



1797
Cape of Good Hope 14 April

at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ High 21. 5 hours

— 11 — 0 —

— 12 — 10 Dry —

13 High 21.9 West 2000
High wind - Dust is heavily

troublesome - worked in

M^r Burroughs - General

North -

Cape said to be very useful

Key to the Port - troops

stationed - Disputes

between the company &
Government easily adjusted

without the company's

James a Ship, cannot
sail from Calcutta was to
Madras —

— Sent M. Burroughs Memo-
rals to Phila. and Adm.
Letter to M. Burroughs for
his nephew M. Carr —

— Sent one Gold Mohur being
for last quarter subscription
to the Asiatic Society —

— When the Thermometer rises
to nearly the table — books
&c. are sensibly hot to the
touch —

H. 1/4 p.m. Ther. — 90
Hyg. M. — 21. Dry
~~Old~~ ~~full~~

H. 1/4 Ther. — 91 1/2
Hyg. M. — 22 Dry
~~Old~~ ~~full~~

wind S. westerly — blowing
with Capⁿ Fleming —
Observations ^{on} the States and
Description of Scotland, — whether
the premises be the fittest
persons for providing such
accounts — Style —

Saturday 15th April 97

B^o at 8.10

-sent Edward to Mrs B - a bill
to Mr. Humphreys for 12 and for
and 704 Rufus -

H	Thur.	
12	Ry of new	89
	old	220
		10

Went S. to water - plans
much done -

H	3 p. - Thur.	
	Ry of new	90 1/2
	old	270
		2.3

H	4. Thur	
	Ry of new	09
	old	25
		2.2

cloudy - signs of a N. Wester - to South

H
7 blew hard - Thunder
and some rain - one stroke
of lightning very near -
+ with D. Dick -

- Mr. C - 2 thought it would
be proper for me to go
to Luthrow - because of
disposing of my possessions -

Sunday 16th April-97

B. at W. F. - all the

Int. at Mr. B. - 4th -

4	Thur	03
12	Wyd new	12 Day
	old	.1

cloudy 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ wind Northth -
little -

3 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thur	06
	Wyd new	17
	old	.5

cloudy No. 1 little wind -
with Mr. Fairlie -

Asam contains many
censorships unknown to

Europe - Trade of G.
B. its amount -

+ Have determined to go up
the country - set out at the
beginning of the rains -

It is now certain that Duf-
fay-ut-Rupin Khan is, by the
influence of the Governor G.
appointed by the Nabol, from
ministry - This circumstance
will probably be in my favour
on my arrival at Lucknow -

Monday 17th April 97
R with Th - Mr Th -

wishes to accompany me -
Something may possibly be
done in the way of trade -

1 H	Thur	—	87
1 1/2 p m.	Nyd. new	—	17 1/2
	old	—	.25

cloudy - wind - very dull

4	Thur	—	00 1/2
3	Nyd. new	—	27 9
	old	—	1.5

At home -

Mr F - in the evening
departs expecting the comparison
value of the shops built in this

country with those built in
England - Wood of this country
said to be more desirable, to
this it was replied - perhaps on-
ly in India - Object - Shops
of the latter had - &c - A
board of Agriculture established
a Board of Naval Architects
also lately established with sala-
ries to the President and mem-
bers - A military officer is said to
be at the head of this Board
Capt R - applied there a few
times to the former Committee
of this Society for information
on a particular point, but
saw only a woman and that
the former gave him a pamphlet -

Tuesday 18th April 97

B' with W. F. Read in

The Statistical account of
Scotland, Description of the
Parishes of Dumfries by Mr. Burns
and

and Roberts
by W. J. Henderson —

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. m. Began to thunder
to the South eastward —

Ther. —	90
Hyg. new —	26.8
— old —	1.6

Wind southerly a S. East
3. Wind at East blew hard
began to rain

Soon after the wind veered
about to North. Large drops
of rain and some hail stone
— Crows flying about as if
terrified at the approach of
the thunder cloud — some of
them at a very great height

4 The Thunder storm went
off without a north west
+ Wind with W. Force

Capt. Park of the Corbin
arrived from the Province last
for Madras —

— Amboy is not an un-
healthy place — Boston

thoroughly fortified -

- Tide runs in calm weather
perhaps not more than 10
Inches - Robersons charts
very erroneous - by attending
to them some of the men of
war has nearly been lost -

- preparation for Batavia is in
a particular season perhaps
in a week or ten days -

Dutch at Amboyna capture
the Island with the grain etc
- They do not permit the collec-
tion of grain, in order indeed
to keep the island entirely de-
pendent on Batavia -

- 6 Indiam had arrived
and six ships were said to
have been seen near the Island
supposed to be Surveys Squa-
dron -

