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Charles Darwin's St Helena Model Notebook

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INTRODUCTION

Charles Darwin (1890–1882) is beyond question one of the most important figures in the history of science, and a seach year passes our appreciation of his importance seems only to increase. At the present time students of Darwin's life and work are being treated to a definitive edition of his Corresponderce (Burkhardt & Smith, 1985–3 and there recently appeared a similarly definitive edition of his theoretical notebooks (hereinafter referred to as Notebooks (Burrett, Gautteve, Herbert, Kohn & Smith, 1987)).

It will take historians a long time fully to assimilate all this new material into their understanding of Darwin and the milies in which he worked. Nevertheless, there is now a clear consensus that he became an evolutionist ('transmutationist' being the word he would have used) in the spring of 1337, within air nomate ho in terum from the voyage of the Beage!. It is also established that he constructed his theory of natural selection in the autumn of 1385, elsebarning it and working out most of its radical implications during the winter and spring of 1359 (see Notebook). Twenty years were to elapse, however before Darwin published On the Origin of Species (1879), and in the intervening period before Darwin published On the Origin of Species (1879), and in the intervening period to the origin of the orig

time, take its pair of material section—and exponent as moneticed on the color at the documentary record will ever allow.

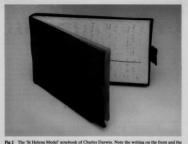
There is one small Darwin notebook, omitted for practical reasons from the Notebooks, which Darwin seems to have kept about his person for 'on the spot' joitings throughout the important last few months of 1838. This notebook has become known as the 'St Helena Model' notebook, because these words are written on its cover, and the 'St Helena the '



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must, however, have had a greater meaning to Darwin, as it records many of his thoughts relating to variation, breeding and so, an albeit in telegraphic style. Most of these thoughts are much more fully expressed in the Nordbooks, so that the St Helean Model engage to the foreign the state of the state of the engage to the foreign the detailed of some observation or to lose the thread of a conversation before he could get home to his private study. Unfortunately twenty-one of the original fifty pages of the St Helean Model controlled have excited—presumed an one of these existed pages has yet these froud. This is all the more critical decidence of the original first pages of the state of the probably the thousershall provide the state of the critical pages which were excited.

excised. In spite of its fragmentary nature the St Helena Model notebook is worthy of publication. Much remains in the notebook of interest to those studying Darwin's wife, as googless at the time when he was entering the other of London scientists which is the contract of the contract



orientation of the brass clasp. Courtesy of the Royal College of Surgeons.

THE NOTEBOOK

The St Helena Model notebook was briefly described and partially transcribed by Nora Barlow (Darwin's grand-daughter) in the Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle (1945: 255). Lady Barlow noted that Darwin had written Nothing' and 'St Helena Model' in bold, thick ink on the rel leather cover of the notebook (see Figs. 1–2), which measures approximately 'Pan' x 11en and is very similar to the smillest of the posterior of the process of the process

The surviving pages of the notebook were written almost entirely in penol, except in a few cases where I have indicated that ink was used. So far as I can tell, more of the ink used is of the grey variety which is to be found income of Darwin so other notebook strong that period (Notebook 1-1). Darwin some of Darwin so other notebook strong that the period (Notebook 1-1) and the period (Notebook 1-1) and the period (Notebook 1-1). The period (Notebook 1-1) and the period (Notebook

206 December 1838, although there is one reference (written in ink on the inside back cover)

dated 1839 The front end paper of the notebook has the number 1.5 written in the top right hand corner, in heavy pencil, in an unknown hand; this is the notebook's Down House catalogue number (see Correspondence 1: 545). The front end paper is also inscribed in the bottom left hand corner, in pencil, with a number 15 in which the 5 is written over a 6. This number 15 is uniform with a series to be found in each of the other Down House notebooks which reflect the approximate chronological order in which they were used The 'Red Notebook' (Notebooks: 17-81) is numbered 16 in this series, but in fact entirely predates the St Helena Model notebook. I am informed by Sandra Herbert and Peter Gautrev that this second series of numbers is in Nora Barlow's handwriting. Since

neither the 1.5 nor the 15 are in Darwin's hand they are omitted from the present edition. The pages of the notebook were not numbered by Darwin and because he wrote in it from both ends inwards. I have numbered the pages in two sequences, pp. 1-64 and pp. 1x-32x. I refer to these two sequences as the front and back of the notebook respectively. although there is no real evidence that one was started before the other. As can be seen, however, from Figures 1-2, the notebook has a hinged brass clasp similar to ones on Darwin's other surviving notebooks, in almost all of which the hinge of the clasp is on the back cover (clearly the easiest arrangement for a right-handed person). I therefore refer to that end of the St Helena Model notebook which hears the hinge of its brass class as the back end

EVIDENCE FOR DATING ENTRIES IN THE NOTEBOOK

There is only one reference in the notebook as it survives today which is actually dated. and this is the 1839 reference mentioned above. All other entries in the notebook must, therefore be dated from internal evidence and by comparison with other Darwin manuscripts which can be dated. Broadly there are three more or less distinct sections of the notebook, each of which can be dated in this way.

Firstly, the text from p. 1 to p. 15 forms a discrete essay on the geology of the island of St Helena, based on examination of a large model of the island. The evidence for dating this essay is given in more detail below, but suffice it here to say that it seems to have been written at one sitting, on or about 15 September 1838 (which was a Saturday). Just possibly this essay was written a few months before this date, following a conjectural earlier examination of the model. Darwin himself seems to have treated these first fifteen pages of the notebook as a separate entity, to judge from the pinhole through them.

Secondly, the texts from p. 16 to p. 48 and from p. 5x to p. 29x are almost entirely concerned with the many ecological and biological problems that Darwin was examining in the latter months of 1838. There are numerous entries on these pages which have close parallels in the Notebooks, the dating of entries in which can often be stated with certainty, not least because Darwin dated many of them himself. Whilst all such parallel references to the Notebooks which I have found are given in the notes which follow the text. I give here the most closely datable pages against the corresponding Notebooks pages (in parentheses) and dates:

n 46 (D105) 13 September 1838

n. 22 (D40) between 19 and 22 August 1838 p. 41 (M142) between 13 and 15 September 1838

- p. 47 (D100) 13 September 1838
- p. 48 (D108, 112) 14 to 16 September 1838
- p. 29x (D163) 25 September 1838.

