1881 British Guiana Local Events

Month	Day	Local Event
January	3	Mr. R.P. DRYSDALE elected Mayor of Georgetown
· · - · ·	6	Death of Mr. Wm. GRAY, Manager of Pln. Schoon Ord
	7	Sir George CHAMBERS arrived from Barbados
	7	Mr. SPROSTON's new river steamer <i>Charlestown</i> arrived from London via Madeira
	8	St Thomas declared an infected port under the Quarantine Ordinance
	24	Earl and Countess Brownlow and party arrived from England
	27	Pln. Waterloo, Leguan, bought by Saml. BARBER & Co for \$42,800
	29	Fire at Sam Woo & Co.'s store, Werk-en-Rust
	30	A woman named Catherine MACEY drowned in Kingston
	30	Chinese New Year Festival celebrated in the city
	31	The engine nof a passenger train got off the rails at Buxton
February	1	Contract steamer commenced running up Berbice river
,	2	Contract steamer commenced running up Demerara river
	3	Mr. E.H.G. DALTON, Registrar, and Mr. W.S. TURNER, Chief commissary, returned to the colony
	6	Death of Mr. AGARD, of the "Palma", Essequebo
	7	French Operatic performances in the Philharmonic Hall commenced
	7	Meeting of Proprietors of Estates in Canal No. 1; decided to place iron bridge and lock at entrance
	'	to canal
	11	H.M.S. <i>Teneles</i> arrived from Trinidad
	16	H.M.S. Teneles sailed for Grenada
	18	Ship Bengollynn arrived from Calcutta with 431 coolies
	21	Anniversary celebration of Portuguese Benevolent Society
	23	Death announced of Mr. W.D. SCOTT, planter
	26	It was resolved at a meeting of merchants that on and ofter 30th June, all sugar or other produce be
		sold by English weight
	28	John JACKSON, a black man, crushed by a train and died
	28	Mr. E.S. GREAVES, acting First Clerk in the Police Dept., interdicted by the Governor from the
		further discharge of his functions
March	1	Mr. W.E. LEWIS, Barrister-at-Law, sworn and admitted to practice in the Courts of this colony
	7	Mr. TAYLOR, Sub-Immigration Agent, died in Essequebo
	9	Cable Repairing steamer Duchess of Marlborough, arrived
	11	Potaro Mission Bazaar opened in the Assembly Room by the Governor
	12	Rowing Matches on the Demerara River
	17	Entertainment by Mr. Leslie Main in the Philharmonic Hall
	24	Major-General GAMBLE, from Barbados, and Chief Justice HANCOCK, from Antigus, arrived
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	28	French Mail Steamer arrived from Trinidad - Captain QUINTEN died on the passage
	28	W.B. ELLIOTT, late Commissary of Taxation, referred for trial in Essequebo on a charge of
		embezzlement of public funds
	30	Mr. George LITTLE, Jr., elected Town Councillor for North Cumingsburg West Ward
April	3	Taking of Decennial Census
	4	First performance of Mr. McDOWELL's Dramatic Company
	5	Death of Rev. J. CORRY, Congregational Minister
	16	Resolution of merchants with regard to weighing of sugar
		Fatal distol accident in New Amsterdam
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	30	Steamship Cipero from Trinidad placed in quarantine
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May	3	Mr. Andrew HUNTER of Pln. Bath elected Financial Representative for the county of Berbice
	7	Court Martial opened at Eve Leary Barracks
	7	Death from yellow fever in Georgetown - Trinidad and Barbados officially declarled infected places
	14	The International, cable surveying ship, arrived from New Orleans
