

Journal

th  
27<sup>th</sup> April

1800

Calcutta



Land Log  
Book

January 1000

Monday 27 April -  
Visit from Mr Campbell  
- Brown & Co. sole Distributor -  
He came to attend to the Cha-  
racter of Casuarina. He may share  
his fate by meeting with a  
Barrister. - I come to now under  
a military government - Dupont  
- so much for revolutionizing -  
+ with Mr Campbell - alone  
- Mr Ingham (the) - work -  
- I was by not paying the  
men their wages, has much  
retarded the work -  
- For a week past - strong  
southerly winds -



Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1800  
8 a.m. This ——— 06

Strong southerly winds  
— with M<sup>r</sup> Clark and M<sup>r</sup>  
Chan — M<sup>r</sup> and M<sup>r</sup>  
Duncan with six young Ladies  
— A dance expected by the Ladies  
— Disappointed — M<sup>r</sup> C. was  
sitting when he sat down to  
Dinner —

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April  
Applied to Mr. Harington  
Respecting the Lottery — consulted  
— with M<sup>r</sup> Fairlie —  
— Renowned W. Catfield, Sexton  
and Artificial horizon —  
Weather unfavorable for sight  
— When this Ord. shall be  
detected, I will have done  
with every thing of the kind  
— It is extremely provoking  
to a man of Science to find  
so little encouragement  
in this country —



1800

Wednesday 30 April  
Report says that A. M.  
naylor has received a letter  
informing that the union  
between Great B. and J.  
had passed both houses of  
the Brit. Parliament -  
+ At home -

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1800  
H  
6 a.m. Thur 05

Much thunder last night,  
but little rain -

+ Capt. James sent a bill  
on Cowen and Basset for  
650 £. Upon the value of  
the Chest - Hon -

- Mr. M. J. took called - settled  
last months accounts -

+ with Mr. Nelson. Clive St -

- Mr. F. - gives only 9  
% Cent, ~~and~~ interest and can  
borrow at 8 by Depository  
Company's paper to the Am:  
without this security the  
Nation will not lend money

- A new ship belong<sup>g</sup> to the  
Company. called the W. F. Parle



Friday 2 May 1800

8 a.m. - 10<sup>o</sup> 06

Visit from Mr. S - y - Deland  
the Hydrographer -

+ At home - Mr. Wetters  
a violent storm of wind with  
rain nor thunder - a very  
heavy loss from the woods  
and thrown into the compound  
- a shock of an Earthquake  
vib. rapid - it was during  
one of the strongest flames -

- Capt. Selmore took two  
sets of Alt for Pine aged  
within 1" - Obs. part at  
9 a.m. 10<sup>m</sup> 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of Cal. -

Ref. Show 16 or minute  
45<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> second

Saturday 3 May

+ Thursday Deland to Capt  
James the Obs. part of

Calcutta mer. Sun 10 40

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+ At home - I have now  
fire was at least in this  
country done with Mr. S -  
and teaching of way kind -  
The encouragement for real  
learning is so trifling that  
it cannot be worth my  
while -

- of all professions that of  
Science is the least pro-  
ductive in this country



<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 4 May 1800

6 1/2 a.m. Ther 03 -

Sensation - cool -

Began to prepare for the  
country -

+ with Mr. McDonald  
Mr. & Mr. H - y - Mr. Ter-  
vise - Blackbird day - and  
two other Gent<sup>l</sup> -

- in the Architecture of  
the Chimney - whether  
the best for Architecture  
be notional - Mr. F.

Says the Chimney will not  
answer for painting or  
Carpenter, it will burn -

+ last night a piece of the  
sun with the full moon & the  
stars and broke two!!

