

Journal

~~1<sup>st</sup>~~ 4<sup>th</sup> May

1790

Calcutta

Land Land  
Log books

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1790

Employed on the Catalogue  
+ with G. Minto - New squall.

Thunder and rain began about seven  
rain with a little intermission till  
10<sup>o</sup> M -

+ M. B. - e. Car - n - Waring -  
Myer - Sp - q. - and other use

+ Entomological Museum never known  
and comes to Calcutta again as  
pendant -

+ Music - imperfection of Musical  
Instruments - Rasputrow - French  
from the latter only four were  
nearly perfect -

<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 5 April 1790

B<sup>d</sup> with W. Family

+ visit from W. Bentley

Subject Chronology (see part. book)

+ with D. Deek - W. White &

two sons M. Sh - & Mash -

- Except in women - wain or joint  
which is the most likely to prove  
destruction sooner.

+ A Quail fought by two  
natives of this country - They used  
matchlocks for applying the muzzle  
of each to his antagonists' breast  
They fired on a signal given, the  
one being for the other that his  
antagonist thro' the breast -

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1790

Went with and gave 2<sup>d</sup> paper to  
Mr. Harrington —

— Remarks on Ferguson's

Assertion "Through a Telescope of

N. 200 the largest stars have no small  
Diagnos; therefore Dist. 400,000 times greater  
than the Sun" Now is that Delirium?

+ with Mr. Taylor —

Calcutta

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1790

B with Mr. Fawcett - Excellent  
Mangos -

+ Different methods of ascent among  
the Part of the Stone -

+ with Mr. Harrington - The  
Stone is much retained by the  
Windows -

- Whether polygamy contributes  
to population -

- Climate of Calcutta as healthy  
probably as that of London. The  
Number of Deaths in the former  
perhaps not more than in the latter

Calcutta

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1798

+ The sick who attacked Mr. Spiker  
house last year was one of a number  
who travelled thro' several parts of the  
upper parts of the country armed con-  
trary to Law. Mr. James Graham  
Judge of Ormeau very properly  
seized their arms. Many run on horse  
were made to dismount their arms, seeing  
no likelihood of success, they all returned  
home, but one man who after many  
petitions <sup>non of</sup> which were allowed, he  
made the attack which is sufficiently  
known - Mr. Graham was turned  
out of place for having seized their  
arms!! -

+ with Mr. Fawcett - walk before  
Dunn in the Church yard -

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> <sup>Salem</sup> May 1790

Print from Mr. Bentley -

- Chronology - Mean Motions -  
B.'s rule will hold only in long-  
itudes -

+ with Mr. J. Campbell - Mr. O.  
Campbell - Mr. Fran - Grant  
Mr. Doull and Taylor -

L<sup>d</sup>. Morington's arrival at Madras  
The India fleet per Cochin and  
China ships consisting altogether of  
44 sail all arrived safe in England

- D. Redden has applied the Netivi  
aid to a venereal case which re-  
sulted the venereal spots <sup>of mercury</sup> and was  
completely successful -

- Effects of Charcoal in Distillatory Spirits  
to make a thicket - Discharge the Empires



— Music - Scots said to be <sup>from</sup>  
first introduced by James the  
King of Scotland - Hansson's  
Scale said to be commonly followed  
— What Scots terms Ruzzie  
realy composed —

1798

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May —

Made out a list of Chemicals

— Called on Mr. Cring — He thinks  
R. A. would do better here than at  
Madras —

+ wrote to R. A. to come to Calcutta

— with Mr. Cruise — views of  
Kengalle hills — Dinnao &c —

— Mr. D — in the evening

— Rain & Thunder from  $\frac{1}{2}$  past  
eight thro' to midnight — some  
intervals —

Catulla

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1790

- In this days paper there is an  
account of the new copper coinage  
(done at Birmingham -

+ with Mr. Taylor - after

Dinner a walk along

Dunsmutella - Action

of the natives when speaking

- Flew n. west at 11 but

little - Thunder

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Heavy rain from 5 to 4  
o'clock in the morning —

— B<sup>d</sup> with Mr. Fawcett

— Taken the House late  
presently proposed by  
Mr. Crox —

— with Dr. Dick — Mr. Mather  
sings to the Mythen.

— Liberator with respect to this  
is in religious opinions among  
the Hindus, Chinese &c

— Buonaparte

1798  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
3 Papers - B. with M. N - 9  
Committee of papers met - with  
great respecting the Resolutions  
we thought the members too few  
- with M. Fairb only M:  
J Ferguson and my self -  
Lath after dinner -

<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 14 May 1798

This morning sent the money  
and Globes to Mr. Fairlie —  
Propose to begin morning con-  
versations to morrow at six o'clock  
+ with Mr. Taylor — after dinner  
a Mr. F. called —

— The works at Sherburgh are  
quite discontinued — most of the  
cones are destroyed by the vio-  
lence of the sea — tide rises  
10 feet high — a N. East  
wind sets into the Harbours  
with great fury —

— The island of Jersey is fortified  
all round, and there is not depth  
of water for large Ships — Boats  
only can approach it —

— Stole the King of France  
"It was alleged that she  
ought not to have answered  
the question "Who are you"!!

