 05 Aug 1847 Went down to Mrs Bolland's to guard the house. Put in potatoes. The Bishop arrived from Nelson at New Plymouth and had Church service in the evening, a great many people there. William Gray, policeman, arrested, 29th August 1847. Was brought before the Inspector of Police Mr McLean and thence dismissed. (1010 lb flour from Samuel Oliver).
- 05 Sep 1847 Mrs Johnson safely delivered of a young son at 2 o'clock in the morning. A very stormy night from the S. East.
- 27 Sep 1847 Mr McLean and two men went down the coast and 3 men with Mr Carrington to cut a new line from Tabye? into the new block. Received two bushels of wheat from Mr Cocke.
- 03 Oct 1847 Isaac Johnstone baptised by the Rev Mr Turton.
- 07 Oct 1847 A public meeting held at the Star public house to send immediate to the Governor about the state of the colony and his promise he made to them when he was here in February 26, 1841.
- 01 Nov 1847 Went down to the Waitara. The Inspector came back on the 5th. The natives some of them very absent (upset) about selling the land. Some will sell, others will not, they had a great deal to talk about it.
- 06 Nov 1847 Mr Halse took Mr Coade in charge on Saturday night.
- 08 Nov 1847 Brought before the magistrate and got clear, free from all expenses. Sergeant Halse had to pay them all. Went down to the Waitara and found all quiet.
- 12 Nov 1847 Came home from the Waitara. Saturday went to drill.
- 10 Dec 1847 The 'Ralph Barbal' came in from England with 3 passengers on board for New Plymouth. Left off taking 117 lbs flour from Oliver's mill. Sailed 10th December.
- 11 Dec 1847 Milk from Hoskins. The Seccombe malt house caught fire and did much damage.
- 12 Dec 1847 Sent a letter home.
- 15 Dec 1847 Charles Aubrey went to Auckland with the mail. Fisherman came in on Tuesday from Wanganui, Dr Williams, goods.
- 30 Dec 1847 An earthquake came from the west about 5 p.m.
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- 01 Jan 1848 The ball broke up at 7 o'clock a.m. Mr McLean's mare refused to take the horse. I myself very sick.
- 03 Jan 1848 Government brig from Auckland with one thousand pounds for New Plymouth.
06 Jan 1848 Capt. King paid the policeman. A ball at T. Watts.
- 10 Jan 1848 Ann Lander sailed for Auckland with the flour. Cabon came out of the Waitara bound for Wellington. Passengers Mister and Mrs Wright and Mrs Murch.
- 12 Jan 1848 A very fine rain in the morning. Robert Baker and Miss Batten got married by the Rev Mr Turton.
- 13 Jan 1848 The Fisherman (a cutter) from Wanganui, the Kirsten Johnston from Wellington, with the news of the Governor in Wellington will leave for Taranaki.
- 14 Jan 1848 Commenced cutting wheat.
15 Jan 1848 Taken ill with a touch of the influence (influenza).
- 17 Jan 1848 Mr Cooke commenced harvest. Could not go. Mr Davy commenced harvest. Went on the club box of the society. (sick pay)
- 21 Jan 1848 Declined of the box.
- 24 Jan 1848 A native boy drowned in the Enui river at 11 a.m. was found by a policeman, Mr Campbell. The cutter, Ann Sarran from the Manukau arrived at New Plymouth, no passengers, mail and goods.
- 25 Jan 1848 Still continued to rain very heavy.
26 Jan 1848 No rain. A very fine day.
27 Jan 1848 Went to Langman's to harvest. A very bad day, came to rain in the afternoon.
28 Jan 1848 Mrs Johnson and children bad in the head swelled faces, very close weather.
- 29 Jan 1848 Dr Wilson and Dr St George came to visit Mrs Johnson and the children of this nasty disease.
- 30 Jan 1848 Nothing extraordinary except the Wanganui came in with mail.
31 Jan 1848 Went out to Langman's to harvest, a fine day.
01 Feb 1848 Had a treat from Gray and Campbell at Yorks?
- 02 Feb 1848 Gave Mrs Johnson a Muffet? Went to Barracks to drill. Sergeant Halse drilled Walter Natives?
- 03 Feb 1848 The cutter Cat Johnson hove in sight from Wellington. Came to anchor on Friday night.
- 04 Feb 1848 Nothing Extraordinary throught the day (during)
05 Feb 1848 Went out firing blank cartridges at Doubt (redoubt)
07 Feb 1848 Went down to Mr Cocke to carry corn, 4 carts, 10 men, 3 women, 2 boys.
- 08 Feb 1848 Went to Mr Standish. Cut his corn. The Star of China came to anchor bringing Tom Newsham, and Aubrey Rundle. Went on board. Mr Bell and Mr Carrington and Maoris started for the mountain to try to get to the top of it.
- 09 Feb 1848 Landing cattle from the ship. Policeman assisting on the beach, Aubrey, Rundle and Marks. 29 young heifers, 1 horse, good of their sorts.

- 10 Feb 1848 Newsham on duty on the town but went off without leave at half past ten o'clock.
11 Feb 1848 Nothing extraordinary through the day.
- 12 Feb 1848 During the day the Star of China sailed for Nelson. All quiet in town at night. The houses all closed in good time. Abel Meaks? first watch, Bob second watch. In town 10-12 p.m.
- 13 Feb 1848 Newsham 7-12 a.m. A. M. Rundle 12-4 p.m. Aubrey 8-12 a.m. Duty at barracks. The ship Star of China sailed for Nelson returned to the anchorage west.
- 14 Feb 1848 The Ship's boat came in with the Capt. and Rundle and Aubrey. Back on duty in barracks. Captain Newsham about the Ehui bridge. Campbell absent.
- 15 Feb 1848 Went to the bush, Rundle and myself.
- 16 Feb 1848 The Katrin Johnson sailed for Wanganui. Mr Bell, Mr Carrington, Turner, returned from visiting the mountain, 7 days absent and succeeded in getting upon the top. Nothing extraordinary there. James Rundle went to work on the Enui.
- 17 Feb 1848 At 4 a.m. a fire was seen breaking out on Mr Hosking's Blacksmith's Shop burned, part of the house and one pair of bellows. Other things. Rain at 7 p.m. A stormy night, rain and wind.
- 18 Feb 1848 Fine morning but slight showers. At 4 p.m. a great storm of dust arose and then heavy showers of rain followed with a great wind from the northwest. Went on watch in town. H. Halse slept in barracks. Bob absent from 4 o'clock parade.
- 19 Feb 1848 Went on parade. Minrupi and Raweuite absent.
- 21 Feb 1848 2 vessels came in with Mr Dowsett and Mr Murch on one and in the bishop's vessel Rewite and More (Moor) and two sisters Misses Tucker from Nelson. The Sly from Wellington. All the force at work on the Enui bridge.
- 22 Feb 1848 Mr Parris and family left New Plymouth for Auckland in the Bishop's vessel (Schooner Undine). Mr Davis had a spade stolen from his door at about 10 p.m.
- 23 Feb 1848 Nothing extraordinary during the day.
24 Feb 1848 A Notice upon the bridge a meeting to take place on Monday next.
- 25 Feb 1848 The Katrian Johnson hove in sight from Whyrow (Wairau) bringing 4 pigs. (Bad Streak had Stack?)
- 26 Feb 1848 The Katrian Johnson sailed for Wellington.
- 27 Feb 1848 At 9 a.m. the steamer hove in sight (War steamer Inflexible) with the Governor on board and Lady. Council Engineers.
- 28 Feb 1848 The Governor met the deputation.
29 Feb 1848 He met the natives at the barracks.
- 01 Mar 1848 Went on board the Inflexible without leave. Sergeant Halse reported us for going without leave. At 4 p.m. the Governor and his Lady went on board again bound for Auckland.
- 03 Mar 1848 I commanded a warrant against Arthur Dow for the sum of £4 18s 5d obliged to take the goods to Mr Smith. The wheat was admitted (owing) to Jo. James.

- 04 Mar 1848 Mr D. McLean and 4 men started down the coast for Wanganui and Wellington. Halse left in charge. Natives arrived from the Wymata (Waimate) with pigs.
- 06 Mar 1848 The report was that Mr Bell had bought 5 thousand acres of land from old Paul the chief, and others. We hear that Mr Cocke has got all his land at the hour at last 5 years hard fighting.
- 07 Mar 1848 Nothing extraordinary during the day.
- 08 Mar 1848 The cutter Fly came from Cafeia (Kawhia) bound for Wellington. Pigs on board, 30 pigs.
- 10 Mar 1848 A young lad was drowned in the Enui river, the name of Davis. The boy has been out of his mind for some time – a happy release. Sergeant Halse brought 4 barrels of powder for the company's house.
- 11 Mar 1848 A public auction was held. Mr Gillingham & Mr White. Smith's machine and Millstones £35. Mr Dows things 19s, sold also Mr Cocke had a letter from Nellit. He is sending him a threshing machine out.
- 12 Mar 1848 At 10 p.m. the Katrin Johnson from Wellington. No mail. No news at all. About 2 tons goods. On watch 7-10 p.m. Letter and parcel left for McMenamin.
- 13 Mar 1848 Arrived 11s the poundage for A. Dows goods the sale of. Sergeant Halse received £1 7s for the sale of Whites and Gillinghams goods.
- 14 Mar 1848 Thomas Davis was harried on watch in town today 9-12 p.m. William Johnson was absent from school because he has hurt his leg.
- 15 Mar 1848 Bob came on duty after being absent three days. Bob and Medland on duty in charge of barracks. Campbell in town.
- 16 Mar 1848 Newsham and Rundle finished the bridge.
- 17 Mar 1848 At 10 p.m. we all met at the Barracks, Newsham, Bob Campbell on charge barracks, all the rest got leave from 4 o'clock parades. Mr Campbell was ordered to go to work on the roads – but he got a schiffct (Certificate) from Dr Wilson that he was not fit to work on the roads.
- 18 Mar 1848 Charles and A. Mark returned from the southern, the inspector and Low gone on to Waikanae and Wellington. Left Wanganui on Monday last, Mr Dowsett's cattle left for New Plymouth. At 10 p.m. met at barracks. All present on parade. Langham and me bought 12 lbs tea at Murches sale at 1s 4d per pound. Mr Wickstead came to my house and had tea at 7 p.m. Heavy rain from Norwest. Continued until 12 p.m. All quite in town.
- 19 Mar 1848 Nothing extraordinary during the day.
- 20 Mar 1848 The Maid of the Mill from Wellington 4 days. At 4 p.m. the Maid of the Mill sailed for Manukau with 18 passengers – Mr Moons – 8 in family, Hawkes family and Mrs Shepherd's two children and Williams family left New Plymouth for Auckland. On duty at barracks 4-8 p.m.