Clearly, most of the references support a dating for these pages to September 1838. Thirdly, the texts from p. 59 to p. 64 and from p. 30x to p. 32x (i.e. the last entries in the notebook) are concerned with house hunting in London. In Darwin's pocket 'Journal' which (as Sandra Herbert first pointed out in 1977; 208) seems to have been first used in August 1838, there is the following entry for 1838 (see Correspondence 2: 432):

To the end of year House hunting. Darwin took possession of the keys to 12 Upper
Gower Street on 29 December 1838, so that one can saw with reasonable confidence that these entries date from late November to December 1838

THE ST HELENA MODEL AND DARWIN'S CRATER OF ELEVATION THEORY

As noted above, the first fifteen pages of the notebook form an essay on the geology of St Helena, and the words 'St Helena Model' are written on the notebook's cover (see



Fig 3 Man of The Island & Forts of St Helena (c. 1815), scale of 2 miles = 1.75 inches, 25cm × 19cm. Courtesy of the Syndics of Cambridge University Library. (CUL Maps 546.81.1).

208 Fig. 3). In order to date this essay and to establish its significance, it is necessary to

review Darwin's manuscript record concerning St Helena. When H.M.S. Beagle visited St Helena in July 1836. Darwin took the opportunity to make a detailed examination of its geology, recording his observations in Down House notebooks 1.3 and 1.6. Aboard ship Darwin wrote up his personal diary, which is also today preserved at Down House, and sorted out his geological specimens, which are listed as numbers 3700-28 in the third of four catalogue notebooks which are now on deposit at Cambridge University Library. He also wrote up his detailed geological notes on paper watermarked Wilmot 1834; these notes are now at Cambridge University Library, DAR 38ii, ff. 920-35. At some point before the Beagle reached England,

Darwin made some notes on St Helena in his Red Notebook, the most extensive being those on pp. 38-40, which he subsequently excised and are now in DAR 42, f. 84 (see Notebooks: 31) While Darwin's servant and amanuensis Syms Covington was making a fair copy of his master's personal diary, probably in the early months of 1837, for eventual publication as Journal of Researches (hereinafter referred to as JR). Darwin prepared an additional section on the geology and natural history of St Helena. This section appears on pp. 581-3 of JR, but as Nora Barlow pointed out in her edition of the personal diary (Barlow

1933: 439n58) the manuscript of this section appears to be lost, and cannot therefore be

precisely dated. In July 1837 Darwin opened the first two of his post-voyage Notebooks. Notebook A was devoted to geology, notebook B to species. Notebook A contains a reference to St Helena on p. 41: 'The fact of Galapagos Isld, steep side to windward in allusion to St. Helena discussion.' (Notebooks: 96). This note is on an excised fraement now in DAR 42, f. 25, which can be dated approximately to November-December 1837 (Notebooks:

The next datable manuscript dealing with the geology of St Helena is a single sheet of Eyehorn 1837-watermarked paper, bound near the back of DAR 44. The recto of this document is dated 15 September 1838, and headed 'St Helena Model'; it is written in pencil with a few ink annotations and concerns the topography of the north-west and north-east coasts of St Helena. It is written in a similar style to, and clearly overlaps in subject matter with the first fifteen pages of the St Helena Model notebook, Both documents seem to have been written during or immediately after examination of the 'gigantic model' of St Helena, which we know Darwin saw at the East India Company's Military College at Addiscombe, which is now part of Croydon in Surrey (see Darwin 1844, hereinafter referred to as VI: 75 footnote: 1846, hereinafter referred to as GSA: 25). This dating for Darwin's work on the model is substantiated by a letter be wrote to an unknown recipient dated 12 September (1838), in which he asks permission to examine the model, having apparently seen it 'some months since' (Correspondence 2: 103)

The model itself, which I have not been able to locate and which probably no longer exists, was constructed by Robert Seale, author of The Geognosy of the Island of St

Helena (Seale, 1834)

The verso of the DAR 44 manuscript, reproduced here as Figure 4, is an inked-over pencil diagram showing cliff formation on the north-west coast of St Helena. It is clearly developed from the diagram on p. 38 of the Red Notebook, and via various intermediate states preserved in DAR 39ii was published in the section on cliff formation in GSA: 25-6; (see also Notebooks: 31n38-4).

The remaining manuscripts which deal with the geology of St Helena are a series of pencilled notes written, like the DAR 44 sheet discussed above, on Eyehorn 1837 paper and preserved as DAR 42, ff. 94-7. These too are mainly concerned with the subject of coastal erosion and they may well have been written at the same time as the DAR 44

Fig 4 The verso of an unnumbered folio in DAR 44, dated 15 September 1838, which shows a section through the coastline of St Helena. The diagram appears on p. 25 in GSA. Courtesy of the Syndics of Cambridge University Library.

210 note. The geological notes in DAR 38ii are in places heavily annotated in pencil which may also have been written at the same time as the DAR 44 sheet. There is a light pencil

note in the margin of DAR 38ii, f. 93l to 'Vide' Model'.