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1790

1. Report at Mr. Fairlie's —

— Description of the 8<sup>th</sup> of the —

— Report of the capture of two  
Indians by a French Frigate  
and of the ship Nancy being  
burnt in Batavia road —

— Accidents by fire were never known  
to be so frequent in this country  
as they have lately been —

6 ships have perished by fire  
within these 15 months —

+ with Mr. A. he absent —

The laws of Siam ~~condemn~~ <sup>punish</sup>  
with death every person <sup>who</sup>  
conveys the burning of a ship

— Malacca on particularly a favor  
from the cause of rain —

— Grand set of letters up the country



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1790

Packed the Phil. and Chemist  
books - to prepare for moving -

- both M. G. -

- Mr. Grant formerly was resident at ~~the~~  
prescription to Mr. Udny - He was still  
more religious than the latter - Annals

- Capt. on his passage up the  
river was on M. U. - He was probably  
invited and requested to dine with M. U.

next day. The Capt. went ashore and  
took with him a son by a Native

woman. M. U. observing the boy asked  
the father whether he was born in Scotland

on the Capt. answering in the Negative

M. U. with a profound bow told  
him that he was sorry he must

dispart with the pleasure of his company -

When Mr. G. was superintendent  
he one time called <sup>together</sup> all the workmen with  
their ~~and~~ wives and women, employed  
in the Silk Manufactory. On examina-  
tion he found about of the females were  
indignant. There he instantly turned  
off. Upon this their male friends also  
left off, and the manufactory was at a  
stand - The consequence was that the  
Board of Trade ~~was~~ could not make up  
their investment. An order was sent  
to call all the men and women back -

- Went to Windsor in the Evening  
for a dance -

+ A letter from Dr. Tennant enclosing  
one of his productions for the Society  
titled "Influence of <sup>the</sup> Brethrenhood on the  
Pindar God -"

Calcutta —  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1790  
B with W. J. —

$2\frac{1}{2}$  p.m. A salute of 19 Guns given.  
Gave well: for the new Governor or sent  
Lord Mornington's arrival —

+ at 5 p.m. Lord Mornington landed  
under a Salute of 19 Guns —  
was received <sup>at the God's house</sup> by the Members of Council  
and officers of the Staff —

He went to dine with Sir Edward  
Clarke —

+ With W. Mornington  
— Society — Doct. Munk elected  
Secretary —

+ Mr. Dimes's  
Prize — Navy —

th  
Friday 10 May 1798

Letter at Mr. Gualdi's - Mr. F  
Preadack -

Packet of Letters - Price Current  
for October 1797 -

Another large ship burnt at  
Madras - It is suspected that these  
late accidents have been the con-  
sequence of advancing money to the  
Lascars before their going on board.  
They set fire to the ship in order  
that they may escape with what  
they have received -

Several salutes in the course of  
this morning - Low Noon

+ The greenish colored Gum from  
Oman is from the Babla Tree  
There are two sorts of Babla one  
a strong wood used for shafts of Camels  
and shafts of Muzzes. This sort pro-  
duces little Gum. The other is  
weak wood, produces a considerable  
quantity. This Gum was formerly  
used for making Candles, also as  
a glue or paste - It dissolves  
in water -

+ This morning read in the Analyst  
for Sept. 1797  
review an account of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vol. of  
Sir G. Munton's Embassy to China -

+ The Resin used the above is  
Gum to make ink thin. It  
resembles Gum Arabic -

+ with Mr. Bailie - He thinks  
that the substance just mentioned  
is not the Gum of the Babla Tree  
but something quite different -  
The Botanists have an opinion  
that the Gum of the Babla  
and Gum Arabic are the  
same - This Gum will not  
dissolve in cold water -

- Mr. B. finds (I am a good groom)  
for clothing in Lapsa -

+ Mr. Gibber always says  
"Amu first" not first three  
years of his reign" -

1798

Saturday 19 May —  
Breakfasted at Kuddipore here  
Dimensions for the new conductors  
— given them into Mr. Mackay,  
Mr. B — + being about

+ A letter from Martha Kuttanbuck  
(dated 21 June 1797 — London  
— also from Mr. Spence dated  
6 May — Madras —  
by Mr. Y. John who has not been  
permitted to take a plan of Madras  
tho' sent by L. N. and General  
Harris, it was copied by Col.  
Kemp of the Engineer —

