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April 26th
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1878
April 5th

Friday

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camped at the coddings lost one cow in the night had the middle watch and dont like it. my is a bad man and he only let me have three hours sleep had a very stoney Bed last night picked up one of Christians Bullb's to day and will leave him the first chance we have

1878
April 6th

Saturday

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left the coddings at daylight cattle string
refug. the mountains camped at the Rocking
for dinner and the driver, cattle in day
at. So I am afraid we shall have to leave
hence the road hope to hear from home
to day camped at the rocky for dinner and
after it 10 hours for the day had to go
N. for it got it along camped the 5 mile
Road

April 7th
Sunday
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left the 8 mile bend cattle very quiet all night
go very slow to day shall be off of the stones
to night all our horses are foot sore can
hardly walk expect our other horses up to day
hope they wont dissappoint us am getting hungry
hope the drag will soon be here for dinner horses came
and look fine hope mine wont Butch had a good
bath in Lotus creek station cattle trying to join all
night campd at the four mile

April 8th
Monday
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left the 4 mile comes to the Bend for dinner
cattle a deal of trouble through the scrub to
the commons, crossd it after a little work
campd at the commons and intend to spell
tomorrow to Hill had very bad Beef from Amerly
cattle campd very quiet

July 2
Tuesday

April 9th
Wednesday

still at the connors killed a nice fat
cow hope it will keep one of our new
horses having a game he first threw
little Jack and reared over on Mr Kelly
Jack just got a spill off of Bucking
Jennie I was very lucky I picked a very quiet
one they came back from Waverley with
a letter for the Cove getting ready to start in
the morning

April 10th
Wednesday

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Left the Connors and came through the Lake
Semi had dinner at the Long waterhole
cattle travel first at through the Semi camp
at Pelican Swamp our cook left us at the
Connors so we had to promote young Gosh
to be horse driver and I will make Bread
until we can get a good man
had to kill another calf today that makes
three we have killed

April 11th
Thursday

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left pelican Swamp this morning shall be
very glad when we get out of the scrub
for our men are not to be depended on
to drive those that are lame we are going
to leave any that cant travel at Suther Downs
came to Mc Gustys waterhole got through the scrub
very well lost no cattle our new horse driver
gets on fine

July 18th
Thursday

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April 12th
Friday
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left Mc Gustys with the cattle some of the horses
away Mr Kelly found them and the dray caught
us at Savaryours camp for dinner splendid
feeding country for the cattle they better to day
than they have loaded since we left Wareley
going to the 10 mile Saggars to night that is
a fine camp

July 19th
Friday

April 13th
Saturday

8

Left the 10 mile going to make further down
expect to meet Pat to there to relieve us of
all our knoeked up cattle I counted the
cattle when we crossed the Bridge over Sandy
Creek and made 1300 B2 so we have lost
none coming through the Semel nights are
getting very cold with there was a yard at
every camp looks like rain to day Pat came
to us to day camp at the Bend of the River

April 14th
Sunday

8

Left the bend of the river started through the Semel
very early cattle came through very well for the
way we had to push them not being able to
depend on them gave Pat our cravellers hope
to get along well now we are 16 short of
our number since we left Sunday and no further
hope we shall soon be able to get a good
cook we have been nearly starved since we left
I made a cable for Tex. and got letters from home ^{all well}

April 15th
Monday
Left the 5 mile gate, had a nice camp there last night going to the 10 mile gate for dinner cattle are beginning to look well and fill themselves fine. Hope all our troubles are over now camped at Sandy camp saw some of christians men to day they were looking for 10 head of their cattle but did not get them

April 16th
Tuesday
Left Sandy camp going to the Ram yard for dinner and to give the cattle a good drink intend going to Colterstone ~~to day~~ to day met Bob Matthews am getting home sick wish I had not started every thing is so different from what it ought to be I will put up with as long as I cant go to camp at Colterstone Washpool

April 7th

Wednesday

8

Left the Washpool going the fourth mile
cattle doing well now some very lame
yet hope they will soon get well
for we shall have to take them some
long stages to get water for our cattle
and watering places to day counted through
two gates to day cattle alright

April 10th

Thursday

8

Left the four mile going to Statary Creek
shall have to go a good distance off
the road for water got a good watering place
for the cattle and they all had a good drink
and camped very quiet all night