There is one other line of evidence to support the dating of the first fifteen pages of the St Helena Model notebook to 15 September 1838 or thereabouts. This is the evidence from Darwin's pocket 'Journal' (see above, p. 207) of his scientific activities at that

September 6th Finished paper on Glen Roy-one of the most difficult & instructive tasks I was ever employed on

Sent 14th Frittered these (foregoing days added) away in working on Transmutation theories & correcting Glen Roy Began craters of Elevation Theory

Burkhardt & Smith (1987, Correspondence 2: 436n24) were not able to locate any manuscript by Darwin dealing with his novel explanation for the form of islands such as St Jago, Mauritius and St Helena. Darwin published his 'Crater of Elevation theory' in a special section appended to the chapter on St Helena in VI: 93-6. Darwin's theory in essence was that certain types of volcanic islands which consisted of an outer ring of mountains, enclosing a more or less level inner plateau, were the result of differential uplift, with the inner area less elevated than the outer ring of mountains. Such islands referred to by previous authors as craters of elevation—would otherwise have been explained as resulting from collapse of the inner area following blister-like elevation, or by postulating that the central part of the island had been destroyed by volcanic explosion

In my opinion, knowing that Darwin began work on the theory on almost the same date that he made his notes on the model of St Helena, we may identify all the Eyehorn 1837-watermarked manuscripts itemized above, and possibly also the annotations to the Beagle notes on St Helena, together with the essay at the start of the St Helena Model notebook, as Darwin's surviving manuscripts on 'Craters of Elevation'.

EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS

In the following transcription of Darwin's 'St Helena Model' notebook the original spelling and punctuation have been retained, together with the horizontal lines Darwin drew across the page to mark off pieces of text. All other markings, such as vertical cancelling lines and marginal scoring have been ignored. Notes to the text are indicated by superscript numbers. All editorial matter is included in square brackets and is italicized. Page stubs have not been transcribed. It should be noted that there are no obvious annotations in this notebook, in the sense of text added much later than the main body of the text. This is in marked contrast to some of Darwin's other notebooks (see Notebooks: 12).

Darwin's deletion » Darwin's insertion bold type written in ink

illeg illegible -/ doubtful reading

Page numbers are given in square brackets. Excised pages are signified by the notation 'e'

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My thanks are due especially to the Royal College of Surgeons, for allowing me to publish the St Helena Model' notebook, and for agreeing most generously to depositing there. It is a pleasure aske to admostly the control of the control of the Here. It is a pleasure aske to admostly give the fully Tercent at Cambridge from Mr Peter Guartey, whose ability to read Darwin's handwriting has aided my task a great each, but who is in no way responsible for the accuracy of the present edition. It am grateful also to Dr Sandra Herbert of the University of Marpland, who has greatly improved my work at several stages and encouraged me to complete the project, and my partner Allison Butt. Finally I thank the Synden of Cambridge University Library of the Control of the Cambridge University Library of the Cambridge University Library of this store.

[FRONT END PAPER1]

[1] An Elevation inter=
=mediate between
Longwood* &
Alarm house*
will give
mean inclination
of stream before
elevation at
Flagstaff*

[2] /-Bluimans-/s probably modern lava.

Horse pasture⁶ island slopes impossible to guess what it is

High Hill⁷. I should think external (a dittle) more elevated then rest of ring.)

/-Vide-/ basalt & V[ide] specimens

[3] Hollow «on coast» near Man
& Horse⁸ I should «certainly»
think end of «?capped with
/-Lava-/ & elevated ?»

The S. [illeg] Is like inside of

/-Evidently-/ great /-remnant-/ near Flat Rocks.⁹
[4] ??/-??/-?/-<a href="exercised-superscript

[4] ?«very doubtful» Whether any old rocks near Flat rocks?

> Asses ears¹⁰ so very near coast

South Barn¹¹
I should think
Basaltic, as well
as Long Range
point¹² × × ×
[5] Cuckolds point¹³

2672 Hally's Mount¹⁴

2400

According to colouring, base of Man & Horse¹⁵ external basaltic

× × × × & I can scarcely doubt great Stone ton 16 «is likewise basaltic»

High Hill¹⁷ most

anomalous

Part of Barn 18 nearest to Flagstaff¹ higher than seaward point from elevation -

The form of South Barn²⁰ would lead to supposition that it dipped to SE by

If we complete the crater /- by-/ Green Hill21 /-to-/ Nest [Lodge written over 'Loge' 122, the longer axis will be parallel to S. Coast

as /-rise-/ of Green [8] Hill is nearly obliterated We need not be surprised at SW part of circle being entirely obliterated

> The /-state-/ of outer /-ring at-/ (/-true-/ SW) point, is quite doubtful... cause of dip of S Barn2 doubtful. -

[9] Excepting from disturbance at the /-?-/ Barn24 axis of Crater parallel to island. -

> New crater placed rather at one end of ring of Rocks

Lot. Lots Wife25 & & Flagstaff26 in line [10]

connection true or false? The tops of basaltic masse stick up above the modern strewn all round a little higher

> The lava of Flagstaff2 did not proceed covers from so low a place as «Consons» Casons Gate²⁸

When I talk of dip from High /-Peak29 have-/ I said SW for NW!!!?? The irregular position of the external /-knobs-/.

/-would certainly-/ appear more probably due to elevation, than «to» crater of subsidence Appears to have

[13] less regularity, than true crater tho' having crateriform dip

Prosperous Bay Flagstaff ought to have dipped due E. Barn³² NE. [14] ought to have dipped

South «Barn» 33 ought to have dipped

From black angular

[15] projecting «mass» at base of Man & Horse ** no doubt external basaltic, but top too smooth I must suspect structure like Flagstaft*o

[16] Dr Lind/–stay–l⁹⁶ Curator

Ask Gould³⁷ about East Indian & Australian Birds, with respect

Eyton³⁹—Waterhouse⁴⁰ think/-s grey-/ with black bars cat differ species from small tortoise= shell cat⁴¹—skeletons Do get shepherds tail

[17e-20e] [21] Sulivan⁴² get head of

to /-islets-/38

ox called "Nata"43

History of cross breeds

Gould drawing of ostrich⁴⁴

D'Orbigny⁴⁵ is giving figure shells from Cordillera⁴⁶

Ear Doctor⁴⁷

Tell Lyell⁴⁸ of Desnoyers Paper⁴⁹

Tell Mr Owen⁵⁰ of Caout chouk⁵¹ to stop bottle

There are some

admirable tables of distribution of reptiles of «S. America» /-bound-/ in Suites de Buffon⁵², of

[23e–24e] [25] /-Wrappers-/ ??

