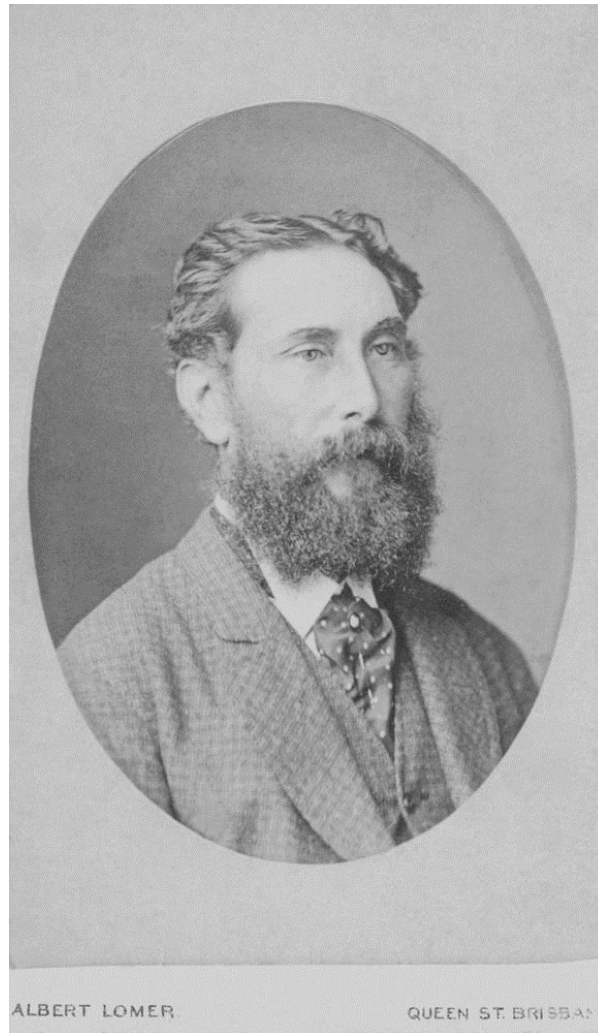


**SOUTH SEA ISLANDERS  
AT THE BREMER MILLS, BUNDAMBA  
1866-1875**



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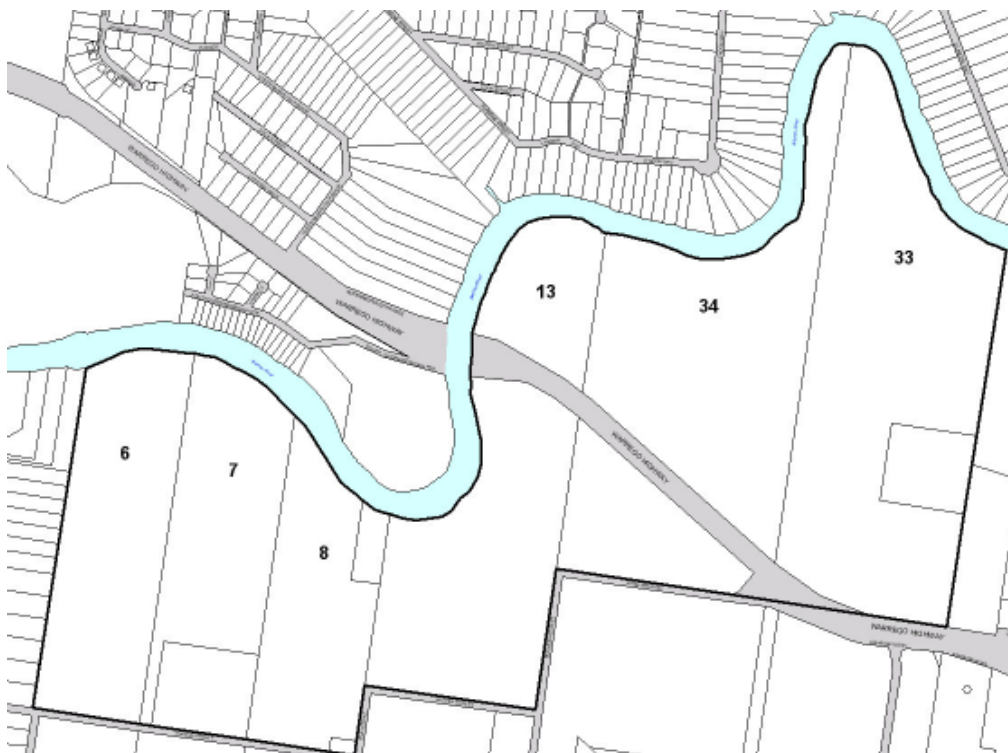
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## History of the Bremer Mills

The Bremer Mills located on the river bank at Bundamba were established by Joseph Fleming who arrived in Queensland in 1848. By September 1850 he had established a boiling down works, a sawmill and a flour-mill on the site. On 26 April 1851, Gorrick and Fleming began advertising in the Moreton Bay Courier that they were ready to receive and boil stock at their establishment from 12 May. The charges included six shillings per head for boiling horned cattle, six pence for boiling sheep and one shilling for salting and packing hides. Casks were supplied at cost price and goods were delivered in Brisbane free of freight.

On 1 November 1851, Joseph purchased additional land at Bundamba where he established the Bremer Mills. Seven days later he advertised for 2 Coopers advising applicants to apply at the Bremer Boiling Establishment. On the 13 November, Joseph advertised for 2 Stockman and 1 Hut keeper to proceed to the interior.

Portion six consisted of seventy-six acres of land, portion seven was seventy-five acres and portion eight was fifty-seven acres. These purchases were entered on record in the Register of Land Purchases on 20 February 1852. The land was granted under the hand and seal of Sir Charles Augustus Fitzroy and Sir William Thomas Denison respectively, Governors of the Colony of New South Wales'.



*Land owned by Joseph Fleming at Bundamba (Bremer Mills).*

## Sale of Mills to James Ivory

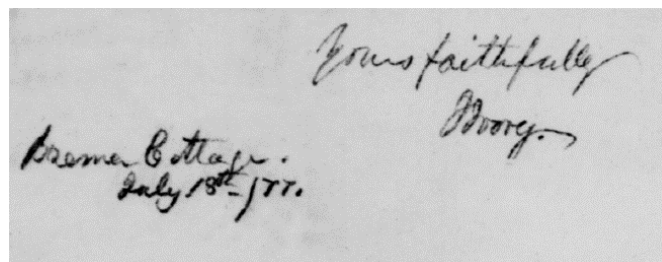
Joseph Fleming's land including the former Bremer Mills site (six lots) was purchased by James Ivory on 3 November 1868. During Ivory's ownership of the former Mills site he grew sugar-cane and cotton, processed tobacco, fattened cattle and operated the Saw Mill.

'James Ivory, pastoralist and diarist, was born on 10 June 1820 probably at Edinburgh, one of the four sons of James Ivory, Scottish judge, and his wife Anne, née Laurie. In October 1840 he arrived in Sydney with a friend, David Graham, and in January 1843 they took out a squatting licence for Eskdale run near Ipswich in Queensland. They slowly acquired more land until about 1848 when the partners separated, Graham taking up the Tabragalba run leaving Ivory with Eskdale. In 1853 Ivory was joined by his brother, Francis Jeffrey, and in September 1854 left for Scotland where in 1855 he married a cousin Harriette Jane Oakley Laurie at Burntisland, Fife.

Ivory returned to Queensland in July 1856 without his wife and infant son. His affairs prospered and he took up land at Bundamba where by 1879 he held over 18,000 acres (7284 ha). He experimented with pastures, began to grow sugar cane and other tropical crops and invested heavily in the cotton boom of the early 1860s. He sailed again for Scotland in August 1862 and returned in August 1864.

In February 1868 he bought the valuable Bremer Mills property and soon went to Scotland for his wife and family. While waiting in Sydney for a ship he saw the shooting of the Duke of Edinburgh at Clontarf. Ivory left for Queensland in October 1868 with his wife and two young children, leaving his eldest son, James, at school in England, but ten years' separation had alienated his wife and almost from the time he reached Brisbane he was beset by family friction. James arrived in 1875 and sided with his mother but was later forbidden the house while a nephew who joined him in the late 1870s was imprisoned for fraud. Despite the discovery of coal on his property, Ivory's affairs steadily became more confused and, when he died at Ipswich on 11 March 1887, his trustees had to seek a private Act to enable them to wind up his estate.

Ivory was cultured and intelligent, interested in music, literature and foreign affairs. Despite a strong puritanical streak he drank moderately and raced his own horses. From the early 1850s he wrote long letters in diary form to his family in Scotland and the surviving 1275 pages in the Mitchell Library are an invaluable record of a Queensland squatter from 1862 to 1883<sup>1</sup>.



Bremer Cottage.  
July 18<sup>th</sup> - 1877.

Yours faithfully  
J. Ivory

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<sup>1</sup> <http://adbonline.anu.edu.au/biogs/A040525b.htm>

## Timeline

- 1843: James Ivory obtained a squatting licence with his friend David Graham for Eskdale.
- 1848: The partners separated, Graham taking up Tabragalba run leaving James with Eskdale.
- 1853: James was joined by his brother, Francis Jeffrey.
- 1854: James travelled to Scotland.
- 1855: James married his cousin, Harriette Jane Oakley Laurie at Burntisland, Fife.
- 1856: James returned to Queensland, leaving his wife and infant son in Scotland.
- 1866: First mention of South Sea Islanders by James Ivory in his diary on 21 January. He saw Ryland pass by with a Polynesian servant.
- 1867: James made two entries in his diaries about South Sea Islanders. On 7<sup>th</sup> April he saw 3 'of the Tonga Natives' from Town's Cotton Plantation. On the 11<sup>th</sup> December he saw some Polynesians at Bell's Cotton Plantation.
- 1868: James purchased the Bremer Mills at Bundamba and returned to Scotland to bring his family to QLD. On 3<sup>rd</sup> February he made his first entry about employing South Sea Islanders at the Bremer Mills 'With South Sea Islanders I ought to turn in a handsome revenue yearly'.
- 1869: James makes the first mention in his diaries of Polynesians working for him.
- 1871: Three of the Polynesians at Bremer Mills returned to their homes in June: Sapphoon to Mamae, Charley & Lambo to Habi. In August James visited the 'Lytton' (boat) to hire 9 Polynesians to work for him.
- 1872: Uliget left for a property James owned at Bookookarara Creek.
- 1873: John Campbell was manufacturing oil from cotton seed at the Bremer Mills.
- 1874: South Sea Islanders left Bremer Mills on 10<sup>th</sup> August.
- 1875: The Mills were advised for Lease by Tender for one year or more. On 6 January two Polynesians asked for wages that James considered too high, so he let them go. Within 3 days both men were again hired to work for James but they left on 7 March the same year. This was the last entry in the diaries relating to South Sea Islanders.
- 1877: The sale of an 18 Horse-Power portable engine from the Mills was advertised for sale.
- 1879: Peter Brown, a contractor, reopened the mill where he built interlocking cabins for the Railways Department.
- 1887: James Ivory died on 11<sup>th</sup> March in Ipswich.

## **Sugar Cane, Cotton and Tobacco**

The Brisbane Courier printed an article titled 'Sugar-cane, cotton, and tobacco on Friday, 3 September 1869 about James Ivory's farm at the Bremer Mills. The article stated that:

"On Tuesday last we (Queensland Times) visited the farm of Mr. Ivory, at the Bremer Mills, being desirous of ascertaining, by personal inspection, the state of the sugar-cane that was planted there last season in order to prove whether the land in that locality was adapted for this species of agriculture. The rumour had reached us that the frosts of the past winter had made considerable havoc in the crop, which rumour, we are happy to say, was almost entirely without foundation. We are now in a position to say that, with the exception of a very small portion, the frosts have had no prejudicial effect upon the cane, the only injury being to the leaves, which, in common with other crops more inland, have been browned the late severe frosts.

Mr. Ivory's Bremer Mills farm consists of about 640 acres of land, a considerable portion of which has been brought under cultivation. About eight acres were planted in cane last season, the ribbon cane being the description selected as most likely to suit the land.

The canes have been planted almost eleven months, and would be now fit for crushing were such intended. So satisfied, however, is the proprietor with the success of his experiment, that he proposes to plant fifty acres shortly.

The present crop looks remarkably well, and is shooting luxuriantly, the canes being of good thickness, and averaging from 15 to 25 stalks to each stool. We understand it to be Mr. Ivory's present intention to turn his hand more particularly to the cultivation of sugar and tobacco, and less to cotton, as he thinks the former likely to prove more payable.

The cane has been planted in drills, at a distance of about 6 x 6. At the present time the men are employed in the manufacture of tobacco, grown by Mr. Ivory at another farm on the Bandamba Creek. The quantity planted was about 2½ or 3 acres, the estimated yield of which is from 25 to 30cwt.

The process of the manufacture of tobacco by expert hands is very expeditious. The leaves, after being stripped from the stalks, are rolled into strands about fourteen inches in length. The strand is doubled in the centre and twisted into figs with rapidity, remarkable neatness, and regularity, the ends being tucked in with a peculiar manipulation that none but a practical hand would attain. We are informed that one man, with the assistance of a boy, would be able to reduce into figs about 40lbs weight of tobacco in an average day's work. After being twisted into figs the tobacco is screw-pressed, the figs being first laid in trays constructed for the purpose with grooves to contain them. After being thus pressed the tobacco is dried for a couple of days in the air, when it again undergoes a similar process of pressing.

The next process is that of packing the figs in tierces or boxes, which are placed in a stove heated to 120 degrees, and there they remain for several weeks, according to the size of the packages. This last process is called sweating. This is the first year that Mr. Ivory has manufactured any quantity of tobacco on the farm, and he has evidently determined to carry out his object as efficiently as possible. The men employed are experienced hands, who were engaged in Sydney purposely for this work. There is everything on the spot applicable for utilizing the leaf, and several kegs containing about 2cwt, each were completed during our visit.

Mr. Ivory appears to have spared no expense in procuring all the newest and most approved implements for farming purposes. Amongst other, there is an 80-? Cotton gin on the ground, a large steam pump for irrigating the tobacco and sugar, one of Howards' new patent double-breasted ploughs for opening drills for sugar, also one of Howards' patent hay M Akens (horse power), which has been found to answer admirably. About thirty acres of cotton were in cultivation last year, but it is not intended to plant more than fifteen this season. There are twelve beds of tobacco plants, and should they thrive well it is intended to plant as much as possible next season."

#### **South Sea Islanders employed by James Ivory 1869-1874**

<b>Names</b>	<b>Years of employment</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Charlie/Charley	1869, 1870, 1871	Died 5 January 1873 at Ipswich Hospital.
Charlie Finisa	1873	
Harry	1869, 1870	
Johnny Kutamuchoe	1871, 1872	
Kailu	1872, 1873, 1874	
Kilo	1871, 1872	
Lambo	1870, 1871	
Lifu	1872	
Mithin	1872, 1873, 1874	Departed 20 April 1874
Peter	1872	
Sano Doomany		(Taromi's brother)
Saphoon	1870, 1871	
Seyungandt/Aiyungandt	1871, 1872	
Taromi (Tarom)	1871, 1872, 1873, 1874	
Uliget	1872, 1873, 1874	
Undoey (Undovey)	1871, 1872, 1873, 1874	Departed 10 August 1874
Wathanda	1871, 1872	
Wis a Wis	1872	

\*There is mention in the diaries that Undoey's brother died between 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November 1873 on James Ivory's property.



## Extracts from the Diaries of James Ivory

The following extracts about South Sea Islanders are direct transcriptions of entries in the diaries of James Ivory. The original diaries are held by the Mitchell Library and permission to place transcriptions of the diary on the Internet was provided by the Mitchell Library and by descendants of James Ivory – Derek and Rod Nixon-Smith.

Sunday 21st January 1866

Very cloudy but not a drop of rain. Yesterday I was rather disagreeably astounded at Mr Pr saying that Messrs Wilson had he thought forgotten to charge for a bag of corn & asked me whether he should say something about it, hinting at the same time that they might as well be the losers, I said of course, No! tell them, & if they say there is no error, then leave it so, but give them the chance. Got 2 figs. Everything in the garden drooping considerably. **Ryland passed here last night with a Poly, a servant been stealing from him.** Lagoon here very low, more so than I ever saw it before. Read one of Blairs Sermons. Bed.

Wednesday 24th January 1866

B.D. Received letters from Wifie, Dad, Liz, Janet, & a few lines from Willie. Glad to see all well. Burning off. Letter from George Ord, 1 days good rain at Eskdale I am rejoiced to see as it was much required. Read letters & papers. Johnnie arrived with cattle all right this time. **Ryland called, the things which he missed all found in his Office, but evidently planted there by the thief.** Young Ord sent an answer, to a letter of mine, which is very unsatisfactory, in fact I can make nothing of it. Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 18th July 1866

B.D. A few drops of rain, Elliott, Hagarth, Stockman (Saunders) & **darkies camped out & gathered for Chooky camp off which we got about 48 dry cattle, a bad camp to work.** Davis Super at Fassifern called. Young Prin came, small hut full. False alarm about cattle getting out of yard occasioned by some beast making his head a battering ram trying the strength of the rails, as he wished out, they had to go to the yard & place him by himself. Fished, but turtle only bothered my bait, so I soon gave it up. Our 1st pack of cards were beastly, got a better & played a few games at Whist. Bed.

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1867

B.D. with a distant shower occasionally. Went to Beau Desert 2 miles to see whether White could let me see the South Downs Rams, not at Home, gone to Tabragalbu on the Albert a little below Nindooimba a most beautiful spot, hills, [word illegible], water, & beautiful park like scenery, splendid house (for the bush) & large woolshed which I believe never had a sheep in it, glass windows in one end, consequence of all these expenses you may say he built himself out. Gordon a Scotchman staying there, glasses table cloth & everything about in a filthy mess, regaled at lunch on bad beef, tea full of sticks, no tea spoons, the one large gravy spoon in molasses sugar jug had to be made generally useful, bad damper & ice cold watery pumpkins, really I began to feel inclined to get home again as fast as possible, meat to mend the matter being tainted. What a contrast! The building & the food, & everything dirt, tumblers (coarse) quite engrained, so much so that you felt pretty safe from it having so long stuck there, that it would not come off. Saw the South Down Rams & Ewes & liked them very much. Their system of breeding is to put a lot of crawlers of ewes to the valuable rams! **Saw 3 of the Tonga Natives, they are very like some of the Australian blacks, but if anything stronger built, they go about naked also, & these 3 had come from Town's Cotton Plantation to Nindooimbah 7 miles to get reeds to make Pan pipes.**

**We got one to play & it was a good deal like a Highland dirge.** Saw Andrew (a Nephew of Gilchrist's) there, & a rather coarse fellow Gordon Nephew of dirty Donald Coutts. They went to look for wild horses, & Andrew, who admired the scenery much, & I returned to Beau Desert which is I think the best cattle Station, at least as good as any this side the Range, or anywhere else, but there is a good deal of P.P. on it at present. In fact that disease seems to be all over the country at present, though not to an alarming extent. Had tea & tainted meat again, luckily there were some eggs, or I think I would have been starved amongst them. They have purchased a Station in New Zealand for £40,000. **Near Eden. A fellow Davis kicking up a great noise pretending to sell darkies & ½ cast by Auction.** Yarned. Bad grog. Bed.

Wednesday 4th September 1867

B.D. A few drops towards evening. Went to Ipswich & to Batho to Register Grieve & Blaine's Mortgage to me. Had a long yarn with Beazley about agricultural matters & Flemings place. He kindly asked me to come & stay a night with him. Swans running all about the place evidently looking out for a good nesting. Ruffy remained all day with me. Got Receipts from R.J. Smith. 2nd payment January/69. **Was offered 6 darkies.** Hendren paid next to Sept 12th. Bed.

Wednesday 11th December 1867

Slight showers. **Went to Ipswich & saw en route some Polynesian darkies at work in Bell's Cotton Plantation.** Mr Beazley not at Bank. Harris & Co have not yet sent my Bill, of lading for 23 bales wool which they have now had for a fortnight, just like them. Sheep shearers not arrived as they promised. Filled tanks for washing sheep & had a nice bathe in them, but astonished rather by frogs jumping into my whiskers & on to my back. Got hurdles all right for work. Andrew carried his Sweethearts large box to her about a mile, she having left this. Lots of ducks arriving. Dollar & Fig birds. Read papers. Piccolo. Bed.

