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The Diary of a Salcombe Lady

A Diary of Local Events 1817-52

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'It was the custom years ago for ladies and gentlemen to keep a diary of events that occurred from day to day that were of some importance in their lives. We have received a diary that was kept by a lady residing in Salcombe, who when the days of sailing ships changed to steam, went, with her family, to reside in Liverpool. The diary, which is in a very dilapidated condition, was found in a garrett among other old books and possessions. We have been able to make the following selections'.

1817 July 12th. It blew a heavy gale of wind on this day. A vessel commanded by Captain Pitts, was supposed to have been lost in the storm in the North Channel.

November 17th, 1817. William Boon was drowned on Salcombe bar whilst coming in with crab-pots.

1818 July 14th. A Coastguard named Anderson, hung himself to a gate at Splat Cove.

This has been a remarkably fine summer, and the best harvest for years.

August 23rd, 1818. The boat *ROSE* was captured with seven men whilst sailing from Roscoe. The boat was vulgarly called the Broken Bone.

1819. A very fine summer but a severe winter.

1820 February 9th. James Vivian and others caught in a tuck-net, at Millbay, six tons of mullet, and, on the 14th of the same month, another ton.

February, 1820. A cargo of American timber was imported in the brig *LONDON*, commanded by Captain Brown. It was about 300 load.

July 5, 1820. A gentleman passenger by the name of Lemont from the West Indies died at the Turk's Head.

This year Mr. Yates of Woodville had an Aloe in bloom.

November 4, 1820. Mr. Lakeman's barge, the *JOHN AND HENRY*, sank off Millbay.

December 9, 1820. Two vessels in a storm were driven on shore in Start Bay. One, a collier, the *DUKE OF WELLINGTON*, was owned at Plymouth. The other, a West Indiaman, was outward bound. Both went to pieces.

1821, January 1. The Post office was first established in Salcombe.

June 3, 1821. A boat from Roscoe was captured by the Hope Cove coastguard. J. Harris, W. Phisic, Thomas Tucker and John Trute were sent to Exeter goal for smuggling.

October 4, 1821. The sloop *CONCORD* of Cowes, bound to Waterford, was brought into Salcombe with the loss of her bowsprit and a split stem, having slipped her cable off the Hamstone.

1822, December 23rd. A vessel called *PALEMON* was driven on shore in Bigbury Bay. She was loaded with a general cargo, chiefly 'prints'.

April 11th, 1822. Mr. James Adams was drowned in Shadycombe berth. He was riding home on horseback.

August 1st, 1822. A Dutch galliot put into Salcombe leaking. She was in ballast.

September 5th, 1822. Captain Sladen and John Trute were washed overboard from the *SALCOMBE* off Beachy Head and drowned. The vessel was bound to London with barley. She was taken into Ramsgate.

1823 May. The coastguard of Salcombe captured the *MARY ANN* of Hope with four men. William Collins, Isaac Jarvis, James Laphorne and William Gillard were sent to Exeter gaol.

June 10th, 1823. Captain James Russell, master of the *CERES*, died at Liverpool.

October 30th, 1823. It blew a heavy gale of wind from the north. There was a considerable amount of shipwreck as a result. The *FRUIT PRESERVER* bound to Newcastle, was lost at Lowestoft. She was owned by Capt. Forbes of Salcombe.

November 13th, 1823. Eighteen Hope women were sent to Exeter Gaol for insulting the coastguard.

November 15th, 1823, Thomas Jarvis was sent to Exeter gaol for stealing a bullock's head from Butcher Manning.

1824. The *DART*, which sailed from Salcombe for Portsmouth, laden with sheep and bullocks, was lost on voyage. She was supposed to have been upset. William Bath, master, and William Cranch were both drowned.

February, 1824. Roger Prettejohn, master of the sloop *HERO*, Salcombe, was drowned at Dublin.

March, 1824. A barge belonging to Mr. Billing, of Devonport, upset on Salcombe Bar. She was bound for Dartmouth laden with timber, and provisions. She was towed into the harbour and later proceeded on her voyage. The people that assisted in re-floating the vessel received no reward.

April 16th, 1824. A fire broke out at Mr. Jarvis's, Knowle. A barn containing corn, and outhouses were destroyed.

October, 1824. The *SHAMROCK*, a sloop of war came into Salcombe harbour.