/-Wrappers-/ ?? about sending to Subscribers⁵³ Stewart⁵⁴ about payment

of the 100 guineas for Gould⁵⁵

Curtis⁵⁶ my bill

Dr Smith⁵⁷ sharks teeth Navedad

Chile

/-will examine them

[26] Major Mitchell⁵⁸
Height of Escarpment

of Blue Mountains

«do hybrid dogs foxes» /-Austral-/
dogs. breed,-²⁹,

Depth of rivers near
mouths⁶⁰

Any Fossils /-in the-/ Sandstone⁶¹
/-Pecten Terebratula-/

Name of Mr Brown⁶² leaves⁶³

Do Australian dogs hunt in

packs⁶⁴ /-Watuaya-/

[27] Pay Lonsdale⁶⁶ Geolog Transactions Pseudo-strata.

? May I quote your statement

on banks of rivers.

At Head of /-Grose-/ are there cliffs & confine attention to this one valley ves Do the rivers continue deen a little way above tidal action « cliffs» /-Look out for shells with

bones not always cliffs-/ [28] [two illeg words] Henrietta /-St-/ Bath68 would probably answer letter & give information about tailless breed of cats⁶⁹ (origin?) near Walmesbury breed??

> Wiltshire sheep, with teeth pushing each other out Plants from Henslow²⁰

Sulivan⁷¹ about **English Weeds** Fennel, Sow Thistle

/-Reach-/ [29e-34e] [35] Council of Geolog Soc

for man of Scotland Dunford field /-Church-/ St

/-Last-/ number of Lancet, account

of Owen & Magnetism 72 73 [36] Vol. VII Ed. T p.15774 Sir J Hall states that "a «large» block

of crocks estones 4 or 5 ft in diam, lying within high water mark. & well known as «having» serving to denote the boundary of two estates was

/-during-/ a stormy night in water transported 90 yards. & the person on the /-spot was confused-/

[37e_40e]

[42]

[41] all preserving their NF din

> Miss Martineau p. 21373 Charity everywhere «I doubted it at first» Byron & the Fuegian women Have any

other associated animals charity-cows not wild cattle & [illee] Wouett on Cattle76

Waterhouse, has it77 Ask [Fox78 ink over pencil] to experimentise75 on Froes snawn & to

procure eggs of Land Snail, for me-Owen's Edition of «Hunters's» Animal

Economy⁸⁰

[43e-44e] [45] n.b.

> Pintail & Common Duck to get some half /-breed_/81

Bring Picture for /-M-/

Cross between Black

Grouse Ptarmigan⁸²

Pheasant & Grouse in 83 wild-when species decreasing Black Grouse & subalpina⁸⁵

Anthus S. American species.—furthest south—Anthus going further «South» «North» than S. American species²⁶

[47] Mr Yarrell⁸⁷ 3*6d

for number of Physiology⁸⁸

Mr Yarrell [1765 written over '1780'], has book history of Pidgeon. 89

Treatise on Domestic Pidgeons—very curious, in comparison for time.—Mr Yarrell

has /-recent-/ comparison

[48] Has rock Pidgeon
«pouter's specks on
shoulder, Pouters
have specks**

Have any new varieties of Pidgeons been established?⁹¹

There must be laws of variation chance would never produce feathers or make breed—92 cat without less?93

[49e-58e]

[59] /-modesty [«two illeg words»] & shame-/ Mr Fuller 8 Albany Place — /-11-/ Regent Park — 200£⁹⁴

Albany St. 70£. per annum no 161 — 100£ per annum

Another further up this street 80£ no 27

[60] Clarges St.-

House. Parker Keppel St Agent Furnished

Kemp & Son 37 Judd St. House in Woburn Place—no 20

Pearsall & Jorden

1. Bernard St
Russell Square
House in do

12 Upper Gower⁹⁵
St. Furnished or

at Valuation? Pearsall

[61]

& Jordan: 100 year with stables: 4 years— [Will hear on Tuesday from France written up left margin]

unfurnished. «must be latter»

[62] Mr Stokes⁹⁶ 4 North Place

Gray Inn Lane

Gordon Square 40 Built /-two-/ years

painting «Landlord probably will do no more» rather nice house -[63] offices rather had

look out /-believing-/ moderately good 140 Kemp & Son [37 '3' written over '2'] Judd St with stables

17. Woburn Place to Purchase Furniture rent 110 Lease 7 or

[64] Tayistock Square 97 2 houses fromnear Mr /-Crompton's-/

145£: New House belonging to Cubitt⁹⁸

Regent Square.

[INSIDE BACK COVER] 2/6 Lyell99 Geograph Journal 1839 p. 288

Subsidence at Tyre 100 [Back end paper excised]

[1xe-4xe]

[5x] by seeds or not? & what will it go back to?

Give Miller¹⁰¹ a hint, about specimens

[378 yellow encircled] 102

Von Hoff translated??103

Take the passage & see about my mistake Correction for Lvell in little Book 105

> Lvell Vol. II Poegendorf Annalen about Albite ask /-Lvell-/ to look 106

dilleg)

Farle 107 Tristan D'Acunha 108 Mr Whewell 109 depths at

which sea breaks 110 Cone of Tree from Chile¹¹¹ [7x]

Mr Brown/-e-/

Bomb¹¹² [«cannot find it» + Mark of Tree boxed -Is Australian wood coniferous113 [«yes all I brought» ink over pencil] «nearly all filled with agate /-Red Jasper-/ does not>> +Norfolk Isld

Macquarie Is?? where can I get account?

Australia & S. America at all allied Flora. Wild does on West Coast

See 1/-st-/ Vol of Geograph Journal¹¹⁴

Bog Iron ore infusorial15

Fern cof Australian being found in India.