- 23 Mar 1848 In morning washed the Barracks rooms out. Bought 45 lb potatoes of Campbell. Campbell on duty in town from 8-11 p.m., not very sober. Marks on 11-1 p.m.. His attention was drawn by Mr Brown's dogs barking, went to see what it was and said he saw a man trying to break in the house but did not catch him and he got away.
- 24 Mar 1848 At 10 p.m. cleaned the Spar Ams.
- 25 Mar 1848 Mr Murch (late schoolmaster) came into the Star Publick House, bought mail from Auckland. The sale of the late Richard Barrett's goods came off on the 25 March. Arthur Hoskin went to his farm of Mr Sanders. Dreamed a dream all night about Miss Cooke. She was in great trouble.
- 26 Mar 1848 A very stormy night, rain and lightning.
- 27 Mar 1848 Mr Rusden came to Hoskins house – A sale at the Ship Hotel of the Company's books – Medland, Bob Newsham in charge of Barracks Company. Aubrey in town.
- 30 Mar 1848 Bought one pig from W. Perry 1,000 lb @ 1½ lb 13s 6d. Bought one from Peter Hoskins for 15s – 133 lb. Rain, thunder, lightning all night on the 28th. Tuesday. Newsham, Bob, Aubrey, Campbell, Rundle, Marks at work on the beach, Newland and self at Barracks.
- 01 Apr 1848 The Company's house sold by auction for £155, the Government bought it. Sent in a crime against C. Aubrey for Enclance (insolence). These are the words I told him, "Aubrey, you have not cleaned that lamp yet" Answer, "You hadn't be so Particler about it." Johnson, "That does not signify, Go and and do it". Aubrey went and brought the lamp and put oil in it and sayed, "Give me a cloth to clean it – also who had cleaned it these three weeks" which I call insulting.
- 02 Apr 1848 On watch at Barracks from 10-12 noon, and officer of the watch at night 12 p.m.
- 03 Apr 1848 Newsham, Medland leave from 4 o'clock parade. Campbell, Aubrey, Johnson present at Barracks at 4 o'clock.
- 04 Apr 1848 The Sanawberry sailed for Manukau direct. Passengers Skantling and family, 5 in all, Pepperell and wife and two children, nine passengers in all. For duty tonight, Medland, Bob, Campbell at Barracks duty. Newsham, Aubrey in town, Corporal officer on watch.
- 04 Apr 1848 The Star of China this day arrived from Sydney, 9 days. Passengers, Mr Ryan, Cattle, Hoses, whether (wether) horses nine.
- 05 Apr 1848 Barracks duty, Aubrey, Campbell, Newsham, Medland, Aubrey in town 9-12 p.m. St. H. Halse Officer of the Watch.
- 06 Apr 1848 Visited the town, did not see the men on duty at 11 o'clock at the Barracks, Campbell, Newsham, Medland, until 12 a.m. Aubrey in town, Johnson officer of the watch.
- 07 Apr 1848 In charge Barracks, H. Medland, Aubrey, Newsham. Campbell in town. Sergeant Halse did not come to barracks at all during the night. Sargt. Officer of the watch. All hands had leave from 4 o'clock parade. Finished discharging the Star of China.

- 08 Apr 1848 A sail in sight, the Sirple. All present on parade. Newsham with the sergeant of police at the police office. Corp. Johnson at drill on duty at barracks, Campbell, Johnson, Medland. Town, Aubrey 7-10 p.m. Newsham 10-1 p.m. Corporal Johnson officer of the watch. All quiet in town until one o'clock. Sgt Halse did not sleep in barracks, all the rest present.
- 09 Apr 1848 The Bishop and Mrs Butt from Auckland landed here. (Undine). The Star of China sailed for Nelson after landing 30 heifers, 5 horses, and other goods for sale. English Maid landed an officer of the 65th Regiment arrived here today. The boat crew had 3 gallons of gin given them by the Captain of the Star of China. Got beastly drunk on the beach, all hands on Sunday.
- 10 Apr 1848 Sgt Halse did not attend the barracks at 10 a.m. Barrack duty Medland, Newsham, Campbell, Town Aubrey. Corporal of the Watch. A stormy and rainy day. N.W. John Johnson. Guner per (Pair) boots from T. Hoskins April 9th 1848. William George, the late publican, was very drunk going home one o'clock. All quiet in town Sargt. passed and never spoke a word to me.
- 11 Apr 1848 In Barracks, Aubrey, Campbell, Medland – Town Newsham Sargt Officer of the watch, 2 loads of wheat? Mr Bell returned from the coast at 4 o'clock.
- 12 Apr 1848 At Barracks Medland, Newsham, Aubrey – Town Campbell, Corporal Johnson officer of the watch. All quiet in town.
- 13 Apr 1848 Assembly of natives from Mangraki (Mangaoraka) at Mr Bell's house. All present at morning parade for duty today. Barrack Campbell, Aubrey, Newsham – Medland in town – Campbell on duty at the police office. Halse officer of the watch. Did not come with the man for the town duty on the 13th April 9 p.m.
- 14 Apr 1848 Attended at Barracks at 10 p.m. Aubrey, Bob, Medland, Campbell, Newsham on leave – Duty today Bob, Medland, Campbell for Barracks Aubrey, Newsham for town. C. Johnson officer.
- 15 Apr 1848 Met at barracks for duty at 10 p.m. Present Campbell, Bob, Mark. Town Newsham 7-10, Aubrey, Medland.
- 16 Apr 1848 Barrack duty, Bob, Newsham, Medland. Town Campbell, Aubrey. C. Johnson officer of the watch. The vessel Fly from Wellington with goods.
- 17 Apr 1848 Marks, Aubrey, Newsham, Barracks. Medland and Campbell in town. Halse officer of the watch. Visited the town at a quarter to one p.m. found Medland on watch, Newsham absent, Medland told me that he had gone into Murche's Public House when you left us to go barracks at ½ past 11 p.m. he remained there until 1 a.m. (a sort of quarrel between Simson and Jordan at half past ten but nothing extraordinary took place at the time.)
- 19 Apr 1848 Corporal Johnson had leave from 4 o'clock. Barrack duty Marks, Campbell, Bob. Town, Aubrey, Newsham, Medland. (H. Halse Officer of the watch).
- 20 Apr 1848 Cleaned the windows. All met at 4 p.m. Barrack duty Newsham, Campbell, Marks – Town duty Bob, Aubrey, Medland. C. Officer of the watch. Stormy.
- 21 Apr 1848 Barrack duty Aubrey, Marks, Bob, Medland, until 1 ½ a.m. Town Newsham. H. Halse officer of the watch but did not sleep in the barracks did not come at all for the night. Good Friday. A very rainy day-night.

- 22 Apr 1848 Barrack duty Newsham, Aubrey, Marks. Town Medland, Bob. All present on parade. Campbell absent. All quiet in town, until 1 a.m. Sgt Halse did not sleep in barracks. (Mr Cocke got two letters from home and put his machine together the same day that Mr Nellitt sent it out to him. It seems to be a very good one.)
- 23 Apr 1848 Barrack duty – Aubrey, Newsham, Medland, Marks. In town Bob. Sgt Halse officer of the watch. A vessel seen off, supposed to be the Corbin with natives from Wiknia (Waikanae?) William King's tribe gone to the Waitear (Waitara) (The return of the Ngatiawas)
- 24 Apr 1848 Barrack duty Aubrey, Newsham, Medland, Marks. In town duty Newsham Campbell Sgt Halse officer of the watch. Newsham, Aubrey leave from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. Campbell on duty at the police office. All present on parade at 10 a.m.
- 25 Apr 1848 Barrack duty Campbell, Medland, Bob. (Town duty Aubrey, Newsham till 1 o'clock). All quiet Corp. Johnson officer. The Star of China came to an anchor from Nelson.
- 26 Apr 1848 Met at Barracks for duty at 10 a.m. today. Barrack duty Bob, Newsham, Medland. Town Campbell, Aubrey till 1 a.m. Sgt Halse did not sleep in barracks. Took Aubrey home and gave him a bottle of wine.
- 27 Apr 1848 Barrack Duty: Aubrey Bob Newsham. Town Medland Campbell until 1 a.m. Corporal Johnson officer of the watch. Ordered to sleep in barracks by Sgt Halse.
- 28 Apr 1848 The Star of China was obliged to leave her anchorage and put to sea the wind blowing from the S.W. Lost her boat, was picked up on rocks not damaged at all. Barrack duty Campbell 12-4 Aubrey 4-8 Bob 8-12 Town duty Newsham 7-10 Medland 10-1 Sgt Halse officer of the watch.
- 29 Apr 1848 In charge Barracks Rawes, Marks, Medland. In town, Bob, Aubrey, Newsham till 1 o'clock. All present in parade. Lang sick. Campbell Cocks, Medland on duty at the post office. Johnson officer of the watch. All quiet in the town Saturday night. In charge of the barracks Johnson Bob, Campbell. In town Medland.
- 30 Apr 1848 In charge of barracks Bob 10-2 Medland 2-6 Aubrey 6-1 Town Newsham. Officer of the watch Sgt. Campbell is sick.
- 01 May 1848 Cocke called at my house today and told us that he himself was going to look after the machine he now was going to work – Yease – Mr Cocke is going to shut the stabell door when the horse is gone but I hope that it will be the case with Newsham and Aubrey working in the boat for Turton Davy.
- 02 May 1848 The Rev W. Whiteley arrived from Mokau. S. Marks threatened to fight Mr Watson when in liquor.
- 03 May 1848 The Fly from Mokau with wheat and pork. Rundle and Marks absent from their work.
- 04 May 1848 The Star of China left this port for Sydney, 70 tons potatoes on board. Passenger Mr White for England. Sgt Halse officer of the watch.
- 05 May 1848 Sgt Halse warned all single men to mess and sleep in barracks, also the man on duty from 12 a.m. to 4 p.m. will come 7 a.m. next morning and clean the barracks. Every man to be up by 8 o'clock morning beds folded and rooms clear and in order by 8 a.m. By order Sgt. Halse.

