

HEALTH REPORTS ON "SCINDIAN" CONVICTS

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Generally the health of convicts was described as Very Good, Good or Indifferent

December Quarter 1848 (Reel 5205)		WA
BARKER George	Enlarged glands in neck	(No 39)
BEST Francis	Indifferent eye	(No 73)
DOBSON John	Spongy gums	(No 36)
HATTON James	Spongy gums	(No 69)
JONES Richard	Spongy gums	(No 41)
MORRIS James	Spongy gums	(No 49)
PYE Charles	Spongy gums	(No 59)
TAYLOR Seymour	Spongy gums	(No 28)
WESTMORELAND Francis	Spongy gums	(No 47)
WETHERALL Esau	Spongy gums	(No 54)

[Spongy gums is a symptom of scurvy]

March Quarter 1849 (Reel 5206)		
BAKER James	Tolerably good	(No 48)
BARKER George	Scrofula	(No 39)
DOBSON John	Scrofula	(No 36)
JONES Richard	Scrofula	(No 41)
RASAN John	Very bad	(No 64)

[Scrofula, an obsolete term for tuberculosis of the lymphatic glands]

June Quarter 1849		
HARGREAVES Thomas	Bad	(No 31)

September Quarter 1849		
BARKER George	Tolerably good	(No 39)

December Quarter 1849 (Reel 5207)		
BURKETT Solomon	Health good (ruptured)	(No 19)
DIGGLE Samuel	Haemorrhoids	(No 58)
JOHNSON William	Subject to rheumatism	(No 70)
THOMAS Alexander	Subject to rheumatism	(No 61)

March Quarter 1850

No serious health problems were noted prior to the convicts embarking on the 'Scindian' on 28th February 1850

References and Notes:

Portland Prison Quarterly Returns

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