April

Friday

Good

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Left Slates Creek went to Table Mountain
for dinner some of us had a jump over
a Brush fence I went over on my big
gray mare when jumping my girth broke
the Saddle Thread I landed on a nice bed
of stones must look out and get strong
girths for the future or find a place where there
are no rocks to fall on camped at Huntly one mile

April 20th

Saturday

14

Left Huntly one mile going to the dry springs
for dinner there is no feed for the cattle and
perhaps no water if so we shall have to go
on to Chesselrough it is a long stage
for the old cows Ted shot a Turkey so hope
to have a good feed tonight we have to go
on to get water

April 21
Sunday

Easter

Went at Chesebrough to spell to a
of the old cows were done up last night
it was 8 o'clock when we got to camp and
we could not let them in to water in case
they might get bogged here we shall start
tomorrow don't like spelling it is dreary work
someone took the loan of our shaft horse today
while McKelly and Wife were in town

April 22nd
Monday

8

Left Chesebrough early the stolen horse came
back to the camp himself started the drive on
to Clermont to get what rations we shall
want on the road got to Clermont at 4 o'clock
with the cattle and left between 3 and 4, had
a late camp at the second crossing of Sandy Creek
two of the men sick a night core in town and
the cattle restless and hungry lost two of our
pups in town

April 2
Tuesday

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Started from sandy creek early had a job to get
up the scrubby ridges but got through safe
to kill another calf. Kelly sent me back
from Sandy Creek for two pups we lost in clammont
I just got in time to go to a Ball. Tom Hardy got
the pups at Cheselbrough but I missed him so did
not know he had them thought of having a good
night's sleep but was dancing all night

April 24
Wednesday

8

After looking for the pups met Hardy he told
me he had them I assisted him to get his notions
on in town then went on with him to his
camp at sandy creek we both went back
to town and had a good dance and got
back to camp about two in the morning

April 25

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April 26th

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April 27th
Saturday

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followed the Eastern river down to a fine
failing yard good grass on the river flats. got
to the yard for dinner hopeully will put the cattle
in to night so has to give us all a good nights
sleep hope we are over the worst of the road for
grass if so our cattle will do well if not a lot
of the old cows will care in Ted has gone back for the
cow he lost last night Ted came without the cow he was
sent back again used the yard I think this must be
a very bad run it ought to look better than it does
this time of the year

April 28th
Sunday
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another cow calved last night had a bad start this morning
going to the junction of the Eastern river and Mistake Creek
very good grass all the way young Boyd is seeing us
through the run the camp over the native police is with
him we shall camp about two miles from the Barrow
I wish our Boss would get some more hands we are
very short handed and Boyd tells me we have a lot
of very bad country to go over yet so we shall be
very lucky if we have no losses had some had sent
to go through after dinner McLarr and Boyd assisted and we
got to a very good camp Ted not back yet begin to think
he is lost we left three head of tame cattle to day
expect to leave some more to day

April 29th

Monday

4

had a good start this morning good grass and plenty of water went three miles and camped at a Gaelling yard waiting for Mr Brown to come up to us we intend to ask him to let us camp at the yard hope he will but I expect he will make us go on about two miles more to get out of the paddock we are in we had to go on the the fence to camp Ted not back yet.

April 30th

Tuesday

5

I started back this morning to see what was keeping Ted met him coming with the Bulls he had found two head of cattle but lost them again I met him 18 miles from camp when we go there Kelly said they would have to be got I told him I thought it was no use riding back again for Handy had tried to bring them with the Bulls but they charged and got away from so I told even if I found them I could never drive them 25 miles but he said we must have the

May 1st
Wednesday

4

Started with Johnny at 4 o'clock this morning met the Bulls close to the Barracks Hardy told me I was a fool to go for I could never bring them if I saw them I told him a good servant does what he is told Killed a very large Tiger snake and had a shot at a Dingo but missed him called at Red Rock the man there has seen nothing of the cattle since Ted passed with them I must not ride to far in case I lose my horse use for I must reach camp to night Kelly is camping to day to kill me run out of meat did not get the cattle got back to Hardy's camp at 9 o'clock to night met. No Sars to day going out West

May 2nd
Thursday

4

got three Bulls from Hardy it took me all day to catch the cattle caught them up and found the camp in a state of uproar one cow and calf had died coming along to day and another broke her leg and they had to kill her and got a lot of her beef so it was not all loss Kelly said if he caught any of the Boys or men putting the cattle out of a walk he would shoot them be when he saw the cattle he cooled down he could see they were poisoned they must have got it about two miles from the range I don't think any more will die came about 4 miles to day and got a good camp on Broken creek grass is drying up very fast but it looks very much like rain