- 09 May 1848 Letters from D. McLean, Wanganui
- 10 May 1848 The Fisherman from Wellington. Passengers were Mean and his wife, 3 children, Mr Hulks, Muller, 10 days from Wellington.
- 11 May 1848 Law arrived from Wanganui.
- 07 Jun 1848 On this evening a meeting was held at the Star Inn. Mr Cocke in the chair. Got up an address to Mr Dr Bell on his leaving this place (to present to Mr Fr Bell) also a dinner. Tom Newsham reported himself sick not able to take a duty.
- 09 Jun 1848 A dinner was given to Mr Dr Bell at the Star. Mr Brown and Mr W. Carrington made very good friends after six years and never spoke to each other before then.
- 14 Jun 1848 The Fly arrived from Wellington. Passengers Mr Dorsett, Mr Oats, Mr Coal (Cole) a English mail also (Rev Cole)
- 17 Jun 1848 Capt King swore the policemen for another year. Received a letter from Medland, Wanganui 17th. The Fly and the Fisherman left this place for Wellington and Nelson. Mr D. Bell, housekeeper, Mr Cole, wife and sister for Nelson. Mr Brown's whaling party caught a whale in 20 hours.
- 19 Jun 1848 Mr Bell left this place for Wellington
- 20 Jun 1848 Mr W. Halse went into the Company's house as an agent (NZC)
- 21 Jun 1848 Mr Wilkson brough x 700½ of potatoes Payment for the land. Bought a pair of boots from T. Newsham for 14s blushers (Baker cut his head) Capt M. Michael arrived and Mr Petter from Auckland. But one young died on his journey at Mokau. Dr St George was sent but in vain, he was dead when he got there. Mr Bell returned out of the Fisherman.
- 24 Jun 1848 The Late Mr L. Hall's Star was sold by auction for the sum of £40 and various other goods. The Star was bought by Mr Hulk supposed to be for Mr Skinner.
- 29 Jun 1848 The Brig Victoria arrived from Auckland (Govt) and will leave this place for Sydney direct.
- 30 Jun 1848 Private Campbell absent from duty also fined sleeping in barracks. Sergeant gave him leave.
- 01 Jul 1848 A sale of cattle only ten sold.
- 02 Jul 1848 An earthquake was felt about half past 8 p.m. very heavy. Thomas Harrison's house caught fire and burned to the ground and almost all his goods in it.
- 03 Jul 1848 Mr D. Bell the H.M. Petter. Capt. Michael left this place for Wellington 1 p.m. The Fisherman had been in a calm since the 19th.
- 05 Jul 1848 Went down to Mr Cocke's place and seed him was his son's face, never invited me to take anything to eat, I got a fue of sheets paper from him about 20 quires. He showed me some pasty he had for dinner.
- 07 Jul 1848 The Maid of the Mill from Auckland and Bay of Islands (Capt Watt) 5 weeks out to sea. Passengers (Skantling and family returned again to New Plymouth).
- 09 Jul 1848 The Maid of the Mill left for Wellington.

- 10 Jul 1848 The David arrived from Manukau and brought the news that the Governor's house had burned down and Mr A. Hoskins put the burnt halves into his residence for rental so Mr Skantling and his family came back to this place.
- 11 Jul 1848 Went dow to Mr Davis and bought Aubrey's horse.
- 14 Jul 1848 The Mary Ann from Wellington on speck for a cargo. Private Campbell absent from duty at 4 p.m.
- 15 Jul 1848 Aubrey bought a new saddle from Mr Brown on the 12 July. Commenced breaking Mr Aubrey's horse in on 14th July. Mr Woods, the watchmaker, brought my timepiece home and when Mrs Johnson came to see it, it was broken by the said Mr Woods, which he denied.
- 17 Jul 1848 Mr Roberts 25lbs bran, 7, and 20 lb beaf 6/6
- 18 Jul 1848 A sail in sight, supposed to be the Star of China. Put the saddle upon Aubrey's horse for the first time.
- 19 Jul 1848 The Star of China came to an anchor. Passengers Miss King, Miss Gaal from Wellington.
- 20 Jul 1848 Mrs Gray and her 3 children went on board the Star of China for Sydney. Washed the office out and kitchen.
- 21 Jul 1848 The Star of China left this place for Sydney.
- 22 Jul 1848 Bought half of a section for £17 with Mr St George.
- 24 Jul 1848 The Fisherman arrived from Wellington. One passenger. Put in some broad beans and potatoes on section.
- 27 Jul 1848 Assault committed by Mr Brown (Storekeeper and Whaling Establishment at Moturoa) on a native – the name of Awiti. (Witana-Rangi Ira). He was struck on the head with the handle of a whipstock down to the ground with the blow. Mr Brown was made prisoner until the made is made well or he dies. (Capt King paid the Policeman 3 pounds)
- 28 Jul 1848 Wilfd Campbell was despatched after Mr McLean.
- 29 Jul 1848 Thomas Neale was despatched to Auckland with letters (concerning this affair of Mr Brown and the native that he struck). Also Mr D. McLean and A. Marks came with him also Private Campbell drunk on duty at Mr Browne's house.
- 01 Aug 1848 Mr George and myself divided our section.
- 03 Aug 1848 Aubrey's horse got lanced. The natives from Bugetapu (Puketapu) came to town on battle array and danced the war dance, about 93, in these armed men. A very fine race of men they be. Mr R. Brown had a hearing before the magistrates and adjourned until Friday 4th August.
- 04 Aug 1848 Mr Brown pleaded guilty of the charge of striking the native and was fined £5 and expenses and also the natives took his horse from him for payment. Planted potatoes this day of August.
- 09 Aug 1848 Brought flour from Gillingham's mill 92 lb flour, 22 lb bran, out of 114 lb wheat ought to have been 116 lb wheat.

- 10 Aug 1848 Brought McLean's horse to break in.
- 11 Aug 1848 Private Gray absent all night from Barracks. Bought a pig from a native for was 73 lb for 10s
- 14 Aug 1848 William Stewart sent 10lb bran & corn to me for his horse on Saturday. Put some corn to Aubrey's horse, but it did not suit it. It was too strong for it. A sail in sight supposed to be the Ann Sark.
- 15 Aug 1848 Was riding out and met a native on horseback and I asked him to gallop his horse and he fell off and broke his nose and mouth and very near made my horse do the same.
- 18 Aug 1848 The Maid of the Mill from Wellington with English mail. Cut Mr Watts horses Lampers. Got some salve for him.
- 22 Aug 1848 The Maid of the Mill discharged her cargo. I put in peas 1 row. Let Aubrey's house out to graze.
- 24 Aug 1848 The Sorrowberry arrived from Auckland. Passengers Aubrey, Miss Hoskin and Mr Autridge's sister and four children, Shandlish.
- 26 Aug 1848 About 7 o'clock p.m. Mr I. Northcote died leaving one wife and seven children behind him.
- 29 Aug 1848 Mr Joseph Street was put on prison for being drunk, and he was fine £6 6s (but he has not paid it he has gone back to prison again). Also sent a report against Anable Marks for being in the public house instead of being on his duty also denying the same. Private Minrupa told me he had been in all the time.
- 01 Sep 1848 The Star of China arrived from Sydney, 19 days. With 30 head of cattle. Lost six on the passage from Sydney.
- 03 Sep 1848 At 10 a.m. the schooner Sorrowberry came on shore on the beach. She was bound to Auckland, she sprang a leak and was obliged to put back – all was saved, 9 tons flour, very little damage.
- 06 Sep 1848 Went down to McLeans about Aubrey's horse £20.
- 07 Sep 1848 Served a summons to Richard Gordon £3. Also a summons was taken out by Peter Hoskins for Mr Cocke, the amount of £20. Thunderstorm, hailstones from the northwest.
- 08 Sep 1848 A very stormy day, hail, rain from the northwest at night.
- 11 Sep 1848 Took Mr Brown's horse to break him and brought him in. A. Hoskins stable. 21 horses came up the coast for sale.
- 12 Sep 1848 The Star of China left this place for Auckland, with flour.
- 13 Sep 1848 The Fisherman also left for Auckland with flour. Passengers on the Star of China Mr Newhouse, Mr and Miss Andrews.