Monday 3rd February 1868

B.D. Went to Bremer Mill property to quietly inspect same. Quite pleasant. Went with Mr Beazley over the Mill, where there are all sorts of valuable machinery, 25 horse and 15 horse engine and 6 French Brick stoves nearly new, fine clock, best bell in the Colony, corn crusher, Splendid Patent turning lathe for large ironwork, circular and vertical saws, strong frame, railway truck for timber and capable of cutting up 4 feet logs, large timber carriage, Mill itself 68 feet long x 30 feet width, walls 2 feet thick all cut stone. Saw Mill capable of turning out 30,000 feet per week and many of the valuable machinery, capital dwelling house, kitchen and offices, shed for boiling stock, property bounded on 1 side by a navigable River up which several steamers ply between Brisbane and Ipswich daily, on other side by a substantial and well put up four rail hardwood fence, land on all 640 acres on 1 Mile, 500 of which is admirably adapted for Sugar tobacco, corn, cotton, in fact any generally accepted crop not very tropical, I made an offer to the Bank for all as above £3,000 with fully a year to pay it out and have any thing to do with any present account, but kept quiet separate, as I said that I had received money from home to help me out of my difficulties, so I could not justly enlarge them, but as the Mills are quiet separate, if I can't hold them only lose them and some of my other property to interfere with other interests. I consider the machinery alone worth more than my offer, and I expect to clear a few hundred more than the Interest by merely letting out portions and agistment. I believe a W. Towns a great Capitalist offered the same sum sometime since but times were not quite so hard so his offer was refused, so I thought it worth a chance making the same offer now and luckily was accepted. **With South Sea Islanders I ought to turn in a handsome revenue yearly.** Bed.

10th February 1868

Letter to Mr George Ord, Eskdale from James Ivory of Logan's Lagoon

I have to hand your envelope with list of cheques & your letter of 7<sup>th</sup> Instant by which I am very glad to see that you are so pleased with the rapid increase of colony also that you have got back the Mare from Mr Stewart, whose letter I must say is rather peculiar. Your ferreting out will do a neat deal of good, as the story will soon spread & warn others. Mr. McConnel's Account is capital, I could just do as you say should he kick against non payment to him. Your plans as regards sheep & mares will suit very well, & I am delighted to see your fixed intention of doing what you can to get rid of that [word illegible]. I am also much pleased to see that the lambs are so pirky. Some of the barren ewes ½ bred are like butter balls, I intend to get one killed out of curiosity & I will let you know the result. Grieve will be a good neighbour many thanks for the 2 Australians which you kindly sent to me, I got several valuable articles which I cut out of them. I enclose Pedigree of 'Kingston' the Model [word illegible] as it will be better for you to have same. I have sent a Mr. McKeane to Curtis Island with full instructions & authority, & previously let him know all about the transaction. Having purchased the Bremer Mill property, I had to buy the growing crops from Mr Beazley, being his private property, part to be paid by 30 bullocks for which I require authority for him to get from you, he says he would like 10 or 15 sent by batch after those you are sending on the 16<sup>th</sup> & the remainder by next batch. As I don't wish the figure to be known for the Mills, as it might make people drive a harder bargain should I wish to let my portion keep price to yourself, I will put it in a separate paper which you can tear up. Before 10 years are over if I live. I expect to clear per annum at about £10,000. What with sugar, cotton, tobacco, timber renting to boilers down & I have a year to pay the amount in, by which time I will at home likely save on security of the property 3 times amount I have to pay. The mere agistment comes to a good round sum. I have written to take my passage by the Great Britain & my other trunk on certain conditions not yet answered, she is likely to sail Mar 15<sup>th</sup> as I must look sharp to get all square. I have rented the Bremer Mill House monthly to Mr Beazley & he is going to see all kept right there till he has word from me from home. That property being so near Grieves Tarampa farm, 'only one intervening', will enhance the value of it to me amazingly, besides the two engines have power enough to gin even by roller gins, all the cotton of the country, & the place is in every point of view so central. Just take say 200 clear acres Cane yielding 2 ton sugar per acre at £30 per ton gives £13,000 or over ton at £6,000; **which pay well working mostly with South Sea Islanders, & just the work for them though there really might be rather scarce at present, I think that I was quite justified in clinching the bargain, as I am sure to raise on freehold so well situate, much more than I gave.** Then it was just the crowning stroke for my Bandanbah property, & make it a better chance as you proposed of selling Eskdale at anytime, though I would be loath to do so, I have such an affectionate remembrance of its being my real first start in independent life, & like a faithful old friend. I don't think that there will ever be the slightest occasion. Mr Parr is quite pleased with the general improvement of [word illegible] the young cattle. I am off to Toowoomba tomorrow weather permitting to arrange matters before starting, & I have to be back on Saturday to take inventory at the Mills. Yours faithfully. J. Ivory.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1868

Raining. **Started for Ipswich with a gentleman John De Poix Tyrel who had just taken up some South Sea Islanders to Dalby**, very pleasant person. Taken my old berth a cabin entire in Great Britain £97.10.0. she made her last passage in 54 days to Melbourne & somehow broke her screw shaft. Saw Bell, Royds & several others at Club. Mosquito very bothering. Bed.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1868

B.D. Off in Steamer Ipswich for Brisbane along with Wilson who gave me Coteswott & Powell's address St Helen's Place, London. Paid Little & Browne their account. G. Martin promised to pay Brisbane rates. Searched for Grieve's mortgage as stated by Batho to have been Registered in my name, could not find it, & had to pay 2/6. Called on Messrs D. T. McKenzie. Wrote to Beazley. Stopped Courier. Sent Queenslander to G. Ord. **Brought bags worked out of grass from some Polynesians, they are wide awake.** Bed.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1868

Slightly rainy in morning, became fine. Mrs Kinnahan called, she seems to be a nice frank Lassie carrying about her arrows, Mr Dun & Miss Mudie also called. Dr & his daughters Georgy & Fanny Westmacott called last Sunday & Son. Mrs Mason bought Jamie for a day, he is looking well & seems to like school. Tottie, he, & Willie having Great fun with each other. Letters from Messrs Ord, Beazley & Parr, nothing particularly satisfactory, though Ord thinks that they will get more cattle than at first reported. Cotton quite a so so crop. **Islanders not doing well yet.** Tallow where up to 49/. Went with Uncle Laurie after bidding us advice to Kings X Station to leave for Edinburg by the 10.p.m. train, arrived too soon for it as there was none after 9.15.p.m. So the poor Dear man – was awfully cold, but he took it well & just made the best of it. Awkward after leaving. Bed.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1869

B.D. Very warm. Walked about. Thermometer 90 in the shade. Went to Follett a little way hence & found about 23 acres of cotton looking capitally. Several places fit for erecting an Engine along bank above Mills for irrigation. Paying ½<sup>o</sup> per lb. for Cotton. **Polynesians here quiet but as far as I can see very slow workers.** Letter from Het, all well. None from G. Ord "as promised" as yet. Read papers. Big drum of the Circus with a lot of harness burnt at Helidon in one of the Railway trucks. Lots of Steamers passing to & fro, barges &c. Wrote to Batho on Saturday last to send in his acct at once I believe Mr Blaine has charge of all his papers. Sugar looking better & better daily. Sugar canes planted I believe say all Oct/68. My Horses most highly spoken of by everybody, one did 40 miles in 5½ hours in a hot day with Mr Beazley on its back, which certainly was far too much, but no damage done. Bed.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1869

B.D. St Patrick's day & kept as a Holiday, so no business to be done. Came back by Coach as the steamers were employed with excursions. **2 of the Polynesians in a very suspicious attitude near the store door, so I packed them off without any rations for the evening, & young Charley kept up about an hour's wailing of Chookee Chookee, caught one of them close to the place & I told him to be off & not to come again.** Horse coming on nicely for draught. Wildash introduced me to his wife, I can't say that she is particularly lady like, nor does she seem to have much in her. Sheep seem to feed very steadily in paddock. Setting up pump. Bed.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1869

Raining. Cows & a Bull from Eskdale. Rivers up & dray stuck. Unpacked Implements on River Bank as it was rising, 1 case to come yet. **Got Polynesians to take the pieces up piece meal.** Dingo bitter sharp again. Bed.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1869

Rainy. **Polynesians as usual picking Cotton.** Read papers. Piccolo. Bed.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Apr 1869

Showery. Wrote letter to Tom about getting Mortgage prepared. Great land slip near my engine & pump. Making ginning room as fire proof as possible. 15 Sheep short. Another dog killed by Strychnine. **Caught a large Turtle, chicks quite astonished at its peculiar look. Darkies couldn't eat it.** Mrs Smith gave Willie a ride with which he was highly pleased. Last night Hettie gave me a great fright by catching hold of me & nearly knocking my nose off when I was sound asleep by suddenly swinging her hands round, thinking some beast was in bed & under her pillow, this was the 3<sup>rd</sup> time she has frightened me.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1869

B.D. Blowing fresh, took a ride round the quarry paddock & saw the cattle, put in last night, feeding very quietly. **Lambo sulky at my telling him to go & put back the horses from the Cotton, but Charlie seeing that I was in earnest spoke to him & he then went as I was walking up to him with my hunting whip.** Tottie got toothache. Willie quite astonished at a big pumpkin I shewed him & on which he had a comfortable seat. Read one of Blair's Sermons. Prayers at night. Bed.

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1869

B.D. Cold westerly wind, these winds are very cutting & are apt to do Sugar Cane more harm than frost. **Men trashing Sugar Cane, but I leave some outside untrashed to prevent the cold winds drying them up (those acted on).** Went to Logan's Lagoon & found the Tobacco beds looking splendid. Peach trees lovely, especially the Double blossom Red Peach. Orange trees growing steadily. Ducks I am glad to see are returning to the Lagoon. Jones mending garden pump. Mr Callanan gave me some sweet violets & some Home seeds. Saw a splendid Gilly flower & some nice Mignonette. Read. Bed.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1869

B.D. Burning off rubbish. Hetty got the place tidied & in good neat order. **Harry laid up.** Sowed a lot of small Tare Seed which makes splendid green food. Bed.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1869

B.D. Cloudy. Jones finishing off harrow. **Harry the Kanaka unwell.** Sewed some dumpyheaded millet, ½ Rogue Broom & Opium Poppy Seed. New corn sheller arrived.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1869

B.D. Grass improving a little. Byrne's man harrowing. Ploughing between Cotton rows. **Darkies heaping up & burning pruned portions of Cotton.** Sawing wood from harrows & for Engine. Sowing tares all about Quarry paddock & Geologising. Game of Chess with Mr Arman, so tough a fight that we had to finish tomorrow. Mr Arman a very steady player & gave me more trouble than I bargained for. Bed.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1869

B.D. Warmish. Walked with Wifie. Pedley busy draining. **Some of the Darkies cut down my Broom Millet just as it was seeding.** No home Mail. Music. Bed.

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1870

Some fine heavy growing showers & drizzle most of the day. Sawing Firewood. Broke some of the little engine, but of no account. **Gave Saphoon (a Kanaka) a nice fishing line & hook of which he seemed quite proud.** Read papers & Life of the Reverend Polehampton. Cards with Tot. Bed.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1870

Rainy. **Lambo caught a large species of Dogfish about 6lb weight.** Golf case came at last by the good ship Hope. **Sent Harry (Kanaka) to the Hospital being nearly blind, the last thing I found him doing of course was eating.** Mail arrived at last with letters to me from Tom, Willie, Jamie, & Sandy Adam. Sent off letter to Tom, Janet, Aunt Ivy & Alek Adam. Wrote to Frank advising Golf box. Jones got a lot of Native cherries on the bank of River here when sailing in my Canoe, a good sized Steamer. Passed at the time, but the waves therefore did no damage.

Housing Tobacco. Took a walk through my Sugar Canes which are growing first rate. Invented a new Sugar convector on the revolving principle & which I think ought to act famously thus



which may be made with one or more extinguishes with separate furnace to each to have heat according to density, & can be elevated or depressed according to speed of flow required to be heated with hot air, fire, or steam as may be found best. Inside either plain or with slips, or spiral circular plates for sugar to revolve on, &, as may be, a hot air tube attaches to each. Wrote to Mr Nield (I.C.) Sugar Planter, Port Macquarie asking questions. Bed.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1870

B.D. Acacias planted coming on nicely, a good many with 4 leaves already. Cut & hung up remainder of Tobacco plants to let fresh crop have a good start being the 2<sup>nd</sup>, & in a few instances 3<sup>rd</sup> crop. **Heard about Lambo's ongoings.** Sailed or rowed in my boat hunting for Native cherries & found a lovely tree quite laden, so beautiful, crimson against glassy evergreen leaves. Got jam made of them, nothing particular, but very passable. Great fun exploring in my man o war. The nooks & corners. Bed.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1870

B.D. **Went to Ipswich about Lambo, Rosy & Mary. Mr Anallen & O'Keefe, but not knowing the particular day of trespass could not get a Summons for them.** Called at Hughes & Cameron about Tobacco found that their mention of same was only a race to get purchasers. Called at Bank about Sugar plant. Bed.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1870

Raining. Flood 5 inches from floor of Bremer Cottage verandah & at last subsiding. Zoe all right. Wifie & chicks in their mattresses on floor passed the night very well. Flood over many of the fences. Lots of Pumpkins off for Brisbane to be gathered by those who did not plant. Water up to foot of Bricks on knoll behind Jones' house & up to middle of Mill windows 1st floor above ground floor, capital way of taking the different levels of places, just up to Saw Mill wall plate, 3 feet in Tereagles hut, 1½ darkies, a foot above wall plate boiling down shed & 2 inches deep where we must cross to get to safety from our then Island, i.e. (when water is up to our verandah floor). Up to Rose's kitchen wall plate. Clearing off at 11a.m. no water on Bandanbah bridge now, it was quite over flown yesterday. By sunset flood off most of the Sugar Cane so no damage will be doe. Willie saw some bullocks passing our hut & he wished to know whether they were to be milked. Bed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1870

Showery, but generally fine. **Harry at Firewood.** Making yokes. Draining. Hens eating up all my fine cabbage plants. Young horse put into light cart & sent into town for Oats. Planting Acacia seeds. Horse went nicely after being shod. Only 2 Bamboos growing nicely. Games at Ecarte with Tot. Bed.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1870

Showery, generally fine. Mrs Koch arrived. **Harry very lazy but I kept him at it.** Mail Telegraphed, rather better news of wool & 200 Tons of Australian meat readily brought up. Young Australia 133 days getting home owing to adverse gales. Rattoons coming on nicely, several nearly 5 feet in length of cane to where the leaves spread out. Frank sent me a letter very kindly worded. Letter from G. Ord, very satisfactory. Read papers. Bed.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1870

Generally fine, showery. Good Friday. Tottie & Mrs Koch to Church. Sawing firewood. Wrote to Aunt Ivory, Tom enclosing 2<sup>nd</sup> of Exchange for £155. from Bank Australasia, also letter to Willie enclosing account of meeting at Sydney about Manning's Meat processing. Mosquitoes very troublesome. **Harry the Kanaka sleeps all day & night, a lazy glutton.** Mrs Wilson called. Music. Bed.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1870

B.D. Intended going to Brisbane, but Steamers passed at unusually early hour quite contrary to their general time tables. Sawed up some firewood. **Made Harry & Lambo x cut logs.** Seymour & Rae breaking in horses. Bed.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1870

B.D. with one heavy shower. Ploughed for planting Jerusalem artichokes. **Harry (Kanaka) I believe fell into the River but Mrs Thomson pulled him out again.** Cat took the bait & was found dead this morning, it is one of the wild house cats which prowls amongst the Sugar Cane. Planted about 300 Peach Stones for young trees to be placed all about. Trimmed back trees & drove in nails to prevent maggots when fruit ripens. Some dogs kicking up a great row, I must place baits tomorrow for them. Great difficulty in forming a new Ministry, may it be a good one this time. Bed.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1870

**Mr Roxburgh came, Cotton splendid and I am to send my 3 Darkies to Cedar Valley, to a first picking tomorrow.** Sorting garden a little. Excellent letter from Mr George Ord. More fat stock than I thought. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1870

B.D. Coldish. Watered young new planted trees, Peach Trees commencing to blossom. Daniels brought yesterday 4 bales cotton. Stowing hay. **Darkies off quite delighted.** Dug & found an iron pipe leading to River from boiling place. Grass looking a little wintery. Mulched young trees. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 31st May 1871

B.D. Started on Pickwick for Eskdale via Murphy's Creek by Train taking Picky along with me, **having arranged that Jones should take the Darkies to Ipswich & help them then in their purchases.** Met Green of Goombura. Arrived at Murphy's Creek 10 minutes past 2.p.m. Started thence for Mr Pechey's saw mill son top of Range (Main) & after a good deal of up mountain work & giving Picky a feed for an hour arrived all safe at ¼ to 6 & I was very hospitably entertained by Mr Pechey & a young man Waraker I believe, & had many yarns & a great argument about Railway or non Railway at present between Brisbane & Ipswich, Mr Pechey being for & I against. 12 horse power Engine at these Mills which can turn out about 20,000 feet sawn timber per week. All the water they have is a brackish well for Engine & house. Bed.

Tuesday 28th June 1870

B.D. Hoed cabbages. Pruned vines. Mr Roxburg came yesterday & reported about 6 bales ginned cotton & 2 more expected at Cedar Valley. **Kanakas doing well.** Jones putting up post in his verandah & garden fence. Boy (Henry) tumbled off the black pony & had to get bighead, at which Willie laughed heartily. Bed.

Saturday 30th July 1870

**Sapphoon helping Jones.** Treagle a drunken beast. **Lambo** & Pedley billeting wood. Charlie looking after stock. Rowed Wifie & Willie as far as Mr Manning's, Wifie not very sure about some little leakage. Willie picked up a likely Oak barrel stone. Music. Bed.

Wednesday 24 August 1870

Slightly rainy but cleared up. Dr Rowlands came, Wifie coming on nicely. Jones wife ill too. **Sapphoon laid up with a sore foot from a cut by a bottle.** Read paper, see thereby my vote to Raff would have been of very little service as he had only 203 votes, Jordan 724. Atkin 723. Found another ripe strawberry. Sowed Opium Poppy & Dwarf Sorghum seed. Daniells & Millar brought my 2 working bullocks having finished drawing fencing stuff off Race Course. Intend going to Brisbane tomorrow. Bed.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1871

B.D. & cool in the shade but the sun still very warm. **Went with Charlie the Kanaka boy to try to get a duck for Wifie as she was anxious to get one.** Succeeded in bagging a red headed bold coot, a fat Widgeon, & a splendid fat black duck. Knocked over a Whistling duck, fat after loading & going to pick it up it flew away again, it had only been stunned. Saw 7 or 8 snipe but got none. Caught a mouse. Music. Bed.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1871

B.D. Crushed some of Cooper's Bourbon Cane, density very low, only 6°. Bourne won't pay to manufacture, however I will let him see what he can make of it. Received telegram to meet Harper about likely purchase of cattle, at Ipswich. Rats making great havoc amongst my ground nuts. Wee Helena's new fun is imitating a horse, shooting & cries, bung. **Charley (Kanaka) killed 3 snakes upstairs in the rafters, this is the month they prowl about to get into my winter quarters.** I think that I will finish experimenting in Sugar making tomorrow. Bed.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1871

B.D. Went to Logan's Lagoon, Mr Callanan quite pleased with his new lot of cows & fine calves. Somebody stole about 8 dozen Oranges. Lime tree looking pretty well, Guava beautiful. Swans lots. Hamilton looking wonderfully spruce & wishing gates on very much. Mr Pickwick had two fine shies & nearly unseated me once as I was as usual riding very carelessly. **Making arrangements for departure of my 3 Kanakas Sapphoon from Island of Memae, & Charley & Lambo from Habi. They have been very useful, Sapphoon especially. Charley very passable, Lambo at times not at all good.** Music. Bed.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1871

B.D. Like yesterday very strong drying up westerly winds. **Went to Ipswich to get money & some articles as presents for the Kanakas.** Got Pickwick shod for his travels to Eskdale tomorrow via rail to Murphy's Creek. The new horse for Buggy Tinkle went capitally. Took in a sample of sugar or more correctly granulated molasses from Planter's Friend to Mr Stone of the Queensland Times. 1



Bale lambs wool I find arrived at Wilson's from Eskdale. Made out list of work for Hetty for men when I am away. Read. Bed.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1871

B.D. By steamer to Bremer Cottage. Wifie astonished of course to see me back so soon. **Jones had done his duty well with the Darkies who were quite delighted with their purchases, so much so that they say they will soon return. Like true Darkies they like dress as an Idol, & Guns, Calicoes, & all sorts of tools, looking glasses & they prefer much to money, of the value of which they know nothing, as one told me that there were 2/- in £1.** Watered my plants, as, of course, for all the promises of strict attention, they were neglected, & would likely have been all dead had I been 2 weeks away. Self, Self, is all the rage nowadays, in my youthful days, with all, there was much more kind attention & a desire to do a good turn to each other, but in my life I fear that I will never see the like again. Man arrived from Eskdale with 117½ head Cheviot Merino Rams which look very well & nuggety. Sugar syrup granulating by degrees in one of the Coolers, the other hardly at all. Tank sunk in ground. Firewood for Sugar drawn. Read papers. Bed.