May 3rd Left Broken creek and got fire
Friday to the Iron chair Waterhole it is
8 have 5 miles of very bad stoney &
the morning if I was in charge
days spell it is the best camp we
started some of our cattle still
when they don't have to travel for 9
them good wish I could hear from
away and not able to hear from them
shall not get any letters until I get

May 4th Started from the Iron chair
Saturday the scrub first water went
then on to Lessor Hill where
so we had to camp without
was up what a good camp
both it and settled on it
must have been made other
is not bad we had a very
supper so we shall soon

and glad to get away after having a bad
the when I was starting the cattle of
a man I looked around and I saw
the cook down and the cook
so the Boss hunted him so I have
forever again Ted has to drive the drag
fine country to day but no water
of poison to day about a mile
plenty of water for one or two

ing I hope the next place he picks
will get a place with a little less
it is more trouble to mind the
to get them along in the day time
line full of off Bats he threw him
the air and then he landed him for
it did not hurt him it would have

May 7th
Tuesday

Started this morning began to rain
time and then did n it came and rained
about dinner time all hands wet
River & never saw such country 3 hours
could not get a fire for a long time got
up a bit cat & kept walking about
not feed put them on the camp at do
Billy and I had first watch on pack
the camp got them on again after
them till 12 o'clock they got away at
them & went to bed after being
be fore I wish I was at home out
that is the thing to try a mans the

May 8th
Wednesday

got up this morning and had a look
our camp it looked very small
feed and Kelly and some more
they keep bringing mules in I don
short rain still very cloudy
no more rain for it is all
hard ground anywhere me
of the Desert and the forso
the owner of the cattle may
ask him to let me leave for at
home from Kelly when anthrax
must put up with and have no
is over

getting worse shall have to shift our
will go back about a 1/2 h and camp
and the packhorse and we will try
back to we are afraid of getting
and with the drag we got it stuck to camp
got bogged so we had to leave
a new camp very bad bore had
colts

out again to feed to do. still raining
worse cant ride our horses so much
the drag out and put them on good
miscellaneous being met all day and
not put up with it the day and
shifted their camp to day the day
the cook brought our dinner out to
would all rather have a good man
have dinner we shall soon have to
on again although I fear the
is worse we shall have to be the pack
let the drag follow it rained
the night we will try to get
it but we cant drive the poor Brutes

May 11th
Saturday

Left Yellowknife today river a Barkan last night we were
afraid it would come over the Banks and hunt us off
from our camp the river being so made water in
water in front and one side the other fenced in so
if it had been dry it would have been the best camp we
have had the ground is very bad it is hard work for the
cattle to get along we have left the dogs behind us with the
and young feed I think it will be four or five days before
it can cross we are camping on a very boggy plain for
it was very cold last night after the rain and we may expect
it to get colder all hands are bath trying to put an old coat
out of a bag we pulled one out before and left her before
about half a mile from dinner camp we met Billy who had gone on to look for
a camp he turned us back he said it is all water on ahead so we will
have to camp where we are to night and see what turns up tomorrow

May 12th
Sunday

we had a good camp on the left bank of the Belknap river
when we left the cattle of our own party the dogs of the last
and took them on one mile and half and left me with the
he got them tomorrow and came back for me we started and
when we came to the scrub we met a sheet of water
as soon as the strong wind got in they began to blow
after a while trouble we got there to make a start the
had a nice little stream so all we and when
of the water we had to cross a very boggy ridge everything
down to it Billy we all had to walk when we got out of the
scrub we came to a nice looking ridge it was pretty soft
but we let them feed on it and camped them there
at night the poor brute were tired coming that mile
and half and we no think

May 13th
Friday

we made another start this morning to try and reach a plain
five miles from here as soon as we drew out of camp we went
in a patch of scrub down went over Bear it was not far
through but it took a long time to get the tail of the cattle
out but we got out at last and came to a fine Iron Bar
ridge everyone we meet tells us it is blooded country but I don't
believe it I can only believe them when they say it is hazy country that
I won't dispute. Tom Hardy told Kelly he would come and help
us on to the plain when he saw him yesterday but he hasn't come
yet so I suppose he has as much as he can do to get along
Kelly has gone on to see how the road looks has another Buggy horse to
go through got to our night camp no water only a little for our
it looks very much like rain if we have only we shall be in a nice
mess no Tent and half of the cattle will get mired I think
we are now in the Desert there is some spring water here