	17	Athletic Sports in Essequebo
	17	Pln. Adelphi bought by Mr. Quintin HOGG for \$51,000
	17	Organ recital in Christ Church
	18	Mr. Henry WATSON, Administrator General, suspended
	21	Death from hydrophobia in Berbice
	22	Ship Poonah arrived from Calcutta with coolies
	27	Queen's Birthday celebrated: Levee at Government House. Ball in the Assembly Rooms
	28	Steamship Blenheim sailed for Madeira with passengers
	29	Barque Berar arrived from Calcutta via Mauritius with coolies
	30	Court Martial: Judgment adverse to Major ALLINSON
	31	Death of the Hon. J.G. DALY, Immigration Agent General
June	1	Mr. G.A. FORSHAW elected Town Councillor for North Cumingsburg East Ward
	2	Fatal accident on the Tramway
	6	Public Holiday
	16	Dr. M.F. WARD died
	17	Collie wife murder on Pln. Houston
	17	Fire in Lacytown
	20	Shock of eathquake felt throughout the colony
	23	Coolie wife murder on Pln. Vive-la-Force
	24	Charge against the doctor of R.M.S. Solent, under Quarantine Ordinance, dismissed
	25	Presentation to Sergt. BIRCH on his retirement from the Police Force
	27	Mr. T.W. PHILLIPS, Barrister-at-Law, admitted to practise in this colony
	28	BOOKHURST, Engineer of steamer Lady Longden, drowned on Berbice River
	29	Mr. Edwin McLEOD elected Town Councillor for Robb's Town
	30	Mr. Nat McKAY left for the United States
July	2	Death of the Rev. C.S. CAMPBELL, Curate of St. George's of yellow fever
	4	News received of the death of Mr. Henry WATSON in London
	6	Fatal shooting accident on Pln. Windsor Forest
	7	Troopship Orontes arrived from Barbados
	8	Orontes salied without communicating with the port
	12	Concert in Atheneum Rooms
	13	Hon. G.R. SANDBACH sailed for England in steamship Cipero
	13	A comet appeared in the north
	16	Mr. John Cleare DEVONISH died at Aurora, Essequebo
	17	Coolie murder at Pln. Adelphi
	18	Meeting Board of Health: Six cases of yellow fever reported to have occurred - five deaths
	19	Serious accident to Mr. M.G. Pequeno
	19	Baptista Brothers (merchants) adjudged insolvents
	20	New steamer Sproston Wood arrived from London
	21	Mr. S. WREFORD, merchant, died in New Amsterdam
	23	Surinam gold mining shares offered
	25	R.M. Steamer <i>Elder</i> sailed without passengers and without communicating with the shore
	26	Edward DRAYTON found guilty of murder and sentenced

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Death of Mr. Peter CHAPMAN of yellow fever

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July	27	Steamship Blenheim sailed for London with 24 passengers
,	27	Barque Lightning arrived from Calcutta with collies
	30	Seven deaths from yellow fever and seven from other fevers recorded in the city in July
August	1	Essequebo Races
	12	Mr. BARCLAY, Magistrate Demerara River, robbed of about \$600
	13	Mr. C. COX, wharfinger Colonial Bonded Warehouse, interdicted
	15	Town Council: Report on failure oef new river wall at Stabroek Market
	16	Amateur Theatrical entertainment
	19	Execution of a coolie in Georgetown Jail
	22	Changes announced in the ministry of the Wesleyan Church of this colony
	24 29	Double execution in Georgetown Jail Death of Mr. ARTHUR, Assistant Secretary Hand-in-Hand Insurance Company
September	1	Death of Mr. T.S. HALLIDAY, First Clerk Administrator General's Office
