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# ***Interactive comment on “The “Dirty Weather” diaries of Reverend Richard Davis: insights about early Colonial-era meteorology and climate variability for Northern New Zealand, 1839–1851”*** **by A. M. Lorrey and P. R. Chappell**

## **Anonymous Referee #1**

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Page 3802: ACRE is not restricted to synoptic pressure readings (for 20CR) but is focusing on the recovery of all (generally instrumental) observations of meteorological parametrs)

Page 3806: it is not clear to me why the Davis pressure measurements were not corrected for temperature (temperature readings are available), altitude (location barometer is known)

Page 3806 and further: Comparative information is obtained from VCSN (Tait et al., 2006). The authors present very few information on the use of VCSN for this paper. At

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the other hand, the information on the biography on Reverend Richard Davis is a bit too abundant. In this sense the paper deserves a bit more balance.

Page 3815: Comparative information on rainfall is - due to the high intrinsic variability in place and time - difficult to apply. It strikes me that VCSN is not mentioned as, according to the title of Tait's paper, it offers an interpolation of (daily) rainfall for NZ.

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