Ask directions about good lens in Paris,-

[20x] Dr Smith 128

C	nak	LESDAI	CALL	22	I HELENA MODEL NOTEBO
	[8x]	Lvell	flint	in	Potteries ¹¹⁶

Owen tooth in Sir Woodbine's¹¹⁷ possession¹¹⁸

-

[9xe-10xe]

[11x] Vol III p. 30 Lyell¹¹⁹ wrong about P. vulpina Waterhouse

?Type? size for Zoological

Ask Baillière 120

Roget, Bridgewater¹²¹ Treatise

Translation of Muller¹²²

[12x] Ice transport of storm in Frith of Forth

p. 157 VII Vol

«& 8th» Edinburgh Transact¹²³

Have they (4a) Leucopterus from Falkland Isd at Brit Museum for comparison with those from T del Fuego brought by King¹²⁴

[13xe-18xe]
[19x] Ask Dr Smith
thickness of sandstone

at C. of Good Hope¹²⁵

How high is the capping of sandstone on Lions Head

2100ft above sea Corvus do Mar for Henslow¹²⁶

[Whether litters of true hybrids

are heterogenous or homogenous written upside down]¹²⁷ /-Quartz-/ Rock. no formation of ?? with respect to origin of sandstone¹²⁹

Granite large Formation????

Ask Lonsdale¹³⁰ about

«stalagtite layer on» Chalk & look at
[three illeg words]

(with the exception

(with the exception of some quartz Hills on enear the West Coast near the mouth of Orange River) Dr Smith.—¹³¹ [21xe-22xe]

[23x] Tooth of Mastodon¹³² for Merchant

Sonnerat¹³³ has given account of Seychelles
Voyage aux Indes
Orientales 1774
1781
Gould¹³⁴ has seen

/-Cheiroptamus-/133 Exact Locality

Cast
Sir P Egerton¹³⁶

longirostris

[24x]

says that Kaup¹³⁷
considers M. augusti=
dens¹³⁸ as only found
in IndiaEuropean species «come
from» are M.

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Edin Transacts Vol. VI p 165139 considers Somma is fragment of large volcano Sir J

do p. 173140 Has seen clay stiff enough for potters use with /-great-/ crystals of ice /-found-/ in them. & fragments of rock, with angles (stay) sharp, yet with Scharacter completely altered & two illeg words superinduced written up right margin]

Edentate Head, one plate141 [26x] Mastodont one plate

> 4 Plates 2 Plates for little

1 Tessalated covering 6 Scelidotherium 1-Lower jaw 1 Megatherium 1 && [18 boxed] 2"18

[27x] Theory of Volcanos «/-Count-/» Byelandt Palstercamp¹⁴²

> Rat from Australia??143 Owen-fossil -144

Dust146

Shall I give Institute /-d'-/France Mammalia 145 Lvell Volcanic

[29_v]

Do male animals lose assion from breeding in &

[30x]

[28x] /-Macaio-/

Is there any relation between boss of Indian cattle & structure

Bison &c147

Analyse this in

specific ones same eenus -

colour??>>

all cases whether variation /-assumes-/ character allied to

Write to Sulivan148 to

«Have they long ears & what

How many generations was

this effected in case of

enquire about wild

dogs on the Pampas

Bantam & Polish Cochin 150 in Pidgeons how many generations old on an average¹⁵¹

[Vertebra of Indian Cattle ink over pencill¹⁵² Eyton, dissect,-153

Skeletons of Pidecons 1/2 one. 3. oclock 1/4 . 1 . 1/2 past one

Pay Lyell154for Pritchard 155 Chemical Col-nere-

tions Volcanic Dust156____ Remnants of Carpets157 Mat for

Windows cleaned Staircase cover washed

Walls cleaned white curtains washed [31x] Two easy chairs
Blinds in red

Blinds in red Rooms washed

washed [Lyell¹⁵⁸

[Lyell¹⁵⁸

T. Carlyle¹⁵⁹ – Public Library

Flint in Pottery

written upside down]¹⁶⁶
[32x] Common table &

2nd Washing stand

Lyell¹⁶¹–Maclarens¹⁶² has written
on Salisbury Craies

NOTES

Biographical notes are adaptations of those given in the Correspondence.

- There are five lines of illegible very feint words written on the inside front end paper.
 Longwood (elevation 1760') was Napoleon's residence on St Helena; it is located in the east-
- central part of the island (see Cross, 1980).

 3. Alarm House (elevation 1960'?) is approximately 1 mile west of Longwood.
- Alarm House (elevation 1960 ?) is approximately 1 mile west of Longwood.
 Flagstaff Hill (elevation 2275') is on the north-east coast, overlooking Flagstaff Bay.
- 5. Not identified.
 - 6. Horse Pasture is a large sloping area about three miles south-west of Jamestown.
 - 7. High Hill (elevation 2314') is about two miles south of Horse Pasture.
 - Man and Horse is a high cliff area at the south-west corner of St Helena.
 - 9. The Flat Rocks are two of the islets off the southern tip of St Helena.
- The Asses Ears (elevation about 1660°) are two peaks at the the southern tip of the island.
 South Barn is presumably Sandy Bay Barn (elevation 1413') which is in the centre of the
- south coast, on the eastern side of Sandy Bay.

 12. Long Range (elevation 1936') and Long Range Point are on the south-eastern edge of Sandy
- Cuckholds Point (elevation 2672') is in the centre of the island, on the northern rim of Sandy Bay.
- Halley's Mount (elevation 2200') is halfway between Cuckhold's Point and Alarm House. It
 was from this point that Edmund Halley observed the transits of Mercury and Venus in 1676.
- 15. See note 8.16. Great Stone Top (elevation 1620') is near the south-east corner of the island
- 17. See note 7.

 18. The Barn (elevation 2019') is at the north-west tip of the island.
 - 19. See note 4.
 - 20. See note 11.
 - Green Hill (elevation 1650') is about 1 mile south of Cuckhold's Point.