1800  
Monday 5 May  
Preparing for the Country  
began to arrange -

+ Acc<sup>t</sup>. that the Dog is  
pursuing a rat had  
broken one of my best  
Cylinders - Adams best -

+ Mr. H - y was to have  
dined with us for an  
engagement with Mr. Jay -  
but did not come -

- It appears now that Mr.  
W - m employs an amanu-  
ensis - she cannot write -

+ at 4 p.m. N. Wind - much  
Thunder and heavy rain - This  
may properly be called the 1<sup>st</sup> of  
the season -

+ yesterday being the Ann<sup>y</sup> of the fall  
of Burgoyne - A loyal Salute from  
the Members -



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1800

~~8 1/2 a.m. Sat 105~~

Packing for the country -  
before setting out on Thurs-  
day or Friday -

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

*[Faint handwriting]*  
+ Mr. Marnock called in the  
evening - Mahomeda Laws -

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May -

8 1/2 a.m. Sat - 05

Began putting the boxes in  
order in the shop below -

Mr. called, he came to see  
to purchase some articles  
for the works - More  
improving part -

+ with Mr. (Dissuam) -  
Capt. Wellesley and Mr. Cor-  
nigie - a quantity of

Inventory of poor Mrs. - She  
who did lately given by Miss  
Moon

- Arctic Society in the Evening

- a paper from Bombay  
contains an account of the  
how cured of the plague - Betty stuff



1800  
Thursday 8 May

9 a.m. Thur. 03<sup>o</sup>

Preparing for the evening  
+ with Doctor Dick -  
- Miss D. - greatly improv  
in French -

- College - said to be in-  
tended only for Eastern Sci-  
ences and Mohammedan  
Law - D. D. - thinks much  
better also included - ad-  
vised me to attend the Law  
- H. works in the evening

Friday 9 May 1800

Went to Bookshop part of  
my furniture - to Reuben  
- a very troublesome one  
- at home



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1801  
Sent off two Nakhens to  
Koolich - called on that  
bought a silver Seal-  
inscription Persian - said  
to have belonged to a Raja  
or to his prime Minister

- at Home -  
set out for Koolich half  
past five  
+ a strong N. wind -  
a little before it com-  
menced - a vast number  
of flies of various sorts &  
swarms of them round the  
candles - after the storm  
was over - they all dis-  
appeared -

Koolich - 11<sup>th</sup> May 1801  
The wind will not singe  
- very fine morning -  
walked for an hour in  
the garden - very pleasant  
find my appetite for  
breakfast improving -  
+ a letter from W. M. Carter  
informing me that Mr.  
Upjohn was very ill  
at Nettah where they  
were in the house of  
Mr. Jackson - ~~He had~~  
the Parish coat, in  
which they set out for  
Chitta gong, <sup>had</sup> been run aground  
on a sand bank, and obliged  
to be exposed to the sun  
in an open boat for 4  
hours before they got on shore



+ Dined at three - good  
appetite -  
- Lunny - walk in the  
Garden -  
- Visit from our Landlord  
He has a few Swissers  
hands, about the Road in  
the west of our premises  
+ Part of the New system  
given way - well requires  
an alteration in the lower  
part of the great work -

<sup>1000</sup> <sup>th</sup>  
Monday 12 May 1800  
Went before breakfast  
- a north westerly West  
night - strong wind  
blew down some heavy  
little rain -

<sup>4</sup>  
+ 12 Thru -

Rec'd a Letter from  
Demetrius Galanos at  
Benares - He informs me  
that M<sup>r</sup> S. Parris set out  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> May for Cal-  
cutta -



Footleaf 1000  
+ Sunday 13 May

Thunder and rain at 3  
- a.m. - rain continued till

7 -  
- 4 a.m. Thur. 70  
noon 80

Cloudy -  
saw the morning sun very  
distinctly - low - began  
to rise -

+ Mr. Stewart and another  
gent. called - a visit of  
3 1/2 hours!! - This will not  
do - 3 1/2 + +

Footleaf 1000  
Monday 14

8 a.m. Thur 80

+ This morning after having  
my hair cut, I rose from  
the Chair in order to go to  
my bed Chamber, when the  
floor gave way (four broad  
tiles), and I fell into the  
floor, my right side and  
left knee is much  
bruised - pain all day, very  
great, no marks on the  
skin - bruises - two of my  
ribs much hurt -

