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DIARY OF JOHN HURSTHOUSE
1841-43

A RECORD OF THE LAST MONTHS IN ENGLAND,
OF THE VOYAGE TO NEW ZEALAND AND
OF THE FIRST MONTHS IN NEW ZEALAND

FOREWORD

The original manuscript of the Diary of John Hursthouse (1811-1860) covering the period September 1841 to August 1843 was presented to the Alexander Turnbull Library by Ernest W. Hursthouse, grandson of the writer.

As there were so many, mostly small, discrepancies between the typed copy given to us by the Turnbull Library and the original MSS., we, Peggy Griffiths and Jinny Atkinson, both great-granddaughters of the diarist, undertook the work of checking the copy against the original in John Hursthouse's now very faded handwriting and then re-typing it at home as nearly accurately as we could, including spelling and punctuation. It was finally professionally typed by Debbie Lattey and paragraphed to make it easier to read.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Helen Hursthouse (nee Wilson) born 1803, from Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham. Previously governess to John's sisters Sarah (1809) and Hannah (1813).

John Hursthouse was born 1811, 2nd child of Charles Hursthouse (1781) and Mary Jecks at Tydd St Mary, Lincoln.

John & Helen married in 1837 and came to New Zealand in the Thomas Sparks which left England in August 1842. (Edward & Elizabeth Fearon were also on the ship. Later, Richmond Hursthouse was to marry Mary, daughter of Edward & Elizabeth.)

Helen & John Hursthouse's Children

Helen Maria	(1838)	m. A.C.P. Macdonald
Mary Blanche	(1839)	m. H.R. Richmond
Charles Wilson	(1841)	m. Ellen Humphries
Kate Emma	(1843)	died of fever 1863 (unmarried)
Richmond	(1845)	m. Mary Fearon
Flinders	(1848)	unmarried

John died in 1860. Helen died in 1895 in Nelson, aged 92 and quite blind.

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JOHN HURSTHOUSE



HELEN HURSTHOUSE



The Original Cottage
in New Plymouth

by J.C Richmond, 1851

DIARY OF JOHN HURSTHOUSE

September-October 1841

Mardi, 28e Sepr. 1841. Mon frere Chas. est arrivé chez moi par le Batteau de Vapeur de Yarmouth. Il est venu à Norwich pour prendre des renseignements sur l'architecture et sur la charpenterie chez M. Darkin.

Mercredi 29e. Sepr. Acheté de M. Howlett une flute neuve a huit clefs, (touches) pour £3.3.0. Il m'a donné douze shillings pour ma vieille flute usée en échange.

Jeudi 30e Sepr. J'ai bien diné avec mon frère; on nous a servis la couple de perdrix que m'a donné M.C. Jecks.

Vendredi le 1^o Octr. Je me suis arrangé avec Mons. Davey de louer son écurie à raison d'un 1/- par semaine, il me permettra de dépenser 7/- du loger en faisant des reparations aux pallisades de ma arrière cour. Payé M. Davey cinq livres pour mon loyer. Fait un échange avec M. Pigg, Rue de Londres, des ouvrages ci dessous mentionnés pour des ouvrages musicales.

La Géographie Brittanique	Les vérités de la Religion Chretiene
Les Poemes de Cowper	Les Recherches Chretiennes
L'Histoire de L'Amerique	Un tableau satirique de Londre
L'Oracle de l'Écurie	L'art de la Pêche

Enfin je me suis laissé accablé a la plus grande tristesse je viens de recevoir les nouvelles que ma charmante et gracieuse jeune femme, le bonheur de ma vie, a blessé un de ses beaux yeux bleus, que Dieu la protège! et la rende bientôt saine, sauve et heureuses à mes bras. Il me tarde bien de la revoir, à part de cette fleur chérie la vie me perd ses charmes, le ciel sa beauté et tout m'est triste et morne.

Samedi 2. Diné avec mon frère chez un Restaurateur pour un 1/- chaque, nous y étions bien amusés des extravagances bouffones d'un Boucher estropie, un vrai grivois un fort bon enfant.

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Dimanche 3e Octre. Nous dine chez M.C. J.

Lundi 4e. Le tems est tres pluvieux.

Mardi 5e. J'ai recu un lettre de mon tres bon cousin T. Coote de presser mon frere et moi meme a lui faire une visite.

Mercredi 6e. J'attandre le retour de ma chere feme des mortelles la plus heureuse car je vois encore une fois la lumiere de ma vie. Elle s'arrive chez moi par L'Empereur, batteau de Vapeur de Yarmouth.

Vendredi 8. Ma chere femme a loue Marie Capelle une jeune fille a raison de cinque livres sterlings par an. Elle a vit jusqu'á present chez M. Nannant l'épicier.

Samedi 9e. Le froment rouge se vend a raison de 64/- pr.qr. dans le marche de ble a Norwich.

Dimanche 10e. Nous avons ete a la chappelle ou nous avons entendu M. Crompton. Mon frere M. Bowles et mois meme, nous avons faits une promenade sur les digues du riviere pour voir quelque batimens neufs sur le chemin St Stephen Lundi 11e. La taxe pour l'entretien des pauvres pendant le dernier quartier est 5/3 sur le livre de notre rencessement.

Mardi 12. Monsieur Isbills a epousé Mademoiselle Lound.

Mercredi 13. Ils ont elu M.C. Jecks pour un échevin de Norwich.

Jeudi 14. Une jeune et jolie demoiselle entre dans la Bibliotheque Publique, elle courtit au bibliothecaire et s'ecrie tout a coup - Eh bien M.L. quand pouverai d'obtenir Un Amant et un Mari? Un Amant et un Mari est le titre d'une nouveau nouvelle.

Vendredi 15e. Les pommes se vend ici a un prix bas, c'est-a-dire de 2/6 @ 5/- pr. sachée.

Samedi 16e. La Pluie, il pleuvoit tous le jours.

Dimanche 17. Nous avons été a la chapelle ou nous avons etendu M. Crompton. Ma femme plus jolie, mon frere et moi meme

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nous avons faits une promenade sur les digues du riviere -
et dans le cimetièrre, - Le Rosaire.

Lundi 18e. Le fils de notre voisin Mr. W. Stark est affligée
d'une maladie tres sévère, Il a perdu le vue d'un de ses yeux.

Mardi 19e. Monsieur Van Amburgh, l'apprivoiseur celebre des
animau féroces est arrivé dans Norwich.

Mercredi 20e. J'ecrit au l'Office d'Insurance L'Australasien
116 Rue de Bishopgate Londres, a l'égard de faisant l'insurance
sur ma vie pour 1000 livres.

Novr. 3,4 & 5. Went Cromer journey with W.J.W.

Nov. 14. Madame Le Clair & Mr Drummond dined chez nous.

Novr 12th. Wm. Stark died, much lamented.

Novr 16, 17, 18 & 19. Went Thetford Journey with W.J. Jnr.

Novr. 19th. W.S. was interred at the Rosary, M. Crompton
performed the Service.

S.21. Mrs.and Mr. G. Curtis dined with us, went Catholic Chapel,
St. Jnos in the evening heard Revd Abbott.

M.22. Took tea at Thorpe, where we met Fanny Jecks, as well
as ever.

T.23

W.24

T.25. Made a proposal to the Economic Assurance Office to assure
my life for 6 mos for \$999 gave C. Jecks and Revd. T. Drummond
as referrees, Premium

7.0 0	
2.0 0	Stamp
1.0 0	Medical
<u>10.0 0</u>	

F.26. Altered the proposal to 800 for whole life ascending scale
1st five years.

Novr. 27. I suffered much last night from a violent attack of
sickness and purging supposed to have been caused by eating the

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skins of some baked potatoes, was too much weakened by it to attend the office and in shaving myself cut a long gash in my face which laid me up for the whole of the day, took as medicin in the morning 3 Rhubarb Pills and afterwards a Seidlitz powder.

Nov. 28th. Better, went to chapel in the morning.

Monday 29th. Weather changeable but mild for the season.

Tuesday 30. Wrote to T. Coote, expressing my intention of seeing him next week.

Decr. 1. Seidlitz Powders, 3 ozs. Rochelle salts ^d 1.0,
1 Tartaric Acid)
1 car. soda,) 4d, make 1 doz.

Thursday 2. Recd. a letter from Dr. S., dated August 15, all well. Do. from T.C.

Friday 3. The waters are again tremendously high, my father sends me extracts from a letter from Dr S. dated 18th Sepr; at the confluence of the Chadda and Niger fever had taken off 8 whites and 60 were on the sick list, the Soudan was ordered with the Invalids to Fernando Po.

Decr. 4. I read in an American paper "aluding to the Western country. "Well old Yankee I'll just tell you all about it. If a farmer in our country plants his ground with corn, and takes first rate care of it, he'll get 100 Bushels to the acre; if he takes midlin care on it he'll get 75, and if he dont plant it at all he'll get 50. The Beets grow so large that it takes three yoke of Oxen to pull a full sized one, and then it leaves a hole so large that I once knew a family of 5 children who all tumbled in a Beet hole once before it got filled up, and the earth caved in upon them and they all perished. The trees grow so large that I once knew a man who commenced cutting one down and when he had cut away one side for about 10 days he thought he would just take a look round the tree, and when he got round the other side he found a man there who had been cutting at it for 3 weeks and they never heard the sound of each others axes. I have heard tell tho' I somewhat doubt that story that the Ohio parsnips have sometimes grown clean through

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the earth and have been pulled thro by people on the other side.

We never use clocks we keep time altogether by Pumpkin vines, you know they grow 5 feet an hour, which is just one inch a minute.

Sunday. Decr. 5th. Went to Chapel heard M. Crompton.

Monday 6th. Started by the Telegraph at 7 p.m. from Rampant horse to Cambridge to see friend Coote at Fenstanton, fare 15/- distance 65 miles arrived there all right after a very wet journey at 4 P.M.

Tuesday 7. Shooting - killed couple of snipe, Hammond & Mann spent the evening with us.

Wednesday 8. Went to St. Ives lunched & had long chat with Mrs. Corthorne evening at Capt. Daintrees.

Thursday 9. Shooting, Brace Birds & 1 snipe.

Friday 10. Wet day, at home, out for an hour no sport.

Sat 11. Drove Mrs. Coote to Cambridge, saw King's College chappel etc. Jonas Tebbutt & G.G. Day Esq. of St Ives spent evening with us.

Sunday 12. Went with Mrs. C. to Fenstanton church. Mr Jno Coote spent evening with us.

Monday 13. Came home by E. Anglian. Left Cambridge at 9 home by 5 fare 10/-.

Tuesday 14th. Decr. Recd letter from Economic declining my proposal of assurance, Cod fish 3d. Skait 2d. pr lb/ (Whiting 3d. each in our market.

Wednesday 15th. Wrote Bolingbroke and Nicholls.

Thursday 16th. A fine day, the first for a long time.

Friday 17th. Saw Bolingbroke & Nicholls, called on Fletcher.

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Saty 18. A Stinging frost. Called on Hansell. Mutton 7½d.

Sunday 19. Frost chapel morning skaiting on Thorpe meadows in afternoon, ice very weak.

Monday 20. Heard from my father. "I was married to your mother Miss Mary Jecks (the eldest daughter of Mr. I Jecks & Mary his wife then residing at Wisbech at Hemingford Greys 15th Octr 1806) and we have had the under mentioned family.

Sarah	Born	17 Aug 1807	living at Lowestoft with me
Jno		2 June 1811	married H.Wilson at Hampstead church 24th Jany 1837 now living at Thorpe near Norwich
Hannah		15 Novr 1813	Do J.Stephenson Smith, Lowestoft May 1 1839 now living at Beccles
Chas.		23 Jany 1815	died 5th May 1816
Chas.		7 Jany 1817	now a temporary resident with John
Mary		4 April 1819	died March 31 1820
Wm.		8 May 1821	living with Mr. Smith at Beccles
Mary		9 Octr 1822	living at Lowestoft with me
Ann		16 Octr 1824	do. do.

Tuesday 21. Frost continues went skaiting in the evening, Chas. lost his hat and stick thro getting w-.

Wed. 22. Turkeys sell 10 to 12d pr. lb. in the Market. Frost continues, went down to Thorpe took tea with Mrs C.J. skaiting till 10 by moonlight very fine.

Thursday 23. Wife & family went by Tichler to Yarmouth on their way to Lowestoft - thaw commenced this morning.

Friday 24. Market day; went pr Pilot to Lowestoft, Chas accompanied me - he stoped at Beccles to spend Xs.Eve.

Christmas Day - Took a walk with my father to Pakefield, dined at 3 - with

C.H., Senr.

S. Hursthouse

H. Hursthouse, Mrs Smith

M. Hursthouse

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Ann Hursthouse

C. Hursthouse

Wm. Hursthouse

Jno. S. Smith &

Helen Hursthouse my wife.

Roast turkey and Boiled Beef, Plum pudding etc.

Sunday 26th. Walked out with Chas & Smith, to Pakefield.
Met Geo Edwards, lunched with him - etc.

Monday 27. Went to the yard with Smith walked round the Beach
with S. and C. - had party in the evening, own family, the
Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Hole, Mr. Francis, Miss Garwood and a
stranger with them, danced a little played at Speculation
won 6d at Tontine won 5/-.

Tuesday 28. Retd. by Van to Norwich C. and S. accompanied me
as far as Beccles lunched with Thurlowe.

Wednesday 29. Hard at work preparing for Stock taking.

Thursday 30. Do - weather inclined to frost - but open
Wombwells and other shows on the Hill - a party at Mr. C.J.'s.
Brother Wm. came over to go to it stayed with me all night.

Friday 31. Wife ret'd. from Lowestoft, with servant and Blanche.

Sat. 1st. Jany. 1842. A tale about Mark Wilkes, "Done or not
done"?

Sunday 2nd. Heard M. Crompton, tres bon discourse, "Shall the
dial go backwards or forward".

Monday 3. Sharp frost last night, little snow, took stock in
yard.

Tuesday 4th. A heavy fall of snow in the night and continued
all the morning.

5th. Much snow, Mary & Ann arrived by Steamer on their way to
Lynn and Boston, dined and went on by 4 oclock coach.

Jany 6th. Last evening went to a party at M C.J.'s - met Mrs.

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Asker, Miss Maria Cooper, & her brother Robt. Mrs I. Jecks Mrs C.J. unwell and in Bed - Dr. Stanger in writing last to me recommends the "Hope, Coombes as a good vessel & Captain, Segron owners name address Jerusalem Coffee House.- If we want any information as to New Zealand Australia etc. write or call on Chas. Gore, 61 Morrgate Street, Back, London, mention my name he will I am sure do all he can for you, he is a great friend of mine". N.E. Wind & snow, frost slight, in the mornings, thaw in the day.

Jany 7. Pd. Fletcher the first payment on a/c of my Assurance with the National Mercantile Life Office, Arthur Street West.

300 @ 2.10.0	= $\frac{1}{2}$ /	7.10.0	
		3.15.0	
		2.	add for paying $\frac{1}{2}$ yearly $\frac{1}{4}$
		3.17.0	pr.ct. or at that rate
Policy		1. 2.6	pr annum
		4.19.6	

Began to make gun case of wainscot.

Jany 8. Slight frost in the morning, thaw day, my father writes me word that he is now 62 the age at which my Grandfather Hursthouse died.

Sudnay Jany 9th. R.Scott Senr.X, upholsterer, died last night. Remained at home all day very unwell from a cold in the head, suppose caught it on Friday night in the workshop.

Monday 10th. Cold better, busy all day making out Bills.

Tuesday 11. Do., took a posset last night made by mixing about two tablespoonsful of treacle with $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Boiling new milk, recommended by Mr. Hood as a sovereign remedy for cough cold hoarseness etc., was better next morning, might have been equally well without the possett. Snow continues to fall at intervals, frost slight no wind.

Wednesday 12th. Mr.W.J. arrived from Wisbech, dined with him at Norfolk Hotel, took stock in evening, good result say 7XX.

Thursday 13th. Mr. W.C. and I at office in the evening again raised my salary to 250 pr. annum for the future and made a present of £30 for past year, Aberdeen office write saying they

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do not assure lives where the disease of consumption is supposed to be hereditary.

Friday 14th. Jany 1842. Mr.W.J. was at office all morning, expect he went home in the afternoon, wrote to Scottish Provident Office Edinboro - offer of assurance - 400 for 7 years premium - 1.5.0 = 5.0.0 Stamp 1.2.6 = 6.2.6.

Saturday 15th. Yesterday brought a peck of Golden Pear mains for 1/- do. of cooking apples for 10d., of Blyth of Drayton - thaw last evening, but caught again towards the morning.