— Lord M. it is said intends  
to dine privately at 4 o'clock  
instead of the common hour  
+ with Mr. Fawcett

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May

No Report to Mr. Hanning, for  
he engaged

+ The fall of the Mijete is  
said by the Nallays to be one  
of the strongest positions —

+



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1790

Packed two chests of coffee-

retur -

+ with M. Th - 1 - (Dogs -  
+ L. M. it is said intends to make  
the the company's workers do their  
own business - not so many natives  
employed -

+ Whether a Day School for green-  
leaf Nadi might not answer in  
Calcutta -

+ When Sir John Murray late  
Auditor General was applied to  
by Gov. to take into his office some  
young men workers instead of the  
Bongalor <sup>then</sup> employed, he replied  
that he did not intend to com-  
mence schooling. - Let the young  
men be taught the same. Teachers  
of writing before they leave school at home

Calcutta

Tuesday 22 May 1790

Gen (Dozen) Madras from Mr. Th-  
+ with Mr. L.

- Visit from Mr. Sp - 9

+ In the secret Department of Govt as  
it is called, there is nothing kept  
secret - During the last war Lord Com-  
wallis letters on the most important  
business, were read in presence of  
other writers, and often copied by  
them!! It is said to be no very  
difficult matter to obtain infor-  
mation from the most private  
papers -

# When a Bengallee workman  
is reproved for not making two  
parts of a machine perfectly of  
the same length as they ought to  
be, he replies God not made any two  
fingers of hand all same length -

1790  
Wednesday 23 May —

B with Mr. F —

+ Mr. Estlin's speech in a case of  
Crim Lon — His days march —

— Mr. F. write —

— A letter from G. Fennell  
respecting Genl. Mackenzie's  
wishes to be a member of the  
African Society —

Thursday 24 May 1790  
B. with M. Th. after B.  
was attended the committee at  
the Court house -

+ Recd. my acct. current with  
Messrs. Fairlie Johnson and Co.  
settled on the 30 April last  
Bal: in my favr \$25,973 -

Erra a/c.                    1062  
In my favr -            27,035

+ with M. Harrington  
small agreeable party - Drs H  
and G - by Messrs C. and W. and  
+ behind the back - before the face !!  
+ Friend equally strong through  
- Motion at dinner - Do not reason  
better on other subjects than other  
men -  
- Short made of teaching Mr. - C. acuum -

Friday 25 May 1790

4<sup>th</sup> Lpin at Mr. Fentons - Globes  
- Recd. payment of Mr. Brough's  
Subscription - 50 S. Rupees -

I d with Mr. F. (D) in 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

+ Paper report that the English are  
in possession of the Island of Malabar  
by request of the Govern<sup>r</sup> of that Island

+ Muzee Moulah brought me  
specimens of Bengal Gum

~~3~~ Pieces of Gum Copal 3 Sorts  
pieces 50, 52, 55 Mr. G. Manning

2 of Gum Babat Mr. G. Manning

- Babat is the same with G. Arabic

1798-

Saturday 26 May

B. & M. W. 9-1 - (called on

M. P. Broughs - Circular Instru-  
ment - Miscellaneous specimens -

- O and I. M. W. 11 - S. H. 22

+ Seven fins contained - Gilbo.

- Two dogs killed by one of the

X Hacking drivers - with a stick -

one was just known for dead or -

to the Hacking, when the other

is left, it wagged its and looked

at the savage, who gave a few

more blows and threw it in

with the other -

+ with his own (Dunkin

- Arctic Society - N. M. Don

not like the present President -

- to use of a commotion!! -

seems from South

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1790  
B and gave a letter to  
Mr. Marington - I then only

- Pursuits of literature & Saty-  
rical poem mentions the Embargo  
with disrespect

- With Mr. Taylor -

Rain at 6 - The rains are  
undoubtedly set in some time  
since for the season - sooner  
than usual by three weeks  
at least -

- Walk - pleasant after rain  
Bengalies in the Bazaar enjoy-  
ing themselves - smoking &c

<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 28 May 1798

Stomach much out of order -

- Sent Mr. Worthington a specimen of the  
effluvia -

- With Mr. Fairlie - Sick -

Returned home earlier - took

some medicine -

+ Packing all the morning -

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Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1798

At home all the morning

- Visit from Mr. White Surgeon

and afterwards from Mr. Marnett -

- H a.m. very heavy rain - Loud

thunder - from the south west -

shook over & blown -

- M. S. called - a drawing of

Dr. H. v. Snew - must be in-

verted when applied to use -

Something particular in the

motion -

+ Government having occasion to

write to the Rajah of Nipaut

began this letter as usual with

a string of bombastic titles,

when shown to Dr. Mornay he

had drew his pen through them &

only si —

— with W. D. Franklin —

- + Total Eclipse of the moon —
- Ceremonies of the Hindus (Described  
see (Remarks on Hinduism) —
- + The Roman Emperor Maxi-  
min could drink an Am-  
phora (seven Gall.) of wine in a  
day, and eat 30 or 40 lib of meat

th 1790

Wednesday 30 May  
Finished packing - began to  
move to morrow - stomach  
still out of order -

+ Lotta M. Macdonald - M. D. -  
and their own family -  
- Moon - Cap. M. - question con-  
cerning her and the son -

+ M. B. - excused himself from  
attending at the council house  
on account of his having taken  
physic - L. M. observed that  
it was a bad plan to take much  
physic in this country, particularly  
on business days!