May 14th
Saturday

Staying in the same camp to day Kelly sent me back to see
if I could get the drag along I started back and when I got
to the place the cattle had to swim the other day I found
it was still higher I did not like to turn back so I went
I went in as soon as she got in deep water we both went
over we both got out on the same side we started met and
cold striped and started again with the same result
so went back to the camp am going to try again
tomorrow hope I shall get across dry when I try again
don't like being wet to after so two of the Blue Horses
have gone to get some meat from the drag and to
bring the Tent on for it still looks like rain

May 15th

Wednesday

I started back for the drag and let a Horse Coach on
my belly to ride on after the cattle I got back just
as the drag was ready to start we got on about 2 miles
got stuck in a gully had to unload and carry all
the things through mud up to our saddles pulled the
drag back so we had dinner loaded the drag again
and got out of the scrub and camped on the edge
of the plain I intend to take the horses easy
for we have 8 miles of very boggy scrub and
ridges to go through after that I think we shall
be right that is if there is no more rain if there is
I don't know when we shall get through the desert

May 16th

Thursday

made a good start this morning and got through the
scrub with the drag the water I had to swim the
before had gone down so we managed to slush
through it driving is harder work than driving
only that one gets more sleep one of the Boys
came back to us for meat and Tea got two
miles from last night's camp it is a
lonely road hope we shall soon pull the rest

May 17th
Friday

freight started again got along fine for about
two miles then our troubles began with bogging
had to unload carry all the things through a
long distance of mud could not get the horse
within a long distance of the drag so had to
take them out and pull it out with ropes till
we got sound ground loaded up again got within
a mile of camp had to unload again got out and
in to camp after dark J. Harniss came for flour and
sugar so stayed with us all night

May 18th
Saturday

started from the springs early this morning
good road for about four miles then bogging
and digging two miles more bogging and digging
then heavy sand 18 miles to go shall be very
late stopped for dinner about 9 miles started again
passed a mound of poison bush had to go through
a lot of heavy sand passed some patches of good
country close to the Carmine rd got it good
at sundown horse done up with heavy
pulling the cattle are still ahead hope to catch
them tomorrow I have not seen anything like what
I thought the Desert would be like

May 19th

Sunday

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left Commercial Creek early but had to unload before we got many yards got out again made another start over some very good country caught the cattle at one o'clock camped waiting for us we are now on a cattle run belonging to Cullen there is plenty of water and grass here since the rain I hope our cattle and horses will improve now the net is over it cut them up very much

May 20th

Monday

left Cullen's Creek this morning had to unload again at starting went over some fine country people call it the desert I wish I had two or three blocks of such country all around now it is well grassed and watered we are saving our calves now we are carrying two on the drag to day we are going to camp at Sandy Creek to night we did not reach Sandy Creek so we had to camp without water the boys had to carry some far use two mules it is not pleasant to be without water

May 21st
Tuesday

we made an early start this morning and made the creek of nine o'clock. splendid country and lots of water I don't know if it is always the same but now it is fine and yet it is called the Desert but there is lots of runs I know could good runs the owners would like to exchange some of their country for some of this desert we camped ^{on} one of the bends of Dandy creek

May 22nd
Wednesday

left camp this morning after going about four miles came to Dandy creek station and a rather dismal looking place it is no house only a sent a black fellow in charge. Boller the owner is away we camp on the last bend of this creek tonight after we left dinner camp. Boy on the horse boy left his horse go with the saddle on to have food he rolled the saddle came off and hung on the bridle rein it was the horse Boller he has only one eye he struck a tree on his blind side with his hip we could not get him up so left him till morning

May 23rd

Thursday

I started the cattle this morning with three hands Kelly took the rest back to put the horse in shins. They slung him and Kelly left young Morris to look after him so he will have a nice easy job of it till the horse gets going but I think it would have been a mercy to swing the poor brute off of his misery. Kelly and the dog came up with us at two o'clock. Kelly went after dinner to find a camp found one about 2 miles on Hardy's then with the Bulls I don't know what we should have done for water only for the pain we had at the Beloyondo Hardy tells us where all the water we have had since it we came over the Desert we should have had none before the water it such was the case we must have lost a great number of our cattle.