Sunday 16th. Went to Chapel heard Revd. Crompton, Mr Jno. Newbegin dined with us, Revd. Drummond looked in, a thaw commenced with heavy rain in the afternoon.

Monday 17th. Rain and thaw continues, read Reminiscences of M. Kelly.

Tuesday 18th. Wrote Asylum Office, and Mrs. Doughty, J.Newbegin, dined chez moi, we afterwards went to call upon Captn. Hornbrooke at Bracondale, saw the Captn. and Mrs. H., Miss N, Mr. T.H. and the younger son about to sail for New Zealand, had about 2 hours agreeable chat chiefly about New Zealand.

Wednesday 19th. Frosty again, to make Diamond cement dissolve Isinglass in Spirits of Wine, when used heat it in water.

Thursday 20th. Bt. some tools for Gibson pd. Barnard and Coy for a hunter 2/9 a rasp without handle 1/-, 2 quire of sand paper 1/6, a lb of glue Howlett and Bacon 8d.

Friday 21st. My sister has recd. a letter from Dr. Stanger, safe at Fernando Po. expedition a failure 5 whites alive on Bd. Albert - 3 Wilberforce Commander Roid Allen died, Stanger and Dr. Mac William only two whites in health Dr. had to be engineer coming down the River and to Po, Trotter being laid up, Trotter wished the vessel not to proceed on the Sunday but the Drs pushed on.

Saty. 22nd. Cold raw weather, Barley worth 14/6, Bot Cobbetts Advice to Youngmen for 2/6., saw Nicholls about Scottish

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Provident Office, Mr Drummond called on same business, last night.

Sunday 23. At home all day, heavy fall of snow Saty night, & snow in day time at intervals.

Monday 24. Anniversary of my Wedding, 5 years have passed since, sharp frost. Bot jack plane 4/9 & hunter 2/9 of Griffith.

Tuesday 25 Jany. Christening of the Prince of Wales, not much fuss made in this City - last night Mr. Crompton called in and took tea with us, frightened us by saying that Mrs. Barnard had told him that Dr. Stanger had fallen a victim to the fever, wrote to Mrs. B. this morning in consequence, false alarm, aparently mistake of Allen for Stanger recd. letters from Mrs. Doughty, & my father, Clementia, Mrs H. Browne, & Geo. are all of her large family now alive.

Wednesday 26th. Ground still covered with snow, I read in the Sun "a case of Presumption, Vice Chancellor Wigram sd. the strongest case of presumption he ever heard of was the following, a man was tried before Lord Kenyon under the Game laws for shooting a Bird, it was proved that the man fired and that the Bird fell and was picked up by the prisoner, the Jury returned a verdict of not guilty. When asked for their reason they ad-they presumed that the Bird had died of fright, there being no evidence that there was any shot in the gun.

Thursday 27th. A fine thaw, Mr. Sindgren and Giesler of Memel called at the Office, Mr. C.J. and Wm. went to Wisbech for night mail, Birmingham.

Friday 28th. Fine bright day, Wind Westerly, heard from my Father that Dr. Stanger had arrived at Liverpool with Capt. Trotter, Sun Newspaper of the 27th. speaks highly of Drs. conduct, Smith & Crisp, over from Beccles, lunched with them at Snows.

Saty. 29. Went to theatre, saw the Haunted House, farce, & Tower of London adapted from Ainsworths Romance, bad plays & badly acted, Mrs. H. went with me.

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Sunday 30. Chapel heard Mr. Crompton, recd. letter from Mrs. Browne about Geo Doughty.

Monday 31. Rain; (Alas poor Yorick).

Tuesday Feby. 1st. Fine thaw, Captn. Hornbrook called at the Office and told me that his son was going to sail on the 10th. in the Tobago for Wellington & Auckland, passage £55.0.0 and that the Cos. ships now take passengers for £40.0.0 not including Wine & Spirits, wrote to Mrs. H. Browne, Lewes, & T. Coote, "gone ashore to be washed".

Wednesday Feby 2. 1842. Heard from my father that Dr. Stanger arrived at Lowestoft on Sunday morning pr. Mail, he left again on Tuesday night was looking very ill, & complained of cold.

Whereas John Hursthouse of the Hamlet of Thorpe in the City of Norwich Gentleman hath discovered a most ingenious method of abridging the correspondence of our loving subjects to their great convenience and economy of manipulation we do hereby by these our Royal Letters Patent duly authorise him the said John Hursthouse solely and without interference by any other of our lieges to manufacture the said invention or dispose of his right title & interest in the same, and in compliment to the inventive faculty indigenous to the various branches of the said John Hursthouse's family we do in addition to the above grant express our Royal earnest hope & anticipation that equal success may attend our royal patent of this invaluable invention, for preventing undue exertion of our subject's fingers, as that which followed our Royal Patent granted some years ago to Isaac Jecks then of Wisbech St. Peters in the Isle of Ely for facilitating the encasement & preventing the undue working of our said beloved subject's toes. Given at our Palace of St. James' this last day of January 1842.

Victoria Regina.

Thursday 3. Elvin, Book of Job, Fine Bright day.

Friday 4. Unsuccessfully called on Dr. Lubbock twice about SP. Life Office, cold raw day - My wife very unwell, she recd a letter from Catherine, approving of emigration.

Saty. 5th. Saw Dr. L. in the morning, wrote as under to J. Watson secretary to the Scottish Provident Office.

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James Watson Esq.

Sir/ I have seen Dr. Lubbock this morning, his report ought to reach you with this.

I write now chiefly to prevent my remarks of yesterday from causing further delay.

What I wish you to do, if it can be done without additional expence, (excepting the small sum that is usually charged extra for a half yearly premium) is this. Make out the policy thus, to pay the first premium half yearly, after that annually. We should then start fairly with the extra rate at about the time I should sail for New Zealand, if I went there.

But if this cannot be done, please make out the policy in the usual way without waiting for further communication with me. With reference to a remark in your former letter about giving the Directors some idea of what would probably be my pursuits in New Zealand I have further to state that since I wrote to you in reply thereto I have heard from a friend of mine who is gone out as a Government Surveyor, that a demand exists for persons of that proffession.

If I go, and should such be the case when I arrive there, I may in the first instance turn my attention to that pursuit, and if successful continue to follow it. But being acquainted with agriculture, and its pursuits being most to my taste the probabilities are much in favor of my adopting that mode of life.

I remain yrs etc. J.H.

Norwich Feby 5/42

Saw J.D. Eastaugh in the Corn Hall and had with him $\frac{1}{2}$ a pint of sherry at Wisemans for 1/-. My wife continues unwell.

Sunday 6th. Went to Chapel heard Mr. C. Wife rather better introduced my Brother to young Hornbrook, he sails on the 20th. Walked up Thorpe Road in the afternoon.

Monday 7th. M.C.J. returned from Wisbech, wind E. rough coarse day.

Tuesday 8th. Wife well again, weather mild.

Wed. 9th. Colonel Harvey of Thorpe died at 7 in the morning.

Thursday 10th. Weather mild for the season.

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Friday 11th. Recd. letter from S.P. office, accepting my proposal. Wrote to the Secretary as under.

Jno/Watson Esq.

Sir/ I am in reciet of yr. favor of the 8th. In reply I beg to enclose a P.O order for £3.11.0 & to thank you for your attention to my wishes.

I shall be obliged by yr returning the copy of my registry with the Policy, as I presume you will then have done with it.

As a good deal of attention has been drawn to the subject of Life Assurance hereabouts by the late meeting and exposure of and discussions on the affairs etc. of our Norwich Union Office I should think it likely that an advertisement of your Office in our papers might be serviceable.

I remain yours respectfully, J.H.

Feby 11/42

M. Isbills took his sister in law home to Alborough. I dined with Gibson - heard from Lowestoft that Louisa Hill was very ill and Mrs. Newsham gone to Bath to see her. Francis Bradey, 4 Cold Bath, Terrace, Greenwich, offers to give advice gratis to any one asking it about New Zealand.

Saturday 12th. Mr Isbills unwell, unable to get to the Office till one oclock, Governor there all day, wrote to Tom Coote, and to my father, went to play at night with my Brother, ½ price pit, saw last act Honey moon, & Pantomime of Mother Goose, Bot. a stock of Waterings price 2/-.

Sunday 13th. Stayed at home in morning to write letters to T. Coote, Do. to Ann, walked up to P.O. before dinner with them, came on to rain about noon, continued at intervals all the afternoon, wrote to the Secretary of the New Zealand Co.

J. Ward Esq.

Sir/ I take the liberty of applying to you as being in my opinion the Best source of obtaining information as to the probable expense of passage money etc. which wd. be necessary to convey myself and family to Wellington, New Zealand. Our party would consist of myself, my Wife, 3 children, one 4 years old, one 2, one an infant, and my Brother - in all 3 grown up persons and 3 children under 4 years of age - we wish to go in a good ship, and with

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good accomodation - but should not require wine spirits or other expensive luxuries. If you will favour me with this information I shall be obliged if not perhaps you will have the kindness to name some one to me more immediately connected with the matter to whom I might apply for correct information. I am very respectfully your obedt sevt J.H. Please address. M. J.H. Norwich.

Jno Ward Esq., Secretary to the New Zealand Company
Broad Street Buildings London.

Monday 14th. Very fine day.

Tuesday 15th. Col. Harvey was buried, wrote Shenstone, & C. Garland.

Wed 16th. Heard from Bradey, & New Z. Co., G.Curtis came from London, dined with me.

Thursday 17th. Fine day, wrote F. Dillon Bell - & Bradey, Curtis called in evening.

Friday 18. Cold & Raw, wrote C.H. and S.P. office about policy. Louisa Hill died at _____ after a short illness of rapid decline caused by taking cold from damp feet. Mr. _____ Culley and Jno Newbegin came and spent the evening with us, music, etc.

Saty. 19th. Fine day after sharp frost.

Sunday 20th. Cold Raw day, chapel morning, Mr. and Mrs. Smith brot. daughter Helen from Beccles, stayed all night with us, recd. letter from Catherine Wilson.

Monday 21. Went with Smith & Chas to Shooting gallery, hit Bulls Eye with Rifle 3 times out of 6. Mr. and Mrs. S. dined and spent night with us, played whist lost 6d.

Tuesday 22. Wrote Marshall, Eastaugh, & Browne heard from Marshall & Browne, Mr. and Mrs. S. went home after Breakfast, mare lame.

Wednesday 23rd. Mr C.J. had coursing party at Thorpe.

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Thursday 24th. Wrote Mr. C.J. saying I had finally determined to try my fortune in New Zealand, wrote C.J. Wilson.

Friday 25th. Mr.C.J. at office had conversation with him on proposed emigration, heard from Eastaugh, wrote to Marshall offering Clarke 8d. for his seed.

Saty. 26th. Snow storm in the morning.

Sunday 27th. Chapel, heard Mr. C. wrote Ed. Australasian.

Monday 28th. Wrote to T. Coote.

Tuesday 1st March. Cheswright Sheffield & Co Bot. all our Wainscot, 5½d. planks and Bds. at Wisbech 5½d planks 5½d. 1 inch & ¾, heard from Eastaugh.

Wednesday 2. Heard from T. Coote, C.H. and Dr. Stanger, on Tuesday. Captn. Hornbrook called, his sons address is, Mr. Wm. Hornbrook, Miss Thurtell's, Boarding house, opposite the India House London, she charges 25/- pr. week. Mr C.J. went up to London.

Thursday 3. On Wednesday my Brother and Jno Newbegin, went to see young man named Reynolds who had been at Wellington, he says the country there is too hilly, recommended Auckland.

Friday 4th. Fine day. Helen and I went to call on Mrs. Hornbrook, saw the Captn. & Mrs. H. with 3 of their daughters - Jno Newbegin came up in the evening, Bot. kid gloves 2/- stock 7/6 of Carter.

Saty. 5th. Fine Bright day, went to Theatre to see the Wizard of the South. Mr. B. Eagle good entertainment, Best tricks were changing Balls and Bran in to Guinea Pigs, joining rings, changing an orange with a lady Burning handkerchief and putting it into an orange, Macadamizing Watches, changing a sovereign, knocking dice thro hats, changing Peas, Handkerchief, and bottle of water, pulling out from a gentlemans hat who was on the stage with him 6 or 7 guinea Pigs, Wigs handkerchiefs etc, pouring Wine, Water and Milk from the same bottle.

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Sunday 6th. Chapel morning. Mr. Crompton, heard from C. Garland. Walked in Rosary in afternoon, chated with Mr. Atton.

Monday 7th. Wrote C. Garland, Stanger and Minnoy.

Tuesday 8th. My Brother and I went in the morning to Carron Staithe, to buy an ash wrong^(?) for a wheel barrow for which we paid 2/-. Captn Hornbrook and one of his daughters called whilst we were at diner stayed $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour with us, in the evening my wife and I went to the Annual Meeting of the Octagan congregation.

Wednesday 9th. Heard from my father who is still very unwell, Dr. Stanger is staying with them.

Thursday 10th. Had Stormy night with rain.

Friday 11. Went shopping with my wife in mng. Mr Goose formerly of Lowestoft called & spent evening with me.

Saty 12th. Smith drove Dr. Stanger over, we had a chop together at Snows' Francis with us.

13th Sunday. Went down to Thorpe in the Morning, Jno Dachen dined with us, Mary & Ann & M.E. Jecks took tea with us.

14th Monday. Wrote F. Wilson, Dr. S. left for Sutton by the Newark.

15th. Newcombe Rumley at Norwich, took tea with me, Newbegin also came up in the evening.

16. My father came up from Lowestoft, expecting to meet M. Wm. Jecks. Sent off a long letter to Thos. Coote.

17th. Mr. W.J. came from Wisbech, had long talks confirmed my decision for Emigrating. behaved very well, they Bot. Darkins' Premises, Some people in London much alarmed in consequence of a prophecy that London was to be destroyed by an Earthquake this day.

18th. My father returned to Lowestoft by the Emperor Steamer, Mr. C.J. & Newcombe Rumley, went to Lowestoft via Beccles,

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Mr. W.J. ret'd. to Wisbech.

19th. Saty. Recd. a letter from & wrote to T. Coote, wrote to S.P. office.

20th Sunday. Went to Chapel, heard M.C. in the evening. Master W. & C. Jecks came and sat with us, R. Cooper also called in. Wrote to Wm. Fox, & Fanny Wilson & Goose.

21 Monday. Captain Hornbrook and two of his daughters, with J. Newbegin took tea with us, spent pleasant evening, Capt'n made us a model of a boat.

Tuesday. Cold sleety weather, saw Newbegin cast some Brass - an old woman when snuffers were invented, having first snuffed the candle with her fingers as usual took and put the snuff in the snuffers, exclaiming, Ah what convenient things, what will they think on next? A clergyman, always fainted when a certain verse in Jeremiah was read.

Wednesday 23d. Wrote Davey as under,

M. W.Davey/

Dr. Sir Being about to leave this part of the country I beg to give you notice that I intend to quit the house and premises, which I hire of you on the Thorpe Road at Midsummer next.

A gentleman in Gurneys Bank wished me to let him know, if I left the house, and if he be still unsuited I think he would make you a good tennant.

I remain, yrs. truly, J.H.

Thorpe Road Norwich M23/42

Cold N.E. Sleety weather, Master W.J. started to drive the B. mail.

Thursday 24th. Mrs. Newsham spent last evening with us, Bowles, R. Cooper & W.J. junior looked in, J.C. Richmond came to see us pr Magnet, W.J. says that a Mr. Ransome has a cousin under secretary at New Zealand and will give us letters to several people there.

Good Friday. 25th March. Jno. Roe came and dined with us, Cooper & W.J. called and took tea in the evening. Chas. & I

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were all day making the wheelbarrow, heard from Dr. Stanger.

Sat 26th. Heard from Newsham; & Mrs. Wright. Wrote to N. & Dr. Stanger.

Sunday 27. Went to Catholic chapel in the morning, heard some beautiful music, in the afternoon Mrs. Smith & Sarah arrived from Beccles, Newbegin took tea with us, Chas. & I went to Brock's chapel with him, heard a lecture on Pusseyism the Lords Supper, Mr Petter Jannings of Beccles says the Emperor of China is to allow every man 100 a year, that is what Sir R. Peel is sending out troops there for.

Monday 28th. Fine day.

Tuesday 29th. Do. Heard from Marshall, wrote Eastaugh.

Wednesday 30th. J. Richmond left us for Lowestoft, sack of seeds came from Sutton, wrote Barton, recd 1st number of the Emigrants Gazette.