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1871

B.D. **Kanakas left under care of Jones.** Corn pulling. Treagles making beer. Sent 10 cases to Mill. Drawing firewood. Rams into garden again. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1871

B.D. Went to races with Harriette & Willie. Yarned with sir Maurice O. Connell & his Lady. Introduced myself to Mr Therry & Mr Digby, neither so good looking as I was led to believe, the former pretty, the latter rather plain. Digby's Mullings carried off the Corinthian stakes £150. Yarned with Judge Lutwyche who told me that he was going to commence breeding Blood stock, I said as much as that he had better leave that alone & go in for strong, useful, wetter insight horses. Spoke to Mrs A Bell & Miss Roberts. Had a look through the thimblers tables. **Jones returned having delivered over the Kanakas all right.** Poor Dick the Buggy horse dead. Rams destroyed a lot of my trees, they are a nuisance. Rather tired. Bed.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1871

B.D. Took a morning stroll with Wifie, **called at Immigration Office & from that my Kanakas have gone to the M\_Kay for 3 years. Must write an official letter to get back my money paid in Advance for their passage.** Called on the Uhrs. Saw poor Mr Uhr looking most miserable, knocked up completely by Rheumatism. I fear that he is not long for this world. Took Willie Nurse & baby for a sail. Read papers. Bed.

Saturday 29th July 1871

B.D. Took a walk with Wifie & Willie to the gardens, Wifie sat in the shade & she told Willie & me to take a walk & come back at gun fire 1.p.m. We went to cut yesterday sticks from a broken Bamboo, & after gun fire about 4 minutes set off to Wifie who was only 100 yards of but screened from us by a low ridge, she had gone & I was rather astonished to find that she had to get a respectable sort of man to escort her home, about 250 yards or so, on my arrival was told that the Doctor was sent for, & about 3.15 I was the possessor of another young male Elephant strong & hearty & very good, no trumpeting going on & its mother doing as well as could be expected & no danger. One of the Maids Margaret could not believe it, but afterwards came in & told me it was such a fine large baby, & seemed ½ demented with excitement about it. Mr Miller sent from the Cottage 2 brace Wild Ducks, 1 brace of which I sent with Wifies Compliments to Mrs Ferriter, at

same time announcing the new comer. She was very pleased with the kind attention. **Wrote to Immigration about requesting return of money for Kanakas paid.** Bed.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. At 8.30 left per Emu for Brisbane. Poor Jones took his wife's remains also. Found Wifie well & thriving, but as usual, much bothered by impudent Servants. Brought her 1 bag common 1 bag sweet potatoes, pig's face Parsley & Lettuces. Harriette Willie & Helena all quite happy but Willie longs to return here. **Saw Fenwick about Kanakas, there are 9 undisposed of & I am to see them tomorrow.** Shewed Messrs Smellie & Sinclair my draining machine plans & they thought highly of them especially the circular cutter. Gave Mr Smellie a hint or two. Willie driving about with me which he likes. Bed.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. Thunderstorm & cold wind late last night. **Went on board the Lytton & got strapping pleasant looking men, signed agreements & they are to go up with me tomorrow. Paid off Servants & £96. odd for Kanakas.** Gave Mr Dickson of Bank Australasia a large sample of my sugar to take to Sydney. Glad to see better accounts of Jamie by Het's letters, soon tire of Brisbane. Bed.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. Rose at 5 a.m. **Started for Steamer with my 9 darkies all grinning with delight, Gave them their breakfast on board, they seemed to relish it much. Landed them all safe in their hut & gave them the day to get ready & settle down.** Sowed some Tobacco seed. Old Allan a grumbling humbug. I am beginning to lose all patience with him. Burning stumps in Quarry paddock, also ploughing, slight toothache. Chess. Cribbage. Bed.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. **Kanakas went cheerfully to work, Undoey the self constituted head man is very useful being a tolerable interpreter & explains what we wish done, they are clearing off the canes the sheep broke down.** Bed.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. **Kanakas early at work having breakfasted & commenced at ¼ to 7 a.m. without any bother.** Planted a lot of Orange & 2 Lime Trees. "W.I." no letters for me seemingly this Mail via Brindisi only 1 to Het from Nin. Stumpers getting on pretty well, also ploughing. Chess. Bed.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. Jones arrived, he now takes his meals in the kitchen. Several sheep fatten badly, dogs seen about, Miller shot one a mongrel being ½ Native. Large boiler found to have a leak & a large blister, must send for a competent boiler man to report on same. Shin bothering. The young Draught entire regularly caught in a trap close to the river, bank gave way & he found himself in a deep box & couldn't get out, when digging to give him foot hold he got frightened plunged into the River & got landed on the wrong side, I chasing him with a boat to turn him. Glad to see him so far safe. I would not wonder to see him back on his own side tomorrow. **Darkies clearing all rough smallish wood & piling it up for firewood, they are capital hands & generally work with a will & good nature.** More sheep worried but found one dog poisoned by Strychnine. Chess. Bed.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1871

Threatening, a few drops, but generally fine. Planted 100 cabbages. Yesterday sowed & planted 112 Loquat & a lot of Orange Seeds. Dowlan came from Eskdale here in one day with despatches & Mr Rutland's Draft on Messrs & A Cadell W. Maitland for £850 for 400 head of cattle. Dowlan bought the horse, which is intended for the Marquis, if he will take it. Sent down Tank for molasses. Ploughing. Miller hasty tempered, but curbs himself wonderfully well. Treagles mending up fences. Stock at Toray dying for want of grass I believe. Cotton still pouring into market. **Gave Darkies yesterday 1 hat, 1 pair trousers, 1 shirt each.** Sent papers to Logan's Lagoon. Chess. Bed.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1871

B.D. Old Allan sewing Sugar bags. **Kanakas trashing Cane.** Putting in a few more trees. Rather contradicting letter from Mr. G. Ord, letter from Harriette, Babe getting on nicely. Bed.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1871

B.D. No sign of rain yet. Burning off grass, rather dangerous work, but having plenty of hands get on very well. Kanakas get great fun running after the Watchas n Quail, also large Bandicoots. Getting on with boiler. Bed.

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1871

B.D. A few drops of rain last night. Returned to Bremer Cottage per Steamer. Found Miller & McNamara away from my going Entire across the River. They returned with the mail letters from Tom & Willie, all well. Mending coolers. Watered plants. Sheep into garden again. **Kanakas doing well.** Read papers. Bed.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1871

B.D. Cloudy, felt 1 drop of rain. Watered trees. Jones trying his hand at Sugar making, succeeded as well as the Great Allan now departed. All fudge the secrecy of sugar making. When Allan left he saw no man could make sugar of the canes, so we have beaten him. **I left them all to themselves, only 3 white men & some Kanakas,** Cooper a humbug. Read. Bed.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1871

B.D. 1 drop of rain again. Clearing off logs. Splitting timber. **Kanakas taking arrows off Sugar Cane.** Sugar in coolers looks first rate. Some of McNamaras & Seymours sheep trespassing. Threatened to impound them. Bed.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1871

Rained mostly the whole day, much good it will do. **Set Kanakas to work at Mill shelling off seed.** Waterhole in paddock filled. Bed.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1871

B.D. Jones at Centrifugal, Heavy Shower, **darkies cutting cane with Chaff cutter.** Policeman came to get Harriette to appear tomorrow at court to rectify some mistake in deposition. Mr Callanan came yesterday to see about taking up Lakeland for Sugar growing. I told him it was rather late. Planted yesterday 300 sets Chigacca Cane with bone dust. Bamboos coming on nicely. Bed.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1871

B.D. at Ipswich on Cattle stealing case George Evans, not concluded. Gave to Mr Blake Bank Australasia my receipts of payments for Eskdale Cond purchases. Case to come on again on Thursday. **Kanakas busy cutting down cane.** Planting out Arrow roots. Bed.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1871

Slightly showery. Boning Cane, ploughing between. **2 Kanakas laid up with colds.** Letter from Mr Ord with list of men's wages 11. They found some more long tails on the Sections. Chigacca Cane plants coming up nicely, can't see the Yellow Cane plants sprouting yet. Agreed with Mr Callanan he to get 23<sup>rd</sup> produce off Logan Lagoon paddock in consideration of taking off the crop in 6 months, he working it at his own cost from this date. Gave him a keg of treacle. Took the level of the River up to workshop at Mill, make it from surface of water at high tide about 31 feet, so pump to work regularly must be placed 8 feet below said level. Sweet Potato vines coming on well. Prairie grass roots shooting out fast again. Another nice foal. Read. Applied for renewal of Licence of gates for next year by letter. Shower. Bed.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1871

B.D. **One of the Kanakas made a curious use of his beard & tooth, the former his match box, the latter the striker to light the match.** Went via Logan's Lagoon to Bandanbah, via Long Swamp, enjoyed the pretty ride much. Saw about 100 blue coots fly from the dry land in horse paddock into the lagoon portion, I never say so many in a flight before. Lots of ducks, up Long Swamp saw a (what I call) a Parson Bird some 4 feet in height. Had some lovely views. Arrived at Bandanbah after Sunset. Vine growing beautifully all round the hut & laden with grapes hanging all round, & even down a window. Tea on 2 eggs bread & butter, quite satisfied. Read through 40 of Moreton Bay Courier papers of /46/47 & found lots of old names which brought back pleasant reminiscences till 12 midnight. Bed.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1871

B.D. **2 Kanakas laid up with colds.** Keeping under Summer grass with Scarifier. Jones confessed his error & kept him on. Large pump in good order again. Harrowed in Prairie grass seed. Set baits for dogs. Bed.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1871

Showery slightly. Scaffling Summer grass. Got Buggy back in good order. **More Kanakas caught cold,** Mrs Thompson also. Read papers. Bed.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1871

B.D. **Undoey rather surly, said before Jones he did not care if he was sent to Jail, he hinted that he wishes a tea pot & white sugar & 3 figs very best Tobacco. This was in answer to my charging him & the Kanakas of not working properly & up to their agreement. I also told him before Jones that none of these were to go to Ipswich without my authority or I would have to send a constable after them for going away. He said if Kanaka lazy send him away. I said I was Master & that they must work properly or I could give them less food. Undoey told me himself that he had 2 glasses grog at Ipswich. The Kanaka at Harris' is I believe the origin of all this bother, as they were as happy as Princes, singing & leaping about & as merry as could be before they went to Ipswich & saw him getting logs ready for foundation of Centrifugal.** Clearing Chicago cane of Summer grass with which it is nearly choked. Fish trap gone I find. Pigs rooted up all the remainder of my long cherished Tobacco. Made some Peach leather. Bed.

Wednesday 6th December 1871

B.D. **All at Ipswich on Saturday night except Undoe, Wathanda, & Kutamuchoe without informing me & asking authority as I had previously told them to ask must stop their tea.** Fished for fish trap & found it in the River. Went in Buggy to Ipswich, very warm. Ginn told me that No 5 wire had been ordered by Ord, instead of being sent up because no No. 6 could be got David told me. I see that Mr Ord's & David's selections on Mount Esk for some 1,800 acres were lost by ballot. Peter Ord managed to get 500 acres there. Found that Evans case was this morning, but luckily my money was got viz £4 & expenses. No Telegram about wool to be sold by Eyre & Digby as a trial sale. Slater has a Bookseller's shop open in Ipswich, got one of his Almanacs for /72. there £400 promissory note instead to pay at Ipswich but Sydney is the paper place so I will likely get a [word illegible] Notice &c from Henderson. Chinese cucumbers coming on well. Pedley took away the troublesome little black piggy which I gave to him when he caught it. Drying some Peaches in the sun in halves. Not a Maggot in the Peaches this season, very odd, being 1st year free of them. Dodwell paid me Witness money. Bed.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1871

Cut up a lot of Peaches in quarters & put them out in sun to dry, 2 trees with splendid luscious large fruit, nearly as large as those at home. **Kanakas seem to be working better. Undoe more reasonable tonight, & tried to make it out that he had advised all the Kanakas to behave themselves & do as I told them.** Sent for Mares again from Invincible's paddock. Ploughing up Summer grass which is a great pest to the Agriculturist, Sweet Potatoes growing rapidly. No Post. Read. Bed.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1871

B.D. By night cut Peaches nearly ready for keeping, they dry well in the sun, the iron burns the hand at a touch. **Some new Kanakas came brother to Taromi, & cousin of Siyungant,** wish to hire. Ploughing up Summer grass. Dragged along time for my rod, no success. **Wis a Wis ill.** Bed.

Monday 11th December 1871

B.D. Ther 87 but close damp heat. Planted about 8 bags Sweet potato cuttings. Letter from Mr Ord, grass growing nicely & wire fence going ahead. **Kilo laid up with influenza. Hired one of the Kanakas Taromi's brother, the other went off, at £ if so so £12 if he did well, no passage money to pay back, to get clothing & rations as my own lot, hired till their time is up.** Pump had to be taken down to be repaired. Picked a lot of Peaches for jam. Sold Big Seymour 2 bullocks for his dray which he left here some time since. Chinese Cucumbers coming on well. Yesterday Separation day, holiday held today, Settler went down the River filled with excursionists who seemed to be very happy. Band playing & dancing going on warn & steamy though it was. Sent £4 cheque to Bank Australasia Ipswich for Sydney Branch Promissory Note. Bed.

Tuesday 12th December 1871

Rainy. Planting out Sweet Potatoes. Partial Eclipse of the sun at 2.p.m. Pump right again. Shot a pig fig eating bird which always comes at Fig ripening time or rather before. Prairie grass growing fast again. **Hired Sano Doomany, Taromi's brother yesterday.** No answer from Primrose yet to my letter. Bamboos don't do well in this soil seemingly. Hardwick laid up. Read. Bed.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1871

B.D. Clearing weeds from Ground nuts. Planting Sweet Potatoes. Temp 90. **3 Kanakas ill, some always ailing.** Read papers. Bed.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1871

B.D. **Kanakas clearing weeds.** Hardwick finished planting between Sugar Cane on Ridge. Mr Bell called. Gathered sweet scented plant. Bed.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 1871

Drank a Merry Xmas to absent friends as well as present & very good honey plum pudding, but not a very fat goose, but good. **Kanakas seemed to enjoy their pudding also, caught several cats in fish trap.** Read. Bed.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1871

B.D. Very warm. Took a stroll. **Kanakas weeding potatoes, must have rain soon with so much heat.** Boxing Day. Banks shut. Read. Music. Bed.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1871

Rainy towards night with thunder in the distance. Took Lily & Willie to Quarry hut, Harriette was to have gone, but she made such a fuss about getting in that I left her. Lily caught a cat fish, Willie & I nothing. **Kanakas clearing away old Sugar Cane stalks, drawing firewood.** Music. Bed.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1871

B.D. Showery about 11.p.m. Took a stroll to look at last planted sweet potatoes, most seem to be alive. Pigs fence washed down in creek. Some 8 wee grunTERS born. Ground nuts looking well & growing fast, cane & Arrow root also. Harriette & Lily went to Ipswich to be at the Bazaar tonight. Gave Lily a glass canary whistler. Blockhead McNamara came back without letters or papers. **Kanakas thrashing Prairie & Italian Rye grass seed. Had to take Wuthunda's pipe out of his mouth as he wouldn't when I told him to so, being so dangerous in the Mill amongst chaff.** Cucumbers won't come on properly, they form & then die off, I think the reason is that insects are very scarce & therefore nothing to fructify. Helena going to stamp on poor Baby's head, just caught in time. Grape vines spreading fast & pretty. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1872

Thermometer 87. B.D. with showers in the afternoon. Telegraph completed this day to Gulf of Carpentaria great event! Filling gaps in Sweet Potatoes. **UndoeY cut his foot with a bottle.** Plenty rain now. Read. Bed.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Rainy. Planted Acacia Seeds along fence. **Initiated Kanakas into sawing & splitting timber, very apt & amusing pupils. Had a hearty laugh at young Mithin who decorated himself behind with some long feathering grass & made his foundation very like a Peacocks tail, the Kanakas also had a good laugh on my saying "I believe Mithin chookie chookie."** Hope we are not to have a flood. Dead lock in Parliament still, Civil Servants warned, as well as contractors for Government, that they will not likely be paid for months, nice position. The Revolutionary feeling at home is evidently gradually gaining ground, & Britain fast subsiding, lost an eye! Het not very well. Wishes to know whether there is a flood. Read. Bed.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Raining, Bremer rising slowly, rain not very heavy though continuous. **Kanakas cutting up logs for firewood.** About 100 blue coots bout the Sweet Potatoes, they look like Black game in the distance. Lots of Ducks in the paddock, I suppose from the Brisbane River being flooded, they are on the move. Jones busy at Centrifugal. Got up timber from River. Bed.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Raining occasionally. Barometer steady, signs of clearing up. Bremer River about 10 feet. No mail from Eskdale, Rivers being up. **Kanakas bursting logs.** Jones at Centrifugal. Pedley clearing drains & transplanting a few trees. About 24 Apples on my tree this year & of a very good size. Caught a rat in my wire trap. Hoeing up Bathurst Burr. Willie has had a cold for several days & amuses himself with his Jews Harp which he plays wonderfully well, being only 7 years of age. My thick shooting coat has been very comfortable since Friday last. Assorted my Newspaper scraps. Cleared up considerably towards evening & saw the sun set once more. This rain, if it stops now, will do much more good than harm, the Sugar Cane will hit out nicely. Had a bunch of white Grapes, hardly quite ripe. Heard that Mr Mott? was quite tipsy when officiating one evening xmas eve I believe at the English Church, when giving out a hymn, he said I can see it, still it is such & such hymn, what a shocking disgrace & wicked. He is allowed to be a very sociable fellow, but not at all fitted for the Church. Bed.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. with a few light showers. Hamilton came here & I went with him to Logan's Lagoon. My short cut getting stopped by Welsby's log fence. Mrs Callanan kindly presented me as a New Year's Gift a beautiful Tulip wood can with my Crest on & turned by her Brother who has just gone home. Had a melon. Some beautiful fat wild geese cropping the grass behind the house. Bandanbah Creek considerably swollen. Gave Mrs Callanan my letter to Primrose to give to Hamilton. Calves too weak to go to Eskdale in this sloppy weather, so did not send the cows Callanan had. **Kanakas busy at firewood.** A chestnut horse got out of paddock, I fear that he is off to Eskdale, he being a great fence jumper. Only 1 cucumber this season through I have plenty of vines manured with bone dust. I see Pring has been making a fool of himself again in the Legislative Assembly, he called Clark a dirty wretch, & pulled his whiskers &c. & had to be ordered to be arrested, but Pring voted before he could be caught, he has since resigned his Seat. Capital crops at Logan's Lagoon. Roads heavy & tiresome. Read. Bed.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. with a shower occasionally. **Kanakas at firewood. Undoe still laid up with his cut heel.** Gathered a lot of Parsley seed & sewed it about sheep paddock. Jones busy at Centrifugal. Muggy these days past. Sugar Cane growing well. Large trees doing well also. Read. Bed.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. with slight showers. Sold my Cotton Gin of 80 saws for 55 to Messrs Harris payment by bill from this date at 4 months. Planted a lot of Acacia tree seeds, quite different from the Creeper & not so troublesome. McNamara again foolishly allowed the Post Office to close before getting my letters & papers. **Kanakas at Firewood.** Saw Centrifugal tried, I think that it will do very well when properly finished. Mosquitoes troublesome rather. In Verandah Ther 75. but in house must be 80. got Phosphorous Paste in Sets as they are getting exceedingly numerous. Bead  $\frac{1}{4}$  by review. Bed.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1872

Showery. California Home Mail arrived with sad intelligence that Prince of Wales after recruiting, had suffered a relapse & was despaired of. **Kanakas cutting logs.** Much cooler now. Sweet potatoes growing fast & Ground Nuts. Read. Music. Bed.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. Saw Het, Harriette & Helena off all right this time only a Steamer wave came over Hets boots before she could budge to my warning. Ate with Willie the Bandicoot I killed last night, very good

& just like rabbit, in fact a shade better. **Kilo bruised his foot & Taromi made a very neat phlim out of broken bottle tied to a stick which he struck with another stick as they bleed horses, it did very well as far as cutting, but I doubt the efficacy.** Centrifugal all ready for work at last. Cleaned out drain. Taking weed from amongst Sweet potatoes. Finished log bursting for a bit. Trained up some vines on yard shed. Trimmed some seedling Mandarin Orange trees. Sent letter to Mr Ord. Flute. Bed. Lock I see settled at last by a slight compromise. I am glad of it. Bed.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. a few drops again. **Siyungant brother dead, all the Kanakas left to attend his funeral at Ipswich.** Willie & I took buggy to Ipswich. Mr Hamilton of Harris & Co to send dray tomorrow for [page turned over at corner, last word illegible]. Went to Eyre & Digby's, some chap has a week to look at my sheep. Mr [word illegible] has an errand to the Clarence at present. Glad to see by the papers that our preserved meats are fast being appreciated in the Home Markets, & sensibly touching the Home trade. Saw a tree snake. Sugar Cane growing fast. Bills of Lading for my last wool not handed over to Bank yet. Read. Bed.