Manilla is said to be so strong-
ly fortified that according to some
all the British vessels in India
would not take it. If this be
true, our present armament
will cut but an indefinite
figure before the place -

- Appearances seem to justify
the days report, viz. that it is
doubtful whether the expedition
will take place -

Wednesday 19th April 9th

B^d with M^L - Islands are
in general more healthy than
continents. Trincomalee is
unhealthy owing to its situation
at the bottom of a deep bay
and surrounded with high hills
which prevent circulation -

- M^L - a new ship is taken up
at least verbally by Government

#	Ships	W.R.	0.6
#	Ships		0.9
	Ships new		0.9
	Ships old		0

wind southerly - breeze -

Red flag of M^L Brough's boat
arr^d to John S. Kuper -

4	Ships	90
4	Ships new 25	90
	Ships old	2.5

wind southerly fine breeze -

+ with M^L Lambert -

M^L does not like the
Punka parish by M^L Croen

Ingredients and provisions for
country tea - Small beer

and Sugar fermented, other articles
added -

+ Boats Depart ^{from Calcutt} very early
about sun set, they travel

eastward 7 or 8 miles to
where they rest all

night mostly in Camps - Return
next morning still after sunrise

Thursday 20th April
 B. at D. D.,

— Rent of M. S. —
 It is reported that one object
 of the Gov. Genl's recent visit to
 Lucknow was to prevail on the
 Nabob to resign to the Company
 a considerable territory near
 Mahabad —

4 th Ther.	—	87°
11 a.m. Hyd. new	—	0
— Old	—	-0
Wind southerly fresh breeze		
2 ¹ / ₂ Ther.	—	90°
Hyd. new	—	20 D.
— Old	—	-9

with Mr. Fank. he ab-
 sent —
 Mr. D. in the evening
 5 p.m. the most best breeze
 seemed to portend a storm
 It began to thunder which
 soon increased — at eight one
~~perfect~~ continued peal and
 flash of lightning accompanied
 by a heavy rain but with
 little wind — The thunder
 continued with little inter-
 mission through the night
 Sulphurous smell perceptible
 some of the lightning most
 beautiful —

Friday 21 April - 97

B^d at Mr. Fisher's

H. Shaw	05
12 Fly of Wax	28
— Old	— 0

cloudy 2 1/2 little wind South

+ The Thunder Storm continued

till Day break this morning

— At 4 appearance of rain

continued black till 8 e.g.

blowing hard but little rain

+ with Mr. Fisher

Mr. Fisher was brought up

to the table in amputation

— A Journey over land to Bombay

would furnish ~~much~~ many
curious materials — thro' Panjo

to Angengo at which
place take shipping for Bombay

The water on the coast most
tenacious of the Distinctions with

respect to cast — A mukham
is not permitted to ride in a Palan-

kin even to be married — In many
on horse back — Not allowed ^{above} a

certain number of spots on his
coffin — This even the Rajah of

Panjo could not allow, he ~~was~~
once attempted a change in favor

of a rich mukham's wife, but
the whole country ^{rising} rose against

him, he was obliged not with-
standing his army to desert —

Hyden Alley attempted to lead
the water of the Cavery into
a different direction or purpose
to deprive the Nabob of the
convenient use of water, the fact
on which the impracticability of
the plan without immediately
own dominions —

Saturday 22 April 97

B^o with Mr. Forman —

7 th p.m.	Ther	—	00
	Ther. now	—	18 th
	— Old	—	— 0

wind southerly - cloudy - 1 -
sun collecting on the N. Western
horizon - probability of a N. wind

3. Thunder at a distance - Northward
wind S. blue fresh, the Thunder
cloud advanced against the wind
till it came within about 20°
of the Zenith, when the wind
suddenly veered round to the North
and almost immediately blew
very strong - No rain -
+ with Mr. Forman —
- Nancy & Deb arrived —

Sunday 23 April 1797

B. with Th. +

Visit for M.S. - a friend of his thinks the country excursion will turn out well -

H
12 New
Fly of new
— old

00°
0 1/2°
-0

cloudy - 1 1/2 - wind South!

fine breeze -

1. New
Fly of new
— old

90.
198.
+0

cloudy - 1 - wind South. gentle breeze -

Visit with M. Belli
Col. Roberts -

at C - Began to blow -

blew hard for a short time
no rain - lightning continued
till past eleven, peattering
thunder - flashes continuous -
round the whole horizon - No
thick cloud - only thin haze
covered the whole firmament -
flashes almost all horizon but
spangles - peattering - no
rain - guess why was not
the Electric Equilibrium restored
much sooner ~~than~~ than three
hours -