	3	Royal Mail Steamer Solent arrived
	5	Death of Mr. Charles Hyndman JONES, Barrister-at-Law
	6	Mr. BOILEAN appointed Sub-Immigration Agent
	7	Death of Mr. George FOSTER-FOSTER, Private Secretary to Governor Kortright
	10	Number of deaths recorded in the city for the month of August: 206; 12 from yellow fever and 12
		from other fevers
	19	Death of Mr. STUBBS, second master of Queen's College
	19	Death of Mr. Alexander THOMPSON, 2nd Lieut., British Guiana Volunteers
	19	Meeting of Villagers at Victoria, East Coast
	26	Death of Mr. Blair DOUGLAS, engineer
	29	Meeting of creditors ofs Messrs. TROTTER and HALLIDAY.
	29	Rev. W.E. PIERCE, wife, three children, and servant drowned on the Essequebo
October	1	Mr. N.D. DAVIS assumed his duties as Comptroller of Customs
	3	Messrs. TROTTER and HALLIDAY, Auctioneers, adjudged insolvents
	6	Sudden death of Dr. W. WATKINS
	8	Death of Mr. James McDOUGALL of the Civil Engineer's Department
	10	Death of Mr. William Allan of the Civil Engineer's Department
	10	Twenty-four deaths from yellow fever recorded as having occurred in Georgetown in September
	12	Berar sailed for Calcutta with 467 return coolies
	12	Governor Kortright and family left town for Penal Settlement
	13	Death of Mr. John POLLOCK, Assistant Master of Training Institution for Teaches
	13	Death of Mr. John HALCRO, manager of Playfair & Co.'s business
	13	Mr. John MESS, native of Aberdeen, found dead in Hadfield Street
	15 16	Death of Mr. H.B. Hassall
	16 16	Death of Mr. Lucis TENGELY
	16	Death of Mr. Eugene POUSSARD, in New Amsterdam
	18	News of death of Mr. Josias BOOKER in England, received by cable
	29 30	W.H. GORING discovers a mountain and calls it Mount Russell Slight shock of earthquake felt in Essequebo
<u> </u>	30	
November	1	Vaccination Ordinance came into force
	1 1	The new Stabroek market opened Two overseers on Pln. Tuschen-de-Vrienden, died of yellow fever
	2	The Governor and Mrs. Kortright returned form Massaruni
	3	A black woman sentenced to death for murder
	3 4	Sir David CHALMERS, Chief Justice, returned from England
	5	Mr. A.J. PITMAN elected member of College of Electors for Essequebo
	7	Five persons killed at Pln. <i>Montrose</i> by the bursting of the moutejus
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November	8	Steamship Cygnet, first of a new line of steamers between France, Brazil and intermediate ports
		arrived from Trinidad
	9	Death of Miss HILL, daughter of the Acting Sheriff of Essequebo, from yellow fever
	9	Thirty-seven deaths from yellow fever recorded in Georgetown, for October
	9	Georgetown Races
	9	Dr. WIDDUP appointed Supernumerary Medical Officer
	10	Georgetown Races
	13 18	House destroyed by fire in King Street Meeting of Villagers at Strick-en-Henvel: Discussion published
	19	Ship <i>Pleasey</i> arrived from Calcutta with coolies
	19	Bail Court: Report on insolvency of J. VIRTUE
	20	Death of Mr. MALCOLM, manager of Pln. Vryheld's Lust, from yellow fever
	22	Mud lot 10, Kingston, bought by Government for \$10,000
	24	Death of Mr. P.A.J. GRANT, at Susanna, Correntyne Coast
	25	Mr. John LESSWARE died of heart disease at the Commerical Hotel
	26	Dinner to Mr. Justice SEMPER in New Amsterdam
	27	Miss Adams died in Georgetown of yellow fever
	27	Mr. John OUTRIDGE, woodcutter, died at Moraballie, at the age of 64 years
	29	Pln. Good Success, Wakenaam, bought by Mr. William Craigen for \$4,550
	30	Mr. F.D. KING died on Pln. Cornelia Ida of yellow fever
	30	Mr. Horatio REED appointed Acting Magistrate and Sheriff of Essequebo
	30	Fifteen deaths from yellow fever registered in Georgetown in November
December	1	Mr. John BRUMELL, Sheriff of Demerara, died at the age of 66 years
	1	Sentence of death on Ann BUTCHER commuted to penal servitude for life
	3	Ship Poonah sailed for Calcutta with 511 returning immigrants
	6	Departure of Mr. Justice SEMPER for England
	6	Inaugural meeting British Guiana Medical Society
	9	Death of Mr. Alex. MONRO of Pln. Vryheid's Lust, of yellow fever
	9	Ship Ida Lily, from Philadelphia to Manzanillo, put in, in distress
	10	Commissary LANG's house at Now or Never destroyed by fire
	12	Death of Mr. E.D. MURDOCH and Mr. S.H.M. SPONAGLE, of yellow fever
	12 13	Governor Kortright reported to be stricken with paralysis Death of Mr. Thomas BLAIR, Manager of Gas Works
	13	Roman Catholic Bazzar in the Assembly Rooms opened by Lieutenant Governor YOUNG
	13	Lieutenant Governor YOUNG assumed administratino of the Government
	14	Dr. J.P. WATT appointed to act as Chairman of Board of Health
	15	Death of Mr. W.S. CATHER, of Plantation <i>Schoon Ord</i> , of yellow fever
	18	Barque <i>Ellors</i> arrived from Calcutta with 497 coolies
	21	Fire at Pln. Houston; rum store, sugar store and pan loft, completely destroyed
	26	Departure of Governor Kortright and family for England
	26	Public Holiday
	28	Mr. B.S. BAYLEY elected Town Councillor for Stabroek
	29	Extraordinary fall of rain throught the Colony
	30	Telegraph repairing steamer arrived from Trinidad
	30	A child crushed on the Demerara Railway