

<sup>1792.</sup>  
April 29. The surgeon having reported every one well who had been infected with the small pox,\* great care was taken to wash with vinegar, and then to smoke the cloaths worn, and places occupied by all who had been affected, or who had attended those that had been affected with it.

The public and private servants, accustomed to a life of labour, have had since their embarkation no employment to fill up their time; and this, the greatest misfortune that can happen to any one, produced in them such a rage for gaming, that many of them had really lost, not only all the land which they were to receive at a certain time, but even all their cloaths, except those which they wore. To put a stop to this eternal card playing, and arrest its pernicious effects, it was judged expedient to paste up the following notice in several of the most public places of the ship:—

“ The members of the council on board the *Hankey* observe with much concern the prevalence of the idle practice of gaming, reprehensible in all cases, but in our situation eminently pernicious, as it has a direct tendency to the dissolution of all industry, frugality, good order, and good morals; without sedulous attention to the practice of which virtues, an infant colony cannot subsist, much less thrive.

“ Those to whom the protection of others is confided would be wanting in their duty were they not to do all in their power to repress the progress of such an alarming evil, they therefore with this admonition give notice,

“ That no play debts or wagers shall ever be recoverable either at the islands where we may stop in our passage, or at

\* Six in number, besides the boy *Meares* who died in *Yarmouth Road*.