Monday 24th April 1797

B with Mr. F. after breakfast
went to Deming's - nothing remem-
berable - Then agreed with Mr. [unclear]
for 1000 N. P. months - To
have no opportunity of trading
with Mr. Fautin - The new fort
of Sarrampore with a fund of [unclear]
- Admiral Boscawen has it is [unclear]
expended 7 or 8 thousand pounds
on shells collected at the Malabar
- with Mr. D. in the evening
- to breakfast there to morrow
to visit Mr. Taylor afterwards -

Tuesday 25th April 1797

B with Mr. F. alone - too late
with Mr. Fautin this
about - It rained at 7 -
much lightning and rain
It is remarkable that Euro-
peans are the only people
who walk backwards and for-
wards for exercise, A Hindoo
a China man, a Malley saunter
at this or he things it recollects
mode of walking -

Wednesday 26 April

- B. with Mr. Duncan - went
to visit Mr. Taylor - a lady
sitting for two pictures -
round of calls -

+ Skiffed with messrs for a
coat -

+ with Mr. Spalding - Mr. Bur-
row - story of p - q on the Venice
Mary - Population two great
quotations from Savigny's letter
in favor of his N. 13; 10 p.m.

- A most violent N. west
commenced at 4th six blew
very hard - rain - Thunder

Thursday 27th April 1797

B. with Mr. F. & G. Duke -

- attended the General Service
- afterwards at the sale of Jones
effects -

+ with Mr. Ferguson -

at 7 a strong N. west
high wind almost instantaneous
much thunder and heavy rain
light: in general horizontal
then covered with a kind of haze
rather than cloud - Before
the commencement of the N. W.
wind at South - Cloud from the
N. advanced against it as usual
when within above 25^o of the
Zenith, the wind veered round

and instantly blew a hurricane - This circumstance I have observed to take place in almost every violent N. West-gale on that principle is this accounted for? -

- Cape of the
called after dinner and related the
happens acted on board his ship
by the Lieut of the man of war
- The Capt. of the private merchant
Vessel - This Lieut. went on board
the French man, and seized one of
the best sails, for wages due to
two men who had deserted from
the ship 5 months ago, had
entered into another French - and
deserted from her also -
+ Where are the Pralleys derived?

Friday 20th April 1797
B. with W. Fourn -

- The merchant ship papers
a man of war, and a French
from the former call out to
ship of war to send a boat on
board, that he wishes to enter
on board the King's. The Com^{dr}
officer must obey - In this case
the officer who comes on board
the Merchant? demands the man's
articles, which must be paid.
I got he can seize on anything
article belonging to the ship,
to the amount -

- A new preference for money
by the head below, to buy
a soldier or silver coin for his wages
to support my countrymen. ~~some~~

- With Mr Fauch -
Have just received accounts of Mr.
Hawington - Am extremely sorry
to hear that he has not received
that benefit from the voyage to
Columbo which his friends could
have wished - he sails for Madras
to Chellagong where he means
to reside two months -

- Even^d at Mr Duncan -
Thony N. Water at 0 -
immense numbers of a particu-
lar kind of beetle on the terrace
- At 12 the storm recommenced
much lightning - some thin
foggy covering of the sky as usual

1797
Saturday 29 April -
B. with Capt: C - y -
he informs me that he has
lately received a letter from Lieut.
Pat. Cornevy my old pupil -
intimating his intention of
~~quitting~~ quitting the Navy and
settling in Glasgow -

+ at Am was thunder and
rain - one flash near -
- at Seven (ditto very heavy
rain -

+ with Mr. Spalding -
Mr. Bernard -

- Human Sacrifices are said to
be sometimes offered to a particular
Deity in Hindostan

7 a violent N. wind - much
rain -

9^h storm recommenced very very
rain much thunder -

- Mr. B. recommends attention
to the Surface of this country
as attended with several extra-
ordinary circumstances - Trade
of killing the beavers - particularly
knives -

Sunday 30th April 1797

B^d at Mr. F. - Mr. G. G.

is expected this day or to morrow

- with Mr. Colvin - There met

a son of my old acquaintance

Mr. John M'Vitie of Drumfer

- Evening at Mr. F. or -

to am -

+ Willards at Mr. Flowers

Mr. Mabon's engraving of the

curiosities on the Malabar

coast are only 7 by 5 inches

- too small to give much sa-
tisfaction

Calcutta 1797

Monday 1 May

- Indisposed during the morning -

Visit from M. S. - 9 -

+ with D. Dick -

- Mr. Gates, - a young Cadet gave me some acct. of the Forsythes family to which he says he is related - Speaking of

of old B, he asked what that old cadger M. F. - would do with a young wife -

This unfortunate remark was made in hearing of Miss O -

Came in this Evening

+ N. weather at seven much warmer and rain, but little lightning -

- After lights in this N. W. the same as formerly. There is a wonderful calmness in all the Storms of this sort -

Calcutta -
Tuesday 2 May 1797
B^d with Mr. F. -

weather extremely close and
sultry -

- with Mr. Fairlie.