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. Went to Logan's Lagoon, went through crops, Tobacco first rate, had a most excellent lunch of good bread, butter 2 eggs nicely boiled & quite fresh, all washed down with Jamaica & water. The paddock & garden were unpleasantly hot, & I came out as if I had fallen into a waterhole. Hamilton not been very well. **Made Kanakas work till sunset at least till 6 as the pretences of illness & 2 hours to 10 men every Saturday won't do, being equal to one man off work ½ the year.** Pickwick cast his shoes. Jones finishing off Centrifugal. All well at Brisbane as per Het's letter thence & enjoying themselves. Read papers. Bed.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1872

B.D. Thermometer 93. **Kanakas clearing summer grass from Sweet Potatoes & Earth nuts,** the potatoes seem to be only forming by [word illegible] root I opened up. Clearing up [word illegible] wool. Taking grass from young plants. Yesterday Mr Callanan, Lee & young Murphy brought Pumpkins, vegetable marrows, grapes, gifs, 2 sorts of Apples & Melons, so we are well in for fruit at present. Mail expected tomorrow. Wrote to Willie & Aunty Ivy also to Het. Read papers. Bed.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1872

B.D. **Kilo & Johnny Kutamuchoe walked off, but I told them that I would follow & get a constable, when they saw the horse being got up they returned to their work. Packed off 4 strange Kanakas who had come to see those here. Undoey rather saucy.** Watered trees. Went to Ipswich. Mrs Joy fruiteress poor lady burned to death from the bursting of a Kerosene lamp. Placed in Bank £55 from Messrs Harris for Cotton Gin. Intend to start for Eskdale tomorrow. Mr Primrose on being asked by Ord why he threatened to sue him for Salty Creek portion which he had to pay for himself, coolly said, Bounce goes a long way sometimes, so much for an honest gentleman. **Gave Hardwick authority over the Kanakas, & a list of what was to be done in my absence.** Warmish. Hope for a fine day tomorrow. Bed.

Saturday 10th February 1872

B.D. but warm. Shipped per Settler for Bremer Cottage where I soon arrived & found all well. Breakfasted & strolled about. **Undoey presented me with a letter from Robert Gray, Immigration Agent.** We have had muggy weather for fully a week, which is longer than general, & earlier, as March is the muggy month, so I hope that we will have no more, as it is not pleasant. See by the papers that Blair, son of Sir Devin Hunter's, was found dead with his hand above the grass near a



Swamp, & his death caused by drink, he was lodging with a most disreputable cattle Stealer Hallam. He was always a blackguard & well known. Bed.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1872

Showery. Went to Ipswich & luckily escaped getting wet. Saw Mr Blake & sorry to see him looking rather groggy, he kindly gave me a drive in his curious machine. **Called at Court House & spoke about Peter the rascally black Kanaka to Sergeant Frances, he told me to haul him up for being illegally on the premises. Called also at Harris' store to tell Mr Hamilton about the rogue, he thought he knew the one I meant, but was not sure.** He wishes 10 Invincibles colts but I have not as many here at present. Harriette & Willie called on Mrs Hay & Mrs Gibson, the latter in Brisbane. Pump being got into order. Bed.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1872

Showery. Ground Nuts looking well. **Mithin has allowed some of the sheep to spoil a few of my young trees.** Sweet Potatoes looking capitol. Took a stroll in Quarry Paddock & found a stone full of specks like gold, very pretty whatever it is. Always enjoy my walk in said paddock so much pleasant & varied scenery, & places to look for what may be valuable stones. Read papers. Poor old Andrew Petrie, whom I have known for 31 years, dead, decent, plain, honest man. Bed.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1872

B.D. With heavy shower at night. **Undoe**y came with a 2 pronged spear in the dusk & said rather presumptuously "me want to speak to you Master, seeing the spear I pretended not to pay attention to him till I went to my room for my pipe & my knife, I then went to him, cutting bold, prepared to rush at him if he lifted his spear, so in a little I said what for you bring that, he said me no want to kill him you, directly that hang um me, I said next time you bring like it that me bring machete, he in the meantime had thrown it in the grass but evidently brought it to intimidate. He wished more than he was entitled to, so I plainly told him that he could gain nothing from me by trouble, he then said holding out his hand, good bye Master, me & all Kanaka go Brisbane, I ordered them not & to be off, so those who had come to the house slunk away, & in a little they commenced singing, & laughing, & beating sounds like drums till 12 a.m. It won't do to give in to them, or their requests would be endless, one man remained behind to say me no go, & did not seem to approve of the conduct of the others. Harriette & Miss Lowes at Church. Read Sermon. Bed.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1872

Inclined to be showery. **Undoe**y, Kilo & Wis a Wis off to Brisbane at 6.30 a.m. **Went to Ipswich to get a Summons for Undoe**y for absconding. Doctor Rowlands on my asking how my old Stockman Brady was getting on with his amputated leg, shocked me by saying that he was dead & buried poor fellow. Went to see Ford's old paddock, then to Mrs Daniells to tell her I would have to get Daniells down as witness about Race Course claim against me which I certainly consider most unjust. Saw her 13<sup>th</sup> baby & she looks fresher than I have seen her for some time past. My mare took it into her head to make a bolt before I was well in my saddle at the gate of paddock, no doubt being just at home, I let her be & got the sooner to my journey's end. Tyra would not take the cattle. Bed.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1872

B.D. With slight rain in morning. Constable brought summons for Undoey, but he had not returned so he could do nothing. Mithin laid up with a sore leg from a fall from a horse, but he

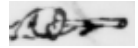
says that he will be alright tomorrow. Hole for pump caving in. Trio of Kanakas arrived about 5 p.m. Music. Bed.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 1872

Very showery. **Went to Ipswich, got papers, took Summons for Undoey which I delivered to him in the evening, Jackson being witness.** Had a yarn to Dorsey. Had to employ Chubb much against my will in Race Course case all the Lawyers in Ipswich being low set except Thomson. Tried to get Macalister as being the best Lawyer, but nearly as bad as the next otherwise, but he had to go to Brisbane.

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 1872

Rainy. **Darkies splitting up logs.** I see some of my trees eaten down by the sheep, careless Kanakas shepherd. Slabbing up large pump hole in saw mill shed. Fired 5 shots out of my revolver & on looking at it after having finished found that it had burnt & opened on 3 sides thus. I wonder where the last 2 balls went, thank God I escaped being injured. Bed.



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1872

Rainy. **Went to Court, Undoey well warned & glad to be let off from chokey.** Letter from Mr G. Ord with receipt for 4,715. sheep sold to Mr Davenport who reject 854. of those for sale. Jockey (N. Aust) Club v G withdrawn, their Solicitor made a mess of drawing out his race. Miller bought me Ord's letter. Daniells came 2.5 miles as witness. Annoyed with Mr Wilson about Sugar Mill. Sent some through Ginn, my revolver pistol to be forwarded to Thomson, Gun maker, through Coterwatt & Powell per Royal Dane. Went to Bank & mentioned my sale. Read papers. Bed.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1872

Rainy. **Kanakas burning logs.** Jones at pump. Read. Bed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1872

Rainy. Jones putting windows in. **Darkies bursting logs.** Shifted Grumphies into boiling horse paddock. Bream to tea. Read. Bed.

*\*Transcriber's note. Grumphie is a Scottish word which is an affectionate term for 'a pig'.*

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1872

Rainy. Went to Logan's Lagoon. Saw Mr Cannon going to Bandanbah to take delivery of sheep. Told Hamilton to deliver & to come here to take ½ bred Rams to sale on Thursday. Mrs Callanan heard of the loss of her Father & brother Major Eames who both died on the same day. Helena & the flower pot yesterday had a capsized over the verandah, luckily without damage to ether. Jones putting partition in kitchen sleeping room. **Darkies cutting down weeds in cane crop & Seymour looked at my canes.** No fish in trap. Hunting grumphies out of Sweet potatoes, as they cause a good deal of damage. Music. Bed.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1872

B.D. Letter from Ord about branding cattle (calves). **Darkies cutting grass between cane rows.** Planted a lot of potatoes 3 bags. Still at pump. Ploughing for grass. Lee too ill to be at work. Jones fixing pipes. Read. Bed.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1872

B.D. Clock mended & going well & strikes the hours nicely. Gilding the hands & numbers. Ploughing. Rolling. Parliament opening rather reasonably, hope it will continue. **Darkies as usual singing away at all hours of the night.** Found 1/- doubtful at first whether it was not an old button, till on careful examination I found a King's head on. Read. Bed.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1872

B.D. Man took 13/\_ of syrup. Jones at Brisbane **Undoey with boil on arm.** Letter from Ord stating that all the lambs were as we both wished a lot of ½ bred Rams, from the sheep. Got the 9 Scotsmen which had gone to Eskdale, can't find Tom's interesting speech as President of the Royal Philosophical Society. Got up a sock of bedding for general stock. Caught a pretty good log of pine in the River. Went with Willie in Boat to Town Marie to see Mr Haye about 2 samples of minerals I got from a prospector, very link tin! Sample. Asked him to take tea with us tomorrow. Willie caught 1 Cat. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1872

Rainy. Men had to knock off ploughing. **Kanakas sent to x cut timber, & to get up ashes for garden.** Jones making model for elbows for pipe from pump. Lee busy putting in posts for fence. Miller found lost horse in Long Swamp paddock just outside, & found 1 mare more than Hamilton's number in large diary paddock. Letter from Mr G. Ord, no answer required. Man Hall started from Eskdale with sheep last Wednesday. Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1872

B.D. Ploughing. **Darkies cutting down grass.** Watered trees. Jones busy at pipe model. Clock going too fast. Trying to poison rats with arsenic, they took nearly 100 baits from where I put them. Clock stopped. Read. Bed.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1872

Rainy. Couldn't use cultivator. **Darkies at Ashes for garden & x cutting logs, & Lee at post, putting up. Undoey sore arm with boil.** Read. Bed.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1872

B.D. Sowed Prairie & Italian grasses, **Kanakas off to a funeral of a dead drunken Kanaka.** Jones making a table for Het, Lee putting in posts, made some Cayenne pepper which turned out very well. Read paper. Bed.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1872

B.D. **Kanakas returned without being at funeral, as there had to be a post mortem examination.** Cutting grass, Lee putting in posts. No letter from Ord. Clock wrong again as to striking. Getting posts split by Pedley & Jackson. Bed.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1872

B.D. Though a tolerable shower during the night. Great work getting a horse out of the River which was said to be thoroughbred Dear Swift. I saw that the men were humbugging, & might be the cause of drowning the horse, so I got into the boat, & after a little dodging roped it, it made off along the shallow side of the bank under the overhanging trees & nearly pulled the boat underwater, & **as I could not get Undoey the Kanaka to row properly,** the horse dashed the prow of the boat with great force against a log. I thought that the boat must have parted & broken out where I was likely to land best but we found all right, & am getting rid of that log, then horse made

another plunging run & ran us against another log, so as I found my ship mate was such a bungler I let the horse go, rope & all & dodged at it until we got it headed to our side, when I took the oars & followed so as to humour it to a certain place which was an easy landing, in the meantime my hat was floating, down the River, & the Ipswich Steamer coming down full sail, so I had to set to placing the prow of the boat to the waves made by it, & then again started to get the animal out, which we at last succeeded in doing & then found that it was a mare belonging to some one of the clan of O'Donoghue, so I at once advertised her as being here Pedley wished a ½ day to kill a grumphy. Miller bought 10 iron hurdles & 10 [word illegible] hose & canvas. He left rather hurriedly as he had to go to Town. Read. Bed.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1872

Wool received a slight check. Firewood for Engine. Warmer & cloudier. **Gave Kanakas blankets.** Read. Bed.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1872

B.D. Much warmer last night, signs of rain. Went all over paddocks from dam to Logan's Lagoon. Found some more Iron Ore, saw a Wood duck on dam & 2 divers. Fine views all about. Saw Miller return without boring tools like a muff. **Sent in Wathunda to the Doctor who said that there was little the matter with him, a slight touch of cold as I said.** Covering Mill verandah. Cutting grass for hay. Mrs Leith Hay last Monday met with a severe accident, viz J.J. Bell spilt her, Mrs Bell, & Miss Moffatt out of a dog cart & dislocated her hip, the others escaped uninjured. Collins confessed to the murder of Mr Zieman. Black Swan still on her nest. Boring holes in posts for wire fence & sawing logs. Sent some wool & skins to Eyre & Digby for sale. A person nibbling at my cattle in Long Swamp, I ought to get £2..10.0 for same. 10,000 shares all taken up in Quarry Port Tin Mining Company & several applicants refused. Read papers. Bed.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1872

B.D. but very cloudy, still, Aneroid Barometer stood at beau Temps. The much warmer. Willie enjoying his rides on snowy much, he certainly is a bold little rider. All arrived safely at Brisbane. Jones still at Rooms verandah covering. **Promised Kanakas a holiday tomorrow, 2 of them are going to Brisbane to see relations just arrived for Lytton from the Fijis.** The new member Clermont Mr C. Graham made his maiden speech in a most masterly manner, & did all he could to bring the wretched Dead lock in the Assembly to a close by means of a worthy Compromise, his speech told well amongst both the Ministry & Opposition, but some other men on both sides upset the good affect at first created & so left the House in as dogged a stated as before. The Governor's answer to the Opposition Memorial made its Ultras more sumptions. Let Miller take Dean Swift to ride so as to let him have a trial as a hack at the Ipswich Races. Bed.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1872

B.D. Cloudy. Mending grumphy's yard, they are such break downs. Felling trees. To Logan's Lagoon to tell Miller about keeping up Dulcimer & stabled if necessary. Dear Swift got the Law past consequently very poor looking. Mr Callanan killed 2 pigs. Willie chasing cows on horseback or Pony back. **Undoey presented me with ½ a yam from Lifu, he says that a great many Kanakas are dying in all the Islands & Uliget's brother amongst the number (Uliget being one of my men).** Cammy boy tumbled out of his cot & got a fright, he did not seem to be really hurt. Had a visit from a Wesleyan Minister to get my subscription, & wishing a piece of my Fortitude Valley land. **Gave Undoey a pineapple in lieu of his yam.** Old Laing the pencil artist a bit of a Poet, he shewed me some verses which I liked much, as very little poetry do I admire. Paddocks getting very bare. Tin Mines making Maize get up, Hay ought to follow. Read. Bed.

*\*Transcriber's note: Cammy is a nickname for Campbell who was a son of James Ivory.*

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1872

B.D. People singing out for rain. Putting up pump for watering stock at Cologne. Getting firewood. Hetty & Harriette with a nice nurse arrived from Brisbane. Helena quite pleased with a little cart her mamma brought for her, but the sweeties seemed to be most appreciated. **Wathunda still in his hut.** Little Grumphies coming on nicely. Read. Bed.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1872

Paid off James Murphy who is a great story teller, & generally disliked on the place, too flash altogether & truly Colonial stamp. **Mithin sick now, they are a pair of schemers these Kanakas.** 15 years hence this country will be full of devils I think, the progeny of the present youngsters now growing up can't well help being a horrid lot. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1872

Rainy & cold. Taking up saw bench to make room for Sugar Crusher. **Darkies glad to get an inside job.** Five handy cranes & pulleys here. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1872

B.D. No sign of further fire, took a ride round fences & found about 40 rods demolished, set men to work to repair same. Went with Willie on his pony to Logan's Lagoon, this being his first ride with me & to any considerable distance being some 10 miles there & back & not in the least tired, **in fact he went off on his return with Mithin to drive in young Invincible, he having jumped into a paddock out of the yard he was in.** Cygnets at Logan's Lagoon coming on nicely, a large Osprey looking covetously at them. Miss Fitzmaurice staying with the Callanans, Mr Callanan's finger still very painful. 190 cattle gone to Toowoomba sold to Mr Howie at £2..10.0. per head delivered at Toowoomba. I am glad they are off. 58 head of cows & values remaining, & put into another paddock. Gave letter, for Murphy, to Miller to deliver & told him to get 2 Rifles at Bandanbah. Mrs Miller up & looking well, surrounded by a lot of beautiful children. Read papers. Bed.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1872

B.D. Very windy & high. Willie in buggy with Helena & housemaid to Ipswich. **Got a slate for Undoey, & a hat for Kailu, he having got his own burnt in putting out the late fire.** Akens brought 3 mares & large Chestnut horse broken in, & offer me £21. for one Roan Colt he had of mine which I accepted. Still mending fences. Mrs O'Hea still very ill. Telegram arrived of Mail, not much news, but glad to see that the late Yankees have had to knock under. I would not wonder if we had no rain till 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, or 14<sup>th</sup> of August when I have noticed for years that it has invariably come however long a drought previously. Watered some young trees. Read. Bed.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1872

B.D. Told Mr Woodburn yesterday my invention for making a vacuum Stamper for Quartz crushing on the promise that he was not to divulge the secret. **Undoey wishing Negrohead Tobacco & wishing to know if I thought him a fool.** Went to Logan's Lagoon. Mr Callanan's finger bothering him much & I can plainly see that it has shaken him a good deal, however he has, like lots more, made up his mind to be off to the Tin Mines. Miller came here with Hall with some 50 poor sheep. Busy taking down Saw Frame, heavier job than the purchaser calculated upon. Found some rams astray at Logan's Lagoon. Got some Copper specimens which Mr Ord had kindly sent to me of the Eskdale Mine. Bed.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1872

B.D. Transplanting trees. Pedley like a fool off to the Tin Mines. Got down one side of the Saw frame, an immense piece of casting some 2 ton weight. Queensland Tin Company shares up to 6/3. More than double what I have paid up & sure to rise much more. Spring Creek Company also going off capitally. **Kanakas finished cut down trees.** Read papers. Bed.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1872

B.D. Intended to send for maize to Logan's Lagoon, but O'Hea couldn't go, as the woman who was attending his sick wife had to go to help Mrs Leyman in her confinement. Bought Mrs Smith's bees 10 hives & the timber carrier, as her husband was in much need of the money. He being on route for the Tin Mines like all the rest of the world. Progressing with the saw frame, rather a tedious affair as it has several times been under water. Willie riding away on Monday. Putting up wire fence to protect trees. **Rowed down to Quarry hut & inspected Kanakas clearing, done very creditably.** Saw one my horses 1 year old floating dead in the River, also the remains of 2 head of cattle, whose I know not. Letter for Ord, no fires yet at Eskdale. Bacon busy up in new smoking house. Rats bothering. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1872

B.D. **Kanakas cutting down more trees. Some at Saw frame.** Putting in more posts for wire fence. Congratulated Jones on getting married, he said that he was not aware of it. Wifie was my informant. My Companies (Tin) well spoken of in papers. This Quarter's Revenue looks well £60,000 over last year's. Country going a head fast for all the Dead Locks & paltry Liquidation which however is now toning down better. Drying Ground nuts. Young Invincible quite pleased with some Sugar Canes which I cut for him. Killed several poor sheep for pigs. Read papers. Bed.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1872

B.D. Must to Ipswich tomorrow to see about matters in general. Fowls from Eskdale for Het arrived at Wilson's. **Gave darkies their clothing on Saturday.** Read. Bed.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1872

B.D. Showery. Nos 1.2. & 11. Lots, Section 4, Township Stanthorpe belong to Bremer Mortgage till paid off, same being purchased by proceeds of Saw frame sold to Mr Woodburn; £117 paid for lots, also £100. in all for 400 shares Spring Creek Tin Mining Company paid up this day. Beautiful Rainbow. Several small but heavy showers flying about so I am up to my day for another year. Mr Blake of Bank Australasia not very well. Rode to Ipswich. Harriette packing up to be off to school in Brisbane, to board there. I trust sincerely that the cheque may impress her much, as there is great room, I am sorry to think, for same. Wifie goes along with her to Mrs Chetwynd's Institute to place her there, Willie joins them for the trip down. **Darkies busy finishing off ground nuts. They like to be called Black Fellows better than Kanakas.** Comet really seems to have touched the earth, as after sunset I felt a soft glow of heat besides seeing a dim reddish light over the Western horizon long after Sunset. A Comet being only vapour & stars being seen through it, accounts for own not being smashed. Read. Bed.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1872

B.D. First message from Port Darwin through to PORT Adelaide this day, viz, the Cable is still silent, Palmer, Col Secretary Queensland, stated that he had received a message at 1.p.m. announcing the completion of the Darwin & Adelaide Telegraph Line. Still mending pumps. Harriette by her letters seems to like the school she is at very well. I think that it will tend to

improve her considerably. Young Mr Sweeney arrived yesterday, he seems to be a sharp decent lad. **Darkies trashing away at cane.** Read. Bed.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1872

Rainy. Topsy arrived from Logan's Lagoon. Began to squall directly. Jones making pulley for pump larger. Bought 36 bushels corn at 2/9 from Alfred Seymour. Cleared up towards noon. **Kanakas trashing cane.** Read. Bed.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1872

B.D. slight shower toward evening. Started by Train from Toowoomba, arrived about 11.25a.m at Ipswich. Called at P.O. by coach to Bandanba bridge, walked to Bremer Cottage about 1½ mile. Het astonished to see me. Bandanba Creek Bridge School being put up. Looked over garden. Some ginger roots on top of grounds, pips I believe had been nothing. Found all well. **Wathunda now in hospital.** Read. Bed.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1872

B.D. Saw a chap Alfred Skinner on Saturday who came to get head Sawyer's place, he said that he had been a year & a half head sawyer at the breaking down Bench with Mr Leslie, & that occasionally he had been at the same work at Mr Reilly's Saw Mills, Ipswich. On said conditions I promised to give him the billet. He also was his own sharpener of the saws, & knew the whole of that department thoroughly, & that he would give every satisfaction. He came today, & I questioned him beside Jones & he stated the whole as above, & that he would get good certificates from both Mr Reilly & Leslie. He said if I get there testimonials as being satisfactory you will then write an agreement with me, I said yes, & then we parted. He also said that Mr Reilly was much settled at his leaving him, though he was glad to see that he had so much between himself. Planted 6 New Caledonian Black Canes received from Mr Strachlan of Loganholme, they are said to be the best for withstanding frost. I will see how they turn out this Season before I go farther into the Sugar Industry. **Jones & darkies cleaning up saw machinery.** Read. Ponsonby Cardew came & had a yarn about going to Saw Mill. Smith & Wright started for Eskdale bullock & dray cart Saturday morning. Bed.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1872

Very rainy. Went to Ipswich in buggy & got a good ducking coming home. Met David Ord & Butler on road to Ipswich, they being bound for Bremer Cottage. Also Skinner who turned back. Signed a cheque for £250 to send Home sent mail from Bank Australasia Ipswich. Letter from Cardew 7<sup>th</sup> Instant wishing me to give them a call at Stanthorpe. Mr Farlane not come for horse. Put young Invincible into Quarry paddock yesterday, Gray mare & Wienholt's Bay Mare therein, paid off young Broom who was shepherding the lambs at Bandanbah. David Ord to take away yearlings tomorrow. **OHea behaved very badly by staying away & not returning to give Kanakas their rations. Told Dr Rowlands that he could take back Wathunda today.** Captain goes very well in the buggy, roads very heavy. Sample of Tin from Eskdale. Bed.