- 14 Sep 1848 Private William Gray was found drunk when on duty and was reported by Sergeant Halse and the next day was struck off duty. On the fourth of September at 10 o'clock the men fell in on parade. The Sergeant gave orders that the men were to rise at seven o'clock a.m. Private Aubrey replied in the ranks and said how can a man get up at seven o'clock when he comes off duty at 1 a.m. I said that it was the Sergeant's orders to which Aubrey replied, we have only your bare word for that and spoke very disrespectfully to Corp. Johnson when giving his orders. (Also for contempt to Corporal Johnson, when ordered on duty at seven o'clock, when spoke to he threw his tea in the fire and told me it was not seven o'clock, in a very contentious manner and Sergeant Halse was present at the time but walked out without saying a word to him which it was his duty to have done.
- 19 Sep 1848 The Miltray arrived from Wellington. Passengers W. Carrington and wife, left the same day for Sydney direct.
- 23 Sep 1848 The Fly from Wellington and bringing the Carnealis mail (3 days) and the news of the death of Colonel Wakefield and fire bricks for Mr Perrey. William Gray, Private of the Police Force was fined £1 10s for being drunk on duty and absence to Sergeant Halse. Mr Henwood bought a young filly and Mr Murch bought on the 20 and 21 and I went down to Mr Watts to put the mare in the cart.
- 29 Sep 1848 I called the men at seven o'clock this morning when Private Aubrey did not get up when ordered and sayd My do you not speak plain and he also sayed the order was a humbug and going on standing to disrespectfully saying. Took Mr Dorset's mare to look after.
- 30 Sep 1848 The Fly left this place for Wellington. Passengers Mr Dorset and Mrs Govett. Bought 6 bushels of wheat. Private Marks went into the Star Inn at half past ten o'clock and stayed until twelve o'clock. He sayed he was called in by Mr Murch to quieten his house.
- 03 Oct 1848 Made a complaint against Daniel Bishop about his corn.
- 05 Oct 1848 Served a warrant on Alexander Ross and afterwards taken and put prison. Broke out late again and put in prison.
- 09 Oct 1848 Came into the Governor's house (good) very wet day.
- 10 Oct 1848 The Fisherman arrived from Auckland also Mr Watts mares remaining with the coast (court?)
- 15 Oct 1848 Mr Watson belonging to the schooner Fisherman was drowned in the Straits and the vessel put back to New Plymouth.
- 16 Oct 1848 The schooner Saraberry left this day for Auckland with flour. Passengers M. Tucker, Miss Gribble, Mrs Marshall, Bishop.
- 17 Oct 1848 Capt. King payed the policemen five pounds in part (payment)?
- 18 Oct 1848 Paid Mr Shalon 3s 3d up to the 16th October for Loading. The Fisherman left this day for Wellington. A very stormy day.
- 19 Oct 1848 About 8 o'clock a very extraordinary red sky was seen (Aurora Australis?). Went down to Mr Watts mares.
- 25 Oct 1848 The inspector went down the coast.

- 26 Oct 1848 Sergeant Halse gave orders that the men are all to be in Barracks by ten o'clock at night until further orders.
- 02 Nov 1848 Received £10 16s from Capt King up to the 1st November. Also a ship from England. I received a letter from my father. Mrs Johnson was taken ill with the spavin was very bad.
- 03 Nov 1848 The Bernicia left for Nelson.
- 04 Nov 1848 Anable Marks, Thomas King and wife came in the Carbon from Wellington. William King the native chief and his tribe arrived at Moturoa.
- 06 Nov 1848 The Governor Grey schooner arrived from Wanganui with his goods to sell. N.B. Newlands diary of 7th says first white man drowned was George Crann from Carbon. See page under September 15th.
- 08 Nov 1848 Heard the Inspector came in the town about half past 8 o'clock, went in the Star Inn and ordered Corporal Marks' men out. Sent the man off duty that was in town, H. Heale and said that he was drunk with the man was not drunk.
- 15 Nov 1848 Gave Mr Dowsett's mare a purging ball. Also Mr Brown's horse one.
- 17 Nov 1848 Campbell was found drunk and asleep on duty in barracks at 10 a.m. and from duty at night at 8.00 p.m.
- 23 Nov 1848 The Star of China arrived from Sydney with cattle and horses 37 head of cattle and 9 mares. Richard Faull broke his leg by the fall of a tree.
- 25 Nov 1848 Took Mr Halse's mare to break in. W. King arrived from Wanganui for good.
- 05 Dec 1848 The Carbon left this place for Wellington. Passenger Mr McLean
- 07 Dec 1848 Mounted Mr Halse's mare for the first time.
- 08 Dec 1848 Nothing extraordinary during the day.
- 09 Dec 1848 Got thrown from Halse's mare Buckjump. A policeman arrived from Wanganui with a letter to Capt. King about a deserter from the 65th Regt. Also Charles Aubrey came in from Auckland. No news.
- 11 Dec 1848 Locked up William Gray for being drunk and disorderly in barracks. He was fined 5 shillings and costs by Capt. King.
- 12 Dec 1848 Private Anable Marks and William Gray left this place for Wanganui with the deserter from the 65th Regt and he got away from them before they got there. They had to pay the expenses for losing him £28.
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- 01 Jan 1849 New Plymouth races commenced The Taranaki Stakes £10 Severns, second 5 sovereigns, Natives race 5 shillings Betten horses 2s Beaten Horses Stakes £5. Mr Cutfield the winner of the Taranaki Stakes. W. Autridge won the Tradesmens purse £5, Miss Johnson had from Mr Brown in goods the amount of £1 12s bucket 3s, bot. wine 4s, 20 yards Cameler 15s, 1 piece of print 14s. Total £1 12s.
- 04 Mar 1849 Private Alexander Campbell drunk in barracks at 10 o'clock when for duty in town from 10-1 a.m. John Johnson Corporal A. P. F. Private Minrupa absent from duty also at 6 o'clock when for duty barracks from 6-12 p.m., also place on duty in town from 10-1 a.m. and when visited at 11 o'clock found off his cost. The Star of China left this place for Sydney.
- 14 Mar 1849 Mr Smart and Hibbison was put in the lockup drunk.
- 17 Mar 1849 Harvested wheat by Mr Cocke's machine.
- 21 Mar 1849 3 bushels wheat ground at Mr Hulk's mill.
- 22 Mar 1849 Called to Mr Halse's mare to see her and found her with a strain leg.
- 24 Mar 1849 Brought Mr Halse's mare home to look after it.
- 31 Mar 1849 Gave Mr Brown his bill. He gave me a bottle of wine. His bill was 6s 2d. Paid 31st August 1849.
- 04 Apr 1849 3 wheat ground at the mill. Received £5 from P. Groves for an acre of land, in part payment thereof. The Sarahberry left for Wellington with flour.
- 07 Apr 1849 Mr Woods shod Mr Halse's mare.
- 15 Apr 1849 Newsham asked Sergeant Halse of a meeting he put to the men so as he did without occasion
- 16 Apr 1849 The Henrey arrived from Wellington. Mr Brooking did not tell me of Mr Foreman being sick until Tuesday 10 when it was too late to visit him, no food.
- 17 Apr 1849 Visited S. Foreman, found not at home. The Carbon and Sanaberry from Wellington.
- 18 Apr 1849 Sargt gave me an unmanly answer when asked about Langman coming in at 4 p.m.
- 19 Apr 1849 Mr Charles Rowe was summoned to the court by the natives about a Bullock lost by him in the swamp and had to pay the sum of £14 10s and expenses. Served I. Purran with a summons for £5 3s 3½d from George Lethbridge.
- 22 Apr 1849 The Sarahberry left this place for Manukau. Passengers Mr Wells 3, Miss Gibbles 3, Mr Wardel, Mr Catsl, Mrs Turton 4. Left this place for good. Also the Carbon left for Mokau.
- 26 Apr 1849 Mr Charles Rowe put in prison for debt.
- 28 Apr 1849 The prisoner Rowe is allowed rations. The Star of China arrived from Sydney with cattle.
- 30 Apr 1849 The Company's agent and wife arrived here from Auckland.
- 01 May 1849 The prisoner Rowe was released from prison.
- 03 May 1849 The Star of China left this place for Auckland. Passengers Mr Newhant (Murchant?) wife and five children, Mr & Mrs Reed and one child. Sent a letter to my father by the Star of China.