Thursday 31. Heard from Rumley, sent Eastaugh the seeds & bill 5.2.6. Wrote Rumley and F. Wilson.

Friday 1st.

J. Ward Esq.

Sir/- Being about to proceed to Wellington, New Zealand, in the course of the summer with the intention of settling there as an agriculturist, I should be glad to know if the Company would give a free passage to a young woman who would accompany my wife in the capacity of servant.

I remain yrs. obed. J.H. March 31.

Wrote to E. Burrell, A.Z. & Mrs. Browne, Sisters and Wife came to look over Wames house. Newbegin & Culley took tea with us.

Sat. 2nd April. Mr. Smith and Mr. C.J. agreed, for Mr. S. to take my situation. Hannah & Sarah left us, Smith went home with Royden.

Sunday 3d. April. Went to Chapel, heard Mr. Crompton, Captn. Hornbrook came in in the afternoon and spent the evening with

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us, he agreed to take the N.Z. Journal with me commencing this day.

Monday 4th. Went into court of Nisi Prius, with Mr. Bowles and heard a part of a cause wherein Elvin of Dereham was defendant and which he won, judge Sergeant Atcherley.

Tuesday 5th. Easterly winds, spent a very pleasant evening at Captn. Hornbrooks.

Wednesday 6th. Heard from Mr. Brown, about G. Doughty.

Thursday 7th. Expected Miss F. Wilson to come from Stockton by the Scotia Steamer, landing at Yarmouth, but were disappointed, suppose the Steamer went outside on a/c of the Easterley Winds.

Friday 8th. E. Winds, fine dry weather, leg of mutton 6½.

Saty 9. Do. Do. Took wine at Castle with Kiddall. Miss F. Wilson came via Yarmouth.

Sunday, 10. Smith came over and after tea we went for a journey returning home on Saty night - then went to play with Francis.

Sunday 17th. Francis and Smith dined with us.

Monday 18. Fine weather but dry Easterly Winds.

Tuesday 19. Do., heard from Goose, saying he would go to N.Z.

Wed. 20. Lunched with Captn. Hornbrook who has been suffering much of late from influenza.

Thursday 21. Chas went to play last night to hear Maxamillo - Mr. Bowles came in to play at Cribbage with my wife.

Friday 22. Recd a letter from the N.Z. Co. saying that no young man single was eligible for a free passage to Wellington.

Saty. 23. A Waiter at the Castle Inn, when ordered to bring in a bottle of Soda water, asked whether he would take it hot

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or cold. Captn. Hornbrook took tea with us and his daughters, no, my wife unwell weaning baby, put them off.

Sunday 24. Chapel morg. Wrote Stanger, very hot day for time of year.

Monday 25. Went to look at Dixeys goods for sale tomorrow, wrote Ransome of Stowmarket on Sunday, took the meridian by a perpendicular and circles as named in Dix's Surveying, used a hoe for the per. 4ft. high, outside circle 10 feet diameter did very well, Make plenty of circles as it saves watching the shadow.

Tuesday 26. Dix's sale, all goods went over our price. With Captn. Hornbrook called on Mrs Matthews to see her son who is going to New Zealand he was out.

Wednesday 27. Chas, and I went to Griffiths for trying plane etc. and called upon Newbegin.

Thursday 28th. Report is prevalent that Dodshon Blake has failed. Captn. Hornbrook, Mrs. H. Miss Cordelia and Louisa took tea with us.

Friday 29. Recd. letter from E. Burrell.

Saty. 30th. Fine Bright Weather E. wind. Beef & mutton 6d pr. lb. wheat 29 & 30/-. Richd. Gulley James & Jno Newbegin, Revd. and Miss Drummond took tea and spent evening with us - Blake has failed for between £40 & £50,000, they say he will pay 2/6 in the pound.

Sunday May 1, 1842. Chapel, heard Mr. C., in the afternoon went to look at Mayes' new houses on the St. Stephens Road.

Monday 2. Wrote Jno Clarke, & Emigration Gazette, Miss F.W., Helen and myself went to theatre, Mr Gordons Benefit - saw the Stranger well performed, Disturbed Bachelors. 1 in the morning badly, Dumb Boy of Manchester well.

Tuesday 3. Heard from my father that Dr. Stanger was at Lowestoft.

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Wednesday 4th. Wind N.W. cloudy, Peter Jannings a tory at Beccles says that Sir Robert Peel, is going to make the Emperor of China allow every man in England for the future 100 a year.

Thursday 5. W.J. junr bot Leathes canoe for £4, wrote Eastaugh Jno Clarke & my father.

Friday. Wrote Asylum Office.

Saty. Cold rainy day Westerly wind. Asparagus 6 pr. Bunch, Beef and mutton 6d, skait 2d. - at Snobs with Bowles & Kiddall.

Sunday 8th. Took tea with Mrs I. Jecks, saw there Miss and Miss Julia King, their Brother is captain of a trading vessel the Lady Leigh, plying between Sydney & Wellington. Heard from Asylum Office premium for New Z. age 31, wd be £3.15.1 pr. annum. Mr. Crompton recommends as the easiest way of getting to New Z. that you should hang yrself up and let the world turn $\frac{1}{2}$ round. A man who was detained at the turnpike till the clock had struck 12, and thus had to pay double toll, revenged himself by riding backwards and forwards thro the gate at short intervals, till the collector compromised the matter by returning him the toll.

Monday 9th. Wrote Stanger, Smith & Evans, Asylum and 2 other offices. Went in evening to buy tools with Jno. Darken saw the station house, and a man in the lock up for selling his wife.

Tuesday 10th. Saw Captn. Hornbrook who tells me he is ordered to Plymouth, began to build a boat.

Wednesday 11th. Daughter Helen taken unwell, suppose with Measles.

Thursday 12. Jno Newbegin came in morning to help us to build boat, Miss and Mr. Drummond took tea with us, Mr. Neve tells me he has a cousin in New Zealand named Turner, Horace Darken married.

Friday 13th. The mor wtng (wintry?)

Helen Hursthouse to Maria Richmond

Norwich, 14 Mar 1842

It is indeed true, my dearest Maria, that the decision is made, and we are about to leave the land of our nativity. You know that John has thought of it and talked of it long, and since his grandfather's death, when a small sum of money was bequeathed him, the desire to go has become more and more intense. He has now given regular three month's notice to his uncles and ... we shall quit England in June - Charles goes with us - I think there is little doubt the Smiths will follow, if we are successful, and I quite expect Mr H. sen. will not be long behind ...

Our plan is, John and Charles join their funds, and we hope after paying passage money etc. etc. to land in our new country with a capital of five hundred pounds ... With this sum they propose purchasing land in the immediate neighbourhood of Port Nicholson or Wellington and commence farming - it is possible that John may get some surveying appointment on his arrival if he approves of it ... I hope to take a servant with me - they go passage free, with a family, and I am afraid I should scarcely be able to do without one ... indeed if she costs only her wages, it would be folly to attempt going without ... We have some friends here, Capt Hornebrook and family - his eldest son Major Hornebrook emigrated with the first colony in 1839 - he has now realised £300 a year and if the next accounts are as favourable as heretofore and he expresses any wish for his sisters' company two of them ... will be put under my care on the passage out - that will be pleasant, they seem nice girls, and are ladylike, well connected people. A very intimate friend of Charles and a very clever scientific youth about twenty, John Newbegin of this city will also go when we do ...

Maria dearest, it is to me an awful step. As it is fixed that we are to go, I have quite made up my mind to look at the plan in the brightest light I can, but you can imagine how intensely anxious I feel. I have been very, very low about it, but that I trust has passed away - I will endeavour to be so no more. I almost think it is better as it is, not to have a parting interview with you - yet I shall want you dreadfully the short time I am in London. With respect to preparations, Dr Stanger advises me not to attempt to have anything got ready at home - go to a fitter he knows in London and it will be all done in twenty four hours, and cost less than stitching at home as many weeks ...

Mr Hursthouse in his heart would like to go ... the Smiths approve as they think we shall pioneer for them ... My dear Mother thinks we are doing right though she regrets the necessity ... John says we shall all return in ten years if we like, but he's too sanguine.

How rejoiced I am to hear that William is so much better. I do not think you will ever be able to endure smoky London again after the delicious Pyrenees. I think you had all better emigrate too - what say you?

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Saty. 14th. Mrs. Bolingbroke saw my wife on Friday to say that a cousin of Mr. H.B.'s, Evans has just ret'd. from N.Z. sd Wellington was too hilly for farming, and that a Capt'n. Gordon wd be happy to answer any questions that Capt'n. G. was going out again, heard from E. Burrell with an a/c of the Wicksteed, Catherine Wilson came from Manchester pr. Newark. arrived at 9 o'clock.

Sunday. Geo. Curtis dined with us, went to Octagon, x x x - a Mrs. C. Wilson when in Jamaica asked an old white headed negro how old he was, me no know marm, me tink me two.

Monday 16th. Took supper with Mr. I. Jecks he recommends plenty of twine to be taken to make nets the meshes to be small say $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch no bag is necessary, say 6 ft. at ends 9 in the middle & 60 yards long, also a trammel net.

Tuesday 17th. Dined with G. Curtis the Misses Wilson wife and children at Thorpe at Mr. C. Jecks. Wrote to Mrs. _____, saying we would be glad to take care of her nephew if he accompanied us to New Zealand.

Wednesday 18. Capt'n. Hornbrook came down in the evening to look at the Boat.

Thursday 19th. Queens Birthday kept.

Friday 20th. Hornbrook down in the evening again with his son to look at Boat.

Saty 21. Heard from Stanger as to Smyth & Evans, one of them was clerk to Carter and Bowes, not to be trusted too much, but think they will do for us. Heard from N.Z. Co. that one of their ships will sail during the season on the 1st. of every month.

Sunday 22nd. Heard from S.P. Office and Mrs. Wood of Singleton Lodge, she thinks that George Oates is decided upon going by the George Fyfe, on the 15th June.

Monday 23. Isbills out at office early, and all day.

Tuesday 24th. Capt'n Hornbrook, my Brother, Newbegin and Darken

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apprentice at work all day about the boat on Monday, had a heavy rain first for some time. Wrote to S.P. Office.

Wednesday 25th. Helen & her sisters went to take tea with the Hornbrooks, and were much pleased with their visit.

Thursday 26th. Captn. H. down all day after the Boat, in the evening we went to Mr. James Mottram's, played whist with Miss Crockett won 1/- spent pleasant evening. T.O. Springfield in a discussion about a railroad sd. all their goods came "per sea". The tail of a sucking pig is good for weakly children (infants), a young lady's life was saved by it. Mr. J.M. having to send one into Suffolk for the purpose.

Friday 27th. Mr. C.J. went to Lowestoft, to arrange the Beccles affair for my father. Mr. J. Newbegin told us that they have a thermometer of Ether in London which rises one inch if a persons hand is put within 10 yards of it.

Saty 28th. Heard from my father, furniture total wd. cost according to his a/c

pd by him -	about 200.0.0
Presents are worth say	10
Piano 42	<u>42</u>
	<u>252.0.0</u>

Sunday 29th. Went to Chapel heard Mr. C. In afternoon went to Carron to look at a new Boat of Mr. Millards, Mr W. Jecks called at my house and chatted with us bought boat and wheelbarrow.

Monday 30th. Mr. Smith came over from Beccles to see the trade, we went down to cricket ground in afternoon to see match between Norwich & officers of 13th. Hussars.

Tuesday 31st May. Mr. W.J. retd. to Wisbech had letter from S.P.O. and N. Rumley - he gives me the following recipes (see end of book). Sarah, Dr. and Miss Stanger, came from Lowestoft to see Mr. C.J.

Wednesday 1st June. Went to theatre, Norman & No song no supper in which performed Mrs. & Mr. Wood, and Miss Grant.

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Thursday 2nd. We went to Thorpe and took tea with Mr C. Jecks. I am 31 years old this day.

Friday 3rd. Misses Wilson left us pr Emperor Steamer, Helen and Blanche also accompanied them. Dr. and Miss Stanger dined with us. J. and J. Newbegin took tea with us Do. Captn Hornbrook.

Saty. 4th. Recd. a letter from & wrote to Mr. Chas. Garland. Smith retd. to Beccles.

Sunday 5th. Wrote to W. & C. Jecks & to J. Stayner, 110 Fenchurch St.

Monday 6th. Wrote Editor of Stamford Mercury, to insert the under advertisement.

NEW ZEALAND

Mr. Jno. Hursthouse, formerly of Tydd St. Mary's being about to proceed to New Zealand, will be happy to undertake the selection or management of lands or to act there generally as agent, for persons in this country. Satisfactory references can be given, and further information may be obtained upon application to him by letter, addressed St. Georges Plain, Norwich.

Wrote to Tom Coote.

Copy of letter to Stayner.

Dr. Sir/ I shall want to negotiate a passage in the cabin of some first class ship for the under party to Wellington, New Zealand. Myself and wife, with 3 children eldest 4 years, my Brother and a friend, And in the vessel a female servant for my wife and a cabinet maker who will also be in our service, In all 4 adults and 3 children in first cabin, two Do. in intermediate or steerage.

I shall be obliged by your informing me of the most economical way of effecting this object and what you think the total expence would be.

Shall be ready to sail any time after the middle or latter end of July.

Yrs truly J.H.

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Tuesday 7th. Launched the Boat and took a row in her, to Whitlingham. Have been 26 days in building her, she is too narrow, and crank but pulls fast.

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Wednesday 8th. Recd. letters from Stayner, Mr. Newsham, & Stamford. Mercury. Mr. N. says the Captn. of Olympus, White

offered to take	2, Gent and Wife for	120.0.0
	3 children under 6	50.0.0
	Servant to help with	
	steward	25.0.0
		<u>195.0.0</u>

or Mr. N. thinks he wd have taken 3 for 150, and the piano he offered to take for nothing, provided it cd. be got into the cabin; each person to have 1 ton of luggage beside what he cd put in his cabin.

Copy of Statement sent to W. & C. Jecks

June 5. 1842

J.Hs. share of the 1800 -	257.0.0
C.Hs. Do.	257.0.0
two shares of Mrs. Taylors & Bloomars bequests	100.0.0
Proceeds of sale & cash in hand	150.0.0
To Borrow, Notes of hand CH.JH. & C.H. Senr. if necessary	250.0.0
	<u>1014.0.0</u>

Expenses

Passage money & getting up to London	300	
Outfit -	150	
Owing by C.H. Jr.	40	
Life assurance J.H.	30	520.0.0
		<u>494.0.0</u>

Separate a/cs.

C.H. 257 & 50	307.0.0
less Passage 80 cash own 40 outfit 30	150.0.0
	<u>157.0.0</u>
to Borrow	100
	<u>207</u>
	257
J.H.'s 257 & 50 & 150	457.0.0
Passage 220 outfit - 120 assurance 30	370.0.0
	<u>87.0.0</u>

Thursday 9th. Miss Wilson returned from Lowestoft, Colonel Harveys sale commenced, I recd a letter from my father pr Miss W. saying he would willingly join us in note of hand.

Friday 10th. Recd letter from Geo. Curtis saying that Mr. Newsham was dangerously ill.

Sat 12th. At Cols, sale finished yesterday things on the whole sold well, went down River with Isbills & party to Hellesdon(?) Mill, Bathed etc.

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Sunday called upon Rawlings, & Dr. Nicholls. In afternoon Chas & I went to talk with Mr. C.J. about private matters, he deferred final decision till some time in the course of the week.

Monday 13th. Mr. C.J. said that Mr. Wm. wd. be over on Tuesday, weather very hot. Mr. Massey called in the evening. Mr. Newsham died at his lodgings in London about the middle of the day supposed from inflammation of the throat.

Tuesday 14th. June. Mr. W.J. was over from Wisbech.

Wednesday 15th. Heard from Curtis and Stanger that Mr. N. died on Monday, and that he was to be buried this day at Abney Park cemetery. Messrs. W. & C.J. had some talk with me they promised to recommend my father to buy our shares for 240 each, to advance us 100- in full for any interest that may arise from Mrs. Bloomars & Taylors' wills, and to lend us the sum of 200 being on the whole 87 less than my estimate of the requisite sum to start us at Wellington.

Thursday 16th. Engaged all morning in packing up and preparing chests for Conor(?) to take to Lowestoft on their way to N. Zealand.

Friday 17th. Went shopping with my wife, Bot. at Chamberlins stuff for dress trousers, Do. pilot cloth very strong. Mrs. Coles recommends tools to be rubbed over with mercurial ointment and a large quantity of clates taken shaped thus. Recd letter from Tom Coote, Brother Wm. came over, Mr. Crompton spent evening with us. P

Saty 18. A letter from Sarah mentions the death of Mrs. Complin. I wrote to Tom Coote. My father writes that Helen weighs 2/2 Blanche 2/1½ Wilson 1/12.