Tuesday 5th November 1872

B.D. P. Cardew arrived with letter from Wifie & Mr Parr. Dray to be at Warwick tonight. Engine about 15 miles on road. All well & going on satisfactorily at Bremer Cottage. Warmish in sun but quite chilly in shade. Shewed Ponsy the Waterfall. Yarned over Bremer matters. Seems steamers have grown sulkey & won't take my goods up, or send them down. Machinery nearly packed up. Dray ought to be at Warwick tonight. **Kilo with them.** Mrs Smith joins drays at Warwick. Bed.  
*\*Transcriber's note: at the time of writing this entry James was in the Stanthorpe area.*

Tuesday 12th November 1872

B.D. Quite cool & exhilarating. Went to see splitters & dray which arrived last night Mr Spearing told me, went around about & Wifie bothered me at some gully xings, having lately been entrapped several times in bogs &c. Found Smith's Wife youngster & dray also **Kilo**, but some 8 bullocks lost already, man out looking for them. 1 bullock left behind on the road. **Kilo wishes to return so I must pay his passage back, as he can't have the horse which he brought up, why he was required I can't tell, as the man with horse dray had nothing particular to do.** Men all busy felling to clear place for Saw Mill Shed. Cardew was hunting for me & I for him. I missed him by making a short cut. Stevenson commenced work at £2..10.0 per week. 8 bullocks are not found tonight Mr Spearing kindly offered to go with Cardew to look for them. Saw some splendid timber. Stanley says that there is a good deal of sassafras with barrels clear of branches some 150 feet in height. The splitters often make tea of its leaves. Wright not come back with the bullocks when I left. Katie Cullen learning to write. Bed.

*\*Transcriber's note: at the time of writing this entry James was in the Stanthorpe area.*

Saturday 16th November 1872

B.D. Went to Saw Mill place, bullocks lost again but found about 5.p.m. men sticking out to leave off work at 4.p.m. said that I would only agree to that if it was the custom of bush labourers in this part of the country. Smith to get £2 per week. **Kilo if he remains £20 at the end of 3 years instead of £18. Uliget to get same when he comes & he remains.** Paid Cullen for rations to date with 11 for Exchange on 2 Promissory notes. Paid Cardew £2.19.0 for saddle & travelling expenses. Mrs Smith to cook & wash for Cardew. Point out places for huts & gunyahs. Wifie tried to give me the slip again as usual, but she did not get far off before she was caught. Dug 2 post holes to test ground got 6 feet down all right. Going to try Evans sawing by himself logs for cutting. Wrote to Cardew enclosing Smith's acct &c. Getting ready for a start tomorrow so as to be Home on Monday night. Children planning all sorts of methods to keep me here, finally they concluded to chain me by the legs. Chilly. Fine bracing climate here, some of the men say that they can eat double of farther North.

*\*Transcriber's note: at the time of writing this entry James was in Stanthorpe.*

Tuesday 26th November 1872

Rainy. **Undoey set fish trap.** Mending pig place. 2 cows lost or stolen, one with both horns turning round into forehead. Letter from young Cardew, all going on well. Sent in Machinery by Alfred Seymour, Railway people too busy to get it sent off. Prairie grass coming up nicely again. Bed.

Wednesday 27th November 1872

Rainy. Mail at Brisbane to night. **Uliget left for Bookookarara Creek, quite delighted & sprucely get up.** Jones sent word that he could not start till tomorrow as he was unwell, & machinery had to be still placed trucks [word illegible] rail. He is a most self important youth. Pressing wool, shearing done. Bed.

Friday 29th November 1872

Rainy. Still mending pig place & killing Bathurst burr. Too wet for hay again. Lee off work. **Undoey impertinent.** Water tub all to weak a barrel rather, since I left. Wrote to Alek enclosing 2nd of exchange £250. O. Fleas! Bed.



Monday 2nd December 1872

Rainy. Hay all wrong again, regular lakes all about. Settled with McNicol & Son £26 for 3 months, he is along with his son to get 5/. Each extra when they take Hall's flock. Gave him a letter to get same from Millar. Find that I have given £2 too much having paid £2 to German boy for taking his son's sheep 2 weeks when he was in Ipswich sick. Wool presser not at work. **Undoey went into Town against my leave, also Cuttamuchy, who set to work for a man at Seymour's on the Hill.** Ducks swimming about the paddock. I wish rain would stop. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 3rd December 1872

Raining still, wool presser at work, must get what I can of it away in case of flood. Ginger coming on nicely. **Undoey returned yesterday. I had to pull Mithin out of his hut before he would do as he was told.** Wrote to G. Ord. No word from Bank yet about my Acct sales wool in London Sep/73. Read papers. Bed.

Thursday 5th December 1872

Rainy. Muggy, & Thundery. **Got Summons for Undoey.** Mr & Mrs Blake very unwell. Letter from Marlay & Selked of Dec 3rd. Jones not called to see them. Got 2 steel forks, 1 no good, also rope & Jamaica rum. Roads very heavy. Read. Bed.

Friday 6th December 1872

B.D. with rain again at night. Getting more oats cut to try to get on every chance with hay. 29 bales pressed & marked. Willie rode Snowy to town. River falling. Killed a small snake the other day. **Undoey 1 week off work & Cutta.** Bed.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1872

Rainy. Pressing wool nearly finished. **Made Blacks work till 6 as some have been impossible.** Got most of Prairie grass safely housed, seeds so hard that you might break your teeth before you break them. Read. Bed.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1872

B.D. Very warm. **To Ipswich & got Undoey fined 10/- & found that the Blacks should be paid yearly.** Mr Blake rather better, also Mrs Blake. **I believe nobody appeared for the Lads when their names were called in order as to their collections, as by the Act their names ought to be put in again for next selection day, their present ones being dismissed. See Clause 6<sup>th</sup> application book. Got gold & paid Kanakas & explained my mistake.** Making hay. Read. Bed.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1872

Slightly showery. Emu took my wool. **Kanakas busy at hay.** Read. Bed.

\*Transcriber's note – Emu was a boat.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1872

B.D. **Went to Ipswich for summons for Undoey.** Saw Edwin Campbell who gave me receipt for Mineral land. Called at Bank. Got a lot of Newspapers. Pleasant drive back. Read a lot of the papers. Bed.

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 1872

B.D. Still at stack. Hay all off ground. Some of the strange horses broke into Kingston's paddock & there ensued a regular fight, no great damage done. I will have nearly 2 wool bales full of Prairie grass seed when all is thrashed. English Mulberries rife, but the birds have all the best. Harriette

& Willie & all busy preparing for xmas day. No cake arrived yet. Lee unwell couldn't come to work & his sister laid up with Rheumatic fever. **Let 2 of the Kanakas go to Brisbane to see their friends, as they are good men generally.** Letter from Mr G. Ord. Bed.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1872

**Went to Ipswich & got Undoev a fortnight in jail.** Very hot bleak came all at once like a burning glass out of a break in the clouds. Eva Cardew returned with us. The boy nearly broke one of the springs of the buggy. Peculiar offer made me as to my wool, did not consider it at all fair, one Firm offering a paltry Price over the market if I changed agency. Smith came with a man Morrow to speak to me. Horses came up beautifully to see the buggy, heads erect & so spirited, Snowy in the midst quite calm as being used to it. Read. Bed.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1872

B.D. with slight rain early. Eva & Harriette taken to the Romantic Weeping Willow wharf seat, certainly a very pretty spot. My shin bothering again, so I don't like to walk much. **Wrote to H.P. Cardew, also to Mr Robert Gray for money £9 sent for by Finisa who thinks he is dying, he is brother to Singungant. Taromi & Cuttamuchy came back.** Read a Blair's Sermon. Bed.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1872

B.D. Slight rain. **Undoev returned from Jail having paid his £ to get out.** Wrote to Eyre & Digby to ship my wool through Harris & Co by G.H. Wilson & Co & to send Bills of Lading to Bank Australasia as I had previously done. To Clarke & Hodgson for 2 cases in all 1 dozen white & 1 dozen red Porphyry wines. **Wrote to Robert Gray & Dr Rowlands about Charlie Finisa.** Mrs McEwan came bothering for horses & sheep on tick, but she is to give security. Ord made a mess of Returns, Cattle & horses, not having gone before a Magistrate when he signed same. Tolerable flood at Eskdale, fences carried away. Mr Callanan told me that he would likely be able to pay me his £110 promissory note before it was due, I said we will see. Thrashing Prairie grass. I will have to go to Ipswich tomorrow to rectify Mr Ord's mistake. I see by the papers Brims Copper Mine at Eskdale looks well. It is on a hill 700 feet high. I hope to have a look at it some day soon. Read. Bed.

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1873

Rainy morning, then by 9 a.m. fine. Very warm. **Kanaka very ill.** Sent a letter to Robert Gray about his money. Mr Callanan shifted yesterday from Logan's Lagoon. Mr Higgenon came about 2 horses but had to go without them. Katie Cardew here, but can only remain one night. Put hurdles round White Millet & Ginger. Bed.

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1873

B.D. Rainy morning. Katie Cardew left. Great demand for my Invincibles but none on hand for sale. Sullivan still at pump. My Gray horse ran 2 races at Helidon, won one & lost the 2<sup>nd</sup> against Eucalyptus a horse kept in training for 2 years, Budworth (the Grey) lost by only ½ a length I believe, & the Purse of the winner offered £20. & his winning horse for the Gray, & owner that he was a better horse. Letter from H. P Cardew reporting progress. **Kanaka taken to Hospital.** Cleared weeds from young trees. Made 2 Ornamental arches by cutting off branches. Read. Bed.

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 1873

B.D. Slight rain as usual lately early in the morning. **Kanakas worked till 6 p.m. much against their grain.** Sullivan still at pump. My shin keeps me from walking about being rather nippy. Tried some of the Porphyry Colonial wine, Red bad & mousey, white very good. Not much news in papers. Bed.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> January 1873

B.D. Tried a short stroll. Looked at some splendid horses. Cattle have nearly demolished my 8 acres of Sweet Potato vines. Read Sermon (Blains). **Kanaka who was taken to Hospital the other day is dead, name Finisa.** Bed.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1873

B.D. To Brisbane. F W Lester on board. Put Captain West in a Scot about running down my wharf & nearly squashing the Family & myself too. He said it was the wind, I told him flatly that I particularly noted that there was none whatever to affect his boat. Saw a beautiful Ciscaprian looking girl nurse to Steele the Chemist in Brisbane. Went to Queensland Bank, saw manager, & settled matters most satisfactorily. Went to Bank Australasia about my 36 bales wool to be shipped by Harris, could make nothing of it, went to Eyre & Digby's Office, found that it had been shipped by Bright Bros through some mistake. Gave Knowles some of my Logan's Lagoon peaches, they were quite astonished at their size, beauty, & flavour, & there was not a Peach in Town. I am to send some for the Banquet on 29<sup>th</sup>, **called at Immigration Office & settled about Finisa's matter, Mr Gray to pay Ipswich claim, wrongfully sent to me. Immigrants almost all off.** Went to see Dr Bell about me leg, said that he would make my leg as good as new in 3 weeks if I followed his instructions one of which was to hold my leg above my head, I suppose Yankee fashion & latterly to finish off with a dose of caustic. Ok!! Went to see Lizzie Watson, a very lame affair, but it seemed to please the public. Some good Scotch songs. Bed.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1873

B.D. Intended to sail in the Ipswich, it started by my watch 2 minutes to 6 just as I was 100 yards from her, 6 being advertised time, hailed, but no use. Left by coach, luckily found a horse awaiting me at Bundambah bridge. **Servant glad to see me, as the Blacks have been bousing he the night I was away.** Pump man reported pump all right late in the evening, so I had no time to see, besides I am to walk as little as possible, may see tomorrow. Eye rather better. Bed.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1873

Slight showers. Man at pump, got me to go in Buggy to see it work, turned back in disgust, discharged only about 800 gallons per hour instead of 7,000 & took 20 seconds to fill a 4 Gallon bucket, he wagered it would fill the bucket in 3 seconds at the most, I took him at his word & said when he really managed that, I would perfectly satisfied. Mr Blake called & I had a long yarn with him. Poor Mrs Blake has some sort of abscess in her side from bad management after her youngster. Singed some papers about my wool. Tarampa at £22,000 he considers a good bargain. Dead snake not pleasant under the hut. Pump man off in high dudgeon because he can't make me believe that black is white. **Killed a wedder for Darkies.** Read. Bed.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1873

Showery. Patrick Ward sold to me a Thoroughbred Clydesdale mare 9 years old & in foal to Bloomer, for token £12, she is worth £50. Akers brought back 2 horses he had breaking in. Lee cleaning up Engines. Letter from Cardew. Engine all right & pronounced an excellent one, but nearly destroyed by the negligence of Raff & Co people not plugging holes of which oil cups were taken. May have commenced sawing [word illegible] this. Put younger Invincible in the Stable & sorted the horses. Cattle all changed back into Mill paddock. **Undoey at Brisbane as he wishes to send a pair of trousers &c. to his Father. They are very kind to each other.** Bed.

Tuesday 4th February 1873

Slightly showery all day. Splendid Counterfeit horse my Breaker Robinson has just broken in, as handsome an animal as I have seen many a day & they tell me there are a few really better, but I can't see how, as this one is a model. To shew what Ord knows of the horse stock, he wrote in his last letter that next Season I would have some fine mares for Kingston, why for years I have had more than plenty of excellent stock for him. **Undoey returned by steamer.** Gave Miller an order for Saddlery tools. Got Dulcimer's Pedigree at last at which I am very pleased, as he is a most valuable animal, & his first owner in these Colonies backed his Stock for any amount against all comers. Het frightened Dr Bell by stupidly writing to him about my leg, as if I was unable to look after myself. Received £5 from Mrs Cardew part payment. Sheep. Bed.

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 1873

B.D. with sharp thunder shower in evening just after planting some Early Rose potatoes. Got wharf mended again. Sheep getting into garden. Sent Eyre & Digby Carpendale & Ranneck's account. **Got clothes for Kanakas.** Letter from H. P. Cardew stating that they sawed a log on Thursday last, all going well except that the shaft was too weak & bent in 2 places. Mr Cork delighted with the timber, he said the some of this would turn out £30 worth of timber. I am glad the Engine works well. Shower will do good. Read. Bed.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1873

B.D. **Darkies nearly finished sweet potatoes.** Mending fences, Akens has I find a Bill of Sale over his horses & to Bashford. Very dry at present. Sent for my 4 ewes & 4 rams ½ bred Cheviot & South Downs to Dugandan. Lee putting fences right. Willie going to school tomorrow. Dear wee man. Bed.

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1873

B.D. Willie riding about. Fences repairing, **Darkies at firewood.** Mrs Dickson who is to take charge of Willie came to see Wifie, she seems to be a pleasant person. Willie then got all ready & bade us goodbye & his little heart was full, but he manfully behaved himself & sent off in their Buggy, Mrs Dickson being along with them. Gave Willie s shilling to treat his schoolmates with. School in road to Ipswich so not far from us. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 25th February 1873

Slightly rainy. Mr Cocks called, he said the he would have been down sooner, but that an operation had to be performed viz taking a piece of steel out of his eye or he would have been here on Saturday. He got it into his eye when chipping the steel plate of circular saw table. He went over the Mill & told me that any one who pretended to be an Engineer ought to have been ashamed of himself for leaving everything in such disorder. The thing here, another there. Shaft will do also Journals?. Jones had left behind several things here which he ought to have sent up, & which consequently had to be got at Stanthorpe, at double price I suppose. Mr Cocks told me that he thought that they would average 10,000 feet per week, & that the Mill should pay well. That 12 men would be ample, & at £1 per 100ft a good income could be got out of it. Several orders in, one small one supplied. Says that only at one other place has he seen such a plant of splendid trees in his life, & such good sort. I gave him a note to Raff & Co about Engine out of order & claiming Compensation, also a note to Smellie & Co for what items he thought necessary for Mill. He seems to be in a great hurry to get back to the Mill again. **Fine hunt after a sheep the Darkies had.** Some heavy rain during the Evening. Read some Home papers. Bed.

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 1873

Raining. Putting yard for shop right. Sent £590. cheque to Bank Australasia Sydney payment Interest, Jamie's School acct & last money to Mr Mason. Russia I see still on the move India wise, they can't really get much farther or they will get generally roasted. The Khirites will better look out. Fish jumping at a great rate. Rather muggy these 3 days, **2 Darkies sick**. Akens wishes more horses, but he was rather taken aback when I mentioned not liking Bills of Sale, he having made over his property to Bashford. Offered £40 for Blossom Read. Bed.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 1873

Heavy rain. No appearance of Mr Cocks, sure to have some pratley excuse. Rain during night much heavier, pretty sure of the flood I prophesied. Getting things put right in mill. **Darkies glad to get into shelter**. Baling out bale place. Read. Bed.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1873

Rainy morning. **Aroused by Blacks shouting, enquired the cause, told the Kanakas were trying to get the boat out of the middle of Willow tree where sudden flood had raised it, looked out & I was astonished at the size of the River in one nights rise, as the ground previously had been much cracked from drought**. Boat had to be lashed where it was as it could not be got out. River kept rising for a few hours & then gently began to subside, as the day was clearing up. Got a lot of bales of chaff raised to the first story of the mill. The Ipswich took 5 minutes to get on about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile. The Settler took about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  minute longer & even stopped to let out Mr Cocks who told me that they had taken about 6 hours to get here from Brisbane instead of the usual 3 hours. Mr Cocks excused his delay by waiting to see a mould made for the drums he had gone down about. I asked if it was necessary for his presence to do so, as I thought that an order was quite sufficient, he then said he was afraid that they would delay if he did not remain to push them & that Mr Smellie said that he would have sent all his men away if the order had not been from me, nons verrous I fear that he wished to visit his old friends down there & perhaps had got on the spree like most of there people in this country. He had called on Raff about the bad state of the Engine, & after the clerk haggling & telling lies he was completely upset by the question, if the oil caps were not taken off, how could they have been sent up in a case packed by them? the fellow then saw that he was caught & had to say that they would meet me in the matter. Mr Cocks then called on Mr Drurry, & gave a candid statement about the Saw Mill, & Mr DD was quite satisfied. Akers came wishing horses for a man on Credit, but I would not let him have them, stating at some time that there were too many Bills of Sale knocking about to my taste, which made him wince a bit, as he was not aware that I knew that he had made over a Bill of Sale to one Bashford, who he said was all one to himself when I was talking of Bashford not being able to look after his affairs properly if he was elected an Alderman. Really honesty as I said before has almost vanished, you can trust almost no one. I was inclined to think that Akers was honest. Bah. I see by the papers that India is hard pressed for horses, owing to Russian moment, no doubt and it will be hard to get the compliment of such as they wish, I could let some 100 go of first raters, & I now intend to breed up fast, having some 150 very superior mares to breed from, & excellent Entires, all of the right stamp, strong, enduring & handsome. India will now require lots of horses, so I am in luck. Read. Bed.