November 23rd, 1824. It blew a heavy gale of wind from the southward. We had the highest tide at Salcombe that was ever remembered by the oldest inhabitant; sweeping everything of the quays. Two vessels were wrecked off the Start; one was driven ashore in Bigbury Bay, and great damage was done at Plymouth and all along the coast.

1825 *November 25th,* Kingsbridge Bank (Prideaux and Square) stopped payment.

1828, *January 12th.* At midnight it blew a tremendous gale of wind. A vessel was wrecked at the back of Bolt and all hands perished. She was laden with drapery goods. She was called *LARINA* of South Shields, and bound to Gibraltar. Six people were drowned in trying to save the crew.

1829, *August.* Malborough church steeple was struck by lightning and was much damaged.

October 31st, 1829. The sloop *SALCOMBE* was driven on shore coming out of Hope Cove, and was much damaged.

January 5th, 1830. Salcombe fisherman caught about 5 tons of mullet at Starehole, and on the 16th they caught the same quantity at Rickham Sands.

January 22nd, 1830. A Dutch vessel, about 200 tons, laden with hides from Buenos Ayres for Antwerp, was lost off the Start and all hands perished.

1831, *February 12th.* Thomas Yabsley, master of the *ROSA* died at sea. The vessel was bound to St. Michaels and she put back to Salcombe.

1832, *March 2nd.* A vessel owned at Sunderland was boarded and found to have been abandoned. She was taken into Bantham.

1833. The *HURRELL* of Salcombe was abandoned at sea. She was picked up by a trawler and towed into Brixham.

July 16th, 1833. Two men, Sawyer and Alger, masters of two Plymouth barges, were drowned between Hope Cove and Thurlestone Rock.

November 29th, 1833. The schooner *MALVINA* and sloop *JANE* were wrecked at Southport, near Liverpool. All hands perished.

1834, *February 5th.* The *THREE SISTERS*, a sloop belonging to Mr. Anning, was wrecked at Limebury Point.

March 4th, 1834. The *ELIZABETH*, a limestone barge, was wrecked on Limebury Point.

January 13th, 1834. Roger Pepperell fell overboard from the sloop *ROSE* in Liverpool dock, and was drowned.

September 1834. A woman was picked up in Start Bay, about half-a-mile off the shore. She was floating in the water and was alive.

- John Jarvis was drowned at Bowcombe Bridge. He was weighing anchor in a boat belonging to the *TWO MARY'S*, Capt. Vincent.

1835, *April.* The *TWO MARY'S*, Capt. Vincent, master, was sunk at sea on a voyage from Newhaven. The crew saved themselves in their boat.

May 23rd, 1835. About 12 o'clock at night a vessel called the *ACHOE*, belonging to Falmouth, and bound from Belfast to London, loaded with provisions, went on shore on the Bolt, in a fog, and became a total wreck.

July 31st, 1835. The sloop *FLOWER*, got on the Blackstones and sank. She was re-floated and found to be much damaged.

1836, *July 3rd.* The light was first shown at Start Point.

August 5th, 1836. The *CATO*, Capt. Bishop, master, was run down by a steamer in coming out of Liverpool.

October 11th, 1836. The lamps were first lit at Salcombe.

October 13th, 1836. Several casks of wine were picked up at Rickham Sands.

November 30th, 1836. The *REBECCA*, Capt. Narramore, master, was driven on shore at Babbacombe Bay. The crew saved themselves.

1837, March 4th. John Yeoman of Batson was drowned in the estuary a little above Halwell Wood. He fell out of a barge, and his body was recovered the next day.

March 23rd, 1837. The *FRIENDS DESIRE* of Plymouth, Capt. Henly, bound from Plymouth to Torquay with timber, capsized in a squall off the Start. The crew were saved by the *SALLY*, Capt. Barnes of Southampton. The vessel was towed into Plymouth the next morning by three trawlers.

April 4th, 1837. The wind blew very hard from the eastward with snow. Four men were drowned while coming from Kings-bridge with timber. They were James March, John Harris, Thomas Luckham, and John Putt. The bodies were recovered next day on Lincombe mud. They were buried on Sunday the 9th. Mrs. Elliott was buried the same day.

July 21st, 1837. The *THOMAS AND SUSANNAH* was taken by the Coastguard in Salcombe harbour, having 214 tubs and some fish. She was a trawler and belonged to Plymouth.

July 23rd, 1837. The *FLORA* Arthur Crispin, master, sailed from Penzance to Wales, and was never heard of afterwards.