Sunday 19th. Engaged all day in preparing for the Sale, my father and Mr. Smith came over from Beccles in the evening, we took a walk by the river side, Mrs. Smith was confined of a fine girl at 7 o'clock in the morning. Wrote Phillips & Tiplady, about passage in the John Sparkes.

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Monday 20th. Sale, Spelman Auctioneer, fine for 2/3ds. of the time then had to go into the House goods sold pretty well made -) less Exps-
See Catalogue) net-

My father Chas. and self dined at Andrews, called upon Mrs. Coles in the evening, wife slept at Mr. Mottrams. Chas. and I in the house on bed and 3 Blankets.

Tuesday 21st. Attended at the house all morning and delivered the goods, Captn Hornbrook called and saw my father, Helen went with my father to Beccles about 1 o'clock Mr. Massey called, Do. Mr. Adams to look at house, he has a son in law, Richard, settled at Hobart town a surgeon, went to office about ½ pt. 4 dined at Andrews with my Brother. A cheep jack praising a comb sd it was sudden death on one side & no mercy on the other, My Brother alluding to a tale of my fathers compared him to a "Rural Dando". Newbegin & his friends went down the River in a little steamer - Bowles called in the evening and took a pipe.

Wednesday 22nd. In the morning busy about packing up things for Crowe, in the afternoon sent him off with the piano and various parcels. Took tea with Mr. Rowlings, had some sherry and cigars afterwards.

Thursday, recd. letters from G.W. Wood Esq. T. Coote wrote to them in return, went to Spelmans and settled net amount 88.3.8. In the evening went to Coopers at Thorpe, met young Hy. Miller who is with Dalrymple & a young Rackham, the Tantivy was sold for 18.0.0 by Spelman, 19ft. on the Ram.

Friday, 24th. Finally cleared the premises and evacuated my house at Thorpe and sent the key and rent up to my landlord, Davy.

Saty. 25th. Crisp called and dined with us at Gibsons, went to shooting galery hit bulls eye 3 times ex 4 shots, Crisp drove me to Beccles took pilot on to Lowestoft.

Sunday 26. My father & I got ready to go by a steamer to London, the City of Hamburg passed by Lowestoft abt. 2 in the

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afternoon, we pulled off to it, but they would not take us on board & we eventually went up by the Telegraph coach, fare 21/- . three coachmen 3/- Guard 2/- .

Monday 27. Arrived in London went to Mardons lodgings, breakfasted, then to Phillips & Tiplady the Brokers, thence to St Katherine's Docks, saw the Thos. Sparks, met there the Honble W. Petre & Mr. Tiplady, saw also the Jno. Woodall & Paragon, dined at Izants dining rooms in Bucklesbury, went to cigar divan in the evening.

Tuesday 28. Went to Docks again, made Phillips and Tiplady an offer and eventually agreed with them for the aft Poop cabin of the Thos. Sparks for 220, went to the Opera House saw the Queen, the Queen of the Belgians and Prince Albert enter. Thence the Doctor Johnson tavern to hear the singing.

Wednesday 29th. Went to breakfast with Jas. Richmand at (& ?) Mrs. Moss', thence to the Horse Guards to see the parade and to St. James palace yard to hear the Band play, went to National Galery, then to Mardons lunched packed up, (5 canal shares, Nottingham to be divided among children of Rumley and, Mrs. Jecks tenants in common to Mrs. J. 1500 & personal estate, can have a copy of will 7/8 proved 8th June 1820). Went to some pawnbrokers, etc. thence to Dalston to see G. Curtis dined there & went to Shoreditch Station to take the Magnet coach. mail road brot us to Bishop Stortford, got home at 7 in the morning, had a pleasant party on the coach, young Berness of Norton Hall one of them, fare 20/- coachman 2/6 guard 2/- .

Thursday 30. Writing all day to Woods, S.P.O., Dr. Stan. etc.

Friday 1st. Preparing for my departure etc.

Saty 2nd. Went with my Brother and Jno. Darken after tools etc. and to Barnards' for hardware, we took some wine in the afternoon at the Royal Hotel, packed off remainder of tools etc. by Crowe, Goose and Jno Darken spent evening with me @ Gibsons.

Sunday 3rd. I heard from Mrs. Wood, of Singleton Lodge. My

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Bro. left Norwich by Crowes craft for Lowestoft. I dined at Thorpe, called on Captn. King, Hornbrook, and Bowles, King recommends mercurial ointment for tools.

Monday July 4. Tool buying, etc. In morning went down the River to look at a Mill, with Hornbrook J.N. & W.C. If you have a cold in the nose rub the parts affected with tallow on going to bed, Tim's guard of Magnet. - Newcombe Rumleys residence is about $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from Cowes, address West Cowes Isle of Wight.

Tuesday 5th. Busy all day ordering goods and in evening went with Mr. Smith to call on the customers, called at Isbills.

Wednesday 6th. Settled with Mr. C.J. rode his horse down to Thorpe to say farewell, cleared off at the yard took tea with the Hornbrooks and finally evacuated Norwich at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 5 by the Pilot coach. I called on Mrs. C.J., I.J., saw King, Coles, Massey, Wilby, Stark, Mottram, Drummond. Got to Beccles and thence drove Mary by gig to Lowestoft, was very unwell in evening and called on Francis in the morning.

Thursday 7th. Took some Colycynth Pills and draught which griped me most horribly all the afternoon and made me very unwell, got relief from Woodhouses Essence of Ginger and Brandy.

Friday 8th. Was better & in the afternoon accompanied a party picnic to Burgh. Staithe, Mr. and Mrs. Joachim, 2 Miss Gibbs from London, the Miss Matthews, Mr. B. Francis & Mr. C. & H. Matthews, & Mr. B. Joachim my 2 sister Brother & self went from Mitford(?) in Joachim Boats & another. We were joined at Burgh by Mr. H. & Miss Julia Francis, Captn Gordon, my wife & sister & Brother Wm., spent a pleasant afternoon & ret'd home about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 o'clock. Heard from S.P.O. stating the Premium on my 2 Policies to be 29.18.0 which my father forwarded by Post Office orders to Mr. Jno Watson.

Saty 9th. Heard from G.W. Woods, Mr Richardson, J. Smith & Jno Newbegin, remained at home most part of the day.

Sunday 10th. Wrote to, Woods, Smith, Barnard Newbegin Mr. Jecks, Harkness, 19 Addle St London etc. Walked out in

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evening with my wife, Anne & Chas. on the Beach.

Monday 11th. Beccles Regatta to which Chas & Ann went.
 Busy all day in packing up for New Zealand. Helen went down
 to the yard, & packed up chest No. 1 - it contains -

2 large Blankets	1 Basket cover & lining
a lot of baby linen	24 Basin cloths
4 Winter Pelisses for children	8 Knife Do.
8 Damask table cloths	12 Glass Do.
6 Supper Do.	7 Pair cloth trowsers J.H.
6 Bread Do.	1 Do. Curduroy Smalls
3 Tray Do.	1 Brown Holland coat
12 toilet covers	1 Shooting coat
1 White Counterpane	1 towel to cover
1 Green Chintz Window Curtain	
7 Worstead mats	
6 Roller towels	
3 Green Window Blinds	
1 Pair Large Linen Sheets	
1 Do. Pillow covers	

Heard from Captn Hornbrook that Mrs Herring had determined to
 send her son to N.Z. pr. Thos Sparkes in the Steerage. Wrote
 to him in reply.

Tuesday 12th. Packing at the yard. Heard from Harkness in
 the evening.

Chest No. 2

9 Waistcoats J.H.	4 White Petticoats Mrs. H
7 Cloth coats	6 Pr Stockings Do.
a. Parcel Children's Shoes	13 " Worstead J.H.
1 old Mackintosh	4 White Stocks
6 Prs. Gloves	12 Cravats
1 Braces	Babys Cloak Hood
1 Gaiters	Bonnett & Pincushion
6 Pr Drawers	Lot of Examiners
1 Green table cover	Bundle of socks
1 Merino Dress	Ps. like dresses
Pieces like Dresses	White Silk Stockings J.H.
Old Linen	Lay of the Last Minstrel
Flannel dressing gown	Farmers Boy
J.Hs Boa	Frugal Housewife
	French Prayer Book

J.H.s Chest of Drawers

12 flannel shirts	1 Pr. Braces
6 Blue	1 Belt
5 White	Stocks
12 Cotton Stockings	2 Night caps
2 Worstead	12 collars
8 Pr. Canvass trousers	
2 Do. jackets	
12 Cravats cotton	
3 Do. silk	

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H. Hs Drawers

1 White Petticoat	2 Pr stays
3 flannel Do.	18 Napkins, 9 night caps
1 Do. Do.	9 flannel waistcoats
2 coloured Do.	1 Do. dressing gown
1 Black Do.	6 net Handkerchfs
16 Pr drawers	18 Pocket Do.
Calico chemises	
8 Linen Do.	
16 Nightgowns	
12 White Stockings	

Small Hair Trunk

5 Pairs Linen Sheets, 1 Do. Calico, 5 Pillow covers,
14 towels, 24 Napkins Dusters, tea cloths Basin towels.

Wednesday 13 July. Packing at the yard X X X

No. 3 Contains

2 testaments	Tasso
Channings discourses	Norts Pantheon
Italian Dictionary	Bloomfields Poems
Tam O Shanter	Blair on Rhetoric
Botany	Album
Grecian Histry.	Shipwreck
2 Sportsman	The Horse
Italian Grammar	Gertrude of Wyoming
1 Corksoled Boots Mrs H.	5 table mats, small
Lot of Knitting needles	Sketching frame
1 Gravy Spoon	12 tea spoons
4 table Do.	2 salt
6 dessert Do.	2 sauce ladle
Sewing Materials	Childrens writing desk
Friendships Offering	Tea caddy
4 Plated candlesticks	1 Sugar tongs
Snuffers & tray	Sugar spoon
4 Pr. leather Boots	Butter knife
3 Pr. Highlows	Parcel stationery
1 Pr. cloth Boots new	Nut crackers
1 Pr overalls	Helens & Blanches working
1 Kilmarnock cap	materials
3 tins filled with corks	Major Hornbrooks parcel

Wrote Phillips & Tiplady on the 13th - that they cd have 100
on a/c - at Barclay & Cos on a/c of passage money on friday
or saty. advised Phillips & Tiplady.

Thursday 14th. Again engaged in packing and preparing. Wrote
Mr. J.S. Smith, & Mr. Hy Brown offering to take charge of any-
thing for Geo. Doughty. 2 young men sons of Mr. Day of Norwich
sailing from Yarmouth in a small catteen boat were capsized
off Lowestoft Ness, and one of them drowned the other was
rescued by the Beach men.

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Friday 15th. Recd letters from T. Coote, Dr. Stanger, Mrs. Harkness, Scottish P. Office with policies, J. Newbegin & Mr. W. Jecks the last offering me £10.0.0 for Boat and wheelbarrow, busy all day in packing & cording boxes. Wrote T. Coote, J. Smith, Newbegin, Agent Ramona Steamer, Mr. W.J., W. & C.J. and S.P.O. to send my father statement of premiums due on policies which I stated appeared to me as under.

On No. 1120, 490 for life. On the 24 July 1843
& yearly after whilst I live in N. Zealand. 13.0.0

On No. 1011 - £400 to the 8th July 1849 -
On the 20th July, 1843 2.0.0
8th August 1843 5.0.0 7.0.0
20.0.0

and a like sum for 4 years after, & on the 8th August or 20th July 1848 the sum of 3.10.0 (provided I remain till that time in New Zealand).

Sat. 16th. Heard from P. & T. acknowledging rect. of £100. Busy all day packing tools & rubbing them over with Mercurial Ointment. Heard from agents of Ramona steamer. The papers contain an a/c of the Death of the Duke Orleans heir to the throne of France.

Sunday 17th. Busy morning packing up & burning papers etc. Mr. Smith & Hannah & Wm. came to dinner & to bid us goodbye. Wrote Mrs J. Senr, T. Coote, & Harkness.

Monday 18th. Settled finance with my father - gave him stamped rect. for £240 share of Grandfathers 1800 joint note of hand for 200 with my Brother. Making cleats etc. at yard, heard from Tom Coote, my father, and Captn Wright of the Amazon from Wyburg(?) with a Mr. Howard a passenger of the Amazon went over to Yarmouth to enter the cargo.

Tuesday 19th. Called on Lowestoft people p.p.c. settled with Dr. Frances, bade adieu to my younger sisters and left Lowestoft with my Wife in the gig for Beccles.

Wed. 20th. From Beccles to London by Star coach, had a very fine and pleasant ride, Curtis met us at the E.C. Station with his wife & a phaeton and took us down to his house.

Thursday 21st. Curtis & I walked up to town before breakfast

to the Docks then to London Bridge wharf, met Chas. with the luggage on board the Ramona steamer, breakfasted at the Adelaide Hotel, we had in all 23 packages for which we pd. Wharfage etc. at London Bridge wharf 11/- frt. from Yarmouth 20/- Carting to St. Katherine's Docks 7/- Cleering & Dock charges 20/-, got some of them on board the ship, Helen came down afterwards lunched at Wood dining rooms Gt. Tower Street. Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Senr. & two Miss Curtis's & Mr. & Mrs Smallfield, came to Georges and took tea with us.

Friday 22nd. Busy all mg. at Ship, Went to the Bull in Leadenhall Street, to dine, met there Tom Coote who gave me a handsome pair of pistols, to the Haymarket theatre $\frac{1}{2}$ price saw Peter & Paul, & Honest Thieves, first a good piece some fine acting by Farren in it. $\frac{1}{2}$ price 2/s, met Stanger at the end, went to Coal Hole, had chop, went & slept with Tom at ye Bull.

Saty 23. After brkfst went to the Ailsa Craig with Stanger to meet my father, Sarah, Mary Bunn(?) & 3 children, went down with them & party to Mrs. Curtis's, took lunch. Signed sealed & left my Will with father, witnesses Dr. Stanger & Mrs. Curtis. With Tom & Dr. went to city by steamer to Westminster, looked at a New Hs of Parlimt, called on Wood Esq., out to the Shooting Galery, Leicester Square, 2d a shot, called on Cross, out, dined at Colonial with Dr. & Tom, thence to the Lowther arcade. Met my wife went to Hay Market, saw Peter & Paul, Foreign Affairs, & Pretty girls of Stielberg, Farren & Celesti.

Sunday 24th. Went from Dalston to the Paddington Station to meet Fall, with him to Kensington to see his sister thence by Omnibus to Kew Bridge, took steamer for Richmond, after waiting there an hour or so were joined by my Father, Stanger, Coote, & Chas. Went to the Star & Garter, had a good dinner in a magnificent room, Moselle & Port, 10^s/-, returned by Steamer, with Fall to the Station, thence by Omnibus to Bank, Bull, sandwich with Chas, home to Dalston.

Monday 25th. By appointment went to the Bull to meet Chas. & Father, to Barclays, Phillips & Tipladys, settled for our passage pd them £120- for self 65 for Chas. In the afternoon took our cots to Graysend by the Ruby sd to be the fastest

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River Boat, Newbegin went with us pd for our packages 3, $\frac{5}{3}$ /- wharfage at London B. wharf (imposition) $\frac{1}{3}$ portorage from Bull, at Gravesend $\frac{5}{3}$ /- to the steamer for carriage of luggage (an imposition) & $\frac{4}{9}$ to be put on Bd. Thos. Sparks, stayed $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, met Jas. Richmond on board, he gave us some music & Piano strings, fare best cabin $\frac{1}{6}$ each tea $\frac{1}{6}$, got to London too late for Omnibus & had to walk to Dalston, bot a rifle of Blissett Leadenhall St. £3.3.0.

Tuesday 26th. Walked with Helen to the Grove to bid the Senr. Curtis's goodbye, father & Chas. breakfasted with us at George's, he drove me up to Bull, thence took our luggage to the Minories Station, Blackwall Railway, father joined us & we went to Blackwall fare 4d each extra luggage 6d, cheap got on Bd the Father Thames & by it to Graysend to join the ship fare 8d.

└ Gap of 10 days. Left England
August 1st. ┘
(Note by Ernest W. Hursthouse)

Sunday 7th August. The weather hot. Wind light but favorable, a brig on the Starboard bow, supposed bound for Lisbon. Have seen at distances of 2 to 6 miles about 10 vessels since we left the Isle of Wight. Latitude at noon-- Longitude-- Ship has sailed about-- Had fowls & ducks for dinner, and for the first time Champaign, had to drink it out of tumblers, it was not so good as it should have been.