- 220 22. West Lodge (elevation 2200') is about 1 mile east-south-east of High Hill. Darwin both here and in VI refers to it as Nest Lodge
- 23. See note 11.
- 24. See note 18. 25. Lot (elevation 1489') and Lot's Wife (elevation 1516') are peaks in the interior of Sandy Bay.
- 26 See note 4
- 27. See note 4.
- 28. Casons Gate has not been located.
- 29. High Peak (elevation 2616') is about 2 miles east of High Hill. Darwin's question to himself here almost certainly relates to his Bearle notes (DAR 38ii, f. 929).
- 30. Prosperous Bay is on the north-east coast of St Helena.
- 31. See note 4.
- 32. See note 18.
- 33. See note 11.
- 34. See note 8.
- 35 See note 4 36. Not identified.
- 37. Gould, John (1804-81). Self-taught ornithologist and artist. Taxidermist to the Zoological
- Society of London, 1826-81. Described the birds collected on the Beagle expedition (Gould 1838-41). FRS 1834.
- 38. Related matter appears in B249.
- Eyton, Thomas Campbell (1809-80). Shropshire naturalist and collector of bird skins and skeletons. Friend and Cambridge contemporary of Darwin. Waterhouse, George Robert (1810-88). Naturalist, A founder of the Entomological Society.
- 1833. Curator, Zoological Society of London, 1836-43. On staff of the British Museum 1843–80. Described some of Darwin's entomological specimens from the Beagle voyage (see Smith, 1987) as well as the Beagle mammals (Waterhouse, 1838-9).
- 41 'Waterhouse thinks two main divisions of cats. Tortoise shell & erev-banded. ?species?' B250. 42 Sulivan, Bartholomew James (1810-90). Naval officer and hydrographer. Lieutenant in the Beagle, 1831-6. Surveyed the Falkland Islands, 1836-46 (Moore & Scannell, 1986), Admiral
- 1977 Nata cattle are described in Variation 1: 89-91. They may also be the subject of a manuscript
- Darwin sent to George Robert Gray in December 1838 (see Correspondence 2: 136). Almost certainly a reference to Gould's illustration of Darwin's Rhea. Pterocnemia nennata 44
- d'Orbieny, which was published in Gould (1841). 45 D'Orbigny, Alcide Charles Victor Dessalines (1802-57). French palaeontologist who travelled
- widely in South America, 1826-34. Probably a reference to the figures of South American fossils which appeared in the 'Atlas de
- la partie historique' of d'Orbieny (1846). 47. Colp (1977) does not seem to have found any evidence that Darwin had any ear complaint.
- 48. Lvell, Charles (1797-1875). Uniformitarian geologist. Professor of Geology, King's College, London 1831-3 President of the Geological Society, 1834-6 and 1849-50. Scientific mentor and friend of Darwin FRS 1826. I well was in Scotland from late August until mid-November 1838 (Wilson, 1972).

- 49. Possibly Desnovers (1831–2), although Lyell already knew of this paper (Notebooks: 405n35-
- Owen, Richard (1804–92). Comparative anatomist. Assistant conservator at the Hunterian Museum, Royal College of Surgeons, 1827; Hunterian Professor, 1836–56. Superintendent of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, 1856–84. Described the Beagle fossil mammal specimens (Owen, 1838–40). FRS 1834.
- Caoutchouc, or India-rubber, could be used to seal a bottle.
 An almost identical reference occurs on D40 and the 'Suites' are also referred to on D179 and on the inside back cover of C (Noteboxi: 327nm-v.). The D40 note was made between the
- 19th and 22nd of August 1838.

 53. Presumably a reference to subscribers to the Zoology (Freeman, 1977; Correspondence 2).
- 54. Mr Stewart of Stewart and Murray, printers of the Zoology
- 55. See note 37.

(1985).

- Ce. M. Curtis, artist for the Zoology mammalia volume (Waterhouse, 1838–9), no.2 of which appeared in Sentember 1838.
- Smith, Andrew (1797-1872). Army surgeon stationed in South Africa, 1821-37. Principal Medical Officer at Fort Pitt, Chatham, 1837; Deputy Inspector-General, 1845. Director-General, Army Medical Department, 1835-8. FRS 1857. Davin collected shark's teeth at Navedad in 1834 (see GSA), but I can trace no connection between Andrew Smith and South America or shark's teeth.
- 58. Mitchell, Thomas Livingstone (1792-1855). Surveyor-General, New South Wales, 1825-55.
- See C159,189 and D180 on the subject of breeding between native and european dogs.
 See VI: 135 for Mitchell's information on Australian river valleys, published in Mitchell (1838). Darwin records a communication with Mitchell probable valuable to Acut 1838. on
- the same subject (see Notebooks: 113re92-1).

 61. Probably a reference to fossils from Tasmania, judging from the proximity to the following reference (note 62). See Banks (1971) and DAR 40, ff. 45-9.
- Brown, Robert (1773–1858). Botanist. Librarian to Joseph Banks, 1810–58. Keeper of the
- Botanical collections, British Museum, 1827–58. FRS 1811. Mabbertey (1985).

 63. The text on pp.26-7 is drawn over heavily with doodles and sketches of plants. These may be fossil olastic from Tasmania given to Robert Brown for description. See fig. 1, and VP. 140.
- 64. 'Major Mitchell is not aware that Australian dogs ever hunt in company-' C213. Entry made in the early summer of 1838.
- 65. May refer to the woodcuts of volcanic bombs in VI: 36, 38.
- Lonsdale, William (1794–1871). Geologist. Served the Geological Society from 1829 to 1842, first as curator and librarian, and after 1838 as assistant secretary and librarian. Lonsdale was a frequent source of information for Darwin.
- 67. This question may be directed at Major Mitchell. See note 60.
- Henrietta Street is near the centre of Bath.
 'There is a breed of tailless cats, near Bath. Lonsdale' C175. William Lonsdale (see note 66) provided Darwin with other examples of varieties of domesticated animals (Notebooks: 293-4).
- Henslow, John Stevens (1796–1861). Clergyman, botanist, and mineralogist, Cambridge University, 1822–7; Professor of Botany, 1825–61. Darswin's teacher and friend. The background to Henslow's involvement with claims. Collected by Darswin is viewn in Porter