September 1st, 1837. The *FERONIA* was launched from a Kingsbridge yard, being the first vessel ever built there.

September 14th, 1837. A little girl, about nine years of age, daughter of a coastguard, caught her clothes on fire. She was so much injured as to cause her death next day.

1838, February 25th. We had a very high tide and a heavy gale of wind from the south. The *VOLUSIA*, a schooner owned by Mr. H. Grant, Kingsbridge, bound to Liverpool with malt was lost on the coast of Ireland. The whole crew were drowned.

May 21st, 1838. A girl, called Mary Hawkins, living with Parson Henshaw at Woodville, left the house early in the morning and drowned herself. Her body was picked up near Hope a fortnight later.

November 11th, 1838. The body of Roger Cleverly was picked up near the Saltstone. He is supposed to have fallen over the cliff and drowned. A man by the name of Lidstone was drowned at Kingsbridge the same night.

- A general inoculation for smallpox The disease was brought into the place by John Sampson.

November 27th, 1838. A schooner belonging to Ostend came on shore in Bigbury Bay about 11 o'clock in the evening. All hands perished. The next day a brig belonging to Shields got on shore at 11 o'clock in the forenoon near Bantham. She was from Constantinople with linseed. The vessel was totally wrecked, and, out of eleven, only three of the crew were saved. It blew a heavy gale from the southward. Many vessels were wrecked up and down the coast.

December 23rd, 1838. The *PERI* on passage from Denia to Liverpool, shipped a sea which washed Capt. W. Vivian overboard. The vessel got to Plymouth.

1839, *March 30th.* At 4 o'clock in the morning Joseph Winsor, master of the sloop *SALLY* was knocked overboard and drowned. She was on passage from Portsmouth to Salcombe. The vessel came into harbour the same day.

June 20th, 1839. We had a very severe thunder-storm. Such hail and rain as was never seen by the oldest inhabitant.

June 24th 1839. The foundation stone for the new cistern for the water pipes was laid at Allenhays.

July 29th, 1839. The *DISPATCH*, Capt. N. Adams, sailed from Salcombe for Algiers. Her boat was picked up the next morning at Mothecombe. The vessel sank in Bigbury Bay and all the crew were drowned.

September 1ST, 1839. The *ACTIVE* Capt. Russell, coming from Wales, ran down a boat belonging to Plymouth. One man was drowned.

September 13th, 1839. A barge, called the *NEW ERA* coming from Plymouth, was struck by a sea off the Bolt and sunk. Two men, James Ball and John Kelland, were drowned.

1840, *January.* A French barque ran into Mothecombe harbour in a gale of wind. She was loaded with wine and fruit.

- Richard Trute, seaman on the *PHOENIX*, bound from St. Michaels to Liverpool, was washed overboard and drowned.

January 31st, 1840. The *EMMA*, Richard May, master, was driven on shore on the Spanish coast near Seville. She was re-floated.

March 10th, 1840. A man named James Phillips fell in the hull of the schooner *FACILITY* and was killed.

May 25th, 1840. The *PATILINA*, Capt. Strong, got on shore near Boulogne, from Southampton for the Baltic.

May 26th 1840, James Cornish was drowned alongside the *PROSPEROUS* lying by Kingsbridge quay. He sailed in her as mate.

November, 1840. The schooner *PERI*, John Dawe, master, from Liverpool for Terceira was struck by lightning, which did her much damage. She bore up and got to Salcombe safely.

November 23rd, 1840. A Swedish brigantine put into Salcombe by Hope men. She had been struck by a heavy sea which did her much damage. Lost one man overboard.

November 30th, 1840. The *THREE HEARTS* sailed from Bantham for London with potatoes. She was never heard of afterwards.

December 7th, 1840. It blew a heavy gale from the south. At 12 midnight a French brig from Adra, laden with lead, having blown away her sails, ran for the harbour. She struck the Bar and drifted on to Bittle Head Point and went to pieces. The crew, eight in number, were saved by the coastguard.

1841, January 16th. The *SPEEDY*, Capt. Willis, on her passage to St. Michaels, lost two men overboard, Josiah Nicholson and a Welshman. The vessel was brought back to Salcombe.

February 1841, There was a very heavy fall of snow with a strong easterly gale, such as has not been remembered for many years.