- 05 May 1849 A public meeting was held at the Star Inn about having transports sent out to this settlement. It was refused by all the settlers of New Plymouth.
- 11 May 1849 Mr and Mrs Fox left this place for Wellington. Cleaning about the Governor's house. Putting in place for the Company's agent and Mrs Biland. Mr Biland had to quit his land that he had cultivated.
- 12 May 1849 Mr W. Halse paid me two pounds for attending his mare and give in a bill for medicine (for Mare)
- 13 May 1849 At about 1 a.m. L. Hart was put in the lock up for being drunk in the streets. Also baled out by Mr Baker to appear on Monday next.
- 14 May 1849 Mr Brown left this place with cattle for Wanganui. Mr Newland came to the Police office. Johnson at work about the Governor's house.
- 16 May 1849 The Sarahberry arrived from Auckland.
- 17 May 1849 The case of Jordan and H. Halse came off this morning with Halse got the better of.
- 19 May 1849 Took Halse's mare to shoe. Removed all round. Transplanted cutting of roses. Grand winds two days. The Committee came to a final conclusion of the land owners but very dissatisfied with the decision.
- 21 May 1849 Paid from Capt King £5 8s, also gave up the jalers job to Newland and resumed my own at the Barracks as Corporal (Mrs Hoskins safely delivered of a son)
- 22 May 1849 Gave Halse's mare a cordial ball. Phillip Grieve paid me the remainder of the money for the acre of land, also I payed Mr Murch 5s in part payment of a bill.
- 24 May 1849 Took 3 bushels of wheat to mill to grind. Paid Mr Seccombe 11s 3d for beer left over 7s. Mr Ramson's lamp went out at 12 p.m.
- 28 May 1849 Mr Ramson's lamp went out 11 p.m. The cash in the club box last monthly night 28th May was £25 James Dingle had £1 from the club to pay the sick.
- 01 Jun 1849 The Alin came to an anchor to take flour to Manukau
- 02 Jun 1849 The Sarahberry arrived from Wellington. Passengers Mr Watt. Also sailed for Mokau. Paid John Parry 6 shillings and 8 pence sick pay. The mail from Wellington and Auckland. No particular news either place.
- 03 Jun 1849 William Croker broke his leg with I. Baley fighting at the Star public house on the same leg it was.
- 06 Jun 1849 Cut Mr Halse Mare's lampers – the first time that I ever did do such a thing.
- 13 Jun 1849 Put in good turnip seed and good cabbage seed.
- 14 Jun 1849 The Edward Stanley from Wanganui. Nothing for this place.
- 19 Jun 1849 Reduced to private again. Private Minrupa also left the force. Sgt Halse turned his father out of the barracks.

- 22 Jun 1849 Cut Mr Halse's mare's lampers and gave her three powders and bran mashes to which it seemed to do good. It seems to me she has been overfed and overloading the stomach with hay and Indian corn. Also put in potatoes good onion seed good turnip seed.
- 23 Jun 1849 Put in good onion seed, also made cucumber bed.
- 01 Jul 1849 I. W. Hindle had the word to leave the police on Wednesday, also Wednesday the 3rd July Ed. George.
- 04 Jul 1849 Sowed good carrots shorthorns
06 Jul 1849 Put in potatoes, cabbage plants. Also Dr McShene died about 12 a.m.
- 08 Jul 1849 Buried Mr Shene. Also gave Mr Halse's mare a dose of physic her dung was slimy.
- 13 Jul 1849 Frosty and rain. The Government brig from Wellington and Nelson. Mrs Johnson taken ill again.
- 14 Jul 1849 Frosty night, cold. Served a summons on Charles Hamblyn and Mr Mugrage to appear Thursday, the nineteenth day of July, one thousand and eight hundred and forty nine. Also the mail from Wanganui. Capt King received a letter from the inspector and the Sergeant also.
- 17 Jul 1849 The Government Brig left this day for Wellington. Passengers Mrs Carrington and one child, Mrs M. Shane and 5 children for Nelson. An officer came to survey the roadstead and sound it. Cut Halse's mare's lampers.
- 19 Jul 1849 The Sarahberry from Mokau bay left. Several cases of cattle trespasses off and only payed the expenses of the court cost Smith Hamblin, Mugrege, Bishop, Mr Turton and Miss Billand for cruelty to animals. Mrs Billand the defendant had to pay 19s.
- 20 Jul 1849 Went and trimmed Halse's mare's heels and eyes and singed her all over. The Sarberry came in. Mr Brown gave me a blue shirt for taking his mare to Mr Caulfield's horse in February 1849.
- 21 Jul 1849 Stormy night. Thunder lightning rain. On duty in barracks 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Relieved by Private Lane at 9½ p.m. He was in liquor when he came in to barracks. About 11 p.m. a very heavy thunderstorm and a stormy night. Heavy rain.
- 26 Jul 1849 Received £1 from Mr Halse for attendance on his mare.
30 Jul 1849 Trimmed Mr Halse's mare. Also caught a small whale opposite the Sugar Lofe
31 Jul 1849 Got Halse's mare shood at Wood's and shoos were removed all round.
- 01 Aug 1849 Mr W. Murch gave a ball at his house and Mr Ramsan kept his house open also and Newsham, Law and Aubrey, was in drinking until 3 a.m. Aubrey 10-1, Newsham 1-4 duty in town.
- 03 Aug 1849 Sarahberry of Wellington. Passengers Hart's wife and 3 children and Mrs Popes daughter husband and 2 children
- 04 Aug 1849 The Elin from Auckland. Had 50lb flour from Olliver's mill Mr Ramson kept his house open until 12 p.m. Ibbison, Crispin, Marks, Police Law was in his house drinking. Mrs Ibbison brought her husband home. I reported it to the sergeant next morning.

- 06 Aug 1849 Thomas gave me a Housewife Belly Hamhile bily to WM. Halse. It was in Charles Possion (Possession? – Charles Aubrey's with the name out of it, it had a bad look.)
- 07 Aug 1849 Made cucumber bed. The Sarahberry left for Wellington. Passengers John Meads, wife four children. The Elin left for Manateir. Cargo Flour. Passengers three. Phillips killed a pig had none from Hoskins of pork.
- 10 Aug 1849 The Postboy from Auckland. Passenger Mr Deane. Mr Marks (A) put in the Witera (Waitara?) Elin day
- 11 Aug 1849 Mr Halse spoke to me to Cocke for his mare to work. Put in turnip seeds.
13 Aug 1849 Saved peas green wood fort.
- 14 Aug 1849 Cut the inspector's hair. Put in second crop of potatoes. Sergeant Halse got leave of the inspector for a fortnight and Johnson had to look after the men till he came back.
- 15 Aug 1849 Bought half a hundred of flour from Olliver's mill 5s 6d.
- 18 Aug 1849 The ship Cornwall arrived from Auckland. Passengers Charles Brown, Miss Wright 4 months from England. London Captain Dawson. Mary Johnson went to live with Mrs Hole (Halse)
- 20 Aug 1849 The ship was obliged to put to sea on account of the weather being ruff.
22 Aug 1849 Putting cucumber seeds, beans lettuce seed.
- 04 Sep 1849 50lb flour from Olliver's Mill. The Elin arrived from Auckland 17 hours sail. W. E. Davy commenced Public House Business.
- 05 Sep 1849 Sarahberry from Wellington. Part of a bugle made. Sowed onion seed in drills. Charles Aubrey got his coat torn off his back by some drunken fellows at the Ship Inn.
- 09 Sep 1849 Private Law came into the Barracks drunk.
- 10 Sep 1849 Rd. Foreman died and Cousin was brought before the magistrates for insulting Aubrey the policeman, found guilty and fined one pound each and expenses.
- 11 Sep 1849 Took Halse's mare to Wood's shop to be shod all round with new shoes. Rainy day.
- 12 Sep 1849 Trimmed Mr Halse's mare legs. Mrs Johnson was attacked with spasms.
- 13 Sep 1849 Mary Johnson the younger has left Mrs Foreman's place and came home for good.
- 14 Sep 1849 Rain very mild rain from the North east. Brought 50lb flour from Olliver's mill. Cut the inspector's hair.
- 15 Sep 1849 Sowed turnip seed and cucumber seed
18 Sep 1849 H. Halse got married to Miss Shaw
22 Sep 1849 Received one pound from W. Halse
- 24 Sep 1849 The Government Brig from Auckland. Passengers W. and Mrs Leach came to remain at the Government house and one servant

- 28 Sep 1849 Mr William Halse fell from his mare on the Devon Road and hurt himself. I was sent for to look after the mare.
- 01 Oct 1849 Came to Mr Fishley's house at 3s per week. Gave up Mr Halse's mare after having it for ten days.
- 09 Oct 1849 Put in potatoes at the house. A fine dry day. Mr Leech spoke to me about the garden.
- 10 Oct 1849 Very heavy rain fell from the north. Rain all night kept northeast. Taken ill.
- 11 Oct 1849 Finished putting in potatoes at the Henui. Reported myself sick to the doctor Willson, went home and went to bed, putting myself on the club. The natives paid the last instalment for the land G. Gray's block.
- 15 Oct 1849 A very rainy day and all Sunday night there has not been such a rain as this for long time before it filled the rivers as full as they ever could be. No firewood all very wet indeed about the house.
- 16 Oct 1849 Rain all day and very cold and all night as well. The weather months ago as it is now, rain and wind.
- 17 Oct 1849 Stormy wind and cold weather. Got up and walked about.
- 18 Oct 1849 Went to my garden to see it and things looked very well indeed. Sent my girl to cut some greens. When Mrs Leech came and said What are you doing here. How can your father expect payment if you take out what things there is in the garden. Tell your father I says so. The girl left the garden and came home and told me what she had said. Thos. Heale went to the Barracks with his family to live and all.
- 19 Oct 1849 Went up to Langman's house, it was a very fine day, a fine breeze from the west.
- 20 Oct 1849 Went to my duty at the Barracks again. Felt the six days confined to walking. Fell the men in and drilled them by order of the inspector. Transplanted some cabbage plants. Mrs Leech offered to buy my goat for 10 shillings which I refused to take.
- 21 Oct 1849 Fine day. Rained in the night. Planted 22 white turnip plants, 48 cabbage plants. The Kelso from London 105 days. Passengers 14 for New Plymouth. 14 boxes of letters and newspapers. On watch in town 9-11 p.m. All quiet.
- 22 Oct 1849 Fine about 6 a.m. Mrs Turton died leaving five children behind her. Went on board the Kelso to fetch a prisoner on shore for stealing a cake from one of the passengers. The case was dismissed.
- 23 Oct 1849 The ship Kelso left this place for Nelson and Wellington. Had 100lbs flour from Hulks mill.
- 24 Oct 1849 Sowed turnip seed, onion seed, and peas in my ground. George Lethbridge brought one load of fencing and one load of firewood. Went to Mrs Leech about the garden. Not at home. Thomas Heale left for Auckland.
- 25 Oct 1849 The Sarahberry from Mokau. Mrs Hoskins went to Auckland. Dina as well. Stuck the first sowing of peas. Looking very well Mr Halse got his mare's shoes removed.