71. See note 42.

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- 72. The last two lines are written horizontally as was the previous page of text, judging from words on the stub of 34e. The other lines on p.35 were written vertically in the remaining blank space.
- See note 50. The reference has not been traced, although there was correspondence on 'animal magnetism' in The Lancet at this time (e. e. issue of Sentember 22. n. 34).
- 74. Hall (1815) is also referred to in A36. See also note 123.
- 75. 'Miss Martineau (How to Observe p. 213) says charity is found everywhere (is it not present with all associated animals?) I doubted it in Fuegians, fill I remembered Bynnes story of the women.- 'Mt42. This entry was made between 13 and 15 September 1838. Note that the name in the 5t Helena Model notebook is clearly Byron. The reference is to Martineau (1838). See also Correspondinger: 1: 520.
- 76. Youatt (1834).
- 77. See note 40. 'Wowett on Cattle- (Waterhouse has it)' Cmc.
- Fox, William Darwin (1805-80). Darwin's second cousin. A close friend at Cambridge who shared Darwin's enthusiasm for entomology.
- 'Experimentise on land shells in salt water & lizards do.-' B248.
- 80. Hunter (1837), listed on C270. See note 50.
- Hybrid pintail and common ducks are referred to on D25,26,33,89,IBC. See also Natural Selection: 433n1, and Variation 2: 45.
- 82. Crossing between black grouse and ptarmigan is referred to on D72, dated 8 September 1838 and on D105-6, datable to 13 September 1838. The subject is dealt with in some detail in Natural Selection: 434-6, and Dawwin's interest in it seems likely to have originated during his fieldwork at Glein Rov in late June 1838. See Notebooks: 455-634-1.
- 83. Grouse-pheasant hybrids are mentioned on B189,D33,105-6 and E106. See note 82.
- 84. The capercailzie is mentioned on D73 and 105.
- 85. See note 82

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- Probably a reference to Anthus corrender Viellot, mentioned in Gould (1839: 85) as having 'probably a further range southward than any other land-bird in the southern hemisphere.'
- Yarrell, William (1784–1856). Zoologist. Engaged in business as newspaper agent and bookseller in London. Wrote standard works on British birds and fishes.
- booksetter in London. Wrote standard works on British birds and issnes.

 88. Possibly Hunter (1786) or (1792), listed on C267.

 89. Moore (1765). An almost identical entry occurs on D100. See Notebooks: 362n100-1. This
- cross-reference almost certainly dates to 13 September 1838.
- 90. This is discussed on D100-1. See Notebooks: 362n100-2, and note 89.
- 'as in pidgeons no new races.-' D104.
 I agree with the reading of this page given in Notebooks: 362n100-2, although the phrase may
- be produce feathers and make bones'. Very similar wording occurs on D112.

 93. 'Yarrell told me of a cat & a dog, born without front legs-' D108. 'if armless cat can
- propaget D112. These pages are datable to between 14 and 16 September 1830
- Darwin started househunting on or about 25 November 1838 (See Correspondence 2: 120).
 Freeman (1982) gives an excellent account of the events leading up to the establishment of the newhoused Darwin beaueshold at 12 1 linese (Source Street (Nature) (In January).
 - This may be Charles Stokes (1783–1853). See Wilson (1972, chapter 10).

- CHARLES DARWIN'S ST HELENA MODEL NOTEBOOK A prospective house in Tavistock Square is mentioned in a letter from Darwin to Emma
- Wedgwood dated 27 November 1838 (Correspondence 2: 129). QQ Thomas Cubitt (1788-1855) is mentioned as the developer of Tavistock Square in Freeman
- (1982)99. '2/6' is written in the top left hand corner. It is presumably the price of the notebook (two
- shillings and six pence) 100. This reference of 1839 is the latest date in the notebook. The reference is to De Berthou (1839). The only other reference to the 1839 volume of the Journal of the Royal Geographical Society of London in Darwin's handwriting of which I am aware is the
- annotation on the letter from J. G. Malcolmson of 7 October 1839 (Correspondence 2: 225). 101. Miller, William Hallowes (1801-80). Mineralogist and crystallographer. Professor of
- Mineralogy Cambridge University 1832-80 FRS 1838 102. Geological specimen 3378, from Tahiti. There is a note in Darwin's specimen catalogue (on deposit at CUL) to 'V. app[endix] p. 19', which is a reference to DAR 39.1,f.88. The specimen is mentioned in a note from 1 S. Henslow dated 5 November 1837-March 1838
- (Correspondence 2: 55n2), in Darwin's letter to Henslow of 26 March 1838 (Correspondence 2: 79n4), and in Darwin's letter to W. H. Miller of 16 October-27 November 1842 (Carrespondence 2: 339n2). Presumably Hoff (1822-24).
- 103. 104
- See note 66. One explanation of this entry is that Darwin was entertaining the possibility of William Lonsdale describing at least some of his invertebrate fossils from South America. In the event Lonsdale described Darwin's fossils from Tasmania (Lonsdale 1844) while George Brettingham Sowerby (1788-1854) and Fdward Forbes (1815-54) described Darwin's Cenozoic and Mesozoic fossils respectively (Sowerby 1846, Forbes 1846). Darwin enquired concerning Sowerby's credentials for the task in a letter to J. S. Henslow of October 1836 (Correspondence 1: 512n4). Sowerby also described Darwin's shells from the Cape Verdes and from St Helena and Tasmania (Sowerby 1844).
- Possibly a reference to Lyell (1840). Darwin was reading this work in manuscript in 105 September 1838 (see Correspondence 2: 107n8). 106. Lvell (1837,2: 175) 'According to Von Buch, the American volcanic rocks contain generally
- less albite instead of common felspar as a principal instedient (Possendorf's Annalen 1836 p. 190).
- 107. Earle, Augustus (1793-1838). Artist and traveller, Artist in the Beaule, 1831-2. Hackforth-Iones (1980)
- Augustus Farle spent nine months on Tristan da Cunha in 1824 (see note 107). Darwin may 108 have been interested in the action of waves on the island (see note 110).
- 109 Whewell, William (1794-1866). Mathematician and historian and philosopher of science, Dutor at Trinity College Cambridge 1823-38: Master 1841-66 Professor of Mineralogy Cambridge University, 1828-32, FRS 1820.
- 110. In a letter to Robert Mallet (1810-81) of 26 August 1846 Darwin says he consulted William Whowall (see note 100) on the subject of waves while preparing IR See Correspondence 3: 335. In A59 the subject of breaking waves is mentioned with respect to Tristan da Cunha
- (see note 108). 111 See note 62
- 112 See note 65
- 113 There is a general connection between these entries and those on B187 and C238-9
- 114. The wild dogs of King George's Sound are discussed by Nind (1832: 29).
- 115. See Ehrenberg (1837), mentioned on A93 (Notebooks: 114n93-1).