+ It is said that a boat
which will keep the leg dry
in water will not in dewy
grass, and that an English
boat tho' perfectly tight at
London is not so here. If this
be true give the cause -

Calcutta -
Wednesday 3 May 1797

visit from Mr. M. Viti

- News from Drummond

John Arthur Sen. Dead sud-
denly - Jimi taken ~~to~~ drink
his wife died -

John Black obliged to fly
the country for forger -

Mr. Hayflop made a great
fortune - Mr. Wain still
keeps the book shop below
the coffee house -

- with Mr. F. -

Society in the Evening -

Thursday 4th May 1797

Friday 5th May

Left W. F.

at Mr. D.'s in the Evening - Two
Children baptiz'd - Ball -

Band from the Province.

- Dr. H. - with me in the Evng.

Saturday 6 May 1797

- with M. F. -

- Government has published
proposals for receiving sums
of money by subscription to
the subscribers to receive letters on
the Court of Directors, Interest 12
p Cent to be liquidated in 4 years
in all the parts of the Debt not
repd then on year - Exchange
2 6 of Silver Rupee - This is
said to be well calculated for Gent.
who have sums to remit in the
course of time - Three years -

Sunday 7 May 1797

Employed in law room in
reading Hist^y of England -

- with D. Dick - Done in the
Evening -

- Third Day of received an Express
contain - News not transp'd

- Report of a marriage Capt. C
to Miss M. O. -

Monday 8th May 1797

B¹ with M. Foreman —

Dined with Ditto —

+ within the English Language
be still improving, if not when
was it at its greatest purity? —

+ News from England by the over-
land packet. — Lord M^g had left
Paris — Most vigorous preparations
for another campaign —

Lib^{ty} besieged by 60,000

Doing great preparations for
opposing the Spaniards. —

— 10th M^g subscribed in three

Days — Preparations at Briss
enforced against the Portuguese
— Empress of Russia Dead —

Friday 9th May 1797

Gov. General a crowded levee

— with M. F. —

M^g D. in the Evening ✓

Cap^t Cor —

+ This morning called at Cap^t
Burgis — wished to look at
a painted room, next to the
Cap^t. — wonderful stories are told
and believed — The Windows are
improbable in this article as the
lower steps of people in Camps

H

3 p m. Th^u — 9th

Monday 10th May - 97

B^o with Capt. Carnegy -

- Some particular parts of a ship
are sometimes believed to be
haunted -

- A don from W. Solving of
250 R. for his intended dowry
- venue -

+ Simon Cohen married - The
bride about 8 years of age -

She is one night with her husband
after which she returns to her father
house where she remains 'till the first
of the month when she is to be
married -

- During this time the girl cannot

change her mind and take
another husband, but the husband
may take another wife - The
conjecture here is apparent, but
it is a fine with the other
laws which is subject the wo-
men to a kind of slavery -

- With M. F. - he absent -

- It was alleged that the Capt.
has no claim by the English law
on a prize taken before the Dec.
of war, and which is only taken
'till the event of war is known to
be known -

th
Thursday 11 May 1797

B^d with Mr. Th —

Employed in getting the
Air pump in repair —
With Leake —

— with Mr. F —

no acct. of the L. Tubel.

— Gov. at Mr. Dornear's
Letter from Mr. Spenser who
has parted with Mr. F —

th
Friday 12 May 1797

B^d with Mr. Fournier

— Collected the phials &c for
the Chemical Chests —

Sold to W. C. Lambert La Land
Cart 3 vol. 4.° last Edition for
£100 J. R. —

— with Capt. Fleming —
Two Rajahs (as usual) at Amboy
— now by the English Gov. agree
able the Dutch Laws — This
they said to be very offensive to
the Nation — The Malloys
helped for more liberty from the
English than they have ca-
pured from the Dutch —
— with from Robert Armstrong
at Madras —

No 1794

Saturday 13 May
aft B: called at Capt.
May - not at home -

- Called again at L. Shum
him Sun-chong's letter -
He promised to return the
Foot Chest, but does not recd -
but a second Chest -

- with W. F. -

at M^{rs} D's in the Even^g -

+ Much jarring between the
Nabob and Duffax-ut-Mussein -
Sh. N. told him he must not
consider himself as his (the N's)
servant, but the servant of
the English -

1795

Sunday 14 May
at 4 set out for Kudduspoor
and - Mathur Se -

- returned at 1

- with M^r Fairlie -

- Evening at home

call for M. N. - he has

got 3 large Stalls to make
for the benefit of Trade -