Thursday 6th March 1873

B.D. Ploughing. Mr Bailey came for clogs for chaining logs too small. **Kanakas splitting rails & slabs**. River quite low again. Found fish trap nearly buried in silt, yesterday. Letter from Advance sale of old mares which brought my good pieces, some being unbroken & over 20 years of age, 20 netted £49. I was prepared for 10/. Each. Read. Bed.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Very rainy. Jones arrived & he accused Cox of trying to get Jones that I could do nothing till I went & saw myself how matters stood. In fact Jones is accused & he accuses. **Kanakas at Mill.** Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Took a stroll. **Kanakas splitting rail.** Bad headache for a few hours. Mr Higgenson came for heifers, couldn't see him. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1873

Wretchedly cold rain. 2 horses found about a mile hence with my valise hanging down, & saddle on horse with only 1 stirrup & leather & no girth. Man had got drunk & left the horses to roam about, & he went to fight a man he had a row with at the Ball. Coachman said my bag was all right at Tenterfield, & brought back single stirrup & leather, he had evidently taken it off to inconvenience me, only reason Jim at all make out is that I gave him nothing I suppose when I got off the coach, but such being never done here as far as I am aware I never thought of offering him anything. He said that he would bring it next time he came from Tenterfield (Thursday). Made up items where Jones was evidently wrong. Wrote to Wifie. Put people too drunk to deliver letters, wife with a leg of a chicken in each hand tearing at each time about. **Kilo & Uliget both ill, & no wonder from such bad weather.** Cardew went to Stanthorpe where I had sent him yesterday to Telegraph about drums, answer not made yet, & faithfully promised about 3 weeks since, how can a fellow get on in this way. No rain at Stanthorpe. Can't get on with my business for want of my bag in which are all my papers & things of consequence. Received Het's packet with Tom's, Willie's, & Coz Willies letters + a few lines from herself. Strolled about. Washed for some tin. Bed. McCullen called & wished me much to go to his place, but business & my leg wouldn't let me. Read papers. Bed.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1873

B.D. Mr Kent Horse Bazaar is going to write an article about the best place for India horses, & Eskdale & another station he considers the best. 23 bars of iron which ought to have gone up weeks since only now gone to Bookookarara. Pullies went a week since. Jones likely to be hauled up for breach of promise of Marriage with a girl called Hancocks. He seems to have his troubles thickening about him too. Returned per Emu to Cottage. Played 4 games chess & lost 1. New Servant luckily arrived. Got Mirror from Het. Paid Stuart yesterday for 6 regattas lost. Threatening rain a little. **Kilo & Uliget arrived. Darkies glad.** Bed.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1873

Showery. Sowing prairie Grass. Sent in for servant, no arrival. 6 Horses left for sale very good looking, also 2 Gray ponies. Reserve £20 on the horses. Took a stroll. **Darkies splitting timber. Small punt floated down & it was caught by the Darkies.** Lee's Sister very ill pain in her side. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1873

B.D. Sent 18/2. for Scotsman by Post Office order yesterday. Took a stroll over paddock, Prairie grass coming up nicely. **Mithin breaking clods of dead sugar cane roots.** OHea ploughing for more prairie grass. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1873

B.D. I think summer is just commencing. **6 Kanakas in their huts ill of headache & colds.** I think that I have a good case of perjury against Jones on several of his assertions. Fitted up the seats around the tree where they used to be. Watered some Bunyas. I intend to start on Friday for Bookookarara. Read Ures Dictionary on Science & very interesting. Bed.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1873

B.D. **Darkies still knocked up.** Made some food rot powder for sheep. Cow got into garden again & broke down one of my best Loquat small trees. Warmish. **Took a walk to see how Darkies were getting on at splitting, none of my own there, only 3 strangers working for the others.** I must make a start tomorrow & Het is going to Brisbane, a fine mess likely by the time she returns. Akens called & promised to bring some of the money he owes me on Monday's work. Parliament here to meet at last on May 28<sup>th</sup>. High time after some ½ dozen [word illegible], there will be but a poor opposition party. Packed up. Bed.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1873

B.D. Warmer & lie a change. Breaking in Thunderbolt for Buggy. Tinker Campbell & Sons came to see about starting a cotton oil & cake industry at Mill. Went over Mill with them. Akers took away Younger Invincible to break in to draught & 2 mares or rather fillies. Katie & Nurse Linden left in buggy, watered some of the young & newly transplanted Bunyas. Letter from Ord stating getting on well with branding & calves in splendid order. **All the darkies at work.** Bed.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1873

B.D. **Went to quarry paddock to see how Lee & Darkies were getting on,** Lee is regular eye servant, watched his proceedings for an hour, & not a thing did he do but stand & look on, I sarcastically told him, when I went to them that I feared his constitution would be injured by his hard work. Horses in paddock shinning with good condition. Mr Richardson of English Church called, also Mr Higginson who told me that he was to be married to Miss McEwan. Bed.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1873

B.D. Mrs McEwan wishes a fortnight's grace for her £30 Bill. She bought all my chaff good & bad at £4.10.0 per ton, cheap enough. Campbells commenced work at Mill pulling up tramway. Paid young Campbell £3 for putting suction hose in order warranted to act properly. Mr Gibson came to see about Eskdale cattle, lent him Corby to go up, as he is in a great hurry to be down again to get married. Gave him an open letter to Mr Ord stating price & terms. OHea has put in about ¾ acre Barley at Logan's Lagoon for green stuff for Dulcimer. Letter from Mr Ord stating that he will likely brand 1,000 splendid calves in less than ½ a year. Total Eclipse of Moon commencing 7.42 p.m. total eclipse minutes, all clear again 11.22 p.m. Lovely night to see it, not a cloud or mist, got hot, **Kanakas, & all the servants to witness it.** Frank sent a letter, very kind & stating his being tired of sheep & going more into cattle, a step truly in the right direction, & only a pity that he had not commenced sooner. Wrote to Alek, Willie, Netta & Lizzie, also to Popsy. Fine weather for Cotton. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1873

B.D. Wrote to Jamie presenting him with the price of his watch as his last Birthday's present in consideration of his putting his pocket money to so good a use, instead of spending same on frivolities. **Darkies sowing bone dust over ploughed ground near brick wall;** Sold to Messrs Mackay & Carwell through Mr Gibson 400 heifers at £4. per head, Ord's price being £3..10..0. & he

did not think that I would get that, from 1 to 4 years. Sent 5 more bales of chaff Mr McEwan. Eyre & Digby rather sold by my sale, they lose some £80 commission. Read. Bed.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1873

Lee still unwell. Higginson cutting chaff at Mill, can't get on properly as they can get only one knife to cut. My fat cattle returning bullocks £7. cows £6. Mule cut. **OHea sharpening saw for Darkies.** Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 21st May 1873

B.D. with one heavy shower. Rain rather needed, but still plenty of good grass. **Darkies x cutting logs.** Lee unwell yet. Read. Bed.

Thursday 22nd May 1873

Maria left with bad foot for Hospital. **Darkies sowing Bone dust on Prairie grass near River.** Chaff all packed off. Read. Bed.

Monday 26th May 1873

Held as Queen's Birthday. Children went in Buggy to see some amusements, returned quite delighted with Punch. **Kanakas kindly gave Helena & Cammy Boy 2 of their best cakes.** Cammy let us see how the lassies danced, he whirling around & quite delighted with his Exhibition. 1st day of Brisbane Races, could get no letters or papers. P.O. being closed, very odd certainly, I must say. Bed.

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1873

B.D. Watered trees. **Kanakas sawing timber.** Wrote to Pitts. Read papers. Bed.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1873

B.D. Harriette rejoiced. Went in Buggy along with Harriette & Helena. **Found Willie at Course chaperoned by Mithin, a Kanaka,** not a bad turn out of people, but altogether very slow, till Bradworth's Race in which he came in a good 2<sup>nd</sup> beaten by a famous Racer Zenobia (Ladies purse being the Race) 8 entered 3 scratched. Met Mr Cardew & Francis, Loftus, & Katie who was looking exceedingly well. Harriette as usual on our return, lost something, in the shape of feathers out of her bonnet. Read papers. Bed.

Monday 9th June 18873

B.D. Went to Town about Murphy's case, very little satisfaction, best of the joke went to Murphy's Lawyer, he not knowing that his Clerk had be gone to take up his case. Best plan to serve him his acct. Lad Willie who had been with us a few days, safe at Mrs Dickson's. Posted letter to H.P. Cardew. Drew £1 blank cheque on Bank Ipswich to pay 5/. for £10 sent to Nin. 6. Binewood Terrace (East) Leamington, Warwick Shire. Called & ran Flutina at Sloan's. Called on Mrs Callanan, just going out, her brother going to try New Zealand for a change. The married one's wife has only £6,000 in all, not £2,000 a year, so far sold. **Kanakas burning out stumps.** Mr Higginson found out that Dec 6th/72. instead of Jan 6/73. so of course I so let it be. He told me that next Monday Mrs McEwan was to come & settle the hay & sheep accounts, I hope so, she dallies so. Wrote letters. Harriette getting ready for a start tomorrow. Invitation to Governor's Birthday Ball. Bed.



Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Showery. Rain at Toowoomba so heavy as to require Races to be postponed. Yesterday sowed & harrowed in Prairie grass. **Kanakas clearing out big & little stumps.** Bed.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Showery, Riley took away the 2 cows. Cleaning out Mill. Transplanted some Mulberry trees near to Smithy. Letter from Cardew, Timber demand getting up, but expenses still greater by the week than returns. Bullock drays he hired no good. He had to hire 4 teams of horses. Considerable rain up there. **Gave Darkies their blankets with which they were much pleased.** Reading Fiji. Also papers. Bed.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Showery. Making holes for Loquat trees. Transplanted some Mango trees yesterday. **Darkies cutting firewood & stumping.** Greenwood very seedy, not expected live long, poor fellow, he is a very respected man, as also is his wife. Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Strong wind with occasional driving rain. River when I got up 4 a.m. some 15 feet perpendicular from house, watched till day light & placed marks, getting up about 9 inches an hour. Preparing getting all my business papers ready & letters to be put up in the loft of house for safety. Het getting all her goods put safe likewise. Het in a great way about not getting to the Ball. Sent in a passenger to ask whether the river would be down tomorrow, answer most likely not, & being the Emu, a boat difficult to manage I don't think that they would like to venture, about 9 a.m. weather suddenly changed, clouds broke up & rain was succeeded by a beautiful sunny day much to the delight of us all, & a general stoppage of further precautionary movements. Mails stopped in all directions, about 100 logs from Reilly's new Saw Mill at Ipswich rushed past in the furious current worth several hundred pounds. They may be picked up to a considerable extent at Brisbane where there are a lot of wreckers on the Salvage principle. I wonder at an old hand like O'Reilly not looking out better. I have a case of 6 Rifles, & 2 cases Cartridges under water in the Mill. **Sent O'Hea & Darkies to secure floatable articles, badly done,** as 2 iron tanks worth £7 each a fine ladder & other articles floated in a large eddy near this, as I sent them out again & saved them.

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Friday morning B.D. the 20<sup>th</sup> & at once ordered the Buggy & off to the children with Bridget the table maid, I previously getting my blessing for having my home in such a horrid state. I remained watching as the water was rising 3 inches per hour till about 3.a.m, & next hour only 1 inch, so I told the kitchen people it must soon begin to subside, & so it did about ½ an hour after. I then turned in in my clothes between the blankets & slept very soundly til Nurse Linden said something of Het going to Ipswich & money. To the former I was very agreeable, to the latter I could not rouse myself being only ½ awake, & well knowing there was no urgent necessity for same. No mails arrived from up or down country, Railway broken in several places, Bridges 15 feet under water. **Kanakas amusing themselves, wrecking, they found a case which they took to be Grog, but it turned out to be some of Mr Steiger's chemicals, they also brought in a lot of pieces from Town Marie & others unknown, saved 2 of my tanks (iron) Ladder some brands &c** Sheridan, young Pantan a female & another youngster called here in distress for a pair of Rollocks as they were bound for Brisbane to be at the Queen's Birthday Ball, & thought that they would be in Brisbane by 6 p.m. being 3.15 here when they started for a sail of 45 miles. Luckily I had the articles for them, they having started with 2 round files with a strap attached to each for proper

rollocks, or rather instead of. The female must be a plucky one, & not like Het rather touched with hydrophobic nausea at the very smell of water. I hope that they have a Bon Voyage. Killed 2 vipers. Water falling pretty fast after the first 3 hours that it commenced. A lot of fencing at Logan's Lagoon, Long Swamp & down, & all my green feed for poor old Dulcimer torn up. This has been a wicked flood, short, sharp & severe. Cleaned up guns. Read. Bed.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1873

B.D. Yesterday's high wind completely gone, **went over with O'Hea & Kanakas to see about cleaning up Mill**, find sheep, washing duties books, things knocked about in every direction & some portions heavily covered with silt. Washed up a good many of the tools. Campbells never come to clean up engine or driving belt or to wash out silt. Dried out all my canvas hose. Sent in buggy Het safely ensconced at the N. A Hotel, worst place she could have gone to, & I told her 2 quiet places, both of which she ignored. Het sent me a letter wishing a jacket out of her Pin Cushion, but I did not find any therein. Water at 6.p.m. down fully 20 feet perpendicular. O'Hea went round Quarry paddock & found stock & fence all right. Some wool bales were seen yesterday floating down the River, might have been filled with cotton or chaff, as all the wool must be off the Station of this side the Range. I believe when all the losses are summed up they will be very heavy, of course as the country is populated floods must cause greater damage every time they come. The Jondaryan Woolshed dam burst & damaged the Railway considerably. I just see that poor Blaxland has committed suicide at Dalby, he poor fellow seems to have been a most striving, upright, but very unfortunate man. Got Het's traps ready to the best of my ability. Stone house has had a hole knocked in it & the large clarifier was washed out, or rather, Evaporator. Read paper. Bed.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1873

B.D. No Campbells yet to clean up mill & Engine, **set all the Kanakas to clean up silted tools, & to hoist up boxes of smaller articles, & wire into room on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Mill**. Not a word about the Ball in the papers, odd. Prairie grass looking beautiful. Higgensen came & had a look at this men at stock, but never came near me, A Colporteur called in the evening & I gave him room & a bed, he is a Clergy Man, we had some Home yarns which passed off as agreeably, that at last I looked at my watch, asked if he had any idea what o'clock it was, he said about 1. & he was quite amazed when I told him it was only a few minutes from 12. Wrote. Bed.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1873

B.D. **Went in Buggy to Ipswich leaving Kanakas clearing road for Het's return tomorrow**. Filed my plea against Sullivan's Summons, & got a contra for him. Sent Eyre & Digby 2½ years rent for Cologne £70. £5 more being allowed for repairing fence. Had Lunch with Wifie. Poor wee Helena in bed with a cold, so glad to see me, & asked me to stay & play with her, got quite wild before I left. Cammy stumping about, quite proud of himself. Got Flutina from Mr Sloane, he charged only 2/6d I thought that it would be nearer at £923..12.2 to my credit in Bank. Received £5 from Mrs Cardew sheep account. Letters from Bookookarara, flood up the Engine's wheels ½ way. another 3 inches & it would have been level with floor of Mill. 10 years since there was such a flood. Lots of the Tin Claims damaged & dams washed away. Letter from Mr G. Ord enclosing £8 cheque from Geo Thorn for rations to his men fencing at Eskdale. Kanakas made a nice road for Wifie landing tomorrow, & cleared up rubbish. Saw the Campbells in Ipswich old man & Edwin, spoke to them about not coming & allowing my Engine to be damaged, & floor spoiled, Edwin said he had been at Brisbane & was going down again, & that he would be at the Mill next Monday, I said that wouldn't do, as I expected them to take all reasonable care of my property rented to them, the old man & he then promised to have 2 up tomorrow to clean up. I told them that I had waited so long

that I had to get a man at work to save much damage to the Engine & that they would have to pay his expenses. Presented Mrs Evan's £30 Promissory note at Bank New South Wales but they would not pay it. She must be me of one of the Swindling fraternity. Called on Willie & told him to get ready tomorrow by ½ past 11 to come here in the Buggy, at which he was highly delighted. Many thousands of sheep swept away in the flood at the Downs, at places, 5 miles in width one sheet of water. 8 people drowned at Cecil Plains. Read papers. Bed.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1873

Lee at fence. Transplanted a few trees. OHea picking up wreck. **Kanakas busy at clearing roots off ground.** Mr King enquiring for draft horses, none to give him. Mr McEwan to call on Tuesday next about payments of some £60. Mail arrived at Melbourne 5 days before her allowed time, quickest on record I think. Amongst Ellis' clothes, we found somebody's skull, very like a black gins. Read. Bed.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1873

B.D. Primitive Methodist parson came about purchasing 2 lots in Brisbane from me for a church. Sent a letter to Mr Martin to make a deduction of £20 if Brunswick St lot, & proportionate rate from Ivory Street lots if taken, bargain not closed till I hear further of this matter. Men came wishing to buy up my timber here, won't do. OHea gone to Ipswich for harness leather &c. **Took a stroll to see darkies taking out roots.** Wrote to Cardew. Bed.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1873

B.D. Mrs McEwan called at last & paid me £60..10.0 latter 10/. being for Interest on £30. 50 days overdue. She says that both mares are all right, Mr Higgenson does not say so. **Willie in for Post along with Mithin.** Sent to Magill for 12. W. I. Lime trees and asking price of Ginger per l for 1 Cwt. yesterday & this morning, though under verandah minim. Thermometer only 33. Winter only degree. Mr McEwan brought a new chum, I forget his name. Miller called & said Aken's time was up for three mare at 6 months for breaking in, paid him his 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter at £62 per year. **Darkies burning off logs. Undoev planted a lot of Moreton Bay chestnuts at corner of paddock.** Read papers. Bed.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1873

B.D. Frosty. Harriette arrived with nurse Linden, she is looking pretty well. Planted 12 W. India Lime trees. Man not arrived for draught horses (5) Campbells at work at Mill. **Darkies burning off stumps.** Letter from G. Ord. Read. Bed.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1873

B.D. McDonald taken another draught mare to be shod in place of one he does not fancy. [word illegible], yet, in Verandah my Ther is only 34<sup>o</sup> so 4 degrees must be the difference between outside & under verandah, but the way the wind blows no doubt makes a difference. Cammy nearly knocked his eye out yesterday by falling on a piece of hoop iron. **Darkies made a fine clearance at Scrub, very great improvement.** Cold wind blowing. Getting harness ready. Read. Bed.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1873

Looks like a change. Bar falling, & cloud rising. Sent off 278 ewes, 1 ram, & 10 lambs to Mr Cardew, also a lot of cattle impounded. Campbells getting Flour Machinery in order, puzzled then a little, as it has been out of work for years. **Darkies burning off stumps.** Slight rain. Whilst I was

setting some sauch cuttings, No word of Gibson for cattle yet. Satisfactory letter from H.P. Cardew, very bad speller. Read papers, Bed.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1873

B. D. Took a stroll. Found a paddock open during my absence at Eskdale, also a large pully taken off portion of Saw Mill Machinery & placed on Campbells Cotton Cake machinery without permission after their promises not to touch anything belonging to me. **Darkies have burnt down all the large dead trees I told them & much improved the look of the place.** No more sheep lamed yet. Read Sermon. Bed.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1873

B.D. With slight rain. Saw Het & Harriette off to Brisbane in the Emu steamer. 7 lambs. **Took a stroll to see how Kanakas were getting on.** Helena & Baby Cammy quite exited & wished me to tickle them. Played a few tunes to them. Sent of some pigs, they are so troublesome. Read. Bed.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1873

Very rainy, **Kanakas lifting stones out of Boiling house for Stable floor.** David Ord Jun - called & I gave him on his Father's account £500 by cheque Bank Australasia. **Paid Kanakas their years wages, & gave each 1 pair trousers, & 1 hat, the shirts they wished changed.** This rain is before its time, & heavier than usual at this time of year, strong wind generally follows soon after. Wrote to Mr Pherson & Lyons. Read. Bed.

Sunday 10th August 1873

B.D. **Got 11 Sovereigns from Kilo & 6 from Uliget to place to their credit yesterday.** Life now must be taken by the lump, if you go in for nice action & will try to have it you will lead a most miserable life, give & take ought to be the Order of the day but nowadays it all take & no give. Slight rain yesterday. Sermon. Bed.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1873

B.D. Grass springing nicely. Carpenter & OHea putting on battens. **Kanakas nearly finished large logs.** Mr Blake came, lent him my double barrelled gun & Rifle. Signed £9,000. & 2,000. having forgotten to do so before. Mrs Dickson to commence tuition again on Monday. Planted some more Rauch cuttings. New C looking very weak poor beast. Bed.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1873

Lee still supposed to be at the mortising of posts. **Helena, Cammy boy, Mithin & self busy at taking off covers from broken cartridge, Willie helped also before leaving.** Read. Bed.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1873

B.D. Some of the American Apple Trees bursting their buds. Still at the putting on of battens on the new portion of stable. Quite misery weather. Can't make out the Seasons here. Cut out an article on Horses for India, & breeding Large horses, & Heavy draught. Also remedy for blight in Apple trees. **Kanakas planting a number of Rauch cuttings.** Letter to Cardew. Bed.