February 4th 1841. The *BOREAS*, Capt. Date, sailed from Liverpool for Exeter with a cargo of salt. Supposed to have been lost on the night of the 6th, never having been heard of afterwards.

May 27th 1841. A Dutch galliott was brought into Salcombe harbour by a Cowes pilot boat. She was picked up abandoned 20 miles off the Start.

July 22nd 1841. The foundation stone, of the new church at Salcombe was laid by the Earl of Devon. There were a great number of people present.

September 1841. The Dutch galliott sailed out of the harbour after the owner had paid £380.

- A boy, named Edward Turner fell overboard from the *PHOENIX* Capt. Port, master, on her passage from Leghorn to Liverpool, and was drowned.

September 24th 1841. Two men, Miers and Gillard, were fishing in a boat off Sewer Mill. In endeavouring to enter the harbour the boat was overturned and both men were drowned.

October 2nd 1841. A seaman of Bantham, called Hingston, was washed overboard from the *MARY & SALLY* and drowned.

1842, *January 8th.* The *AGENORIA*, Capt. Hugh Narramore sailed from Terceira with oranges. She was never heard of after.

January 25th 1842. The *YANSTON*, Capt. William Jarvis, master, laden, with potatoes, sailed from Salcombe for London, and was never heard of afterwards.

February 9th 1842. A young man by the name of Lamble fell from the masthead of the *DEVONIA* bound from Liverpool for Havre, and was killed. The body was brought into Salcombe the next morning

February 11th 1842. The brigantine *WHEATON* of Brixham, bound from Palermo for Leith with old rags, lemons, oranges, and wine, was driven on shore at the back of the Bolt, and became a total wreck. The crew saved themselves in their boat and landed at Hallsands

October 1842. The *PHOENIX* Capt. Port, sailed from Cardiff for Barcelona with iron. She was never heard of after.

1843, *January.* The *GIBRALTAR*, Capt. Cove, bound from Salcombe for Portsmouth with sheep, carried away her mast and was towed into Southampton by a steamer.

January 13th 1843. It blew a heavy gale of wind from the south then west with thunder and lightning, and did a great deal of damage. A vessel belonging to Jersey was driven on shore in Bigbury Bay and one boy was drowned. The vessel was got off and brought to Salcombe.

September 1843. A fire occurred at Bowringsleigh. The house was burnt to the ground.

October 27th 1843. The *KINGSBRIDGE* was lost on Middle Leigh sands, entrance of London river. She was laden with potatoes. The crew were saved in their boat with some materials.

December 24th 1843. Capt. Prowse of the *COMMERCE* whilst on a voyage from Gijon for Liverpool was washed overboard and drowned.

December 29th 1843. Peter Pound fell from Betsy Bushell's house in Portlemouth. He was brought across in a boat and died the next day.

1844, April 10th. Began to fix beacons on the rock at the entrance of Salcombe harbour. The first completed this day on Poundstone.

April 11th, 1844. The new Church at Salcombe was consecrated by the Bishop of Exeter. There were a great many people present. Mr. Young preached on Sunday, 14th.

October 8th, 1844. A vessel belonging to Barmouth, bound from London for Liverpool, with a general cargo, got on shore on Borrough Island, Bigbury Bay, and became a total wreck. The crew and cargo were saved. The cargo was sold on the 22nd.

October, 1844. A young man, George Gassick died at Marseilles from smallpox. He was on board the *CLIO* of Salcombe. Capt. Rendle master.

October 28th, 1844. A barge belonging to South Pool, loaded with limestone, sunk going up the river. A man, called James Distin, was drowned.

1845. April 8th. John Cranch fell from a tree at Yealm whilst looking at a bird's nest. He is never expected to have the use of his legs again.

April 13th, 1845. The schooner *MATILDA* of Southampton came into Salcombe harbour, having been dismasted in a gale off the Bolt.

April 15th, 1845. The *FACILITY* was totally lost on Goodwin Sands. The crew were saved.

April 20th, 1845. A man, by the name of Sanders, was drowned at Gerston Point by the upsetting of his boat.

April 29th, 1845. A Swedish brig, the *NOORBOLTEN*, Capt. Kraeft, laden with sugar went on shore at Moor Sands in a fog. The crew and part of the cargo was saved. The vessel was much hurt, but she was got off and brought into Salcombe harbour and sold as a wreck on September 35th. The keel was laid on Mrs. Prideaux's quay and rebuilt by Mr. Vivian. She was called the *NEPTUNE*.