- 26 Oct 1849 Mr Halse called me to look at his mare's mane and tail that Good had done very badly. Went to work on the roads with Law.
- 27 Oct 1849 Trimmed the Inspector's horse. We gave William coin, shillings and a sixpence. Went out to drill.
- 28 Oct 1849 Dry wind. Mr Thatcher preached for the first time at St Mary's Church, New Plymouth.
- 29 Oct 1849 Went to work on the road.
- 01 Nov 1849 Very fine weather. Took Mr Halse's mare to Mr Cutfield's horse. Got covered three times. One load of wood from Aubrey. Had some months pay due.
- 03 Nov 1849 7 days at work on the road. Took Halse's mare to the hose but he was not at home.
- 04 Nov 1849 Thomas Heale's little girl died.
- 05 Nov 1849 Sent down to the coast with letters to the inspector to Mr Cutfield's place. Came back the same day. Also put in some potatoes at my own place.
- 06 Nov 1849 Miss Knight and Mr Thatcher was married Capt King bridegroom. Heale's child was buried.
- 08 Nov 1849 Sent the goat to the billy. Went to weed my garden and found everything looking remarkably well.
- 09 Nov 1849 Put in some dwarf peas and some potatoes and some potatoes that was green in the garden before.
- 10 Nov 1849 Fine. Warm rain at night. Finished planting potatoes. Sowed kidney beans. Received £5 from Capt. King left back one months, to be paid once a fortnight quarter. Made up W. Halse's mare for weight. Bought a dray of wood from Charles Aubrey for 13s and bring it to town for the same. Aubrey fighting Ibbison in Davy's P. House at about 12 p.m.
- 11 Nov 1849 Rode Halse's mare out
- 12 Nov 1849 The Twins from Wellington with goods. The Carbon also. Mr Cocke had 3 boxes from his mother. Received a black handkerchief from Mrs Cocke as a present. Mrs Johnson a gown piece. Sold Samuel Fishley a pare of boots for 7s and one hen for 1s 6d in part payment for rent due on the 1st November.
- 13 Nov 1849 100lbs flour from Hulk's mill 11s. Sowed turnip seed and trefoil seed that was sent out to Mr Cocke.
- 14 Nov 1849 Bought one pair of boots, one pair shoes from Mr Hursthouse.
- 15 Nov 1849 Mr William Halse bought a new saddle from W. Faithfull
- 16 Nov 1849 Took Halse's mare to get covered, a very good leap he gave her. She never took him again. The overland mail from Auckland.
- 17 Nov 1849 The overland mail from Wellington. Went to water the garden at the Government house, when Mrs Leech came out and sayed she did not allow me to take water out of the well. My reply was that it was very hard very hard to be refused water in New Zealand.

- 19 Nov 1849 Went to Capt King's house and spoke to him about the garden for him to speak to Leech, Capt King told me that Leech would not have anything to do with the garden, that I was to have my crop out and give it up again.
- 21 Nov 1849 Private Aubrey got his discharge of the Police Force. I hoed through my potatoes at the Henui. A very hot day.
- 22 Nov 1849 The Postboy from Auckland. Passengers W. I. Hoskins, Mrs P. Hoskins, Mr Newsham, Thomas Heale, Mr Turton, Heale got Robe (Robbed?)
- 23 Nov 1849 The smith shoed Mr Halse's mare. Removed them all round. Trimmed her eyrs (ears?)
- 24 Nov 1849 Rain. Took Mr Brown's mare to the horse. Covered her 2 times. Langman, Law and Newsham drew lots which should be out of the Police Newsham got the prize.
- 30 Nov 1849 Took Brown's mare to the horse. She refused him. Marey Johnson went to live with Mr Rian at 1s 6d per week on the 27th November 1849.
- 03 Dec 1849 Halse's mare refused the horse
- 04 Dec 1849 Mack Deene came back from the coast
- 08 Dec 1849 Sold W. Brown 2s vegetables, Ryan 5s, Mr Halse 1s, Thomas Heale some potatoes
- 17 Dec 1849 Mr Cocke paid W. Hirsthouse £22 13s 10d being the balance due to John Spencer and Stevan Spencer's account. Galloped Mr Halse's mare for the first time, went very well – a bad heel.
- 18 Dec 1849 Made the mare seat freely
- 22 Dec 1849 Wede (weighed) and was 10st L0 lb (Langman)
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- 01 Jan 1850 The Friendly society had their family dinner. A very good it was
- 14 Jan 1850 Received for Marey Johnson's wages up to the 13th January 1850. She is to have 2s 6d from this date per week.
- 15 Jan 1850 The Government brig came in sight. Lady Grey, Let Page. Ge Pitt's son came to New Plymouth to stop for a time. The good conduct money was payed £3 on this day, Heale £2, Langman £2. Mr Boyd came to board and lodge 9s per week on Monday 14th January 1850. Lady Grey rode out on Monday the 14th on Henwood's mare for the first time. Mr Woods spoke to me to pay his account. I told him I would if he would pay the damages done to my time piece to which he did not agree to do.
- 18 Jan 1850 The ship came in from England called the Berkshire, 22 passengers
- 19 Jan 1850 Governor came in from the coast and Lt Simons with him
- 21 Jan 1850 Sent in Halse's bill for vegetables
- 11 Feb 1850 Thomas Brown, Sanson, came to lodge and borde at my house 10s per week. Took James Foreman in charge for being drunk and disorderly in the streets, was fined 9 shillings and sixpence.
- 01 Apr 1850 Delivered Boyd's bill for board £3 19s

- 02 Apr 1850 The inspector came back from the coast. The children's teaparty came off. Mr Brown's mare took the horse after being 8 times before and refused him. J. Boyd settled up his board for £3 19s.
- 03 Apr 1850 Showery day
- 04 Apr 1850 Went down to McLean's to fetch his things from Dr Willson's house
- 08 Apr 1850 Went to work at the horspittle (Hospital)
- 09 Apr 1850 Mr G. Cocke left New Plymouth for England after nine years living in New Zealand but has done no good for his self. Mr McLean, Sir, My aggrieving is this that I was put in the Governor's house with the promise of doing for the Governor when he came. When I went to it, it was full of sorts of filth and windows broken and no chimney in it.
- 10 Apr 1850 Marey Johnson went to live with Mr William Halse, Company's agent
- 12 Apr 1850 Henry Halse, Sergeant Halse, removed from the Hanui to the Barracks, Johnson, Hale, Medland, Stewart all helping him and put on duty at night.
- 15 Apr 1850 The boy George Cooke came to board with me
- 22 Apr 1850 Gave up Mr Watt's horse
- 23 Apr 1850 Finished working on the horspittle 14 days. Mr Brown's mare has refused the horse for the last time.
- 15 May 1850 Received the land scrip from the Company's office containing 75 acres 18 chains. John Spargo came to lodge with me at 10s per week. Went to Olliver's mill for a 100lb flour had the seconds
- 30 May 1850 Trimmed Brown's horse 5s
- 02 Jun 1850 Private William Stewart went drunk to Mr Murche's publick House and broke 4 pains glass because he could get no more liquor to drink. Murch gave him in charge of Medland. He has not been fined as yet.
- 09 Jun 1850 Mr Thomas went out of his mind and went and left his family but where it is not known (Later found drowned in the Henui)
- 11 Jun 1850 Purchased Mr Curtan's house and premises for the sum of forty pounds and I also bought half acre of land for 12s
- 22 Jun 1850 Went to Omata to see Mrs Allen (Allon) buried. About a hundred people was at the attendance. Rode on Halse mare.
- 26 Jun 1850 Mr Davis was found drowned in the Henui river by Tomi Watson and received five pounds, being lost 14 days.
- 27 Jun 1850 Took possession on Mr Curtan's house
- 28 Jun 1850 A Barke (Barque) from London direct called the Monarch very stormy
- 01 Jul 1850 Caught Hapa drunk up to Mr Halse's house at about 8 o'clock and Little George with her, and throwing up. I told her the next morning she was not to come to my house any more and to take George and keep him or else let him stop altogether here. William Johnson went to live with Mr Halse. Mr Boyd left us.
- 02 Jul 1850 Mr Dampier came to stay at my house. He stayed three days and then went to Mr Garrett's (Govett's?) to stop he was going to Auckland by the first boat that comes in. Payd 7s for three days.