Wednesday 27th August 1873

B.D. Planted some Acacia trees, rain in the evening. Black lamb. Campbells made their 1st Oil cake from Cotton seed & oil, both look very good. Blossoms on one of my American Apple Trees. **Darkies still at log bursting.** Read. Bed.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1873

B.D. Strong piercing wind from S.W. Read Home papers. **Kanakas at stump burning.** The Callanans left yesterday for Stanthorpe. Read the articles of American Independence, most just & proper, & mildly couched. Some of the Great Queensland Immigrants came up to Ipswich, most already engaged. Bed.

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1873

B.D. Some piercing strong S.W. wind. Campbells shifting screw press & broke iron rod. Stable shingling finished, also Lee at Quarry paddock posts. Horses very fond of Prairie grass. **Kanakas burning out stumps nicely.** Lambs all frisking about. Fraud Perry Bros Iron Mongers charging £7.17.4 a 2<sup>nd</sup> time I holding their receipt for same. I see by the papers that poor old Gray is not expected to live over a few days, so very weak.

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1873

B.D. Dear Saintlike old Col Gray died last night about 10 pm at 86 to be buried tomorrow. Sad loss to the whole Town & to many others, in fact to every one who had the happiness to know the old gentleman. John Campbell called & signed the Agreement as to year's rent of Mill, said I could require to be lenient with them the 1<sup>st</sup> ¼s rent (as usual) as they had commenced with very little capital, then told me of his having got up a boy to work the salt mine which he thinks he knows near Maitland, he to get a 10<sup>th</sup> it turns out to any good, i.e. if they can find it. Laying stones in stable. Lee working placing bricks in fire place of large boiler at Mill. **Kanakas burning off stumps.** Lambs 60 & beauties. Helping at stable to keep stones in place. Bed.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1873

B.D. McCocks of Toowoomba Saw Mill called to see some Mill stones which I have here. Made list with Edwin Campbell of things sent to be returned in good order when I wish. Getting on nicely with stable. **Wathunda & Taromi ill with colds.** Sent down things brought by Miller to room in Mill. Read. Bed.

Monday 15th September 1873

B.D. Willie still here knocking about on Snowy. Sent to Mill things Miller brought. Letter from Mr G. Ord. **Kanaka burning stumps.** Harrowed ground for Ginger, Lee putting up posts for wiring in 2 acres for Ginger &c, he having taken down most of the wire from fence in Mill paddock. Bed.

Wednesday 17th September 1873

B.D. Ordered 2 timber (double) drays from Harvey Ipswich at £45 each with broad wheels from 3½ to 4 in tires. [word illegible] of 4 brought horses out of paddock, found that they had got beside Kingston in another paddock. Nice chestnut foal along with him lately fooled. Mending pump. Found 6 beautiful large strawberries nearly ripe. Watered some which I had transplanted. Mr S. Low called about proposals as to Eskdale. Miller called. **Letter from Captain MCarthy about some money deposited by South Sea Islanders.** Mr P. said liabilities to date he did not believe were over £100. & 30 for use yet. Lad told me Thompson resigned owing to some passing Deeds irregularly & that Gregory Head Surveyor had told him that he had put his foot in it. Lad also said that he could make it all right with different Sections taken up on Conditional purchases which he wished transferred to him & which he said he could get made over to him before said Sections were classified, & that if I made over to him my selections on Maria & Maronghi Creeks, he would see that I got what Selections I might wish on my leased ground, as there were fifteen of them to take up any quantity, & that if he did not get these Selections, they would require to go in for 20.000 acres on my Leasehold when they got a chance, & that they must just bide their time. I

said I would see about it. He told me that he was related to Mr Tully, I suppose as much as to say that he could get him to do anything as to the lands through relationship. So much for some of our Government Officers. I think that he might have kept that to himself. He said that his father would likely call on me this week. Bed.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1873

B.D. Thermometer 95 in shade, quite unusual at this time of the year, in fact there was a slight tendency to hot wind. Mr Burns of Emu (Captain) called with Messrs Hamilton & Gulland wishing to see the Mill. Busy making bale ready for branding foals. **Kanakas at stump burning.** I at pump, could make nothing of it, & too warm to keep at it. No mares yet from Akens. He is to be another scoundrel I suppose. He is the man who called to see what was likely to be done. All left in good order there. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1873

B.D. I am told that Ferrett had he got the Panton Land at the figure I gave for it could have cleared in Sydney £2,000 out of the bargain, as there is an 11 feet seam of coal on the property, such a seam is seldom met with in the World, I only know of 3 about & over that size, however at that size, & within a few hundred yards of water carriage there is no estimating its value, may be over £100,000. He had sent several shafts some time since on the property, but he could get no one to join him in going into the spec, & now he has missed it. 2 fine draught foals dropped. Rode over & overhauled Big Seymours paddock rented to him & now or next Monday I take it for a year. I would like to purchase it & Jenkins. **Let Cuttamuchee (Kanaka) go to Brisbane.** Plenty good grass yet, but rain is wanted. Watered American Apple Trees, ground cracking much. Omar Pacha looking well. Bed.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1873

B.D. **Kanakas burning out stumps.** Got 2 Town & Country Journals, & I intend to take them weekly. Bessie Hay seems to enjoy herself here with Harriette. Robinson brought an Pakwood Colt just broken in, strong & well made but not handsome. Mending fences. Sauchs getting rather disky?. Very warm, but cold in the evenings. I must be off to Brisbane tomorrow. Read. Bed.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1873

B.D. Very warm. Took a stroll before dinner, after dinner **got 2 Kanakas to take me across to Panton's land opposite, only about 80 yards when, though one Kanaka baled out the water as fast as he could with a bucket, just as I made a spring off the boat on to a treacherous knob of earth, down went the boat & darkies, my knob of earth broke & leg went into the water amongst the mud, but I succeeded in pulling myself safe otherwise on to terra firma, the darkies laughing like to split at Wifie's ejaculations from the other shore.** Proceeded to my walk after being duly warned to take care of snakes. From that the flats were very rich in grass, plenty of water, nice sites, & every sign of lots of [word illegible], returned & got boat patched with mud for return trip, which was managed much better, there being only 2 of us, & I used an oar also, made further progress. Barometer falling. Read portion of Ryles Matthew.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1873

Thundery & Rainy. Mr Jenkins did not call about the bullocks. Trying to mend pump, but the men gave it up. **Shifted Kanakas to Lakeland paddock to clean out stumps.** Read West Australian Parsonage, very noticing & clever Lady the Authoress, & excellent & true descriptions. Read papers. Bed.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1873

B.D. **Kanakas nearly burnt one of my paddocks again and with fine grass in it.** Went to Seymour's late paddock, now mine for at least 3 years, saw a woman & family in the hut, asked if they had not been told that a new comer had taken the place, answer no, however I saw Seymour's hand & told him that he must take away his stock, he pretended that neither he nor his father knew anything of it being given up, but that is very unlikely, on my return I was nearly blinded by hosts of a peculiar sickly smelling fly which were so thick as to make me nearly black, & time they dashed so on my face that I began to wonder whether I could see my way back. Every person I saw had been annoyed by them in the same way. Letter by mail for Alek, James & Nin. Mons Baard died today. Allowed the woman & family to stop on the Farm. Sent notices to Marstellar, Randall & Perry about their giving up Pantons' paddock 6 weeks hence if required. Young Mr Nichol got the 12 bullocks purchased for me, I must go to Ipswich tomorrow to take delivery. Bed.

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> 1873

Posted letters to Tom, Alek & Aunty Ivy. Livermore came over about his cows, & had a regular bouncing match with OHea, I ultimately allowed Livermore to take them back on condition that if I ever caught them in the paddock he was to pay double fine, to which he assented, Willie arrived. **Darkies clearing out mud from waterhole in paddock.** Completely forgot to send my Home Interest but wrote to Tom it would be sent next mail. Bed.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1873

**Darkies found some eels in the mud when cleaning out.** Old boat builder busy at my boat. Took Willie over to the other side to look for coal shaft, saw where we supposed it to be. **Taromie (Kanaka) rowed in the queerest zigzag fashion imaginable, & I was so disgusted with him that I gave up speaking & he eventually ran us into a tree on the bank, which disgusted him also.** The cattle on the other side looking well. Weather very dry and almost every one wishing rain. Waterhole in paddock (house) only about 1 quart of water, rain generally comes very shortly after it is completely dry. Threatening rain rather. Read letter from Cardew. Bed.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1873

B.D. Took a stroll to Mill. Men getting on nicely with boat. Willie went back to school. **Kanakas making a good job of waterhole.** Old Seymour putting more horses into my leased paddock from Foote instead of taking them out as I told his son. Chess with Mrs Hay, she won 2 out of 3. She is a very steady player. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Warmish. **Kanakas cleaning out hole.** Yesterday E. Campbell & I went to see Hanby's shaft where we saw the 6 inch seam of coal, when we arrived from that he had sunk some 8 feet 6 feet being a seam of good coal, 4 feet being superior, so this makes up for the duff as to the 11 feet seam. Men painting & seaming boat with gutter Percha mixed with resin & a little colza oil. Lambs very fat. Grass holding its own wonderfully. Chess with Mrs Hay I won 2 out of 3 this time. Rain holding off rather oddly, though there was a slight shower during the night, it thickens as to clouds towards the morning, clears off by about 1 p.m. & thickens again during morning, quite the reverse of the usual way which is cloudy & thundering during evening. Bed.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. With heavyish thunder & rain, but only lasted about 10 minutes. On the 4<sup>th</sup> saw the moon's total eclipse, very odd two within 4 months of each other. Impounded in stockyard some of Seymour's horses which were in my leased paddock from Foote, also 4 cows belonging to Harris. Mending up Buggy horse. Miller brought to Logan's Lagoon some 17 head of cattle from Bishop's, I believe that they are in wretched condition, 1 having to be left behind. I fear that Bishop will make a scrap of his farming. No letter from the Lads in answer to mine of last week. **Kanakas busy clearing out water hole.** Read. Bed.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Sent off Seymour's horses to the pound, he told OHea that he would summons me. **Kanakas still clearing hole.** Chess with Mrs Hay. Bed.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Went & shewed Mr Dixon my sample of coal, told him that I had accepted Harris's 404 acres into which my 6 feet seam dipped, & he said at once you had better close at once & we will pay your cheque, so I cabbed it to Harris, staled my business, he referred me to his solicitors to show the Deeds to my Solicitor McPherson, so I went to the latter & made it all right. Went to 2nd National Bank & had a few yarns with Shary. Started for Ipswich homewards, Ld Hervey Phipps very attentive to Miss Roome?, who is good looking, but no beauty. Found all well on return, & Helena singing out lustily for Lollies of which I had a [word illegible] each for her & Cammy boy. **Kanakas getting on well with tank.** Read papers. Bed.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Rain yesterday at Bandanbah. Walked over Jenkin's paddock, saw a beautiful 3 to 4b mullet sweep past me in a small stream, also a fine Bream. **Undoey took me down the River about 2 miles, saw the Campbells & had a yarn.** Read Ryles' Mark & a Chapter in same. Bed.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1873

Chicks got safely to Bandanbah where they have gone for a week's change. **Darkies getting on nicely with the large underground tank.** Sold a cow to Ellis on Saturday with calf at £4.10.... Set pump agoing & doing capitally, filled a lot of tanks for the sheep & horses, as outside waterholes are nearly dried up, this, though not a long, is rather a sharp drought, & will cause great loss to farmers & small graziers. Found a stone exactly like a pumpkin seed. Macalister I am sorry to see defeated Thompson. Called at the Campbells. Clouds slightly threatening but always keep off. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1873

Raining a little with thunder in the morning, cloudy. Planting more Ginger. 2 cows rescued out of Bremer River. Grass looking quite refreshed. Cleaning out stables. Sent OHea for my 2 mares & entice poor Akens, who I believe is fast going to the dogs. Pulled a lot of Peaches, & ate 2 all but ripe. OHea returned, mares & horse to be returned on Saturday next. Heavy storm in evening. **Mithin half drowned.** Chicks getting on nicely at Bandanbah. Plenty grass there & cattle fattening. Read. Bed.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Hett & Harriette off to Brisbane for a few days for change of air. Took a stroll to mill. Pumping water. Letter from Frank. **Kanakas cutting down old sugar cane. Undoey's brother very ill, gave him some medicine.** Bed.



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Het, Harriette & chickens returned all safe along with Miss Macarthy the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of Captain Macarthy. **Some Kanakas came to have a spree at the death of Undoeys brother & very noisy at night. Undoeys asked for a holiday & cart tomorrow to buy a lot of things to have a jolly wake over the dead.** Read. Bed.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. Slightly showery. **Kanakas presented us yesterday with 2 loaves and a roasted fowl as is the custom on burying their dead of the brother to his Master. Returned a present double again pro quo.** Find expenses per ton on coal mining are Cutter 3/10<sup>o</sup> ? to Brisbane 3/. 6. Tallon horses & props 1/.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1873

B.D. **Undoeys gave me £2. notes to place to his credit.** Finished Tom's letter enclosing one to Dear Aunt Maggie Laurie, Mr Blake sent me 2<sup>o</sup> & [word illegible] of Exchange Bill £250. sent home payment Interest [word illegible] A. F. Adam. Enquired for papers about Eskdale Sale at Malbon Thompson's office, not to be found, to send for them & get them for me tomorrow before starting. Drove to Town with Harriette & 2<sup>nd</sup> Miss McCarthy. Called on Willie who seemed to have forgotten all about the letter I sent to him. Alarm of fire in Town. Called on Gibson, saw Dr Rowland who does not seem to have liked Paddy OSullivan's remark in the papers that he had voted with a false Elector's sight. Saw Hutchinson of Wildash & Co Canning Downs, rather vulgar looking, he told me that they had a beautiful horse if my breeding (Harkaway). Read. Bed.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1873

B.D. Very warm. Thermometer 88. No telegram from Mr Lord. Sunpoo 1<sup>st</sup> of our Torres Straits mail arrived on Saturday. Sailed today for Sydney, Mr Lord on board, as he will get my telegram in Sydney. **Set Darkies to clean Millet & Ginger.** Letter from Railway Office offering me £138.5.0 for small portion taken from me for Railway purposes, being one of 6 which I purchased from Bank Australasia at £80. Deeds to sign for £100 to be given to me for portion 16. Bowen Terrace, 15 perches, & sold cheap being isolated. Saw Mr Blake. Campbell busy taking down £30. Shew press which he purchased from Paddy O.Sullivan, heavier job than he participated. Nearly roasted in Town. **Willie got a prize & recited a piece of poetry at Mrs Dickson's & then came here on Snowy who kicked Mithin.** If I go to Tasmania I intend to take Willie with me as a reward for his good conduct at school & winning a prize. He is delighted at the idea. Music. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1873

B.D. Thermometer 92. Went with E. Campbell & Willie to coal mine, getting on well, shaft about 50 feet down, reached coke Campbell said to be a good sign of extension coal bed. Drive came on coal, 1<sup>st</sup> rate place of exit for short term for shoots on the River, piece of beautifully [word illegible] splint coal found, said to be the best sort, looks oily, tough, & rich. **Wathunda rowed us.** Heard of a few cheap cattle. Bed.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December 1873

Xmas. Rainy, plenty rain & thunder after bed time last night. Miss Macarthy arrived yesterday & got all her wardrobe wet, through Willie's forgetfulness, the tide rose. **5 Kanakas to Brisbane.** Ellis not well. No letters or papers, Harriette not to Church owing to rain. Cards. Bed.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December 1873

Very slight rain. Harriette & Miss Macarthy off to the Cardews. Smith & his wife called. Took their paddock for another year. Paid last years rent £5..0..0. **Undoey, Willie & I in boat to Coal Mine which is looking very passable.** Lamb evidently killed by a snake. Summer grass coming on rapidly. Ate a few ripe Grapes, small black sort, some of the others are ripening. **Willie learning to swim under Undoey's directions.** Beans granting at a great rate. Little frogs chirruping. Cards. Bed.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1873

Showery. **River in tolerable flood, lost a large half vat sent the Kanakas after it & it was a good mile away.** Mine said to be turning out well as to shew. Lots eager to know the result of the shaft coal. Fine grass growing, foals looking well. Campbell making a fanner for the Shaft coal miners. Sent in my cheque for Bandanbah Lands on Lease £98.13.2. Ate a few Grapes. Heard Settler's groans, think she has stuck, no appearance. Fine moonlight night, rain gone I think & hope pro [word illegible] A few Games at Draughts & 1<sup>st</sup> off the Round with Miss Macarthy, then Willie tried, for 1<sup>st</sup> time. Bed.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1873

Sent off Cattle horse & sheep Returns, & letter to Mr P. Cardew. **Kanakas returned from Brisbane, cleaned up Ginger.** Read papers. Bed.

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1873

Thermometer 80. River subsiding. **Kanakas planting the missed spots of Sorghum. OHea to town, & some Kanakas.** Read Stanley's expedition to find Livingstone. Took a stroll through paddock. Bed.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January 1874

B.D. Slight rain, Settler could not take Excursion on account of business, a lot of wool bales damaged by flood having to be taken to Brisbane at once, one of my lambs weighed 44lb clear. Warmish, wished all here & at Home a Happy New Year. Harriette & Miss Macarthy enjoyed themselves the best way they can. Another good sample of coal & great prospects, **Kanakas off to Ipswich, return & had a grand sale & giving of gifts to each other of the various goods.** Been a good deal of shouting last night bringing in the New Year. Read, Bed.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. Cloudy. OHea arrived last night having purchased 226 Stores value £800..3.6 from Pender, Quinn, Sharkey & Dwyer. All near Franklin-vale. Calves given in. Went to see Coal mine with Edwin Campbell, capitol coal at present 4 feet seam with upper coal likely to improve to some 6 feet, the 4 feet burns splendidly in open air with little cinder & said to be first rate steam coal, just what is required, & the most intelligent miner says that from what he has prospected he believes this field of coal to be the best he has seen in Queensland, there being to all appearance some 300 acres which by the lay of the ground can hardly be disturbed with faults. This even at Royalty of 1. per ton would make the property at a 4 feet good seam worth £60,000 for which I paid some £1,900 besides grass of splendid quality sufficient to fatten yearly 300 stores, & timber in ground worth good £2,000. Not a bad hit, when I never thought of purchasing till I saw the ridiculously low figure at which the land went. Mr Blake Bank Ipswich of a daughter, as well as can be expected. Saw Mrs Hay. Daniell's ploughing at Limestone Hill. Bought 9 steers & 1 cow on my way home from Jenkins, £4 [word illegible] head & well worth the money at present prices of cattle. OHea had to remain to water the cattle he brought down the previous evening. Settled for

them all at Com Hotel. This is all written with the Magic Ink 2/6d bottle only filled with water, 1st rate, & no fear of soiling one's fingers or carpets filling common ink into bottles. Brought up a fine specimen of coal from my mine. **Kanakas trying to cheat about rations, so gave them less each than they were entitled to, & told them if they had to cheat me, I would deduct openly from them for their [word illegible]** Called on Hughes & Cameron for my 4<sup>o</sup> per share on the Spring Creek Tin Company referred to Mr Fraser In Brisbane.

Saturday 10th January 1874

B.D. Slight shower. Sorghum growing very fast. Campbell's heavy piston of press arrived at last. Wrote to Frank. OHea taken the cattle hence to join with those lately purchased, all to be taken to Long Swamp. Mares looking splendid, grass most abundant & very fresh looking. 265 adults & 13 calves delivered by OHea to Miller at Long Swamp 1 extra brought back. **Darkies burning out stumps.** Took a stroll through Quarry paddock & set fire to a large tree. Frog took possession of my water bottle, his head just out at top, when I touch him down he goes spread Eagle fashion into the glass & soon comes up again to breathe. Possum smoked out [word illegible], but I think got off safely. Bed.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. Bees been busy. Took a stroll. Apples looking nice now. Found a strawberry & some splendid bunches of grapes. **Planted a Kanaka's cap for taking the liberty of using the washing hut without leave as his bedroom.** Read.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. **Darkies burning off.** Rev Mr Craig called, wished a promissory note for £100. for a few months which I promised to give him. Sent off a letter to Tom per 1<sup>st</sup> Mail via Torres Straits. Splendid grass. Ellis returned to his work yesterday. Millet shooting up rapidly. Letter from I.B. Dixon wishing to see me in Brisbane. Read. Bed.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. Letter yesterday from Tom, really I am quite put out by these frequent mails, & at Home they seem to be in a regular muddle also we at the General Post Office. Campbell makes out that Lindsay is all wrong as to most of his assertions about the mine. Well I hope so. He is going into it with Goertz. **Undoey & I were going to the mine when we met Campbell, we landed him across the River, & we fished drifting back with the tide, only I succeeded in losing my hook.** Wrote to about Surveying at Eskdale. Saw 2 Adjutants prowling about feeding in Swamp. Sent Willie's tooth back & Nins paper. Read. Bed.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. Intended to go to Logan's Lagoon to see about Stockyard for horses, too warm. Campbells busy at press. **Kanakas burning off.** Harriette anxiously looking forward to a visit from Eva Cardew, never came. Fished, no catches. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1874

B.D. Slight rain. **Kanakas busy at water reservoir.** Took a stroll over paddock at B Creek. Very pretty view. Blackguard O'Keefe seems to have been kicked in the water by his horse, & got his own legs in the bridle & was drowned also. Letter from Tom congratulating me on my good sale of part of Eskdale, & purchase of Pantons land with coal on same. Letter from Wifie who seems to be bothered with bad postal management, having received neither parcel nor letter sent by me about a week since. Fished at night caught nothing. Bed.