Monday 8th. Wind light - W.N.W. A barque homeward bound passed about 2 miles to leeward, also two Brigs - weather very beautiful & pleasant. Captn. lowered the skiff and several of us took a row. Ship looks very beautiful under canvass, thermometer-- in the cabin under the skylight at 4 o'clock 76, painted the side of the cabin where the panels & sofa were taken down, on Saturday, soon after dinner were called on deck to see a schooner close to, told him to report us, she was the Aurora of Dartmouth, very vexed at having no letters ready, a barque & ship seen ahead, began to write, at about 6 the Barque was within hail, lowered the Gig & sent off about 20 letters, she was a Russian ship, the Sussa,

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Belgian colors from Cadiz to the Baltic, Mr. Oates talked to the Captn in German, he promised to put the letters ashore at Dover, his long. was 11.40 ours 12.18. Mrs Petre dined with us for the first - my wife & her had a long talk on deck.

Tuesday 9th. 6 A.M., Wind light W.S.W., ship 3 points off her course, ther. 72. Killed a sheep, weather beautiful, met a small schooner suppose from Madeira. Stanger wished me to enquire after a Mr. Brooke Martin, who went out in the Hope to Sydney with him, Mr. Grounds is a relation or has something to do with it. Towards evening saw 3 Brigs, not near enough to speak them. Wind freshened towards night, 8 knots.

Wednesday 10th. Blew fresh all night. 7 A.M. Fresh breeze W.N.W. ship steering her course, stern sails & sky sail. Helen a little sick again before breakfast, vessel made about 6 knots all day, rolling. Several cabin passengers absent from dinner, had ducks, boiled & roast Mutton Roll pudding with preserve and plum pudding for dinner. A fast sailing brig crossed us about 6 P.M., hoisted our ensign, she replied hoisting unknown colors supposed to belong to some small state up the Mediterranean. Helen better again towards evening.

Thursday 11th. Much rolling during the night, ship running before the wind. Helen & children had good night notwithstanding, at 7 A.M. fresh breeze. Ship 8 knots. Wind E.N.E. Course W.S.W. Wind came to Eastward between 8 & 10 last evening, think it may be the trades. Have a slow poor thing of a Steward. Childrens meals at different hours puts him out, small skirmishes between our servant & him. Captn. keeps ordering every thing to be done for us as we wish. Mr. Petre busy all morning separating his Pheasants, one having died supposed from fighting. Our bread which we brought from Portsmouth lasted till today, got only a little mouldy, vegetables not yet done, carrots keep best of anything. Killed a pig, made further search for Bugs and worked all the morning at arranging the cabin. Ship has sailed 160 miles.

Friday 12th. Had a fine run all night, passed Madeira about

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midnight. 7 A.M. fresh Breeze E.N.E. to E. course S.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. ship going 9 knots. Had preserved Salmon for Breakfast, I think it quite as good as fresh. Sun on deck very hot, but have awnings up & strong breeze which makes it pleasant. At noon Long. 18.20.32.14. At about 3 P.M. the Wind veered round to S.S.E. light breeze, saw a schooner at a distance, had a long talk with Mr. Petre on deck about the timbers of N.Z. Horses &c. The Surgeon being very unwell from toothache I officiated as carver & vice president for him. With Helen sat on deck till 10 enjoying the fine night & soft breeze.

Saty 13th. Wind light E.N.E. Slow progress during the night, hot, ther. 79 in cabin. Mr. Petre says there are many ants in his cabin, saw the first flying fish, a very beautiful object. Yesterday the steerage passengers caught a Bonita. Doctor ill, confined all day to his bed, Mrs. P. for the second time appeared at table. Noon Lat. 30.42 Long. 19.20 104 miles - light E.N.E.

Sunday 14th. Fine mornng, pleasant breeze E.N.E. no doubt the trades, 6 knots. H.M. fell out of her cot this morning but did not hurt herself. The color of the water at sea is very beautiful. Two of the children of the Emigrants have the Measles. Mr Reiley again preached. For dinner we had Soup Bouili, roast & boiled mutton, Boiled fowls & ham, Plum pudding & Raspberry tart, Champagne, Claret, Port, Sherry, Almonds, Raisins, figs, nuts. Had a fine N.E. breeze all day - Lat. 28.43 Long. 20.45. Petre agravated the captn. at night on the quarter deck and they had some words. Another of the Pheasants died, killed a pig & a sheep.

Monday 15th. Splendid Weather, fine breeze 8 knots, N.E. Lat. 28.43 Long. 20.45. Ship has made about 186 miles. Petres Pheasants sickly. Steward got kicked for speaking to the Captn with a cigar in his mouth. On deck till 10 with Helen, slept on the sofa, got bitten with ants.

Tuesday 16th. Fine N.E. breeze, 8 knots, at 8 A.M. Noon Lat. 23.33, Long. 23.58., 178 miles, Weather hot, but tempered by the breeze, busy all morg. in the Cabin making netting for the Cabin Windows & lashings for the sides of the Cots. For

dinner Pea Soup, roast Mutton & Pork, Boiled Pork, Preserved Green gage pie & Strawberry tart. The Preserved plums & Green Gooseberries are excellent. At night Helen sung on the Poop with clarionet & flute. Little Helen unwell with the toothache, cried for $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour, some raisin had got into a hollow, which taken out, relieved.

Wednesday 17th. Fine morning. Moderate Breeze, N.E. 6 knots. Therm. in cabin at breakfast time 78. Dinner pea soup, Roast shoulder Mutton high, Boiled Pork fat & high, Bullocks tongue salt & hard, Cherry pie under-baked & Green Rhubarb pudding insipid, worst dinner we have had. Lat. Noon 21.28, Long. 25.15, 150 miles, 250 from Cape Verd. After dinner a discussion about Rio Janiero, is it on a river. Mr Petre expresses his approbation of prize fighting, subject introduced by a small set-to amongst the steerage passengers. Saw many flying fish - now & then see one much larger than the rest, solitary, estimate the greatest distance we have seen one fly at 80 yards. No vegetables today except potatoes, the carrots cabages & turnips which we brought from England all finished, carrots keep the best. Mr. Petre told the Captn. he was only 22.

Thursday 18th. Close, dull & nearly calm N.E., many Bonitas about the ship & lines over to catch them. Had some of the preserved milk in tins for breakfast very good, salmon hot & cold & Red Herring, boiled rice & marmalade. A blow up between the first mate & Captn. about water not being up, Captn. tells the second mate to take charge of the ship. Cows milk fails, the Captn says, for want of water. Therm. 78. Went under the Bow sprit to try and harpoon a Bonita, did not succeed, the Bonitas playing about jump out of the water in pursuit of very young flying fish, so small that at first I took them for large moths or butterflys. Lat. Noon 19.21, Long. not taken no sun, but dull hot calm weather, wind veering from N.W. to N.E. Our dinner, Ship soup, Boiled fowl & ham, Roast duck, Preserved damson & green gooseberry pie, Indian Ales, Porter, Port, Sherry & a glass or two of Champagne. 2 or 3 drops of Rain about 9 o clock, Wind freshening a little from N.E., about midnight light breeze.

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Friday 19th. Ther. 80, Mod. breeze N.E. 6 knots, fine sunny morg, very pleasant on deck. Mr. Oates took a bath by standing on the Main deck whilst they threw several buckets over him from the Poop. Noon Lat. 17.24, Long. 25.37. Fresh Breeze N.E. 8 knots - within 20 or 30 miles of St. Antonio, one of the Cape Verds, at noon whilst standing on the forecastle saw a large whale about 2 miles off jump out of the water several times, the spray thrown up was like a waterspout or light house. About 2 to 3 P.M. the wind blowing fresh came E. to E.S.E. & sometimes S. when we were just off St. Antonio, supposed it may be owing to the neighbourhood of Cape Verd Islands, or fear we may be losing the trades. At night fresh breeze from E. to E.S.E. Ship going 9 knots, fine sailing & bright moonlight.

Saty. 20th. Much rolling & pitching about 4 A.M. - Helen sick again, got up went on deck, squally & had been rain, carried away our flying jib, & split topmast stunsail, wind freshening from E. took in sky sail & royals, Togo one of the Cape Verds looming majestically in the distance. Helen unable to eat any breakfast, retching & ill, Helen Maria unwell, myself slightly affected. After breakfast we saw 3 or 4 of the Cape Verds 20 to 30 miles on our larbord bow, have a very fine appearance being high Volcanic Islands. Lost my hat overboard, about 11 were about 6 to 8 miles off Brava. It appears a high volcanic sort of mountain with patches of green & ravines, a sail seen on our starbord bow some 6 miles to leeward appeared to have lost their Main top mast. Helen got on deck & took a sketch of Brava, Noon Lat. 15.10, Long. 24.45, nearly calm under the Island. Light breeze sprang up about 3 P.M. from E. Captain thought he saw a shark, if so we could not catch him. About 5 P.M. met a large Barque, English colors, but being taken in a squall and carrying away - a stunsail boom at the time could only exchange one set of signals with her, by which we made her name to be the "Kutusoff" and informed her of our own. Presently after a small schooner appeared, we mutually closed to speak, she was the "Mary Ann" of & bound to London from Algoa Bay, out 40 days. We requested her Commander to report us which he promised to do. Wind in the evening squally, S.S.E. & S.E. a nasty rolling sea. Helen

very ill & sick, got her & the children to bed about 9. Slept on a mattrass upon the floor of our cabin. Mr. Oates slept on the deck, the surgeon says it is not a good plan, the heat of the nights is worse than the days.

Sunday 21st. Helen & children had a good night, Helen much better, wind light, Bright sun, very hot, Ther. 83. Doctor & Chas saw two butterflys. Revd. O'Reiley preached on deck, a ship 6 or 8 miles ahead, going the same way as ourselves, nasty calm day with a heavy pitching motion of the ship over the long swells, most disagreeable. Mr. Petre & the Captn. think Wilson a very fine fellow & much increased in size & symetry since he came on board. Noon Lat. 13.29, Long. 24.55, light breeze toward evening from the S.E. My Wife was much alarmed in the afternoon by Helen swallowing a bullett, she cried whilst Helen shrieked. I ran on deck for the Doctor who quieted our fears by saying that it could not possibly do her any harm, gave her a dose of castor oil.

Monday 22nd. A Pig & duck died during the night. Wind S.E. to S.E. light, Ship 4 or 5 points off her course. A common house Martin of England, came on the taffrail & quarter boat several times, seemed much tired, the vessel ahead last night now 6 miles or so astern, a brig discovered by J.H. courses down to leeward, ther. 83. Went up to the mizen topmast head for exercise before breakfast. Lat. Noon 12.57, Long. 24.45. About 12 o'clock tacked the ship, the first time we have had to do so since leaving the Channel. At noon showed our colours to the ship astern, he answered with American. Proceeded question her with Maryatts signals, but receiving no answer supposed she had not the signals on board, from her appearance & having men as look outs on her main & fore masts heads, have no doubt she is an American whaler. S.W. light breeze, about 5 o'clock were called out to see a shoal of porpusies, 1000 of them were dashing about the bows of the ship, harpoon etc. as usual were not ready, before it was prepared the fish were gone - looking to the right saw a large shark treacherously stealing along our weather bow, had hook over for him but without success. Found also that the American ship, having outsailed us, was close on our lee quarter, Captn. set starbord

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stun sails and for a short time thought we held our own, but the Yankee luffing up and finding we had nothing to say (our Captn. being sulky) filled his sails, shot ahead two feet to our one, crossed our bows and went off to windward without exchanging any communication. She was the ship Colombia of New London, had only top gallant sails set & beat us as easily as we could beat a sand barge. Helen Maria took another dose of Castor oil which had the desired effect in the evening. My wife slipped down on the Deck & bruised herself. Wind freshened from S.W.

Tuesday 23rd. Had fresh breeze during the night from the S.W. 7 knots. American just visible to windward, a Brig 6 or 8 miles ahead - a Shark plainly seen just before breakfast in our wake, hook over but no success, 2 others in course of forenoon, afterwards supposed to be Albicore instead of Sharks, changed the hook & bait but could not catch them. Lat. noon 11.27, Long. 23.55. 102 miles. Wind N.W. in afternoon, a splendid sunset; concert on the Poop.

Wednesday 24th. A squall this morn about 4 o'clock, wind flew to S.S.W. Rain fell in torrents, & much lightning. Wind not much but sail reduced for fear of it. Captn. says the Barometer is of no use in these latitudes. 8 A.M. Wind N.W. to S.W. light breezes. Lat. Noon 9.25, Long. not taken.

Thursday 25th. Rainy morn, fresh breeze from S.W., heavy roll from the S. supposed to have been caused by the S.E. trades. Helen & several others squeamish, crockery ware broken at dinner, bad for clean table cloths, dull weather, no observations.

Friday 26th. Fine fresh breeze S.S.W. heavy head sea, & heavy rolling, but Helen better, sea air has wonderful effects on iron. Keys &c. covered with red rust, boots & shoes very mouldy. Lat. 7.31, Long. 18.55. Captain objects to the cabin passengers dining on deck, & says if they are sick, they may dine in their state rooms. A flying fish came on board about 5 P.M. it was about 4 inches long, after examining it threw it over board again. Were much pleased by the very beautiful phosphorescent appearance of the sea, it appeared to be caused by shoals of animals which when disturbed by the

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rudders spread over the surface of the water - they were 6 inches long and 1 inch thick very vivid - the sea also appeared to be full of phosphorescent animaliculae.

Saturday 27th. Fresh breeze S.S.W. continues, ship close hauled, but getting too much to the Eastward. No correct observation taken or the Captn. will not tell it. Had a piece of salt beef for dinner at the request of several tired of fowls & ducks, it was horridly hard & salt - the very worst I ever tasted on board ship. Captn. calls it very fine.

Sunday 28th. Revd. O'Reiley preached again. Wind still from S.S.W. but more moderate. Noon Lat. 6.36, Long. 14.27.

Intermediate passengers are

Mr E. Fearon & Wife
John Ward, Thos. Ward
Mr Mitchell & little girl

Steerage

Mr. Bird & Wife, cab. maker
Mrs. Fletcher & 2 children
Mr. Travers
Adams
Harkness, Jno.
" Wm.
Herring, Norwich
Bateman & Son
Taylor
Stainsbury
Mr. Armstrong

Winteringham Mr Petre's Grocer

Mr Petre tells us an amusing tale of a tailor an alarmist on board the Oriental, who often from fear hollowing out of nights & other times that they were sinking or in danger when no cause existed for it, used at last to get regularly beaten by his wife for it.

Monday 29th. Light airs from S.S.W. till about 2 P.M. when in Lat. 5.50 or thereabouts we got a fresh breeze from the S. with rain supposed to be cons. of the S.E. trades, tacked ship lat noon 5.57 long. 13.30. Killed the calf & a sheep. Weather much cooler.

Tuesday 30th. Fresh breeze from S. ship will not be nearer the wind than 6 Points, course W.S.W. noon Long. 14.50, Lat. 5.3 wind veering round to S.W. & S. at 5 P.M. tacked ship. Rate about 5 knots. Captn. thinks it is not the trades, second mate thinks it is. 30th day of voyage ends at noon today. Had some excellent Mock turtle soup made of the calves head.

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Wednesday 31st. Wind getting back to the S. and S.W. tacked ship at 5 A.M. Course W.S.W. 4 knots, Lat. North 4.35, long. West 14.25. Whilst on deck last night carried away the Peak halliards and let the Gaff partly down, did no damage but frightened Helen. Saw a shark but cd. not catch it. At 6 P.M. again tacked course S.E. fresh breeze. Helen Maria lost her hat overboard. 31 out.

Thursday 1st of Sept. Fresh breeze. Course S.E. close hauled - the weather seems cool, tho. the ther. is at 76 at 8 A.M. tacked ship course W.S.W. at noon tacked again, course S. & E. wind light from S.W. Lat. at noon 4.6 (yesterday afternoon Captn. took the Wind sail from the steerage passengers, because they would not keep it clean, they sd. it was no use as it hung so near the smoke of the chimneys, had a row about it. Captn. & Mr. A. Wilkinson exchanged a few comps. previously). Captn. got angry after dinner with Mr. A.W. & threatened to shave the passengers when passing the line. 32.

Friday 2nd. At 6 A.M. tacked ship, wind being about South fresh breeze her course W.S.W. Lat. noon 3.19, Long. 13.23, Captn. shows me how to take the longitude, tacking occasionally till about 6 P.M. when the wind freshened from S. if trades, got it in abt. Lat 3.