May 24th

Friday

Queens Birthday

Left camp early this morning going to the Salt Lake to day. Kelly is sick so I have the cattle on my own account - I almost wish he would I keep so then we should have no one to growl at us still in fine feeding country green grass even since we came to the Desert - got to the lake for dinner it is a rather nice looking place but it is no depth it is only what we would call a Salt pan at St Lawrence but the water is fresh enough to drink so I am watering the cattle at it. I did not think last Queens Birthday I should be in the middle of a Desert this one but one must travel at time to get or time hope all are well at home I know they are mustang more than with them but I am glad to be away for some time yet - had a good camp at the Bowies Downs end of the Lake where the water is always fresh.

May 25th
Saturday

Mrs Kelly sick so we have two sick in camp and to improve things
one of our niggers cleared out last night I wish he had have
stayed with us till we got to Reddy Creek we have all good
country, there are now within 16 miles of it but there
is no water between here and there and lots of poison so
we must drive all the way through we had a good camp last
night Betty and wife still confined to the Innay still
in good country shall very likely have to leave at Dawn
Dawn Kelly says he will show us all as miserable
when we get there I don't care how soon it is if
it is to be at all

May 26th
Sunday

feeding the cattle here till 12 o'clock and then
we will water and go on as far as we can
and then camp so that we shall be able to
make water earlier the next day the runaway boy
came back it was a ugly thing with him and Harry
he was to wait at a certain place for the other runaway did not
go so the other came back and split on the other boy or
get the blame of them wanted to bolt but of course
I have a good temper and can stand it till a barrel
till the trip is over

May 27th
Monday

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camped without water last night started before daylight
are but some of the horses last night made a yard for
them they broke up we are 8 short we are going
to stay for dinner at some rocks where there is a little
water. Hardy camped there with the Bulls & there is no
water for the cattle we will wait for the day to find the
best horses if not we shall have to go 3 mile further. Kelly
sent back word for me to go and get the horses. I went and
found them pulled the cattle up at Needy creek one cow got
posioned while I was away we tried to make the yard on
the creek but could not but we have a good camp and
now we are out of the desert

May 28th
Tuesday

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Started early from camp going to Needy creek station
in the good country now we have ^{found} a deal about it
and there is no mistake it is fine country several kinds
of grasses on it our cattle and horses should do well now
splendid watering place for our cattle and a nice Bend to
camp there in. made 5 matches last night 2 hours and half
as man it was quite a treat to have 6 so long in Bed
but our mouth ought to be a deal lighter now

May 29th

Wednesday

leftuddy creek only going about 4 miles to do
It is all fine open downs you can see almost any distance
ahead of you the grass is not so very good a day there
are a lot of sheep here got to a nice camp short stage

4 again tomorrow shall go through or Gate tomorrow
we shall then be able to count our cattle we have
not counted since we had the smash on the Beleyards

May 30th

Thursday

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started before daylight this morning the Boss will have
the cattle of the camp at 5 and it is not light till 6
6 I think it is because he expects the owner up but
there is such a thing has trying to do too much and make
a mess of it the downs are something splendid to look
at we shall soon be where we can get dry ground to make
a fire with counted the cattle none lost only what we have
left behind so I hope he will be a little more pleasant
we are in a nice patch of grass the owners are going
the grass so that makes it better for us

May 31st
Friday

8

made another early start no trouble with the cattle all fine open down met the Boundan rider who lives at a very nice stone hut put me in mind of the old country to see stone buildings. he told us we must go three miles farther so of course we had to go gave our cattle a good drink and had dinner belly went on to Bowen for the morning to give notice and came back for dinner we shall camp within 5 miles of the station I expect to see a fine place hearing so much talk about we shall have to get leave to spend a day to kill and cure some meat we have cooked our last got a very good camp.

June 1st
Saturday

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they will not let us stay to eat their grass so we shall have to go on to the ^{Chinamans} ~~Station~~ the station is not so large as I thought it would have been cant get any ration there the manager seems to have a very nice house a good distance from the other places no news from home hope we shall at moment Cornish if not I don't think we shall be able to hear at all our Ross as passed the station without giving any of us the sack so I suppose he will put up with us for a week. lot that we are we had a good camp at the Chinamans Gardens and belly bought some cabbage it was quite a treat the first we have had since we left Harerley.