Wednesday 11th February 1874

Letter from Het at Sandgate. Servants bothering as usual. Slight drizzle in morning. **Kanakas splitting up firewood.** OHea riding about like a madman. Branding up lately bought cattle. Paid Coleman yesterday £219.0.0 for 54 head stores. Thomas Webb £50 for 12 head. Mr Bishop who was coming to take cows has been suddenly called to Sydney & is to return in a fortnight. Read. Piccolo. Bed.

Thursday 12th February 1874

B.D. Slight morning drizzle. **Mithin took horse to Ipswich with sore back though I told him to take Snowy, must stop his Tobacco.** Pump won't do. Seems to be a complete puzzle. No letter from H. P. Cardew for 15 days. Warmish. 85 in shade. People mad about the Palmer. Kanakas at water hole. Bed.

Friday 20th February 1874

B.D. Took a ride round Quarry & other paddocks to see how fences looked, some going fast with white Ants work. Annie Laurie foaled this evening. Paid £25 voucher for School fees of James to Bank Australasia. Letter from Ord, still [word illegible] the Harrows & Campbell the Blacksmith. Counted 91 panel between Bergin's & my rented paddock put up by Lee. Newbould started with 8 bullocks, he is to get one of Miller's for which I am to give Miller a heifer. **Mithin gave us the slip today, he is a sulky rogue. Pulled down old wash house, intend to place it near the bank so as to let them have no excuse as to their not getting properly rid of their soap suds.** Day poor man has had to go to the hospital. Letter from Wifie at last stating receipt of £20 & parcel I sent a week since. Lilly made a Judge pro tem, in place of old Lutwyche, granted. Took his honors about 2 days since. Palmer River still a success to those at the diggings the Cook Towners can't move owing to the rainy season for about 6 weeks yet. Purple Guava coming on nicely, Loquatt trees in full bloom & very fragrant. Turk's head pumpkin coming on nicely. Wrote to Clayton & Shuttleworth about pump. Campbell Edwin ought to have come for horse to go after saw bench which he is to buy for me at Redland Bay. Wrote the other day to Blake & Bostock, no answer yet. Still some nice Isabella grapes. Apples grubby. Mr Campbell bought me a bottle with horrid looking polypi out of the stomach of a horned beast. Filly Miss Fawcett no 699 died lately at Logan's Lagoon, she was out of my nice mare Zoe. Man Johnston called wishing to sell cattle. Bed.

Sunday, 21st February 1874

B.D. Francis Cardew & 2 young Haley's came & took away 47 fine ewes for size & 24 beautiful lambs for Mrs Cardew on old terms  $\frac{1}{2}$  wool,  $\frac{1}{2}$  increase &c. Loftus came for a horse couldn't catch him, though my men have no difficulty, so he went away without him. Pocock & other fencer wished me to pay them some money without well beginning to their contract, I would not have it, so they went away grumbling of course. Campbell took Big head, to got to Redland Bay about a saw bench saws. **Darkies finished tank.** Letter for M G. Ord going to see cattle at Dugandan. Ord as usual finding foolish excuses for bad cows. Read papers. Bed.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1874

B.D. Took a stroll. **Mithin has done nothing for 4 days.** Read. Bed.

Friday 27th February 1874

B.D. Mending pump. Campbell again at Cotton seed cake. Campbell said coal miners wished me to pay them by the day now as they have more than 8 buckets of water per hour to contend against, I agreed to do so. **Mithin not at work yet.** Letter from H.P. Cardew asking 2nd years

raised ¼ Salary, though he well knows that the place is not paying, & I had previously to stop the Saw Mill for a few months when he had but little to do. Bought 12 bullocks, bows, yokes, chains, & a lot of extra mountings for £102.10.0 from Edward Daly. Sent Doyle in for Willie with Snowy. Willie arrived. Draughts & Cards. Bed.

Friday 3rd April 1874

Very Rainy. Harriette stuck at Bank N.W. Wales. In going to the Mill saw a very dangerous snake which jumped up from my feet, it made a rush & steadied itself on some long grass & looked back at me defiantly putting out its tongue with head sharply bent back, it had a very transparent look, yellow belly, diamond sort of scales (yet not a Diamond Snake) with sort of lilac green & yellow intertwined, I never saw one of same sort before, it was some 4 feet in length. I was very glad to get out of its way. Nurse White fainted last night, & no wonder, Het could hardly undo her stays they were so tight, she however came round be degrees. Campbell brought me a good sample of coal, but he said there was a very bad fault just where the shaft was sunk, & though working for 4 days with 2 shifts of men, he had not got out of it yet. He asked me if I would allow him to split up an iron bark tree on the ground he was living on, I said no, & that I wished no trees used up by him. **Received a letter from Undoey about Mithin remaining for a week at Brisbane.** OHea drawing in rails to men fence. Played at cards with Willie, he beat 3 games, I got 6 however he was very happy & well pleased. Read Franco Prussian War Papers. Bed.

Tuesday 21st April 1874

B.D. Strong argument with Dixon of Bank Au about his humbug wish of too much security. Saw Alek for a few minutes, soon going to the Station. Returned by Coach with Messrs Simpson & Campbell for when I purchased 500 head of cattle at £4..5..0 per head, 3 to 6 years & 100 fat amongst the lot. Saw a good deal of the Railway works in progress. Wrote to Tom & Janet via Torres Straits. **Darkies cleared off very well.** Read papers. Bed.

Monday 13th July 1874

B.D. Read. Sorted up papers. Men busy making place ready for Break. Pelicans still about, Lynam & wife to Ipswich shopping. Peach trees in full blossom & looking lovely. **Darkies still burning out stumps.** Carroll filling up Stable yard with ashes. Place being improved by degrees. Het at Nukeninda finished I suppose [word illegible] this. Carroll's brother called & told me that the Redbank sugar Mill was getting on capitally. Grass keeping in very fair order for the Season. Read papers &c. Bed.

Saturday 25th July 1874

B.D. Blondins 1st exhibit in these Colonies ought to be well attended, this day being his 1st & in the Botanical gardens Brisbane. Willie & Francis off to the coal mine, returned with a very good sample. **Men fishing off xing at Bergins, poor Undoey cut his tongue, a log hit him on his jaw, not very bad, he told me he couldn't eat, I told him make gruel put a piece of Bamboo in his mouth, & get a Kanaka to pour it down his throat, he saw that I was joking, & he pointed to my leg, as much as to say you ought to have more compassion, being laid up yourself.** Wrote to Tom & Netta. **Darkies had a corroboree gift giving till 1. a.m. singing, giving away, making a great noise on an old tin. Considerable audience.** Letter from G. Ord about doing anything that I may require of him as to the Leased transfer. Receipt for Smith £1 towards Eskdale. Read. Bed.

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 1874

B.D. Sent letter to Het yesterday & to Harriette today with sweet violets. Processed trees, leg almost as well as ever. **Kanakas nearly finished dam.** Ellis cutting saplings. 9 Diver spluttering about, Muscovy Ducks quite happy other side. Bees feasting on Peach blossom. Lots of Ducks on Lagoon. Planted out a lot of Acacia trees along fence for hedge. Saw Break for the 1st time properly, it is a very strong & handsome article. Beautiful moonlight night now. Played Flute. Read. Bed.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1874

B.D. but very boisterous, wind tearing round in Swirls. No letter bag yesterday, very tiresome. **Kanakas finished dam.** I took a little stroll to wharf, Buffalo grass shooting out a little. Getting poles out of Jenkins paddock. Willie arrived late, Snowy having got away from Carroll. Grass freshening up already. Transplanted some Acacia trees. Willie & I great fun at Cards. Bed.

Saturday 1st August 1874

B.D. Very boisterous, like Equinoctial gales, & rather chilly. Took a stroll to see how my Sauchs were coming on, & found them very backward. Willie knocking about amongst the horses. Andrew Daniells brought another for carriage purposes. Kent's notable horse the Nob dead. Ellis at fence. **Uliget spring in the grass.** Willie & I cards. Read. Bed.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1874

B.D. **Sent in for Gold & silver to pay of Kanakas.** Mr Higgensen called, he wishes to have one of his Mares with Strong Boy at £3..3..0. Blazes won the Selling hurdle Race at Toowoomba today. Willie arrived. **Undoe (Kanaka) wishes to make out that his time is up tonight, tomorrow being right time. They are all so eager to get paid & Wathunda is the best of the lot.** Ellis mended main entrance gate. Cards with Willie & great fun, he got a present from a girl at school of a piece of Blue stone which he intended to add to his Geological specimens, I said you had better put that away, as it could burn a hole in his pocket & poisonous, before I could check him he threw it into the fire, I told him that for all he knew he might have blown up the place, & that he ought to be very careful. Read. Bed.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1874

B.D. No letter from G. Ord. Planted Loquat & Willow trees in ornamental lane. Went in boat with Willie to see Lindsay's coal shoot, which is very strong. After our return found that a great fire had started up running fast near the flat, saw a bush carpenter who told me that he had been in the country 35 years, he was evidently a convict in those days, being under the charge of old George Thorn, "alias by Golly". Lindsay told me that he took out of the shaft a lump of coal of excellent quantity of about 3Cw. Omar Pacha & Strong Boy looking very well. I see 25 head wedders of Fishers, Headington Hill, were sold for 30/6 per head. We are fast over reaching the older colonies. Toowoomba Show very highly spoken of as being a very great success. **Mr Undoe didn't wish to work & was rather saucy, I said, had you not refused to work, & asked me to give you a holiday I would at once have done so, but now I would make you work & so they had all to go to work, Wathunda being the only not on strike, I said I didn't wish him to work, but he would work his day out, so I rewarded him with a lot of Tobacco, a Turkish pipe, & a capital cigar case, & 2 reaping hooks which he valued much, & went off in great glee with, Good night Massa.** Read. Cards. Bed.

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1874

B.D. Went to Campbell's Bendemere & saw beautiful Coal. Fire on other side blazing away again. **Kanakas getting all ready for a start at 10.45. tomorrow.** Read Ryle on Matthew. Bed.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1874

B.D. **Paid off Kanakas who all shook hands with me in saying goodbye, most of them were decorated with roses & 1 had taken my only double geranium flower which certainly shewed his self taste, leaving me minus, I suppose he thought that it would grow again. They were all quite pleased, & had a jolly night last night, not singing psalms I think.** OHea to Ipswich with Break, he saw Mr Little the Lawyer who said that he would give £80 for a pair of such horses, but in Sydney they when in good condition might fetch £150. as I see good pairs are so quoted. Sent letter to Willie with Nettles & 2 Photos off. Planted some Weeping Willows. OHea handling a very handsome Chestnut. I see that Blazes beat 3 others in the Selling Hurdle Race he being winner, he beat a Canning Downs horse Gladiator, my horses are carrying the day fast, & they have always had the reputation of being the best hacks in this part of the country & elsewhere. He was put up at £30 & fetched £41. the buyer doing him the honour to send him to Sydney, which is rather severing the order of things. Mr Cooper offered me his place at £6..10..0. per acre 76. in all. If all goes well, I may likely take it. Strong Boy & Omar Pacha looking very well & sprightly. **Waved adieu to the Darkies. Kailu is going to buy one of my Rifles for £10, they cost me each £14 in a purchase of 13. but as he has been so long with me & worked well, I will let him have it, he is a Kanaka. Another wished one at same price, but he being a Stranger I said oh, no more at £10. too much lose money.** Sliced some of my own grown Ginger & put it into Jamaica rum to try the result. Sent Aunty a Queenslander with Toowoomba Mr Rowin & Willie I a Courier. Read. Bed.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1875

B.D. Very warm, at Tasmania even I see 99 in the shade, rather astonishing. **Kilo & Taromie called, they asked too high wages so let them go.** Smith & Palmer called, former to talk about his Racing horses. I feel considerably better. Mr Jenkins called about brought horses. A Forbes called yesterday on the day before the Bandy mare, & told me that he would bring written evidence that she belonged to him, & in condition of his not being interfered with he would take her away, & gave me the foal she seemed to be carrying when fit to be weaned, but he said he was sure it would either be killed or stolen before that, as he had had lots of his animals let out of his paddocks. OHea watered trees in small paddock. Bed.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1875

B.D. Warmish. Got my rams shorn, very clean & fair fleeces. **Kilo hired at 10/. per week till sawing commences, when he is to have 12/.** Rain very much wanted again. Trimmed some young weeping Willows. Tiny, H.P. Cardew's dog came back yesterday. Johnstone at work. Young trees can't get on, too dry. Cards. Bed.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1875

**B.D. Kailu began work.** Bench on its foundation. Sort of hot wind. Cardew came & I pointed out to him 15 per cent would not do, as he might get over £500 as Salary in that way, so concluded to give him £15 per ca up to nett profits of £1,500. Johnstone at work. Some 35 Thoroughbred & 35 Draught foals to date, a few more expected. Waterholes drying up fast again. Miller called. Bed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1875

B.D. Rain all off. Went with Cardew Ward & Engineer, arranged with Ward his wife to cook & wash & keep Cardew comfortable I giving her £1 per month. Engineer looked at vertical saw so as to get it all right. Cardew settles himself at Town Marie tomorrow at £100 per annum & rations till sawing begins. **Taromi began work.** Grapes nearly eaten off by birds. OHea brought snake. Bed.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1875

B.D. Rain gone. Started in Waggonette with Willie & Mr W. Johnstone for Bandanbah Lake, Mr Johnstone says that he never saw in the Colonies such a pretty spot. We saw White Ibis, Parson Storks, Spoonbills, & Myriads of ducks. Mr I expressed himself as highly delighted with his drive. Road party clearing road to Bandanbah & breaking down my fences, told the men that they must at once put them up safely. Clarendon Hotel, Hendren's Office, Observer Officer burnt to the ground about 4.a.m. Said some 10 Snip in Bandambah Creek. Pretty fair grass in paddocks. Found on return a Summons about excessive damages for Impounding Bandy. **Darkies caught a fresh water dog fish about 5b weight.** Decapolis just off at last. Road rather bad where the men are clearing same. Horses very tired day being warm. Bed.

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1875

Rainy & rained cats & dogs all night, River getting very large, men about 4.a.m. getting the Mill properly cleared for a heavy flood, & just in time, as the water was fast gaining on them, then I had to send more men to remove hay to a higher floor, as the water was quickly threatening the floor it was one. Flood to within 4 perpendicular feet from the House. I kept measuring with a 6 in stick the time it took to come same which was a foot per hour, but latterly it evidently was on turn, as it came down to 6 in, then 3, then 1 inch per hour, & latterly began to recede much to the satisfaction of all of us, Harriette was sent to Ipswich in Waggonette, bust there had been so many land slips between Oxley & Ipswich that no train ran, so she had to return, as the water was 10 feet over Bandambah Bridge, the only open road to Ipswich. [word illegible] much for Thornlee's sneering at the views of Non professionals, he will be quite disgusted. No Steamers today, only a sort of wash tub punt went down the River with a man & boy in. All the men flooded out. Boats in great requisition. Helena & Cammy boy quite enjoy all the queer things rolling along in the floods. I fear that I will have to put all my papers &c away safely, & go to the Upper Storey myself. Very few articles of any value floating down the River, people seem to be taking the hint of experience. Trees wagging & shaking most fantastically, one just like a fellow using a flail. Only 2 in rise per hour at 5.p.m. **Darkies amusing themselves in one of the boats.** A few good logs Pine floated down, but otherwise engaged, so could not catch them. I fear my fish trap is gone. River fast falling now & night very much cleared up. Het nearly off too, but luckily remained. Bed.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1875

B.D. river fast falling. **Took a stroll to see how my trees were getting on, found large pine log drifted near Kanakas hut.** Some trespasser shooting. Bad cold in my head as usual 3 days before it will leave. Sent 2 parcels to Het, men busy at Mill, & mending fencing knocked down by the flood. Sent my gun to Kylie to get ducks. Planted a few shoots from fruit trees. Read. Bed

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1875

B.D. Thunder in the distance. Took a stroll through Quarry paddock. Planted some Buffalo grass in several holes. OHea the fool sent poor Tinker to Town to get his hoof dressed, consequently he was so bad as to require leaving behind. Some beast as usual in the garden, too dark to turn it or them out. **Kailu & Taromi left.** Willie beat me 2 of 3 games at Backgammon, I playing for him. Saw some splendid foals in Quarry paddock. Willie after Snowy, no catchee. Read. Bed.



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1875

Rainy & Thunder. **Kailu, Taromie, & Kylie left.** Sleepy day. This rain will clear grass of the flood silt. Willie read a chapter of the Bible to me. I read one of Spurgeon's Sermons, very good, text, "without money & without praise". Read Ryle. Bed.

Wednesday 25th October 1876

B.D. Thermometer 92. Andrew & Palmer came for Kinglake, Katerfelts looking well & getting quiet, though very playful in saddle. Boiling shed gradually collapsing. Wrote to Mr Wood about Coal punt &c. Copied off letters written to 7. Berry, Watered Okras, Pumpkins, Prairie grass & sponge plants. Got my Queensland Times. A certain person so unprincipled as to side with Doctors using means for abortion, & palliates other Licentious deeds. Spelled bullocks. Ward found that Wright was in possession of my lost punt, told Ward to take it. Filled tanks & vat with water by small Engine. 2 Aloes on each side of the kitchen gate throwing out their flowering stems. Het's & Harriette's almost whole conversation daily about growling at servants, very interesting certainly. Sent off Turner to one of the huts, as there is no peace with men in the kitchen. Delivered over the Roan Entire No 8 to Mr Gibbs, good riddance, as he has almost daily been breaking through the fences. 8 foals in Mill paddock. Too warm to walk about. **Sowed some seeds at tank near Kanaka's hut**, plant unknown Watered some of the Olive trees. Jujube &c. Read papers. Bed.

### **James Ivory's comments on South Sea Islander employment**

An article in the Rockhampton Bulletin on 20 July 1876 provided details of a political campaign. One of the topics discussed was the introduction of Polynesians to Queensland.

Mr. Ivory said the cause of Polynesians being employed inland was, that immigrants were retained upon the coast. Where he lived, 150 miles from the coast, he had scarcely seen a man in search of work for two years past.

### **Death of James Ivory**

James Ivory died on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1887 and his estate was transmitted to Pollet Loftus Cardew & William Alexander Laurie Ivory as trustees. It took the trustees four years to sell the land.

Following is an extract from the Brisbane Courier on Monday, 21 March 1887 in memory of 'An Old Pioneer: the Late James Ivory'.

"He owned successively Jingbi Jingbi and Charley's Creek (on the Darling Downs), Clooyar, Eskdale, Nukinenda, and Bundanba, and latterly the properties on the Bremer River known as the Bremer Mills and Town Marie estates, not to speak of many lower properties. On the former he lived with his family until washed out by the recent flood (which was 6ft. in the house), when he sought refuge in Ipswich, which when he first came to what is now the town comprised only one house".

"During his residence at Bremer Cottage he was continually employed experimenting with new trees, plants, cereal, vegetables, grasses, &c., many of which he imported from Great Britain, and more from the Southern colonies. Irrigation also commanded his attention, and though he never employed it on a large scale, he used it successfully for his garden and orchard during the droughts, and was able to make the more immediate surroundings of his house an 'oasis in the desert' during the terribly dry times which proceeded the present season".

An advertisement appeared in the Brisbane Courier on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1887 and 9 August 1887 which read: to Lease by Tender for 3 years the Bremer Cottage Estate (including the Mill, containing nearly 1000 acres of first class land, with a long frontage to the Bremer River, close to the Bundanba Railway Station. Separate tenders will be received for 900 Acres of Land on the opposite side of the River, the latter being subject to three months' notice".

Elias Harding Junior received instructions from the Executors of the Estate of James Ivory, to sell by public auction, at Bremer Mills, Bundanba, on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, and following day, commencing at Eleven o'clock, various machinery, farm implements, furniture &c., &c. The auctioneer drew the attention of the public to the 'uncommon nature of the intended Sale, at which a most wonderful variety of articles, embracing almost all trades and callings, including Engineers, Saw-mill Proprietors, Iron and Brass Foundries, Farmers, Timber-getters, Blacksmiths, Carpenters, Builders, Dealers, &c.