Saty. 3rd. 33d ends at noon today. Light wind S. Lat. at Noon 2.36, Long. $14^{\circ} 49' 45''$. Dull slow work, and all passengers tired of it. Have some good singers among the steerage & Emigrants to whom we listened on deck till 10 P.M. Weather perpetually fine - Helen's eyes affected, Mr. Oates lends her a pair of Protectors, & Mrs. Petre ties them on for her. I made a wash for them of 12 gms of Sulph of Zinc & 6 oz. of water.

Sunday 4th. Light breezes S. Capt. ill did not breakfast with us. Have seen during the last few days many little black ants on the floor of the cabin, they bite sharply, seem now to have disappeared, have slept on the sofa for the last 4 nights in consequence, we did nothing to drive them away. Preaching as usual. Captn. perfected me in Longitude

- dear wife poorly all the forenoon, child died.

Monday 5th. Light, S. slow work, at about 6 A.M. one of the sailors Harpooned a large Porpoise or Grampus, he was 8 ft. long. The child of one of the company's emigrants which died on Sunday night of Mesenteric Disease was buried this morn., the Doctor read the funeral service. Wind bad and light. Lat. Noon 1.36 Long. 17.30.

Tuesday 6th. Wind S. & light. A shark seen but Captn. would not allow pork to try to catch it. (At noon Lat. $0^{\circ}38^+$, Long. not taken) and freshened from the S. about Lat. 50^+ supposed trades.

Wednesday 7th. Wind S. moderate breeze, no doubt trades. Lat. at Noon 0.8 South, Long. 19.40 West. Consequently we crossed the Equator about 9 or 10 o'clock being 36 days from Portsmouth, and certainly under an average passage. A newspaper started by the Steerage passengers first published today called Sparks Marine Gazette. Our servant ill - weather now not at all too hot, altho the thermometer is at 76. Ducks & fowls being done we are now killing the Pigs & Sheep. Had some very excellent Mock turtle Soup made from the Pigs head. Wind freshened from the S. and ship made a better run during the night.

Thursday 8th. Wind S.E. & light. Our servant still ill, the wife of one of the steerage passengers Mrs Armstrong came in her place. Lat. Noon, 1.51.53 South Long. 20.21 West. About 2 P.M. spoke & boarded the Blair of Maryport, Captn. Oldham from Columbo to Liverpool out 87 days, cargo cocoa, coffee, & cocoa nut oil. Messrs. Oates, Newbegin, & Wilkison went on board, took about 50 letters, and a present to the Captain of a basket of potatoes.

[Note: Here follow three pages of calculations relating to latitude & longitude, of limited interest.]

They stayed on board about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour and had some lunch, the only news the Capt. had was relative to the extreme lowness of freights at China and in the East. Our party told him of

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the Income tax, and of the death of the Duke of Orleans. His longitude agreed with ours within 5 miles, the Blair was a new and handsome barque, her appearance when waiting for our boat & relieved by a dark horizon she backed her foreyard and luffed up into the wind to wait for our boat with studding sails loosely clewed up & flying in disorder was beautiful in the extreme. The Captain complained to Mr. Petre of his mats on which the horses stand, being towed alongside for a short time in the morning, on a/c of their hindering the sailing of the ship, he also complained of the impudence of Mr. Petre's groom.

Friday 9th. 39th. Heavy blowing weather S. & E. with occasional squalls. Ship sending heavily, under too much canvas. Lat. 3.46, Long. 21.13. One of the intermediate passengers shot a booby which fell on board, it measured 4 ft.10 - wings extended, a flying fish was found in its stomach, chiefly feathers - and not good to eat. A flying fish came on board which Mrs. Fearon had for supper. Weather continued heavy & squally during the night.

Saturday 10th. Squally & fresh breeze with occasional rain - Lat. 6.13, No long. taken. Hay was taken off Mr. Petres horse boxes, and some empty casks off the long boat which made the ship snugger, several Boobys & Stormy Petrels about the ship, Captain rather out of temper Mr. Petre having gently hinted to him that the passengers were made uncomfortable by carrying so much sail. About 5 P.M. a heavy squall with rain threatened to windward. Capt'n. out of Bravado, or to annoy Mr. Petre, took no notice of it till it struck the Ship, nearly hove her on to her beam ends, split jib and carried away fore top gallant sheet. The Company's emigrants much frightened, Capt'n. satisfied, reduced sail and at 12 at night took a reef in our main top sail, being the first reef taken in during the Voyage.

Sunday 11th. Plenty of wind but not quite so squally, service as usual. 8.20 South, 24.0.30 West. Squally again in afternoon, Capt'n. champaigning tells the Doctor that if he finds any of the Emigrants in the forecastle he will stop their

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rations for a week. Mr Petres horses being in danger during the squalls he again remonstrates with or threatens the Capt'n - who consequently reduced sail. Squally during the night, ship sending heavily, a sail 5 or 6 miles to Windward.

Monday 12th. 42d. Fresh breezes, the sail to Windward now 3 or 4 miles ahead, appears a ship of our own size, the rough weather that occurs at Sea is sometimes blamed for producing a return of those unpleasant feelings of nausea and sickness, which are generally experienced soon after embarkation, but it appears to me that the way in which people eat is oftener the cause. At sea they appear to like, at all events they load their stomachs with the most incongruous mixtures. At dinner for instance, after rich soup, they will take Roast Duck, with boiled ham, & currant jelly & perhaps pickles. With Boiled fowl, ham, currant jelly, & caper sauce, or roast mutton, boiled tongue, pickles & Plum jam, to say nothing of 3 or 4 sorts of stale vegetables, &c. - and indeed they seem to make it a rule to have on their plates at one time a piece of everything that may be upon the table - Rich tart or plum pudding - often a platefull of both follow these simples which just leaves a corner in the stomach for a piece of new bread & strong cheese, thus preparing a foundation for rather a larger plateful of almonds & raisins or other deserts, than economical ladies would put upon a table for a party of at any rate 4 or 5 people, now when you superadd to a dinner like this, at 9 o'clock breakfast, consisting of something like a pound of rich Salmon preserved in butter, Ham 5 hot rolls and a plateful or two of boiled rice smothered with marmalade, to say nothing of slight noontide refectation of Bread & cheese, Brandy, Port wine & Porter, it really is not surprising that people will sometimes feel queerish at sea, when several weeks have been passed on the Water. Lat. at Noon 10.45, Long. 25.8. At about 5 P.M. the sail ahead being within distance we ran up our Ensign. She replied by hoisting English colours, we then with Maryatts signals asked what ship is that and where bound? She ran her ensign up again as a reply to signify that she had not Maryatts signals on board, but soon after she luffed sharp up into the wind which gave us an opportunity in about $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour of getting alongside her, she proved to be

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a barque, the Heart of Oak, from Liverpool to the Cape, out 45 days, and the same vessel that ran into our ship & did damage about 6 mos. ago at St Helena. We told them our name & destination and as we rather outsailed her drew ahead, and lost her in the gathering darkness for in these latitudes twilight there is none. The practice of speaking through large trumpets which masters of vessels adopt is not I think good at all times, the answers to our questions distinctly shouted would have been much more intelligible to us, as it was we took the majority of opinions as to their purport - many thought her name was the Agincourt, and from Liverpool, go to the Devil.

Tuesday 13th. The Ship seen last night now 4 or 5 miles astern, by which we calculate that we shall arrive at the Cape about a day before her. Lat. $13.7^{\circ} +$ S. Long. 26.5 W. by Chron. 26.4 Lunar. I helped the Captain to take a Lunar observation. The Capt'n & Mate have some more words on a/c of the mate condemning some jib sheets without consulting him.

Wed. 14th. (45th). Fine morn'g, moderate breeze, Course S.W. & S., the Heart of Oak still visible astern. The Captain on 13th had the Potatoes removed from the aft hold to the tween decks near my Brothers cabin, they inconvenience him by obstructing light & air and smelling disagreeably, my Brother today hoped he wd. remove them. They were placed there because the Intermediates get more than their share. Lat. 15.38, Long. 26.25. It seems curious that there should be any objection to their using as many as they please of the cheapest food that is put on board a ship. Was troubled after dinner with a desperate head ache, took a tea spoonful (16 grs. Car of Magnesia & 4 of Rhubarb, in some tea, should have had some ginger in it to make Gregory's Powder) and a seidlitz powder in the morn'g. I felt better but not quite well when I got up.

Thursday 15th. 46 Fine morn'g. pleasant 6 knot breeze Ther. 76, not too warm to the feelings which is accounted for by our having come from much hotter weather. My Brother Chas. has been unwell for 3 or 4 days from a large pustule on his

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left arm. Much amusement created some time ago by his forming a sect of tea totalers, his followers are Messrs Newbegin & Oates, Mr. Petre tells them they can claim a bottle of Wine and a bottle of ale per day when they arrive at Wellington; the Captn. however denies this power. Lat. noon 18.3, Long. 26.37. The second No. of Sparks Marine journal appeared. Met a brig which hoisted Hamburg colors. J.H. works the longitude & makes the ship 3000 miles to the Eastward.

Friday 16 (47th). Lat. 20.56, Long. 26.47, ther - Fine morn, had bresh breeze all night. Course S. & E. J.H. amuses the cabin passengers by insisting upon it they will be at the Cape by the end of next week. A whale seen about a mile to leeward of the ship, it kept swimming about on top of the water for some time, but we could only get partial & unsatisfactory glimpses of it. Experienced a succession of fine easy mountainous swells (for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour), the only waves we have yet seen worthy of the Atlantic Ocean. The Captain after dinner talked very foolishly about taking the ship thro Bass's straits for spite, and about 10 o'clock as Helen was about retiring and I was reading in our cabin we were alarmed by a great row in the cuddy, caused by the Captain getting out some muskets & pistols - and proceeding to load them, swearing and blustering - he complained of having been insulted and threatened by some of the steerage passengers or emigrants whom he had ordered not to sing abaft the main mast. Mr. Christian & the surgeon reasoned with him on the impropriety of his conduct - to no avail. The chief mate having been sent down for some gun powder which not finding the Captn. prepared to follow him when my Bro. fearing the Captn. ($\frac{1}{2}$ drunk) might blow the ship up with the light called him back & sd. he wd. get him some. My Bro. then asked for mine but I refused to look for it & sd. I did not know where to find it. However the Captn. got some cartridges & proceeded to load the muskets, by which time Mr. Petre came out & remonstrated with him. And as he persisted in loading the muskets Mr. P. held them in such a way that if they went off they wd. not hurt any. Captn. having loaded them & set them in his cabin sat down and gradually cooled, swearing however that he did not consider his life safe on board & that he wd. leave the ship at the Cape.

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Saty. 17th. 48th. Lat. 23.31, Long. 25.49, ther. 72 at 9 A.M. fine morn'g. moderate breeze from E. & S. set main top with top gallant studding sails. A cape pigeon seen in the afternoon the 1st seen, fell nearly calm in the evening. The surpassing excellence of the hashed mutton or mutton stew on board the ship is matter of wonder - sd. to be caused by an admixture of Reading sauce, there is also at times a little Pork with it. 2 or 3 whales imperfectly seen at distances of $\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 miles from the ship in the course of the day. The Captain appears subdued and ashamed of himself, tells the Doctor that he is quite mad when he gets a little drink, takes his muskets and pistols up on deck, and tries to discharge them, only one went off he having forgotten to bite off the end of the cartridge when loading them. Held a consultation with my Brother & Mr. Christian on the Captain's conduct, agreed that we should be quite justified in taking away his fire arms & gunpowder by force if he got them out again by candle light, & comfort ourselves with knowing that we have had no dissensions among our cabin passengers, contrasting ourselves with the people on board the Adelaide, one of the Companys first ships, which had to put into the Cape expressly to settle the quarrels between the passengers & passengers & captain.

Sunday 18th. 49th. Lat. 25.41 S. Long. 24.0 West. Light winds from E.N.E. at times nearly calm. Upon going on deck found we were signalizing a large ship to windward. Made her out to be the Plantaganet, an India man, which left Ports-mouth about 6 hours before us. She however, finding difficulty in making out our signals from the direction of the wind, bore down upon us. Crossed our course rather too near to be pleasant luffed up under our lee, and held a short conversation with us. Are you going to call at the Cape. Yes. Please to report the Plantaganet. Yes. Are you all well on board. Yes. We then asked Are you bound to Calcutta. Yes. How long have you been out - left on the 2nd, a mistake as we knew she left before us. The ships falling off out of hail they then by signal asked - Have you had any com. with other vessels. No, and we having asked them the same question with a similar answer, hoped they were all well and went down to breakfast. The Plantagenet had several smartly

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dressed passengers on the Poop amongst them 3 or 4 ladies, they waved us a farewell with their handkerchiefs and their ship keeping away to get clear of the calming effects of our canvass we gradually separated. She is considered one of the smartest ships belonging to Wigram & Green, whose vessels have nearly all the passenger trade to Calcutta, and consequently we were not so much annoyed at her slowly drawing ahead as we otherwise should have been. Mr. O'Riley preached as usual. Captain glum & sulky said little to anyone. Saw a very beautiful specimen of what they say is the Portuguese man of war or Nautilus - it passed close by the ship, appeared like a beautiful prickly Ball of snowy whiteness and more like a sea urchin, than what we conceive to be the Nautilus - 2 or 3 Cape Pigeons and a Cape Hen which is a large black or dark brown bird about the ship, the Cape pigeons are excellent eating, they are caught with a small hook or bent pin baited with a piece of pork and which is dragged after the ship upon the surface of the water - the second mate caught one in this manner whilst we were at dinner, but it got off the Pin as they were hauling it on board.

Monday 19th. 50th. Wind E.N.E. light at times nearly calm, Capt'n. says we have now run thro the trades - should therefore consider that we lost them in about 24 south. After dinner a row, one of the steerage passengers Ethridge had got a key and refused to let third mate have a passage thro' somewhere. Ethridge & 3rd. mate had a short argument about it, Captain overhearing it came to the Port rail - abused Ethridge using very bad & blasphemous language, swore he would split his head open with a handspike, flog him &c.&c.&c. and ordered one of the sailors to lash him up to the rigging - this the man refused to do. Capt'n. thereupon ordered the mans refusal to obey orders to be entered in the log book, and send him to grease the mizen mast down, and ordered Mr. Lowther the 3d mate to stop Ethridges rations for a week. Wind in afternoon nearly N. but light. Lat. 27.11 S. 22.30 West wind N. light & fine. Have now to live on biscuit, Capt'n. having ordered no more bread to be made. He has also taken the footropes off the shrouds so that the passengers cannot get into the mizen top.

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King R.A. Lady Leigh	1 Letter	His Father
Port Nicholson		
Swainson, Mrs. Wellington	1 Do.	Mrs. Parks,
		Mrs Phipson known to
- Master Geo. Do.	1 Do.	Do.
Newsham, B.	1 Do.	His mother

At Cape Town

Woodman, tallow merchant

I. Jecks Esq.

On Board the Thomas Sparks

A list of the Companys Emigrants copied from the Emigration Register lent me by Dr. Williams.

	Wife's Name	Trade or Calling	Ages		Children	Remarks
			Man	Woman		
Armstrong, Robt.	Catherine	Saddler & Harness Mkr	26	27	1	Lancashire Died on the passage.
Brennand, Jas.		Farming Servant	22			Single Man pays <u>17.9.6.</u>
Coleman, Thos.	Johanna	Do.	23	24		London
Ditchon, Robt.	Frances	Servants	43	35		Honble. H. Petre Stoke Ferry
Ethridge, Antony		Farmer	20			Single, pays <u>17.9.6</u>
Fochs, Jno.	Ann	Baker	33	33	2	Ages 2 & 1 London
Gifford, Jacob	Mary	Agri.laborer	39	39	4	13,3,9,7.
" Isaac		Do.	20			Mr Murly.
" James		Do.	18			Somerset- Do.
" George		Do.	16			shire Do.
" Thomas		Do.	15			Do.
Hide, Thos. Wm.	Jemima	Do.	28	28	1	5
Herrington, Dennis	Johanna	Do.&Excavtr.	24	23		
MacKean, Thos.	Mary	Blacksmith	27	26	1	5 Glasgow
Meads, Joseph	Ann	Gardener	40	25	2	13,11. Oates Leeds
Meads, John	Hannah	Do.&Laborer	17	23		Do.
Mellers, Geo.	Ann	Carpenter	25	29	1	Infant. Londo
Miller, Thos.	Ann	Gardener	23	25		From Cottingh nr. Hull
Mason Hy.	Ann	Cab. maker	35	36	2	13,8. Bath
McKune, Archibald		Blacksmith	25			Pays <u>17.9.6</u>
Rothwell, Joseph	Elizabeth	Agri.laborer & Sawyer	38	35	3	7,2,1 Manches
Riddler, Wm.	Elizabeth	Laborer	35	25	1	2. Coverdale

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Riddell, Margt.		Servant	28		Mrs.
Voller, Abrm.	Elizabeth	Agri. & Brick-			Hursthouse
		layers labr.	32 31	3	13, 12, 7
Young, Wm.	Margrt.	Agri. Labor.	30 29	3	7, 5, 1 Glasgow

17 married couples	34	
7 single men	7	
1 woman	1	
12 children 7-14	6	$\frac{4}{6}$
8 " 1-7	2	$\frac{4}{6}$
4 " under 1		
	$\frac{50}{2}$	$\frac{4}{6}$

David John Williams, M.D.
Surgeon Superintendent

Saty. 24th (55th day of the voyage). Mrs Miller came to assist my wife in place of Margaret Riddell, she is the wife of a gardener from Cottingham near Hull and seems to be a decent young woman. Had a fresh breeze from N.N.W. all night, Lat.- Long.- J.H. prophesies Hope to reach Cape Town on Saty afternoon & go in on Sunday morn. Many Cape Pigeons & a few Albatross, Cape Hens & Stormy Petrels about the ship. Lat. 32 Long. 8.50.