June 2nd
Sunday

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left the garden and went through a lot of water to the Washburn for dinner they have some nice brick buildings there seeing the chimneys makes one think of seeing factories I wish I had time to go and look over the works if I come back this way I will try and see it going three miles to a good camp after dinner it looked very much like rain all the morning but it cleared off again it was very cold and bleak and I have seen no black foot ducks yet I think before the Peak Downs was overstocked it was quite as good as any I have seen yet the ducks will soon begin to disappear in the paddocks out here the same as on the peak downs

June 3rd
Monday

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a good camp last night had company two Bullock's Larks brought with them going to Brown made a very early start to get into camp early for the mount to hill still on fine open ground all plants of what has decayed a great many and for the winter very cold and no wood only what had started we can pick up going along in the day got into camp early half past 12 I shot a cow with the only bullet we had he did not kill so tried some stones and then some shot could not get her down so we got knives and tried to hamstring when she was getting tired or got off my horse and managed to get hold of her tail she ran in the water I kept my hold and cut one leg and got a good ducking but we managed to kill her she was a fine cow

June 4th
Tuesday

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very cold again cant even have a fire on the north
I wish it was summer I cant stand the cold
counted the cattle again to day at the dinner
camp got to go three miles more for water
got to water at a fine Dam we are on the
mount-Carrish cattle run can see lots all
around us in the paddock we are in now shall
see the station tomorrow after that we shall
be in the never never country

June 5th
Wednesday

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had a start for the station got to a fine Dam three
miles away Mr Edkins sent a man to meet us there
to take us a short cut so we did not go to the Station
we have to pass a new Township called Mullatukwah we
shall camp there to night no letter at the station I cant
make it out I hope there is nothing wrong at home
we have just come through the last gate we shall see
for a long time for I believe there are no more fences
on our route saw Billy Price to day he is going to
the same place with his teams that we are only
went to the first Bridge to day

June 6th
Thursday

crossed the Bridge with the cattle and they went over fine stream
we ran the Thompson river down about 2 miles then we crossed
it now we have to follow it until we come to the east farm we
have no road there is not enough water on the stream to road
so this will send us 40 forty miles of a round but we shall
get good grass and water all the way Mrs Kelly went back
to Bowen town to stay till we come back passed the new
township this morning it is not much of a place yet
but I dare say it will be some day I got letters from
home to day all well I was very glad to hear from
them I was very uneasy at not getting letters before we
came about two miles from the Township to night

June 7th
Friday
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Mavis came back last night the horse he stayed to look
after feed we had a very nice camp Kelly went back to the town
to get his Bridle mended last night and was not turned up yet
so I started the cattle on this morning keeping the Thompson
River on our left after going about 6 or 7 miles we found
a good yard mean to camp here and if Kelly is not back
I will put them in the yard there is plenty of water here
in a creek I think it is called Nelson Creek the camp
seems lonely without Mrs Kelly but still it would have
been any worse for her to go any further it is getting
very cloudy again I hope we won't have any heavy rain
it would cut our cattle up a deal if we did

June 8th Kelly came to us after dinner and for a wonder I had
Saturday done right in carrying at the yard so we put them
in and all hands had a good night's sleep started after
4 counting them out of the yard went about four miles
camped for dinner Kelly went on to look for a camp
found there was no water on this side of Ambo and
out station of Mount Connish that was 10 miles to far
to drive the cattle so are carrying to night on very
little water we were by far from the river to go to it
we heard last night the cough on the station we are taking the
cattle to was killed by the Blacks so we must look out

June 9th made a very early start this morning the cattle camped
Sunday very well without water one of the Mount Connish
Bulls charged into the cattle on my watch we
10 could not keep him out kept the cattle moving all
the way and made the Thompson a little after
12 so had dinner after we had watered them we
did not go close to the house at Ambo but it
seems a nice house all the men on this station live in
a deal better houses than the squatters do down our
way

no 10th
Monday

8

Left Ambo went over some splendid country but not
much grass lots of water went within two miles
of Cumnua station we have to turn off to the
right again and make our way to Erewman
Station the Bulls will be able to get ahead of
us again there is plenty of water for them
on the straight road it is very cold now
of a night and one can hear a coat all day
I wish it was summer the cold plays the devil

June 11th
Tuesday

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Left Cumnua we made a very early start for we
have to go Ten¹⁰ miles without water to Cassidy's creek at
the way fine open down and splendid grass feed
in with a large flock of traveling sheep going our
way for a good distance a man the name of Todd
in charge they are a nice lot all Maiden Ears and
wrens we hear bad accounts of the Blacks all
the way we go I hope they will give us a
wide berth

June 12th
Wednesday

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made a start for cattle creek after we had got a start with the cattle. Kelly took the horse on and told me to send the dog on when it caught us up he said he wanted to get in camp before the sheep fellows so he could pick out the best camp soon after he left us we got a small water hole so I let the cattle in for they did not get a drink the night before and one old cow dropped. Dead she was very poor when he came to meet us close to the camp at three o'clock I told him about it did he not bark and was going to sack Marris and I for being cheery but he cooled down after a bit and told me I could go and have dinner but it was half past four so I told him I would wait for tea.