+ Mr. M. - went early to town  
about the still &c -



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

little rest last night -  
much pain in the side  
and knee -

4<sup>th</sup> Ther ————— 073

+ tried several experiments  
on Compound Spirits  
with Dr. Black's Furnace  
answered well —

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

4<sup>th</sup> Ther. ————— 071<sup>0</sup>

Last night much thunder -  
- distant - little rain -

More Experiments - Subject  
runs Water Bath a great  
improvement in Rectifying  
New Still arrived —

+ a long walk this morning  
- a most violent onset  
by a number of British  
Dogs —



Saturday 17 May

During this N. winter  
season there have been  
few storms of the N. W. kind  
and now, the weather re-  
sembles more the rainy  
season than that of the  
N. winter —

The noise of the thunder at  
Koolick is very different  
from that in lower —

Sunday 18 May

Geo. P. B. called  
— a post E. C. giving  
some acct. of news from  
Bombay — great ship  
I am sent to Malabar  
+ sent to W. M. 50 Rs  
to the concern —



1800<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May

- Walked to town from Koolah - Doctor refused to take out the patent
- Called on Thibault -
- Bot. of Oring and Co 9.1 one Dozen Old post 25
- Procured of Messrs Faintlie Gilmore and Co a credit of 4000 \$ paper for Am and Paris
- Over some Dispatch - no late English papers -
- + with Taylor & Co -

1800<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1808

- Packed up and sent off to Koolah all the various chances, and some copy
- called on the W - 9<sup>th</sup>
- the ill - Doctor H - Jun called when I went there
- + with Taylor and Co -
- Made enquiry at the police office respecting a permission to Brew - was referred to the Board of Revenue



1800 A

Wednesday 21 May  
My Ruffed Grouse was  
killed at the Guard house  
at Baylakhonnah - brot  
to Mr. Blaquier got it  
packed

- Amshong shot an  
adjutant on the terrace  
of Moffat's house. It mea-  
sured 12 feet between the tips  
of each wing -

- Evening went down to  
Kooleah - found that  
Mary had been there, and that she  
is to come again tomorrow

Kooleah  
Thursday 22 May 1800

Mary - at 9<sup>th</sup> - v. a.  
found my self much  
fatigued with the heat  
in town -

- Cloudy sultry weather -



1000

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Wrote by Mr. Barber a  
long letter to G. Burtie  
containing my opinion  
respecting his connection  
with Amshong — Offer  
him 500 P. Rupees out  
of Armstrong's credit  
& application for Govt. aid  
would it be worth  
while to erect a small  
work for this aid? —

Koolah

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
Last night very sultry  
cloudy at Day Break —  
tried the cotton conduit  
the coolies could not make  
it even with their buckets  
Allowed the solar and  
instead of attempting to  
raise the water 8 feet above  
the intermediate level what  
I think is in the present  
case impossible, a circuit  
is begun at the end of  
the conduit from which  
the water is to be pumped  
into the works —

12 June — 031



1800<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 25 May

- A letter from Mr. Hawke  
worth requesting permission  
to print the Latin ode to  
Mr. Eolus Nepe with his  
translation

- Also a chat from Mr. Nepe  
about the vet. acid

- Visits of Messrs Taylor  
Thibault and J. Bertie

1800<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 26 May 1800

Butry last night not a  
breath of wind

- An invitation to dine  
at Kidderpore from Mr. Selmer

day next

- An answer from Mr. Ha-  
rington respecting the licence  
for brewing - He advises  
me to apply to the Board  
of Revenue

<sup>14</sup>  
- 3 p. m. Thud

90  
4 p. m. Wind began to blow  
to the S. E. - It continued  
for near an hour and  
a half one continued



hale - lightning which was  
uninterrupted, was seen in  
Zanth at a considerable  
distance the equilibrium  
seemed to be upheld between  
the clouds above without  
the earth being concerned  
The night passed in many  
curious and beautiful forms  
over the whole hemisphere -  
only a few drops of rain  
some of which measured  
two inches in diameter -