Sunday 25th - 56th. Fresh breeze till 8 A.M. when it fell nearly calm & soon after came from S.W. with rain. Mr. Riley preached in the Cabin - Wife and children unable to go upon deck. Mr. Wilkinson also read a service in the Main Hatchway. In the afternoon a Cape Pigeon was caught. They much resemble a sea mew. Often these birds in common with other sea fowl, eject soon after they are caught a nasty reddish oily fluid from their stomachs, this made a great mess in the cabin. Some hooks being over for Albatross a young shark 3 ft. long took one of them - he was caught & hauled along side, but got off the hook not being barbed. No observations - should say our run is 20 times 8, 160 miles S. & E.

Monday 26th. 57th. Light airs variable & with rain. Came from S.E. About 8 A.M. A good thing at breakfast, What do the Cock Roaches live upon? Cabin Passengers, Mr Christian. Veered to the N. in the afternoon. No observations. Longitude sd. to be 5.

Tuesday 27th. 58th. Fresh breeze N.E. & E. came on squally about 9 A.M. Sprung fore top gallant mast, & carried away fore top mast stemsail broke & Main Royal Haliards. Mr Petre's valuable horses suffer most in these squalls being generally thrown on their heads & knees by the inclination of the ship. Lat. 33.42 Long. about 9.45 West.

Wednesday 28th. 59th. During the past night the ship has made good progress, but it was accompanied by much pitching & sending. Wind this morn. is more moderate, but not so favourable being E.N.E. we are thus driven too far to the Southward and do not expect to reach Cape Town before Monday. Lat. 34.46, Long. 3.6, 216 miles.

Thursday 29th. 60th. (Yesterday after dinner the Captn. anoyed Mr. Petre by expressing his dissatisfaction at the Ship having to go to Cape Town, saying that Simons Bay wd. have done as well &c. He also endeavoured to anoy others by saying that the ship was very likely to be driven ashore. Afterwards on deck the Captn. came to me and sd. that he knew Mr. P. had a great spite against, and that he hated his Groom.) A dull wet morning - wind rather scant E.N.E. to E. by S. and light. A Cape pigeon was caught which Mr. Newbegin skinned. No observations. Long. 6.36, Lat. 35.30 by reckoning. Ther. 60 cold. A large Ash coloured bird of the Hawk kind and a swift flying bird like a large Snipe - seen the last called an Icebird.

Friday 30th. 61st. Wind fresh from E. Bad as can be. Barometer falling & looking thick. Captn. reefed mizen topsail at 10 o'clock, no hope of reaching the Cape before the beginning of next week. Yesterday Miss Helen & Blanche went to visit Mrs. Petre in her own cabin. About 6 P.M. after a calm the wind freshened up from the Westward. Captn. set all possible sail - splendid sunset, wind kept freshening and about 9 blew hard, the light sails having been kept up too long began to split and blow away, and some confusion ensued in getting them in. Gale increasing had to reef topsails - under which the water being yet smooth the ship appeared to fly. In the course of the night however a nasty cross jolting sea arose, which pitched and knocked us about, prevented sleep, and sent every driftable flying about in all directions.

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Lat. 35.56, Long. 8.36. Captain insults Mr. Newbegin, abusing him for catching Cape Pigeons.

Saty. 1st. Octr. 62nd day. Not quite so much wind but an ugly sea running, much trouble to get dressed, washing & shaving not to be done. Mr. Petre formed a lottery, 8 of us put in 2/6 each, we then divided the time from Monday morn. at 6 till Wed. morn. at 6 into 6 hours, each of these 6 hours is represented by a small piece of paper, the drawer of the one which represents the 6 hours during which the Anchor is let go in Table Bay wins the Sovereign. Lat. 35.11, Long. 11.4. Wind at Noon S. to S. & W.

Drew for the lottery. Got Monday from 6 P.M. to Midnight. Chas. follows me. Mr. Petre is the luckiest having got the 12 Hours preceeding mine as we expect to get there by noon or thereabouts if this wind continues.

Sunday 2nd, 63rd day. Fresh breeze S.S.W., vessel goes about 8 knots. Weather cold but sunny, thermometer 53, had sleet & snow about 6 A.M. vessel heeling over very much makes the care of children troublesome, at every lurch all things animate & inanimate fly over to leeward. Lat 34.19, Long 14.40 E. Service in the Cabin. Have now about 220 miles to run, chances for the lottery considered in my favor.

Monday 3d & 64th. A fine cold sunny morn. Whilst getting up heard rumours of land, went out and could see indistinctly the mountains of the Cape. The Ship has been running 9 knots all night, wind Southerly, but either from her having been kept too much away, or the current having set her more to the Northward than our Captn. allowed for, there is great reason to fear that we shall be to leeward of the bay. If we are it may be a week before we recover the Port. 10 o'clock, ship close hauled as possible land quite plain, some hope she will fetch the Bay but it all depends on the wind favoring us a point or two more. Captn. is frightened about it. Anchors and cable getting ready, & much joy on board at the idea of once more treading terra firma. 12 at noon till 4 wind varying a point or two alternate hopes & fears as to weathering Robin Island 4 to 6, whilst at dinner found we could not do it, kept the ship away went to leeward of the Island, braced the

yards sharp up and prepared to beat thro the Northern Chanel, wind freshening table mountain enveloped in fleecy clouds, a sign of heavy weather. 6 to 8 tacking wind blowing a gale from the S.E. but off the land & smooth water, ship behaving remarkably well under reefed topsails, all hands lending assistance and bringing her round in man of war fashion, and sure of beating up to the anchorage by 10 or 11 if we can but keep our canvas. About this time split spanker & fore top sail, ship nevertheless going well when about 9 she struck heavily on the Whale Rock off Penguin Island. A scene ensued. I was in the cabin at the time with Mr. Petre & 2 or 3 others congratulating ourselves on being all safe and right the next tack when we were nearly thrown over by the concussion. I ran on deck to see where we were, and she struck again heavily as I ran up the companion - the wheel and tiller were unshipped - the sails slack, the vessel grinding - the wind had freshened to a hurricane and for the moment most of us thought it was all over. A few moments of dire confusion and uproar ensued, some prepared to fire minute guns - some ran below, the rest swung round the main yard - and the best flew to repair the rudder, the wind heeled her over, she was off in a minute. I ran down below to report all well again - my wife aghast was holding on in the cabin. Mrs. Petre also there, had thrown her arms around her husband, the female intermediates with sobs and tears had crouched there for shelter, discipline and order were subverted and horrid terror reigned below supreme - a well timed lie of the Chief Mate as to the ship making no water, and a few well-meant remarks of mine upon all danger being over tranquilized their fears, but a half hour of anxious suspense for us knew the secrets of the place remained - by no means abated from the fact that we were making much water. Captn fearful of further dangers and unnerved by our narrow escape determined to lay to under the high land till day light - hands kept at the pumps found we cd. keep the water under - but the gale moderating and coming fairer, we again began to beat up again about 2 o'clock under easy canvas & eventually came to anchor in Table Bay at 8 A.M. on Tuesday morning, thus making the passage in 65 days. Except that it was not prudent to take an unknown Port in the dark, I do not consider

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any blame attached to our Captn. We had an old trader to the Cape, Captain Fearon who rendered advice & assistance all night & he thought we were well to windward of the reef. Our Doctor & Mr. Christian won the lottery thro these mishaps, with a joint ticket.

Tuesday 4th & 65th. Brot. up in Table Bay among the shipping alongside the Jno. Adams, American Sloop of War, found there about 14 vessels of various sizes chiefly barques and smart schooners, several boats boarded us one to solicit our custom to his boarding house, others to get news &c. Saw the wrecks of several fine Ships on the beach, they went on shore a few weeks since in a gale of wind, one the Waterloo convict ship lost 194 lives, close on shore. The view of Cape Town, Table Mountain & the Bay from our anchorage is very beautiful. In running in we got in a moment from a fierce November Blast to balmy calm & sultry weather, this was owing to our getting under the lee of the mountain. After breakfast most of us went on shore. Cape Town is an assemblage of white houses prettily interspersed with trees, and squatted completely under Table Mountain which is an immensely high barren rock that from the Anchorage appears to surround the town. On landing a variety of sights of a most unenglish character meet the eye - of these the most extraordinary & laughable is an old dandy Hottentot in their comical hats - we laughed till our sides ached at their grotesque appearance. The wooden clogs too of the women fastened with a button between their toes are very singular, and the quantities of fish, fruits, skins of wild beasts, ox teams &c. &c. is very striking. When we landed we went up to the George Hotel - where my Bro. & I left the rest & went on to Mr. Woodmans. We found that he had left Cape Town for a village in the country 4 miles off. His successor, a Mr. Parker, offered to send a note for us which I wrote enclosing my Uncle's letter, and also offered us any assistance he cd. render - we then went to the George, tasted some Constantia which the Doctor & Mr. Christian treated us with they having won the lottery - we then took a stroll about the place and on board to dinner.

Wednesday 5th. Took my wife & two children ashore, went to

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Parkers, sat there an hour no answer from Woodman - went to the Agents to know if he would supply us or pay our expenses, seemed to say he thought he would but advised us to remain in the ship as long as possible. Strolled through the town, lunched at pastry cooks on board dined. Mutiny fright & row in the evening when the Captn. came on board - fetched off Policeman & took man to jail. Captn. keeps the Emigrants pumping gives them 9/- for 24 hours and 4 glasses of grog.

Thursday 6th. On shore with Fearon, called on Baron Ludovick. Got a letter from Woodman asking me to go & see him. Sent a note to say I would by omnibus tomorrow (a boat 1/- each for 6 of us off 2 children as one). Dined on board. Captn, Bro., Oates & co. went on shore, at night on Bd. again, at 10 smoked a cigar with Fearon etc. A swarm of Bees came on board.

Friday 7th. Went pr. Omnibus with my Bro to Rondebosch to see Mr Woodman, breakfasted there, back by Omnibus 4 miles at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10. Went to a Mr. Saunders to hire a house, he gave us two to look at, went with Messrs Wilkinson, Oates and Newbegin to look at them, agreed with Mr. Thalwitzer eventually for a house on the Rondebosch road, to pay 4.10.0 first month, and 3/- a day afterwards free of rates and taxes. On the 8th sent a letter to my Father via St. Helena, Mr Velox, pd. 1/- for it some were 4-single 8 double 1/- treble. Dined on board.

Saty. 8th. Busy packing up and preparing for removal to shore, hired a cargo boat to take our goods on shore, pd 10/6 for it. Hired waggons to take our goods up to the House, pd 2/6 each. They are small, drawn by 2 or 4 horses small & weak chiefly belonging to Malays. The distance carted was about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Went shopping at night. House infested with fleas - they say all houses here are after being shut up a little time, but that they go away when opened. Fine hot weather - Mitchell & Fearon called & took a cigar with us. Penrice second mate had row with Captn. and left the ship. Cook & other men drunk & disorderly, Captn. Oates came down to call, the latter ret'd. with him on board.

Sunday 9th. Went to market in morg. after breakfast, rambled up the high land at back of our house with Dr. & Newbegin,

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found many splendid strange & beautiful flowers, had much trouble to procure fire. Old Twisthistle our landlord refusing to lend us any, got some wood from a Bakery & borrowed a bushel of coals from the Grocer. Had roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Cape ale, very nice, and Brandy. Busy all day putting things to rights cooking etc. Wilkinsons out, Newbegin went to church in the evening, weather fine and hot in the morg. clouds rolling over the Mountain and at night blew very heavy from the S.E. Mr Woodman whom we saw the other day entertained us hospitably, he is in very ill health & breaking up, his wife is a fine fat jolly old lady, from Woodbridge in Suffolk, her sister we saw - a Mrs she has a relation married to King, shoemaker of Wisbech. Dr Williams and the Co's Emigrants are stationed in an empty store of Old Twisthistle close to us. The Steerage and Intermediates are on their own resources about the town.

Monday 10th. To market with Williamson. Again to Town shopping with my Brother, called on Parker who offered to lend us some chairs & a table. Saw an old man, a cellar keeper, who condemned the Cape & its inhabitants great rogues. Mrs Petre called while we were out to ask us to a Ball at the Governors. Sent Oates & Newbegin after some stores from the ship, they found the Captain $\frac{1}{2}$ drunk on shore and cd. make nothing of him. Gale of wind from the S.E. Crew refused to work, were taken on shore and committed to prison.

Tuesday 11th. Market with Newbegin, terrible wind blowing, what they call an old fashioned S.Easter - clouds of dust arriving along obscuring vision and horribly annoying. House and every place full of red sandy dust, much anoyed at night with fleas, say every house in Cape is after being shut up a little but get clear of them when inhabited - the wind off shore does not injure the shipping but prevents the small boats getting to them.

Tuesday 11th. Oates & Wilkinson out to dinner. Chas & Dr called and left names at Government House. Wife & self at home, dust & wind too bad to move about in. Mr Petre called upon us. Get very good wine at 1/- a bottle equal to the English Madeira. Pintac the Cape Red wine is bad.

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Wednesday 12th. Market with Newbegin, he fell in with an old acquaintance one Doake from Norwich now on the eve of sailing with the Velox for St. Helena. Newbegin ascended one of the mountains, found a bridle at top & saw traces of a wild beast. Wind more moderate, but still blows hard. Yesterday Parker lent us a table stand & 6 chairs - caught an immense spider & two beautiful grass hoppers. Went shooting in the afternoon with Dr. & Chas. got a brace of Curlew & some snipe up Salt River. The Cleopatra came in with the Governor Mauritius aboard.

Thursday 13th. Shooting, tried the large Duck gun, killed a curlew about 80 yards, still windy. Newbegin, Oates & two Messrs. Wilkinson went with me. Mr Oates bathing with J. Wilkinson cut his foot on a large stone and had to be brot. home on a pony.

Friday 14th. At 3 in the morg. Dr. Chas, A. Wilkinson, & Newbegin and self went out to shoot ducks, but only succeeded in getting one teal and a curlew - day turned out calm and fearfully hot. A French Man of War came into the Bay, and saluted the fort, the smoke and firing seen from our house had a fine effect. Our landlord fell down the scuttle on bd. our ship & broke 3 of his ribs. Dr. W. was just going to the Ball at the Governors as he was brought home and was in consequence prevented from going. My wife & Chas wrote to England.

Saty 15th. The day being cool and pleasant my wife, Dr. W. and self went to call on Mrs. Petre. She is living at Mr. Jenkins house at foot of table mountain, found her at home and she took us to see the Garden and gave my wife an a/c of the ball. Went shopping then home and dinner. Christian dined with us. Mr. Mitchell and Fanny came in the evening and stayed till 11 o'clock.

Sunday 16th. Took the children out for a walk up the high land at the back of the house, Doctor went with me, found some exquisite flowers. Oates is still confined to his bed. The Heart of Oak came in the ship we spoke so we beat her by 12 days.

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Prices at the Cape.