June 13th
Thursday

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started from cattle creek to go 5 miles to far to go to Eversham when we got to the 5 mile creek found very little water not half enough so stayed there for dinner going on two or three miles more to day so has to make water early tomorrow it looks very much like rain again I hope it will keep off I wish Mr Macartney would come we heard the other day he was on his road up but had to turn back if he catches us soon Kelly as I will have to leave if I have tea and Marris will both leave they say they want stay a day when I go so there will be either three go or one.

June 14th
Friday

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Left our dry camp went on not to Gresham
as we thought but to Bloomfield called the
Garr station we cross the East Garr at the
station got very little water there so went on
two miles more and found a nice little hole and
the cattle had a good drink they have a very fine
stone house at the station a met James Agnew to
day on his way to the Aramuc he as been there a year
out west he came a good bit of his way to see me
he says it was some Kelly and I he say it is all lies about
the trail being so bad where we are going

June 15th
Saturday

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Left Jefferson creek have a long stage to go that
is if we go to Gresham but we may find
water off the road made a good start Kelly
went on to look for a camp found a nice
water hole a good distance from the road in
a creek so the cattle got a very good drink &
think they all lay out here to milked horses from
there water we met Frank Rivers on his way
to the Aramuc shall get on the West Garr
at tomorrow

June 16th
Sunday

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camped at a rocky waterhole
to get a fair drink made a
to Kellys Creek for dinner
later we have had for a long
cattle all around went to
Evensham station on the far
Down we hallooed the dam up to run

June 17th
Monday

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left the three mile bend went
miles of the grass but
Down one Bull got in to
stayed in all night then
traveling cattle on ahead a
man following them with
Bulls and maulers

as! But about 9 o'clock they have come
the Timber they can get out here there
houses and a lot of small ones for the Blacks
each gins one sees out here every stockman
to be a sort of Brigham Young each man
of the gins in fact I believe when you ask
want work he always asks you how
cheaper to give if not he want stay camped
about four miles from the grass but one Bull and one
Bull with came in to the cattle in the night

About three miles this morning met with
piegoos Ted shot 15 and he will try
one more if he gets enough will go and
make a piegon pie for supper. we
of Mountains on our left hand
seeing nothing but plains so long
dead better with us now our Boss
same man the last few days we
on the last Bend of the Larr

un for is the same this morning going to an out station here
the day to indese dont expect to get much grass on kindese
8 for there is not much on the cattle stations we have
co through so I dont suppose we can expect to
get any on a sheep station the stockman at the grass this
tells us there are lots of Mr Macartneys cattle on Eversham that
we rode back from Mamuka station and that the place is
it really looked after had a very good camp at the sheep
station

June 21st
Friday

8 to the sheep station going 8 miles to day the grass
8 not so have an we thought it would be going
8 rain in fact a few drops are falling now
8 I hope it will keep off we dont want
to other. Balezando touch one is enough in
an time hope ~~it~~ to hear news from home
to morning at kindese

Saturday

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made a start for Rindex met the man
no letters the fellow who is traveling with
us with cows and calves belonging to a Mo
on ahead let some of his cattle into last
night but he is carrying a good way to day
from us when we arrived at Rindex around
Hardly with the Bulls had just left at Price
with the Waggoners we expect to catch in
a day or two

June 23

Sunday

9

Left Rindex they are busy loading, it is a fine run
came about five miles and came up to the Bulls
and Waggoners there was a very heavy fog this
morning The Jordan tells us it is the first
he has seen but West I hope it won't turn
to rain missed an old cow from the Tail
sent back found her dead in the Waterhole
where we camped camp on the river to night
yesterday

June 24th

Monday

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Left the Western river morning to after noon
about ~~5~~ 7 miles came to a public house on
the road about two miles from the station
Helly got a letter from Mr Macartney to
leave our bang Tail cattle here so I have to
go in the Mile county to Bring the manager
down to take charge of them we shall have
to put the Bulls in our cattle now and
leave Tom Hardy here to look after the cattle we leave

