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JOHN SMITH

Diary and documents, 1809-38

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- 1 Diary of John Smith, the surgeon on the barque *Clyde*, which transported 215 male convicts from Kingston, Ireland, to Sydney, 24 April – 15 September 1838.

The diary refers to Smith's examination of prisoners at Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin, the transfer of clothing, medicines, food, drink and other provisions, the sickness of some convicts, the departure of the *Clyde* from Kingston (11 May 1838), punishment of convicts for fighting, stealing and insubordination, the gradual removal of irons, the weather, dancing, cleaning of the decks, treatment of sick convicts, sighting of ships, landing at Cape Town (21 July 1838), the transfer of 20 military convicts from the Cape, the admission of convicts to hospital, sightings of whales and porpoises, cases of scurvy, the arrival at Port Jackson (10 Sept. 1838), payments to convicts, disembarkation, and a muster before the Colonial Secretary.

- 2 Certificates and other documents, 1809-38

Letter from Bernard Murray, a convict on the *Clyde*, to Smith, thanking him for his kindness and referring to Murray's convictions. (copy)

Poster reproducing a letter from Lord Howick to the High Constable of Westgate, 27 April 1831.

Certificate appointing Smith as surgeon on HMS *Diligence*, 31 Jan. 1812.

Certificate appointing Smith as assistant surgeon on the hospital ship *Gorgon*, 30 March 1811

Letter of instructions to Smith as surgeon on the convict transport *Surrey*, signed by Lord Melbourne, 27 March 1834.

Certificate appointing Smith as assistant surgeon on HMS *Isis*, 13 July 1809.

Certificate appointing Smith as surgeon of the sloop *Harock*, 11 May 1815.

Certificate appointing Smith as surgeon superintendant on the convict transport *Surrey*, 21 Feb. 1834.

The original journal of John Smith and the related documents are now held in the National Library of Australia (MS 6169).