116. See notes 140 and 160.

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- 117. Parish, Woodbine (1796-1882), Diplomat, Chargé d'affaires in Buenos Aires, 1825-32, FRS 1824
- 118. Possibly a reference to the 'single detached tooth' of a Megatherium, mentioned as having been in Parish's collection by Owen (1840: 102).
- 119. 'Thus the Phalangista vulpina inhabits both Sumatra and New Holland' Lyell (1837, 3: 30) Lyell took his reference from Temminck (1827: 16, 19). Waterhouse told Darwin that he did not believe Temminck's statement to be true, in a letter sent to 12 Upper Gower Street (and therefore dating from the last few days of 1838 at the earliest; see Correspondence 2: 154). There is a very similar entry in B249e (Notebooks: 232-3).
- 120. Baillière, Hippolyte (d.1867), Bookseller and publisher in London who specialised in French medical and scientific texts.
- 121 Roget (1834).
- Müller (1838-42).
- 123. Hall (1815: 157). This entry cross-refers to p. 36 (see note 74). It is not clear why Darwin has added a reference to the eighth volume of the Transactions of the Royal Society of
- Edinburgh. 124. See King (1828: 423-6).
- 125. See note 57. The sandstone, which is 2000 feet thick, is described in VI: 150-152.
- See note 70. A mistake for Cocos do mer, mentioned on E164 in relation to discussions with 126. Henslow on 27 May 1839.
- 'Are the hybrids of those species, which cross & are fertile heterogenous' Done, See Notebooks: 345n43-1.
 - See note 56.
- 128. These two entries relate to information given by Smith on the geology of South Africa (see 129. notes 125 and 131).
- 130 See note 66.
- 131 This is presumably Smith's reply to Darwin's enquiry at the top of the page.
- Darwin found Mastodon teeth at Gorodona (GSA: 87-8; Owen, 1840: 108). See notes 137-8.
- 133. Sonnerat (1782).
- 134 See note 37.
- Cherontamus Cuvier is an Eocene mammal related to pies (Buckland, 1836 1: 80). 135.
- 136. Egerton, Philip de Malpas Grev (1806-81), Of Oulton Park, Cheshire, Tory MP for South Cheshire, 1835-68, FRS 1831. Feerton was a vertebrate palaeontologist specializing in fossil fish and footprints.
- 137. Kaup (1832-5).
- 138 Mastodon augustidens Cuvier is referred to on C46 and E32, the latter reference dated 26 October 1838. See note 132.
- 139. Hall (1812). 140. Hall (1812). An almost verbatim reference to the same observation occurs on A111, datable
- to before 11 August 1838. This may cross-refer to the subject touched on in notes 116 and 160
- 141. This is a list of the plates thought necessary to illustrate the fossil mammalia of the Beagle (Owen, 1838-40). The following are the most probable identifications of the plates listed:

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'Edentate Head'

'Mastodont'
'Tessalated covering'
'Scelidotherium'
'Lower jaw'
'Megatherium'

Glossotherium in Owen (1839: pl. 16) not illustrated

Hoplophorus Owen (1840: pl. 32, figs. 4–5) Scelidotherium Owen (1839–40: pls. 20–8) Megalonyx in Owen (1840: pl. 29) Megatherium Owen (1840: pl. 30)

142. Not identified.

 Probably refers to a supposed fossil rat listed by Clift (1831), mentioned on C131 (see Notebooks: 278n131-1). See note 144.

144. See note 50. Possibly Darwin was seeking Owen's opinion as to whether the rat (see note 143) was correctly identified.

145. Darwin seems to be asking if he should donate a copy of Waterhouse (1838-9) to the Institute de France.

 See notes 48 and 156. Lyell gave Darwin a letter written to him in March 1838 which reported volcanic dust falling on a ship at sea (Correspondence 2: 77–8).

A very similar passage occurs on D65, dated 7 September 1838. See also note 152.
 See note 42. There are several entries concerning wild dogs of the world in the Notebooks

 (e.g. D7-8).
 Breeding in. & in Infertility & loss of passion ?? in Male?' occurs in draft 'Questions for Mr Wynne'. datable to February-July 1838 (Correspondence 2: 71).

150. Closely related discussion occurs on D163, dated 25 September 1838

151. '(... & not effect of breeding in & in like our pidgeons)' D88.

152. See note 147.

153. See notes 39 and 151.

154 See note 48

155. Prichard (1836).

156. See note 146.

157. See note 94.

158. See note 48.

 Carlyle, Thomas (1795–1881). Essayist and historian. Darwin met Carlyle for the first time in November 1838 (Correspondence 2:128).

160. See notes 116 and 140.

 See note 48. Lyell mentioned Salisbury Craigs in his letter to Darwin dated 6 and 8 September 1838 (Correspondence 2:99).
 Maclaren, Charles (1782–1866). Established The Scotsman, 1817; editor, 1820–45. Wrote on

 Maclaren, Charles (1782–1866). Established The Scotsman, 1817; editor, 1820–45. Wrote or geological subjects. Presumably Darwin knew of Maclaren (1839).

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