June 25th

Tuesday

came at Elderslie today I went to the Mile Block
to let the man in charge know we were there and to
take delivery of the cattle I had no trouble in
finding in I like it very much and would like to live there
about 5 years that is if there was a house to live in
and plenty of stock to look after when we got back
to the camp Helly had the cattle draughted so
I can to change of them 2088 and put them in
the yard at Elderslie we have to give him Tom and
Blackboy for he as no men and no house
we will pick Tom up on our way back
the grass on Bladenburg is very dry but there is
plenty of water there the grass is dry on all the station

26th left Elderslie this morning after seeing Handy away
with the cattle we have a fine strong B. The name
Price is camping at Elderslie till he sees Mr. Ferry
or Mr. Macartney he wont go on to the papers
with his loading and there is no one to take
delivery of it there Mr. Macartneys own team
that he bought of Mr. Sagg is there with Price
and no one is there to take delivery of it either
so the driver dont know what to do we have only
one nause station to pass now that is all

June 27th
Thursday
12 left the four mile going a long stage to day to get to yard
so that we can count our cattle but I think we
should have left more at Bladenburg than we did
there is fine country all along the Western
River but the grass is very dry lots of cattle all
about our cattle Travel fine now that we have left
the old ones behind but we shall still have
to go steady now we have the Bulls in

June 28th
Friday

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got to the yard at dusk all hands had a good night sleep when it was light enough to see to count them we did so found we had 43 over the 1000 head I know Mr Macartney wouldn't matter all over the 1000 had been left but we shall have to take them on now had nice feed in the Bed of the Western River the cattle looked fine when we put them on camp to night should like to follow the bed of the river all the way

June 29th
Saturday

12

made an early start came to the crossing of the Western River had dinner thought of getting a camp about four miles but had to go on eight and when we got there the cattle would not drink the water so we may expect a bad night of it there is an old couple at the crossing going to start a store and a Pub they were going to start a Cons Water hole but when they got there they found it all flooded county so they don't know what to do the Owners of Elderslie want let them build on their run so I expect they will go on to camp

June 30th
Sunday

5 the cattle were very bad all night but we managed to keep them on camp and none got away so we made a early start found water after going four or five miles while Kelly was looking for water he came across three jins and two Blackfellows so we are in the land of the Black iron and must keep our eyes open shall not go far to day for the cattle had neither grass or water yesterday the country is dried up very much so hope we shall soon get on better grass to make our horse pick up a bit for coming back got a good camp at 5 miles

July 1st
Monday
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Left our 5 mile camp here to follow the Bed of the Jumantran River all day the cattle like the herbs that grow in it very much there is a man camped here with a flock of Ewes and Lambs he has lost some plenty of nice mountains around us and it is very rough traveling for the cattle we have a very rough Gorge to go through tomorrow got to the mouth of the Gorge and found it a very nice camp I would not like to be caught in our last 2 days stages in wet season

July 2nd
Tuesday

Left the mouth of the gorge found it very rough going through it got to the Police Barracks for Dinner met Mr Jervoy there he was pleased with the condition of the cattle he wanted one of us to go back to Elderslie to drive a Team to the gates I refused at first but Kelly told him he could spare me so I had to go I did not like to refuse then so went on

July 3rd
Wednesday

Driving and Bulling no more Jervoy they are to wait for me at the gates it is a long road to drive a Team I would not do it only it is to oblige the firm I know it will throw me Jervoy home Back for a week or two

14th
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July 5th
Friday

July 6
Saturday

July 7th
Sunday

July 8th
Monday

July 9th
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July 10th
Wednesday

Left Elderslie with the Teams to day
had to wait for meat going to the 5
mile to day for a start

July 11th
Thursday

left the 5 mile this morning cant go
far in a day the old Team Mr Percery
brought from Trice are very poor so
we cant go as fast as I should wish
to very windy and cold and still the days
are hot going close to the Tailing yards
to day

July 12
Friday

got within about three miles of the yard
and camped days are very short now and
the Bullock very slow going to within about
8 or 9 miles of the crossing to day

July 13
Saturday

Left the 8 mile bend going to the crossing
we have a chaman with us Mr Percy has
engaged him to cook for him at the garden
so he is letting me drive down with the
teams so he is handy to drive the horses
and cook for us down

7
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miles

Bullocks
so thick
miles
some had to