It appears that such thunder  
and lightning always happen  
in the higher regions of the  
atmosphere

Book 4  
Tuesday 27 May 1800

No rain last night - very  
hot

- a letter from Mr. Walker  
worth requesting the remark  
on the Map of Coler -

- Also a new paper,  
Monday; from W. Mitchell  
with a sheet intimating  
his intention of his visiting  
us on Sunday evening  
next

Amusing not well

4			93
2 p.m.	Thur		
3	—	—	03

Sensation very cold



- a great deal of lightning  
some near - but the greater  
part high and horry on the  
heavy rain but for a short  
time -

1800 <sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 28 May  
The pump got up this  
morning - Acts pretty well  
+ Ryan observations on the  
African Map for the Micromet  
+ at 5<sup>#</sup> p.m. Ther. — 90°  
has been very slow and sul-  
try all the morning - a breeze  
just sprung up -  
+ Evening had a long dis-  
tation on several particular  
instances of witchcraft in the  
Highlands of Scotland by  
M - This malt when  
mashed would not ferment  
this during a whole month  
- An old woman reputed a  
witch was suspected to have



interfered - At length young  
M-h was sent to consult  
to collect the head wallock in  
that country - By a quantity  
of water in a glass he discovered  
and even showed to M- that  
a certain woman, who lived close  
by the Brewery was the sole cause  
of what had happened - The  
Wallock took out his bundle  
a practical instrument of  
metal through which he would  
discover any witchcraft - He  
next gave M-h the bottle  
of water prepared in such  
a way that a few drops  
put into the fermenting Vats  
would all proceed well and  
a little sprinkled on the women  
Coors would cause her soon to

turn sick - He found the  
Wallock 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  furlong return  
home, and found as done  
- The Firm entire went on  
in the best manner -  
He did not attend to what  
happened to the woman -  
+ All this M. M. believes in  
most sincerely!! -  
- The witches had frequent  
meetings to overpower  
Wallock, but they were un-  
able - He found a visit  
afterwards to the Brewery  
and the old woman - By  
means of his Aunt he  
discovered a blue cloth in  
the Eave of the house  
tied very hard up - On  
opening it up, it was  
found to contain, salt peter -



Gun powder - chalk - feathers  
parings of human nails - short  
curled hair, seemingly from a cer-  
tain part of the body - with a  
great variety of other matters  
~~and~~ this formed the enchantment

W. H. Crookshank  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

From Day break to sun  
rise a walk with my  
gun - killed nothing -

9 - Thur - 05

2 p.m. Thur 90

This is the most sultry day  
I have experienced here -

M. Th - I called in the eve-  
ning brought a collection of papers  
and two lbs of Tobacco -

I am sorry to find that his  
acc<sup>ts</sup> with W. F. has still so  
large a debit side -

My gun went off in M's  
arm the priming burnt two  
holes in his jacket - threw down the



Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1800

Received a summons to the  
Grand Jury — Also a book  
of Hymns for the N. Church  
to which I do not recollect  
having subscribed —  
sent five papers —  
+ I am much in doubt respecting  
the establishment of a vestry  
and work at Woolwich —

<sup>to</sup>  
Saturday 31 May  
Recd. from Mrs. a packet  
with different articles —  
- sent an Essay on the Alcoh  
Wasp to Mr. Nicolson and  
a Christm. Mrs. Sutton con-  
taining an apology for  
not dining with her —  
- A letter from Mr. Wilson  
of the Engineers — wants  
a Chemist Chest —



Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1800  
Had a private chat from  
Mr. Sutton - also Messrs  
F. G. and Co. yearly Acc<sup>t</sup> by  
by which I find 13,000 £  
in my favor - I find at  
the close investment  
stated to my acc<sup>t</sup> - !!  
So much for friendship -

+ Also a chat from Mr  
Wijoten announcing the  
arrival in Cal<sup>a</sup> yesterday  
and his being at Mr. Lee's  
- 1 p.m. There - 90° -