December 6th, 1845. The *COMMERCE* came into Salcombe with nuts for London from Gijon. Thomas Adams was taken in our little boat with a gallon of spirit. He was taken before the magistrates and liberated. He was taken a second time and sent to prison.

December 3rd, 1845. The *PROVIDENCE*, Capt. Vivian, from Seville for London with oranges, sprung a leak when off Cape St. Vincent. The crew were taken off on December 16th by a Danish schooner, bound for Copenhagen, and landed at Plymouth.

1846, February. The *ED*, Capt. Joseph Ball, carried away both masts when off the Saints. She was laden with iron and coal for Bilboa. She got back to Salcombe on the 21st.

February 27th, 1846. Captain May of *IDEA* was knocked overboard by the main boom off St. Michaels and drowned.

August 17th, 1846. Three men and a boy belonging to *Hope* were drowned. They were out in a boat pilcharding. The boat belonging to James Maddick, was also lost.

August, 1846. Capt. Jarvis of the *JESSAMINE* was lost overboard and drowned on passage to Corfu.

December 28th, 1846. Captain Ball of the *RENOVATIO* died at Gijon.

1847, January 16th. The *DORCAS*, Capt. John Ball got on the Goodwin Sands. She was loaded with wheat for Youghal. She came off again and put in to Ramsgate for repairs. Cargo had to be discharged.

January 21st or 22nd. The *MYRTLE*, on her passage to St. Michaels, within 300 miles of the place, put back to Salcombe, having shipped a sea, which dismasted her.

January 23rd. 1847. The sloop *VELOCITY* of Guernsey put in to Salcombe dismasted. She was bound for Ireland with potatoes.

January 26th, 1847. The *COMMERCE* got on shore at Brown Down, near Portsmouth, and was assisted off by the Coastguard. She was bound from Gijon for London with nuts.

February 1st, 1847. Capt. Joseph Ball, master of the *ED* died in Ireland.

February 6th, 1847. Frogmore Mills and dwelling house were burnt down.

March 3rd, 1847. Mr. Hodge's son was drowned from the *SPECIMEN* whilst bound from Salcombe for Lisbon.

April 5th, 1847. Fire at Rew Hill. Two houses were burnt down.

June 18th, 1847. Mrs. Roper was discovered at four o'clock in the morning at Rickham Sands. She was going to drown herself.

October 18th, 1847. The foundation stone of the new Custom House was laid.

October 13th, 1847. The *EMMA* stranded on the coast of Portugal and went to pieces. The crew were saved.

November 6th, 1847. Thomas Chant was drowned on coming in from the bar after fishing. The boat was filled by the sea at the Hipple.

November 7th, 1847. The sloop *QUARRY* of Dartmouth was taken by the Coastguard. She had five tons of smuggled tobacco on board.

November, 1847. The brig *ELIZA LIDDELL* of Sunderland, from Cardiff for London, with coal, drove on shore at Mothecombe and became a total wreck. She only came out of Plymouth the day before.

November, 1847. The *LADY KENNAWAY*, East Indiaman, was taken into Plymouth by a Danish brig, having been abandoned in the Bay of Biscay by the crew.

November 20th, 1847. The *LADY COURTENAY* sailed from Salcombe for Gijon arrived off the port on the 6th December. A heavy gale blew her off the coast and she was never heard of after.

December 6th, 1847. The *COMMERCE* put into Ramsgate with the loss of bowsprit, two anchors and chains.

December 10th, 1847. The *SPECIMEN*, bound for St. Michaels, put back to Salcombe, having been struck by lightning, which did her much damage.

December 18th, 1847. The *STAR OF BELFAST*, Capt. Hagg, bound from London for Antigua, went ashore at Starehole and became a total wreck. She had in a general cargo. Only the Master was saved out of a crew of nine.

December, 1847. The *BEAU IDEAL*, Capt. Thomas Forbes, sailed from Salcombe for St. Johns, Newfoundland, laden with limestone. She was never heard of after.

1848, *February 2nd.* The *ROSEBUD* was run into and sunk by a smack, name unknown, five miles off Dover. The crew saved themselves in a boat.

February 8th, 1848. The *VIXEN* of Londonderry, from Messina for London, with sulphur and fruit, was wrecked at the back of the Bolt. The crew saved themselves in their boat.

March 23rd, 1848. The foundation stones of the houses at Island were laid.