- 03 Jul 1850 Reported myself sick and went on the Club with a bad knee by order of Dr Wilson
- 05 Jul 1850 Mr Bishop came to lodge with us
- 09 Jul 1850 The English ship left this place for Nelson and Wellington
- 10 Jul 1850 Went to my duty again. Marey Johnson received three months wages from Mr Halse £1 16s up to the 10th July
- 12 Jul 1850 Went to my duty and was obliged to report myself unable to perform it was obliged to report myself to the club again
- 16 Jul 1850 Hapa came to tell us her cow had calved and David Foreman wanted to have her for his brother but she would not let him have her. Mr Bishop came in drunk and called W. Perry a liar three times and got to high words.
- 17 Jul 1850 Mr Perseable (Percival?) brought his luggage 6 boxes and 5 bags one washing stand
- 18 Jul 1850 Went to my duty again. 15 days sick. Brought Hapa's cow home
- 20 Jul 1850 Mr Perceval came to lodge at my house
- 23 Jul 1850 W. Bishop left us to go with Mr Cutfield to live for a twelve months
- 24 Jul 1850 Paid W. Shute for working about my house for three dys 9s
- 31 Jul 1850 A very rainy night
- 01 Aug 1850 Mr Olliver's cutter from Manukau and in the night and got on shore against the inland Sugar Loaf among the rocks. The Capt man and boy got on the rocks and the passengers was left on deck and perished there. She being the only passenger (Mrs Bishop) wife of a carpenter on board. She was laying on the board when found quite dead. William Stewart, policeman went down the gulf by means of a rope to bring her out, tied a rope about her but failed in getting her to the top of the rock and she went down again and has not been seen any more. The vessel had about nine tons of goods in her for different persons but the poor woman was lost.
- 03 Aug 1850 Mrs Davies, wife aforementioned Davies was found dead leaving 5 children behind her
- 04 Aug 1850 Went to the rock at the Sugar Loaf at it all day and kept duty at night as well
- 05 Aug 1850 Attended the same place and same duty at night, and was at it all day
- 06 Aug 1850 Attended the rock but could do nothing the weather being very stormy. Came home again on duty 8-11 p.m.
- 07 Aug 1850 The body of the unfortunate woman was picked up, had washed upon the rocks at Waitara. No Clows (Clothes) on and no hair on her head, one leg and thigh gone. The Coroner, Dr Willson came and looked on her and ordered her to the Governor's house where a jury was held on the body and verdict found drowned. Went on duty in town from 11-2 a.m. William Stuart off for the night.
- 08 Aug 1850 The woman was buried at Westley's chapel by the Rev Turton (R.T.) Stuart took the ring off her finger and gave it to her husband. On duty in town from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Remarked (Remembered) it. Then taken sick.
- 09 Aug 1850 On duty in town from 3-7 a.m. was sent down to the Huatoki and round the town to see for stray cattle. Came back at 12 – also went to see some native garden to value the damage. Came back at 4 p.m. Put on duty at night from 8-11 p.m. Stewart came on duty at 12 past 9 p.m.

- 10 Aug 1850 On duty in town at night 6-9 p.m. also five minutes late at duty on Sunday morning.
- 11 Aug 1850 The schooner Shepherdess came in and the Captain and man of the William and James was tried (The ship that foundered on the rocks and drowned Mrs Bishop)
- 12 Aug 1850 On duty at Hulk's house from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. On duty in town 10 p.m. – 1.10 a.m. Stewart came out fo Seccombs Public House at 11 p.m. and not on duty at all.
- 13 Aug 1850 Put in onion seed and broad beans a very dry day
- 18 Aug 1850 Mr W. Bishop left. Mr Cutfield and Mr Perceval went to cut bush down and Mr Bishop went with him.
- 23 Aug 1850 Took William Bishop in charge for being drunk and breaking 8 pains glass belonging to Mr Davy. Was by myself. The native was to have been with me but did not come till the fray was over. Sent my son to bring the key.
- 29 Aug 1850 Mr Bishop went to Mr Cutfield.
- 05 Sep 1850 On duty in town from 10 p.m. – 1 a.m. When William Stewart was in likker left the town for barracks and never returned as I left the town at 12 o'clock
- 08 Sep 1850 Visited the barracks at seven o'clock and found nobody there but the door locked
- 09 Sep 1850 Found Mr T. Baley's pigs strewing (straying) in Devon St. 4 black, 3 black and white
- 10 Sep 1850 Sowed peas spinach radish seed
- 15 Sep 1850 George Gray Cooke left this place for Mokau in the Schooner the Schipa. Mr Watt sent him without anybody to look after him in the vessel. Hapa and George cried bitterly for each other. I went myself to see him off.
- 16 Sep 1850 Took a man in charge for being drunk in the street. He belonged an officer of the 65th Regiment come from Nelson
- 26 Sep 1850 On duty in town from ten till one a.m. William Stewart absent from barracks all night and told the sergeant that he could not leave the barracks Johnson did not come in to relieve him, he was very drunk that night and told a lie to the sergeant. I was down at ten minutes before ten o'clock the same night.
- 08 Oct 1850 Sowed beet and broccoli seed
- 14 Oct 1850 The native came for the calf belong to Hapa having kept it 3 months
- 17 Oct 1850 Put in cucumber and vegetable marrow seed
- 25 Oct 1850 William Halse's mare brought forth a colt Seeks all Name Sweet Sall
- 29 Oct 1850 A ship from England, Eden with 60 and odd on board for New Plymouth 31. Mr Brothan and Mr Perceval (A. J.) came to my house drunk and Brothan wanted to take liberty with Miss Johnson, when I was on watch in town. I turned him out immediately.
- 05 Nov 1850 Mr Perceval commenced to get his breakfast only at my house. Took William Murch in charge for being drunk and disorderly in the streets.
- 13 Nov 1850 Brought before Capt King and fined one pound and costs five shillings. A vessel from an Island. Mr Harvey wife two sons Mr Parras Passengers.

- 19 Nov 1850 Mr Perceval and Mr Bington left this place for Wellington overland
- 24 Nov 1850 Took William Burns in charge for being drunk and disorderly and striking Alfred Ross and kicking the doors Striking the Queen fined £6
- 25 Nov 1850 Sent a letter to my father
- 27 Nov 1850 Put on board the Shepherd Mr Percevals goods for Wellington 5 boxes, 1 portmantle, 1 bed tie, 1 canteen, 2 blankets, 1 tent, 1 hatbox, 1 general case. Gun and case. Also received from Mr Strawbridge £3 1s for wine and paid it over to Mr Dorsett.
- 28 Nov 1850 Charles Clare came before Capt King for refusing to assist me when called upon in the Queen's name. William Burns was the man that was in custody. Charles Clare was fined £1 8s William Burns was fined £1 6s
- 12 Dec 1850 Sergeant Halse told me I was to leave the force at the end of the quarter by order of Mr McLean.
- 14 Dec 1850 The cow went to the bull at John Treweeks
- 16 Dec 1850 The ship Phoebe Dunbar from England 10 passengers for New Plymouth. A box from Miss Cooke and in it a present of a new gown for Mrs Johnson and a handkerchief for J. Johnson.
- 25 Dec 1850 Richard Rundle and a soldier was fighting and William Rundle interrupted me in my duty. I reported him and he was fined 1s and costs.

[From the Newland Diary 16 November, The New Zealand Company are a defunct body and it would appear that they could not then support a police force as the diary of John Johnson, police officer, ceases here.]

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- 18 Feb 1854 Gave up Mr Jones filly
- 22 Feb 1854 Gave up Mr Imley's filly 2 months
- 23 Feb 1854 Had a bushel of oats for his mare
- 27 Feb 1854 A large body of natives met on the beach about 2,000 of them
- 27 Mar 1854 At 7 a.m. went out riding on Mr Ninness mare and fell down and broke my collarbone
- 30 Mar 1854 New Plymouth races came off Autrage – Good – Sumbe won all the stakes. William Johnson rode for the first time for public money but won no race.
- 05 Apr 1854 The cow had a calf, a heifer calf
- 17 Apr 1854 Mr Nonns (Ninness) brought his mare to stay in my stable with a sprained leg
- 18 Apr 1854 Mr Popperrell brought his horse with a sprained leg
- 26 Apr 1854 Mr Murch's horse came to my stable with a sprained leg
- 29 Apr 1854 Mr Pepperell took his horse home
- 01 May 1854 A fine morning. Three vessels in the roadstead
- 02 May 1854 Brought Mr Murches horse to my stable
- 03 May 1854 Gave Foxhunter a dose of physic of six drams, operated well for nearly two days, 63lb bran for Mr Norris (Nonns-Ninness)
- 09 May 1854 68lb bran for Mr Murch 35lb hay
- 12 May 1854 1010lb bran
- 13 May 1854 Gave Foxhunter a second physic ball. Had 2 bundles of hay from Smart

- 14 May 1854 Had 10lbs oats from Murch
 15 May 1854 Mr Buttons sent about a hundred of hay
 17 May 1854 Sold Mr Burton a heifer calf for £3
 20 May 1854 Sold Mr Bradmore a cow for £16
- 22 May 1854 Mr Murch's mare left my stable. William went to live with Murch. Mr Gardner went down the coast with Mr Button.
- 01 Jun 1854 Mr Corbett went on board Velox for Sydney
 07 Jun 1854 Sowed carrot seed Transplanted plants, cabbage
- 10 Jun 1854 Mr Norris bought Laughing Lilly for £31. Mr Gardner returned from Wanganui and Mr Buttons also
- 17 Jun 1854 The Eclipse arrived from England 106 days our Mrs Johnson had a present from Miss Cooke and a note from her brother James
- 01 Jul 1854 Mr Murch gave a supper to his best friends at 7 p.m.
- 11 Jul 1854 At work at Mr Henwoods. W. Johnson bought a pig from the natives for £1 12s 6d.
- 17-18 Jul 1854 At work with Henwood
 24-25 Jul 1854 At work with Henwood
 25-28 Jul 1854 Thursday half a day, 2 whole days at work for Mr Candish. Saturday half a day
- 31 Jul 1854 Went to work at Mr Parris for one whole week £1 17s. A very severe frost this morning.
- 01 Aug 1854 Peas and beans not at the least affected by it
- 03 Aug 1854 A very serious disturbance took place at Bell Block with the natives, 5 killed and several women
- 06 Aug 1854 A vessel from England. 65 passengers
 07 Aug 1854 At work for Candish 7th and 8th 2 days
 09 Aug 1854 Went and rode W. Halse mare. Came on to rain in the afternoon
 11 Aug 1854 At work for Candish for half a day
 12 Aug 1854 At work for Henwood for one day putting in beans and peas
 14 Aug 1854 At work for Henwood for one day putting in onion seeds
 15 Aug 1854 At work for Candish half a day, digging round his fence
 16 Aug 1854 At work for Candish for one day
 17 Aug 1854 At work for Mr Morris – also 18th and 19th
 21 Aug 1854 At work for Parris for one day
- 22-26 Aug 1854 At work for Mr E. King. On the 25th sent letters and papers to my own home and to my Uncle James
- 28 Aug 1854 And 29th at work for Mr Mink putting in onions and beans and peas and trimming the garden
- 03 Sep 1854 At work for Mr Shepherd. Also Mr W. Morris took his mare home
- 04 Sep 1854 Isaac was taken with the measles and then Betsey was very sickly. Mr Foote paid John £3 for his wages