Calcutta 1  
Monday 2 June 1800  
Set out at half after five  
for Calcutta

- Waited on Mr. Wijoten  
all of the time and in bed  
Misunderstand<sup>g</sup> between him  
and Mr. McCarty - great  
- Finished his Survey -  
- Waited on Mr. M<sup>r</sup>. Valls  
left with him the sum -  
mons to the Grand Jury  
which he is to deliver to  
Mr. Lloyd ~~the~~ sub-sheriff  
- Dring - Tullocks - no time  
to be had - Advised by  
Mr. Hamilton to discontinue  
acting on the board of  
Revenue -

+ Mr. Pritchings called. Mentioned



or W. Lewis from Dumfries  
as being their chief office  
(ship) Capt.

+ with Mr. Hamilton -

- Mr. W. would not see  
Mr. W. - Found her  
with Kelly at Mr. J. is  
his foolish conduct!! -

+ Dined with Mr. Stewart who  
understand is from Brant's  
Am to have a visit of the  
Ladies some day next week

- Purchased a water pump  
at Gilman and Wilsons  
14 feet long and not exceeding  
6 inches in ~~the~~ bore

Calcutta  
Tuesday 3 June 1800  
Rested badly last night - but  
great -

+ with Dr. Dicks - A  
Calcutta Gazette Est<sup>a</sup>  
containing a letter to our  
King from Bonaparte - with  
Lord Grenville's answer

- Dined with Mr. Laid yesterday  
and with Mr. Stewart to  
day -

+ Purchased from Mr. J. -  
2 Doz<sup>n</sup> porter and 2 Doz<sup>n</sup>  
pale Ale -

+ Mr. Wilson and another  
great collection in Calcutta  
specimens of G. Metal  
all very bad - want of per-  
fect union of the Copper & Tin -



Calcutta No. 1

Wednesday 4 June 1800

A half past 6 this morn  
a private breakfast given  
by L<sup>d</sup> Mornington on acct<sup>n</sup>  
of the King's birth day  
few it is said attended -

+ with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Dand Co -

- To the country in the Eve

+ The Gazette announces that  
L<sup>d</sup> Mornington being created  
Marquis of Wellesly - His  
arms to be entangled with  
Tippoo's Colours &c - Queen  
know what right has L<sup>d</sup> M<sup>or</sup>  
to such honours? might not  
Mr. Pitt or Mr. Dundas with  
as much propriety have  
been complimented with  
such honours?

Rooruck

Thursday 5 June 1800

A letter from Mr. Taylor re-  
specting a book which he  
has lost -  
- Mr. Th-1 called in the Eve  
This account of the Transact  
with D. Gilman on board  
the Lion!! True in relating  
some of the operations of  
the Embassy seems to  
forget that James ...



Roosbeek  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1800

Employed in collecting  
from the Chemical Chest  
at an apartment of Chemi-  
cals - W. Wilson wishes for  
a small Chest of Chem:  
+ Two Juncus at work  
on the letter -  
Discovered worm wood  
in the Garden -  
- Appl. Recation from two  
Portuguese, one wishes  
to engage with us - in mor-  
ning -  
- Rain appears to be fast  
approaching - Cloudy and  
cool all day -

Roosbeek 7<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 7 June 1800  
Cloudy morning - some  
rain last night - more  
applications from Portuguese  
for employment - The  
Native Portuguese are mostly  
in a poor wretched State  
and the lower order of them  
are said to be more defi-  
cient in morality than  
either the Muscovites or  
Hindos <sup>Indians</sup> It is remarkable  
that the Portuguese are in  
general of a darker com-  
plexion than the Hindos  
or muscovites - Does not  
this seem to prove that Color  
depends on Climate -



the 9 1800  
Sunday 8 June

At half past 10 Mr. Jackson  
Mr. W. G. was called  
soon after Mr. Simpson  
- Mr. W. G. informed me  
yesterday by the Barber that  
she was not well and could  
not come!! ~~She~~