April 13th, 1848. The schooner *MANTURA* was run into and sunk off the Skerries by the steamer William Penn. She was bound from St. Michaels for Liverpool.

September 4th, 1848. R.Pepperell and his wife were captured in a boat at South Sands, with 30 half bales of tobacco.

October 7th, 1848. A quantity of tobacco was taken at South Sands.

November 18th, 1848. Richard Jarvis and Samuel March, coming from Kingsbridge, were drowned by the upsetting of their boat off Snape's Point.

December 21st, 1848. The *START*, Capt. Quick, sailed from Liverpool for Terceira and was never heard of after.

1849, *January 18th.* John May, clerk, taken from Salcombe to Exeter for smuggling, with White and Parker of Plymouth.

March, 1849. The *COPIA*, Capt. Page, was lost on Galatz bar, homeward bound. The crew were saved.

April, 1849. Matthew Cornish was knocked off the *LADY BULLER* by the jib-boom and drowned off Lands End. The vessel was bound from Salcombe for Liverpool.

May 13th, 1849. Mr. Leworthy and family, six girls and one boy, left Salcombe for Plymouth to join the John Nunn for Adelaide, South Australia. She sailed on the 21st. from Plymouth. Mr. Leworthy died two days after his arrival in Australia. He was a lieutenant-commander in the Navy.

July 14th, 1849. Loughswilly, Rathmullan, wind north. The schooner *PLACE*, Capt. Crispin, from Liverpool for Sligo put in to Loughswilly on the 8th, sailed again on the 9th for her port. On the 11th at 11 p.m., wind east, going 7½ knots, touched something, supposed to be a sunken wreck, 15 miles west of Arranmore, master and mate both on deck. Sounded the pumps and found her to be making water fast. In a quarter of an hour found she was sinking. Took to the boat but saved nothing as she went down immediately. They were picked up by the *JAMES* of Whitehaven, having been six hours in the boat and landed on the 13th at Rathmullan.

July 17th, 1849. The new Wesleyan chapel at the Island was opened after being rebuilt.

July, 1849. Capt. Ford of the brig *MERSEY* of Exeter, was tried at that place for bad behaviour to one of his crew who died on the passage home from Quebec. The vessel was timber laden for Salcombe. The verdict of manslaughter was brought in and he was sentenced to two year's imprisonment with hard labour. He died in prison when little more than half his time had expired.

August 4th, 1849. The Coastguard exercised the great gun at Limebury for the first time.

August 10th, 1849. William Wood and Joseph Partridge were drowned whilst out fishing.

September 22nd, 1849. The *CLIO* got ashore under Firwood, and done her much damage. She was got off on Sunday.

September 24th, 1849. The *VICTORIA*, on her passage from Gijon to London, laden with nuts, took 17 men off a wreck. Two vessels got in contact, both sank. Brought them into Salcombe four days after.

November 15th, 1849. The *COMMERCE* was wrecked at Porthacaddon, Wales. She was bound from Gijon for Liverpool with nuts. The crew were saved.

December 28th, 1849. William Cowling was drowned from the *COMPEER*. Capt. Weeks, master.

1850, *February 7th.* Mr. Lakeman died on board the *GENTOO* on a voyage from Sierra Leone, he was master.

March 17th, 1850. Henry Strong died at Malta.

March 23rd, 1850. Fire at Mr. Moysey's, near Churchstow, farmhouse burnt down. 4 lads burnt to death.

March, 1850. Nicholas Pepperell sent to Exeter gaol for stealing rope from Mr. Vivian, Batson.

April 7th, 1850. Mr. Turtley' s farmhouse at Batson burnt down. Mr. Lakeman's goods saved.

April 8th, 1850. James Frink, captain of the *SPECIMEN* was lost overboard near Lisbon.

May 4th, 1850. The *PERI*, Captain Thomas Harris, was run into by the *MAGDELENA* of Shields, off the Isle of Wight, carried away both masts and other damage, towed her off Dartmouth then a Brixham trawler towed her to Salcombe.

June 5th, 1850. Old Inn, at Malborough, burnt down.

June 17th, 1850. Captain William Quick's son, John Richard, was drowned at the steps, Passage Way.

June 24th, 1850. The Drapers shop opened at Malborough by the Misses Lindon.

June 29th, 1850. Ann Pepperell and Richard Jinkins taken by the Coastguard four miles off the harbour, with 12 bales of tobacco.