- 6-8 Sep 1854 Very stormy winds from the S.W. Peas in blossom is Spring. Very much winds from the south winds this month
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- 06 Mar 1856 Still threshing
07 Mar 1856 a.m. Finished threshing
10 Mar 1856 Took Mr Neal's oxen to rent for 3s per week
11 Mar 1856 At work for Mr Jones threshing and 12th
15 Mar 1856 Mr J. Pepperell's girl was killed by a bullock cart upsetting
31 Mar 1856 New Plymouth races came off but being wet it was put off till Tuesday April
01 Apr 1856 New Plymouth races came off, a fine day and good racing
02 Apr 1856 Second day a very fine day
03 Apr 1856 A horse sale came off
04 Apr 1856 At home all day
05 Apr 1856 Had £10 out of the bank
06 Apr 1856 Went to Pepperell's
- 07 Apr 1856 Pepperell's Bob run a match and lost it £5 - £8 Fetched Mr Neal 8s bullock to work
- 09 Apr 1856 Rain all day. Bullock at work half a day
10 Apr 1856 Harrowed the plowed land
11 Apr 1856 Fetched 3 loads slabs out of the bush
12 Apr 1856 Sent 57 hundred weight of potatoes to the town and 6 bushels of wheat to the mill
29 Apr 1856 Hired a pair of native's bullocks at £1 per week. Sent 23 bushels of oats to town
30 Apr 1856 Taking up potatoes and plowing
01 May 1856 Plowing fallow land
02 May 1856 Taking up potatoes
- 03 May 1856 Took a load of potatoes to town. Received a letter from home relating to the death of my father. Died 84 years of age November 6th 1855. John left Tate's 5 days work.
- 06 May 1856 Had two bullocks from the natives by the week
10 May 1856 Paid the natives two pounds for two weeks work here for bullocks
11 May 1856 A very rainy day after a long drought
12 May 1856 The bullocks at work half a day
- 13 May 1856 The bullocks at work all day. Bullocks 2 weeks wanting half a day paid up to the 13th
- 14 May 1856 The bullocks not at work
15 May 1856 and 16th. Bullocks at work, went to town and took 3 bushels of wheat to the mill
17 May 1856 Bullocks not at work
18 May 1856 Went to Chaple at night
- 19 May 1856 Bullocks not at work
20 May 1856 Bullocks at work plowing. Bullocks at work three weeks wanting a day
01 Jun 1856 A very cold morning and John found the first laid eggs this spring
04 Jun 1856 Bullocks at work half a day and on 5th half a day
06 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work
09 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work
10 Jun 1856 Bullocks at work and 11th
11 Jun 1856 Bought a calf from Mr Walker £4 7 months old
14 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work. Rain all day and very stormy at night
15 Jun 1856 Nothing extraordinary
16 Jun 1856 Bullocks at work and 17th
18 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work & 19th

- 20 Jun 1856 Commenced sowing wheat
 21 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work, a very rainy day, got very wet
 24-25, 27-28 and 30 Jun 1856 Bullocks not at work
- 01 Jul 1856 Bullocks at work half a day
 02 Jul 1856 Bullocks not at work
 03 Jul 1856 Bullocks at work all day
 04 Jul 1856 Bullocks not at work and 5th
- 06 Jul 1856 Had 15lb beef from Lethbridge. The natives came and let me the bullocks at 4s per day when at work.
- 07 Jul 1856 Bullocks not at work. The natives came and took them away. Rain and hail stones all night. Mounted Newall's horse and got thrown off.
- 08 Jul 1856 Rain and hailstone all night
 09 Jul 1856 John went to live with W. Scott, wages 10s per week, board & lodging & washing
 10 Jul 1856 Rode to the beach on the horse
 11 Jul 1856 Finished sowing wheat
 12 Jul 1856 Had 18lb meat at 5d per lb
 25 Jul 1856 Had 11lb beef, 9lb mutton, wheat ground at mill 212 returned back 30 cwt flour
 26 Jul 1856 Paid George Lethbridge £2 10s
 01 Aug 1856 Commenced to put up fence
 02 Aug 1856 Had £1 out of the bank
 03 Aug 1856 Paid Mrs Gray 1 pound
 12 Aug 1856 Bullocks went to the town with potatoes
 13 Aug 1856 Bullocks harrowing half a day
 16 Aug 1856 6½lb beef at 5d per lb
- 10 Sep 1856 Paid W Sunley 6s for a bottle of gin and W. Goddard 1s 6d left on gin. William commenced rolling the wheat, fetched the bullocks from the pa
- 11-16 Sep 1856 Bullocks not at work
 17-19 and 23 Sep 1856 Bullocks at work all day
- 07 Oct 1856 Bullocks half day
 08 Oct 1856 Bullocks all day
 09 Oct 1856 Bullocks half day
 10 Oct 1856 Bullocks all day
 13 Oct 1856 Bullocks all day
 14 Oct 1856 Bullocks half day
 15-17 Oct 1856 Bullocks all day
 18 Oct 1856 Bullocks half day
 21-23 Oct 1856 Bullocks all day
- 07 Nov 1856 Had £20 out of the bank. Bought a cow from Hulk £9 and six months to pay it in
 17 Nov 1856 Sold Cowlings a 15s calf
- 29 Nov 1856 Two Recipes was give to me by Mr Bishop belong to Mr Watson with my name on them as bondsmen for them Mr Henwood 17 pounds. Each one dated 5th January 1856, the other one 13 January 1856
- 01 Dec 1856 Putting up Mr Honeyfield's fencing 2½ chains at 15s per chain – and 2nd Dec
 03 Dec 1856 At work at Mr Hulk's howing turnips, William half a day
 04 Dec 1856 At work at Mr Hulk's half a day, Finished 2½ days
 05 Dec 1856 At work on the roads and William also – and 6th Dec
 07 Dec 1856 James Sutherland came to see us

08 Dec 1856 William and myself at work on the roads
 09 Dec 1856 William at work for W. Hulk
 10 Dec 1856 William and myself for W. Hulk
 11 Dec 1856 William and myself at W. Hulk
 12 Dec 1856 William and self on the road
 13 Dec 1856 William half a day, myself one day
 15 Dec 1856 At work for Mr Hulk, William and myself

January 1857

For two days cutting wheat supplies

10 gallons Ginger beer	10s	3 natives at 4s per day	£2
10 gallons Beer from George's	£1 5s	and their meat	£1 7s
2 gallons Gin from Mr Walls	£2	Thrashing machine one day	£2 12s
30lb beef from Lethbridges	15s	half a day	£1
20lb mutton from Lethbridges	18s	3 men at 5s a day	
		For 3 days each	£2 5s
		Carting to town, 4 days	£2

01 Jan 1857 Commenced cutting wheat. W. Henwood one day His servant 2 days
 22 Jan 1857 Let the natives some wheat to be cut. N. Jons, Nikle, Fredman 2 days
 23 Jan 1857 Sent Mr Hulk's bill in £5 5s 6d
 02 Feb 1857 9 gals beer from Cords 18s, 2 gals rum from Footte £2
 06 Feb 1857 Had £20 out of the bank
 13 Mar 1857 William and myself at Hulk's one day for work
 14 Mar 1857 Luisa Johnson went to school and borde with Mrs Gilmore
 15 Mar 1857 Went to Mr Tate's
 16 Mar 1857 Went to Hulk for one day at work £1 10s – also 17th March
 23 Mar 1857 W. Tate brought 5 calves to keep at 6s per week
 02 Apr 1857 Brought W. Tate's machine to thresh
 03 Apr 1857 Wet
 03 Apr 1857 9 gals beer from Cords £10 2s 6d
 04 Apr 1857 Threshing all day
 06 Apr 1857 Threshing all day. Mr Tate sent two bullocks to keep

25 Apr 1857 Received from W. Footte £12 19s 10d six months wages for John Johnson. June also paid Footte for spirits £13 – balance due to Footte £2. Paid W. Headmans £3 on Mr Skinner's account

27 Apr 1857 Took 1003 sheep to keep for Mr Tate 1½ per week
 28 Apr 1857 At work for Mr Honeyfield – and 29th
 08 May 1857 Had £10 out of the bank, William and myself at Henwoods – also May 9th

Recipes

Cordial ball for the horse

A composed of four parts each of Carraway powder and bruised raisins and two parts each of ginger and palm oil well beaten into a mess.

Grease

The first appearance of grease, a dry and scurfy state of the skin of heels. This ointment good. Sugar of lead one dram, Hog's lard one ounce, rubbed down together