A steady uniform conduct,  
and first to plan and then  
act accordingly, constitutes

the most useful character

- Cloudy the whole day -  
the rain seem approaching

1800 the 9  
Monday 9 June

Cloudy - W - G. set out  
for the office at a quarter  
before nine -

- Mr. Wilson called about the  
chemicals - mentioned some  
observations on me from  
Capt. Blunt - I always  
make great allowance for  
young men, particularly when  
they are rising in the service  
not by their own merit but  
by the interest of their rich  
friends - They are unworthy  
of my notice -

+ Mr. Wilkin called met -  
a propos - Mr. Proworth



says she must either take  
her benefit within the limits  
of her agreement, or run the  
risk of not having it at all.

- Mr. W. set out in the buggy  
with Mr. M. h. —

- Mr. M. is returned, without  
tiffin — The foolish misin-  
formed speaks of women occasion-  
ally much unnecessary  
trouble —

+ Called on Mr. Deering  
he came down with me  
to the Garden — He tells  
me the name of the place  
is not Koolah, but Tangea  
and is best known to the  
beans by Perara's Garden

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1800

A very heavy rain about  
3 Min morning — This  
I think is the first of the  
rain —

H  
12<sup>th</sup> June 1800

Cloudy — close —

- James Bolton made his  
appearance to day — His  
apology for not coming on  
Monday as he promised was  
that the young man in whose  
custody his trunk <sup>was</sup> had  
gone to Serampore —

+ Mr. Th. I called and set the  
evening — a long and un-  
lucky story — M. W. —



Wednesday 11 June  
Heavy rain the guest (see)  
All day -

Thursday 12 June 1806  
Mr. Armstrong called - Mr. B. -  
said to him, that he would  
call any man a damned Rascal  
who would say that all the Ap-  
paratus was not returned and  
yet a few minutes after  
Mr. B. made him acknow-  
ledge that none of the greatest  
Corrupts - This is likely to  
be a troublesome business



Tuesday

Friday 13 June 1800

wrote a long letter to Messrs  
Scoble Gibson and Co respecting  
the glass investment, stating  
my reasons for objecting to their  
placing the whole investment  
at my debit -

— made some weather vanes  
shrub -

1800 —  
Saturday 14 June

Mr. Tompkins called with a  
child from Mr. Fairlie wishing  
to have the receipt for the  
article Mr. Beaumont had of  
me. I am sorry no receipt  
was taken — I explained the  
business — A child from  
Mr. Ferguson came at the  
same time and to the same  
purpose -

+ Mr. Taylor Dinner with me  
Mr. N. went to town on business  
— Smith is condemned to be  
hanged



Tangrah

Sunday 15 June

M. Thebault dined with us  
M. D. Cuy and family took  
a walk in the garden -  
Sent a duplicate of the or-  
ders not returned by B-t  
to Mr. Armstrong, desiring him  
to wait on Mr. Fair's and re-  
robuch it by his testimony

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Monday 16 June 1860

M. Amshoy called with  
M. Fair's answer. He re-  
quests me to give myself  
no further trouble on the  
occasion - Says B-t  
will neither come near them  
nor send the Invoice - Wants  
to return the Leaden Condensers  
Condensers - M. F. says what  
I know to be true that the  
condensers are all crushed to  
pieces



Tenograph No  
Monday 17 June 1800

Preparing Mr. Wilsons Ann-  
nual Chest — Hope to send  
it to morrow —

+ A London Paper of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inst  
has the following Articles. —

- " Professor Black one of the First
- " Chemists in Europe dead a few
- " days ago, suddenly at Edinburgh,
- " He had long been a follower
- " of Lavoisier, but renounced all his
- " errors, renounced his whole
- " system a year ago. Mr. Black
- " was seemingly in perfect
- " health when he fell asleep in
- " his chair after Dinner and
- " expired in an apoplexy
- " fit — From this day Tenograph



17<sup>th</sup> June 1900