July 8th, 1850. A young lady, Miss Stoner, of Ringrone, was drowned under the cliff, not being aware of the rising of the tide, she was 17 years.

July 22nd, 1850. The *A.E A.*, Captain Jarvis, sailed for Alicante, and put back with loss of foremast, foreyard, etc., during a heavy gale, S. West.

July 20th, 1850. The organ first played at Church by Mr. E. Cole, senior.

August 6th, 1850. The *DEVONIA*, Captain Long, left Salcombe for Newquay, PADSTOW, the owners having sold her to Captain Hawkins.

August 29th, 1850. The *NELSON*, brigantine, Captain Stubble, put in to Salcombe and was imprisoned for twelve months for embezzling part of the cargo of coals.

August, 1850. On Sunday, John Putt broke into Miss Lindon's shop at Malborough, one month's imprisonment.

October 7th, 1850. The *FREEDOM*, Captain Laphorn from Salcombe for Liverpool with malt, got on shore at Southport, was got off again. Cargo and vessel damaged much.

October 3rd, 1850. House burnt down in the Channel, supposed from the chimney of Captain Cove's bakehouse, having caught fire the same day.

October 7th, 1850. The *CANDIDATE* sailed from Denia for New York with raisins, almonds, nuts? and liquorice, but put back to Salcombe 7th January, 1852, having been to sea 80 days, and within 350 miles of the place, vessel a complete wreck.

November 30th, 1850. Eight vessels lost at Terceira : *SPEEDY*, *SUSAN*, *MIRANDA*, *PEARL*, *ELLEN JANE*, *ADELAIDE*, *SPRIGHTLY* and a Portuguese.

November 30th, 1850. The news came to Salcombe of James Strong being drowned at sea.

December 2nd, 1850. Susanah Gloyns, taken under a special warrant for stealing 21 apples from Mr. Adams, Mary Knowle, 3 day's solitary confinement.

December 4th. 1850 Henry Mortimer drowned off Holyhead in the Packet *SPEEDY*.

December 6th, 1850. The *EAGLE* was lost at St. Michaels, Captain J. Moore.

December 5th, 1850. The *CERES*, Captain Finnimore, was run into and sunk off St. Ives by the *PRINCE* of Plymouth. Crew landed at Cardiff.

December 8th, 1850. William Laphorn was knocked overboard by the main boom of the *SERPENT* off St. Michaels, a new vessel, first voyage.

December 11th, 1850. Thomas Harris died at sea on board the *CLIO*, Captain Cleverly, on her passage from Terceira. Landed at Salcombe, 17th.

December 12th, 1850. The *EBENEZER* from Lisbon for Dublin, got ashore on Arklow Banks. Vessel went to pieces. Crew saved with loss of all their clothes.

1851, February 12th. John Way drowned at Millbay.

1852, January 21st. The *GALEED* was run into by the *STANHOPE* off St. Michaels, carried away mast, bowsprit, bulwarks, etc., came back to Plymouth.

January 9th, 1852. The *LACTURA* was run into by the *ARABIAN* steamer from Lisbon for Glasgow, James Youlden drowned.

January 20th, 1852. Captain Searle died at St. Michaels.

February 24th, 1852. Roger Cleverly died at Akyab.

March 26th, 1852. Captain Baldwin of the *JULIUS CAESAR* died of fever at Pernambuco.

August 19th, 1852. A little boy by the name of Southwood, fell with a piece of tin in his hand, which run in his eye, penetrated to the brain, and he died in a quarter hour afterwards.

- William Jarvis died at sea on board the *ERA* from Pernambuco for Venice, died of Yellow Fever.

July 24th, 1852. A boat sunk at Starehole, laden with tobacco.

- Captain Hingston died on board a steamer on his way home from Malta, where he was landed from the *ERA* ill.

October 2ND, 1852. The *HALWILL* sunk at Bittle (Biddle?) Head, knocked to pieces.

October 30th, 1852. The *HOPE* Brig, grounded on the bar laden with brimstone for Amsterdam, she came off again without much damage.

November 21st, 1852. Eliza Ann Swift, married at Church to Edward Ball.

November 14th, 1852. The *BIJOU*, Captain Long, sailed from Liverpool for St. Michaels, shipped a sea about 5 miles from the Lizard, which did her much damage, also the cargo which was worth £13,000; she put back to Plymouth Friday 26th. They had two passengers on board, Jews, to whom the cargo belonged.



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