- Native thought highly of his L.  
on account of his state - He has  
raised the people to the same sta-  
blement as in Washington time -

and never goes abroad without  
a howl -

Calcutta

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1790

Moved the whole apparatus and  
part of the furniture -

- both N. Th. - 1 -

+ Evening at the British Society

- I proposed Major Genl. Eschm  
to be a member - I by Mr. Mair

- Read Bently's paper and  
the report of the Surgeon Substant  
Gc -

+ 5 p.m. rain - one very hard  
clap of thunder - said to have

thrust Mr. Davidson's horse  
Down in Stomach still

continued -

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1790

Stomach very bad - sent for Dr.  
Pike -

+ with Mr. Taylor -

- Ritten - Rhubarb - & Dr. does

not approve of my beginning with  
bark -

Saturday 2 June 1790

Letter from Dr. Dick - much better - invited to dine with him - L. M. brought a list of names with him, from which he appears to be acquainted with every person of consequence in the Service - Dr. D. recommended to him by L. Cornwallis -

- Mr Doag in a paper on the history of serpents says that during his residence at Bombay, he had not met with a single case of Hydrophobia. This is not the case in Bengal where the disease is frequent -

Sunday 3 June 1790

Much easier - pain in St - greatly  
abated -

- M. S. - y called -

+ L. M. - reprimanded M. Addison  
for not continuing to pay money  
by to a widow a sum left by her  
(deceased husband)

- Has ordered every petition to be  
received by his servants - and  
has informed them that if it  
shall be discovered that any of  
them has taken a bribe, the  
person guilty shall be expelled and  
also punished -

- Visit from Messrs. Whyte and so.  
and a Mr. Russell to look at the  
house -



- with W. Taylor - W. Twiss  
M. Baillie -

- Star!! - Dry - 3 - in your face  
Continist Dispute -

+ L. M. says Cebu may be  
deeper & rain be rendered as healthy  
as any other place whatever

- visited the prison below the Court  
of equity - found one man who  
had been confined for 4 years  
for 7 Ropes - liberated this  
man and many more -

- It is reported that the Justice  
Court is to be reduced, some say  
abolished -

- M. C. - 2 visited on the 2<sup>d</sup>  
2<sup>d</sup> - in Aid de Camp. sent to  
know whether M. C. had any par-  
ticular business - if not that he

would send for Mr. C. - when  
he wanted him!!

- Rajah who sent L. Coxe.

30 hours when he could not get a  
keeper any where else, waited on  
the Gov. G. I. on finding he had  
only comp. to make - Dismissed -

- He is said to have great power  
even the choosing of his own coun-  
sel - Contradicted Mr. Spoke in  
Council -

+ T. is rem. on the Treaties  
Society! -

+ Rain with few intervals all

Day  
- Thru - during the day - - 00 -

- Sensation - cold

- The Ship Hornby arrived  
at Bombay - Rem. after  
Mr. and Mrs. offered -

Calcutta  
Monday 4 June - 1790

Much rain last night - very  
heavy at 5 a.m. - Thel. 00

<sup>H</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub> a.m. A royal salute from the  
barracks in honor of his  
Majesty's birthday - Two of the  
guns were discharged almost  
at the same instant.

- High wind S. E. & w. by -

<sup>H</sup> 12 Rain - Drizzle -

Lord Mornington is said  
to be an encourager of the  
Natives -

- He stopped in one of the streets  
in the suburbs to allow the  
women and crowd to see him -  
with Mr Theobald  
+ had one Dozen wine from Theobald -

Rain during this whole day  
Sometimes very heavy -  
- W. and Mrs. M. present -  
+ Thru. the whole day - 00°  
- Sensation - very cold -  
- wind South. " very high -  
- Heavy squalls -  
- a sudden strong gale  
of wind preceds the rain

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1790

6 a.m. Therm — 0

Temp. very cold

much rain last night —

— wind southerly —

heavy squalls —

R. with Mr. T. — Mr.

visit to Mr. Up. ni — two

ladies —

+ with Mr. Fawcett —

Dr. Gray &c —

Rained all day

Therm —

00

wind southerly — cold —