Firkin Butter fair per lb.	1.4, 1.10		
Tea good	4.0	Firewood about a good	
Coffee	14d 1.0	faggot	3
Cheese bad	9d 1.0	A Pint of Ketchup	2.6
Beer tabled bottled	3/- 3.9	Coals, bushel	2.0
Eggs each	1	Salt per lb. coarse	2
Brandy excellent per bottle	1.6	Basket. Do.	6
Cape Madeira	Do. 1.0	Vinegar English pint	6
Cape common draught good	3	A fowl	3.0
Bread per lb	4½	Cocoa nuts, large	3
Milk per bottle	2½	Oranges very good	½
Potatoes large about each	½	Lemons fine 6 for	1
Onions each	1½	Loquats 6 to 9 for	1
Mould candles good	8	Honey per Bottle	2.0
Wax	3.0	Currants per lb.	1.0
Lard per lb	1.0	Gunpowder (2/6 in Engl)	4.0
Lettuces each fair	½	Shot per lb	4½
Mutton best joints per		Manilla cheroots exc.	½ & 1
lb good	3	American Do. very good	25 for 6
Beef Ditto but rather lean	4	Mustard a ½ pint bottleful	1.0
for Stuffing(?)	2	A fat sheep	7/6 to 10.0

Monday 17th. Saw Mr. Petre and lady pass in a country waggon driven by a black, 8 horses in hand (10 and 12 are not uncommon), they are going up the country to buy horses. Went to town to see the cargo at the Queens warehouse, found every thing in good order. The men belonging to the ship were tried today, reprimanded and ordered back to their duty. The Captn. was reprimanded for not seeing that they had a proper weight of Beef. The Wellington came in from London, her passage was ... days.

Tuesday 18th. My Brother and I took our guns and ascended one of the Table Mountain range at the back of our house. It proved tho easy to look at from below a task of extreme difficulty & fatigue and of some danger. We were amply repaid by the fine view obtained and by the multitude of strange and beautiful flowers. We went thro several covers of jeranium breast high and in full flower. One of the heaths we found is supposed by my wife to excel any she ever saw in an English greenhouse, and the other plants of that class were superb; altho' we passed thro' a great extent of excellent cover yet we saw few birds and no beasts, two or three humming birds, a sort of black and yellow thrush & a swallow, plenty of ants and a few horrid looking lizards were all the live things attracted our notice. Tiger cats have been reported as inhabitants of these passes. In the wild savage and steamy ravines

thro which we had to force our descent the appearance of one would not have surprised us. Although the day below was very hot and calm yet at top we had the blast of Siberia. A Mr. Layland, a friend of Wilkinsons, took dinner with us.

Wednesday 19th. Went to market with Chas., got a large salmon for 6d, Cabbages have been as high as 9d in Cape Town. At home resting a foot damaged in yesterday's adventures.

Thursday 20th. Went up to Queen's stores, got some boots out of one of the chests and inspected the Piano - the boots & shoes very mouldy, the Piano seems to be in pretty good order, cannot get it out of the Bonded warehouse unless we pay a duty of 5 pr. cent. Went to the Library, a fine institution open to all, well supplied with books & periodicals of all kinds. Looked into the Supreme Court, heard part of a trial for Infanticide, thence to Villett's(?) an old nursery man & curiosity dealer, he invited us to go and see his garden at Green Point. The Ship was hove down and the larboard side examined, found little or no damage on that side. Owing to the Captain's obstinacy about ballast great difficulty was experienced in righting the vessel and it was apprehended by many that she would sink. Went duck shooting with my Brother at night up the Salt River, got a shot at a flight of large birds but without success. In fording the river got into quicksand and had to make a precipitate retreat. Mrs. Petre called in a Phaeton and took my little girls out for a ride.

Friday 21. Pleasant but rather too hot. Christian, Newbegin & Williams ascended Table Mountain, they were gone about 7 hours, returned home very tired and described the task as Herculean. The accounts of Ladies having ascended they regard as fabulous. Chas. Helen & I went to the Library, thence to the Queens Stores where we unpacked and opened the Piano, found it in very good order and did it up again. We then walked to Green Point some 1½ miles to see the nursery and menagerie of an old French naturalist and seedsman, Villett. The Menagerie consisted of an Ostrich, a monkey and Bull, the nursery was a trumpery little wilderness of a kitchen garden. Returned home, Helen very tired, Ostrich and an Aloe hedge worth seeing.

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Saty. 22. Pleasant weather. Went to the Parade sale, could have bought some English goods very low, then to the library saw Terrys work on New Zealand - do not consider it a good one. Mr. Petre called. Read in the Field Book - To make Caps Waterproof "Dip the open rim or base of the Cap into Green taper wax melted in a plate over a lamp but not so deep as to reach up to the Powder or composition at the bottom of the Cap." Old Jenkins says the ship will be finished repairing by Tuesday, a lie no doubt. Newbegin went to Green Point and dined with Fearon, he brought home a report that a large American ship was on shore at the N. of the Bay.

Sunday 23. Pleasant weather. Busy morg. righting things. Took a short walk with my children, went to look at some pure Saxony sheep of old Thalwitzers, horrid bad breed. Wife poorly. Friend Oates down for the first time since his accident. After dinner walked with the Dr. to Green Point to call upon Capt. Fearon, saw him & Mrs. F. at Mr. Crowgna's, the Barons son in law. All walked up to the light house, man would not let us look at it. Saw in the offing the French Frigate Danaide & the little schooner Courier beating to Windward, the latter getting the advantage.

Monday 24th. Fine pleasant morning. S.Easter came on about 2 P.M., blew hard with clouds of dust. Helen and I went up to town to see Mrs. McCloud No. 4 Rougit Street, who called on my wife on Saty. to recommend a young woman as servant in case we should want any one to proceed to New Zealand as servant with us. Saw the girl, a lady-like looking young person, and promised to try if we could get her a free passage with us in place of Margaret Riddell. Afterwards to the library, met Dr. and home together. Dr. had been to Baron Ludwiss and had got a ticket of admission to his gardens for 8. Up to town in morg. catering for the Dr. saw 2 Blacks and 1 white man publickly flogged, white man bore it the worst.

Tuesday 25th. S. Easter continues. Went shooting curlews without success, came home dined all of us knocked up went to bed after dinner. Saw a haul of the seine on the beach coming home, it produced several hundred fine Mullett we bought 12 for 1/-. My wife complained of much pain in her back etc.

Wednesday 26th. Helen ill in bed all morning. S.Easter but not so violent, went up to town posted a newspaper for England for C.H., left a note at P.O. for Mrs McCloud declining the servant unless we could get her a free passage which was very doubtful.

Thursday 27th. Helen very unwell. With Dr., Chas and Newbegin went up to a ravine in the Mountain to look for Pheasants, no success, had a long walk, when we got home got the Dr. to look at Helen. Fine day pleasant.

Friday 28th. Helen better, took the children out for a walk, found some beautiful wild flowers, Blanche frightened by some Grasshoppers, very fine specimens green and gold; went to the library finished Terrys N. Zealand & read part of Brights work. Wilkinsons sulky gave notice that they meant to leave tomorrow.

EXTRACTS FROM TERRY.

"Wheat in average seasons may be shipped from the Ports of S America. f.o.b. 25 to 28/- per Quarter English.

"Flour 9 to 10/- per ton = 22 to 25/- per sack of 280 lbs.

Notwithstanding these remarks as to large farms the class of Emigrants to which New Zealand offers the most certain advantages and success are those who have been accustomed to husbandry.

"If such having families would be content with a small farm of from 20 to 50 acres according to their means of outlay for stock etc. & then by their personal labor & industry cultivate the land and rear cattle and poultry with moderate views and expectation looking to frugality, perseverance and time to acquire competency and independence instead of resorting to land jobbing and speculation for sudden wealth they would be certain of success in their undertakings and of realising property in a very few years.

The coast line of N.Z. cannot be estimated at less than 4000 miles.

CUSTOMS DUTIES IN NEW ZEALAND

Spirits	British or British Colonial	pr.gallon	4.	0
	Others	---"---	5.	0
Tobacco	Snuffs & Cigars	per lb	2.	0
	Manufactured	---"---	1.	0
	Unmanufactured	---"---		9
Wine		per 100/- value	15.0.0	
Tea, sugar, flour, Meal, wheat,				
	Rice & other grain	- Do -	5.	0
Goods	All Foreign	- Do -	10.0.0	
Do.	British, N.S.W. & Van Diemens Land			free

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Saty. 29th. Went up to market in the morning. Wilkinsons left the Club. With the Dr. and Chas went up to the Parade Sale etc. Saw Fearon who told us that Captn Sharpe was taken very ill. After a lunch Newbegin joined us on an expedition to shoot at Salt River, got a brace of Curlews. Home to a late dinner tea, wet & cold, Brandy Punch & to bed. Helen better but not so well as she should be. Weather pleasant - Wilson able to walk pretty well, weather cool & pleasant.

Sunday 30th. Went to St. George's Chapel of Ease, long cathedral sort of service 2h.20m. Good discourse, saw Fearon & A.Wilkinson. After dinner Baron Ludowick - with Mr. and Mrs. Fearon came to call in his Phaeton. Helen better. Doctor dined with Thalwister. Weather rather too cool, otherwise pleasant.

Monday 31st October. Up at 3 with Dr., Chas & Newbegin to shoot ducks in Salt River. Got but one & a few Snipe. Cleaned all guns. Up to Town catering etc. looked in at the library, to dinner & bed early. Weather cool & pleasant. Helen better. Newbegin went to fish with Captn. Fearon was disappointed. Saw a haul of the Seine on the Beach. Took plenty of large horse mackerel, herring & mullet.

Tuesday 1st November. Weather fine warm & pleasant. With Dr. & Chas., Helen & I went to see Baron Ludowicks gardens, nothing particular. Helen & I afterwards went to library, looked at Brights work on N.Z., he recommends roasted Indian Corn as a better beverage for children than coffee, and that an Emigrant in N.Z. should build his poultry house before his own. A bottle of wine, & a cocoa nut, 2 onions, a handful of Potatoes, $\frac{1}{2}$ a lb of salt, 1 lb of mutton, all of a price.

Wednesday 2nd. With Dr. & Chas. started on an expedition to shoot & see a little of the Country. We got into the Mail Cart for Simon's town. It is a sort of light covered cart drawn by 4 horses & carried 5 besides the driver, it was full two officers of the Winchester being in it besides ourselves. On our road to Simon's Bay we went thro Rondebosch & Wynberg & past Constantia, the two former are pretty villages consisting chiefly of villas and cottage owners

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many of them the residences of Indian invalids, the roads through them arched over with English Oak and Scotch fir trees, the whole road to Simons Bay skirts the huge mountains of which Table Mount & Devils Rump form the background to Cape Town. We arrived at Simons Town about 1 o'clock, it consists of the admirals house, a small dock yard, a fort of 5 guns, 2 or 3 Inns and stores and 40 to 50 other houses the residences of fishermen or people connected with the boats and shipping. They are built on one side of the road facing the bay and with the Mountain running down to the back doors. The Winchester 50 guns & Silly Brig were the only men of war there - a barque was delivering stores for the dock yard, and Nelsons first command, a small dismantled hulk "the Badger" is always stationed there as a receiving ship. We walked thro the place looked at the fort and then dined at the British Hotel, which is the chief rendezvous for the officers, our fare was excellent our Bill moderate. For London porter & ale they charge you 1/6 for Bottle - for wine the produce of the country far superior to our common Sherry they charge nothing - after dinner we called on a gentleman to whom we had a letter of introduction, he was out, we therefore shouldered our guns and baggage, climbed the mountain under a burning sun and struck across the country for Slingcopt the residence of Cornelius Landsberg Esq. to whom we had a letter from our landlord. After a 2 hours march thro' an untracked wilderness where the tiger, jackall & hyena roam at will, we came in sight of our destination and pushed on at a quick trot down the Mountains so as to reach the Germans before beasts came out and men went in. We found him shutting up his cattle for the night and gave him our letter, were ushered in to a mighty hall the entrance to his house - regaled with wine and a cheroot - and soon pretty much at home - he apologised for the bad sleeping accomodation he should have to find us, two ladies being there from the Cape, but sd he would do his best & presently took us in to supper. We there were introduced to some elderly ladies one his wife, to his two sons & some body else, after supper he showed us our bed room very fair after ship board - wished us good night & promised to call us at 5 in the morg., few people sleep here after that hour.

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Thursday 3rd. We slept well, were called, got up had coffee eggs & bread & butter, with Brandy if you liked it. Had instructions given us how to find the game, strict orders to be back by two o'clock to dinner and apologies made that the scarcity of labourers at that busy time the Harvest prevented him from sending his son along with us.

The old gentleman also cautioned us against Black Snakes, Brown Snakes, Corbra di cappelles & Puff Adders - thought we should not meet with any tigers, or hyenas, tho plenty were about the house indeed they had caught a tiger in the yard the night before, might shoot a jackall or Baboon the latter very savage and altogether gave us the best advice in his power for taking Game without being taken ourselves.

We first went off to some lagoons after ducks, had fine shooting there & returned pretty well knocked up to dinner. Our meal was a demonstration, it consisted of soup, 1 little leg of mutton and 16 other dishes of fish, fowl, vegetables & compounds - all that I tasted were good except that the vegetables were Germanized with sweet sauce. After dinner we proceeded to the Stook to smoke and there partook of some Hot Tortoise for desert. These animals are so common about the hot rocks that 19 were taken by one or other of the household in the morning, they then cut their heads off and without any more ado throw them under the copper fire - when enough they crack the shell by knocking it upon the stones, and pick out the flesh as they eat it with their fingers. It tastes like the leg of a chicken, it looks rather disgusting. After tea we started for one Farmer Pecks, he keeps an Inn on the Cape Town Road some 8 miles from Simons Town, we took an affectionate leave of the hospitable old German, made him promise to dine with us on Sunday & under the guidance of his son went off to beat a cover that laid in our way. About sunset he left us having put us on the road & given us instructions for farmer Pecks, which place we reached after a 12 miles tramp over moor & mountain, defile & rock occasionally varied by deep drifting sand - fordable rivers - & dangerous quicksands. It was night when we arrived and we were dreadfully tired. We computed that we had travelled on foot since morg. about 45 miles, most of it thro heavy cover, and a good

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deal of it thro jungle & mud and mid deep water.

Our killed was something like 4 Brace of four wild ducks, 2 couple of Snipe, One Pheasant, a quail & several other smaller birds of beautiful plumage but unknown to us. We saw 2 or 3 horn'd snakes, several tortoises, an antelope, innumerable lizards, some strange and gorgeous beasts of the catterpillar tribe - & more gadflies than I should have thought the world contained, the latter were the only things that annoyed us.

Above us were quantities of the English swallow and the curious hanging nests of the little tailor bird were suspended from every tree. The Mary Stewart, a fine new Hamburg ship bound to Batavia standing out of the Bay was caught in a dense fog & went on shore at Green Point at 3 p.m.

Friday 4th. Arose & breakfasted. Left our game & bag to follow by the Mail cart and started on foot for Wynberg, were very stiff from yesterdays work otherwise none the worse. Shot a few specimens of birds on our way, dined at Wynberg, took omnibus from thence at 5 o'clock 8 miles, 1/6 - and home to tea, found all well & right. Farmer Pecks Inn is the most extraordinary affair as a house of entertainment that we ever saw - it consists of a lot of adjoining hovels - one story high with clay walls, thatched roof, no ceilings, earth floors & unglazed windows - regular Irish Cabins. The whole would be put up in England for £20. Yet in this place where one room serves 3 or 30 as the case may be for eating drinking & sleeping in will you get to eat and drink from Plate and Glass and linnen of the finest quality the best of viands with sauces etc. - to match - It is a notorious resort for the Naval officers of Simons Bay and old Peck who is complete character - has made a large fortune there - his sign board is thus -

Life's but a journey lets live well on the road
says the Gentle Shepherd of Salisbury Plain
Multum in Parvo. Pro bono publico. Entertainment
for man and beast all of a row
Lekker costt, as much as you please, very good beds
without any fleas
Nos Patriam fugimus, now we are here, Vivamus, let
us live by selling beer.
On donne a boire et a manger ici. Come in and try
it whoever you be.

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Saty 5th. Suffering from diarroehea, went up to library, saw a sale of Thalurtzers.

Weights & Measures at the Cape.

A Legger =	152 Dutch gallons or about	126 7/11 Imperial
$\frac{1}{2}$ Do.	76	63 7/22
Pipe	110	91 7/11
$\frac{1}{2}$ Do.	55	49 9/11
An dam	38	31 2/3
$\frac{1}{2}$	19	15 5/6
An Auker	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 11/12
$\frac{1}{2}$ Do.	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 22/24
A Flask	19/32	.4946

A gallon is reckoned equal to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bottles.

92 lbs. dutch = 100 avoirdupois.

A schepel .743 Imp. Bushels A mind	4 schepels =	Imp. 2927
a load 10 minds, thus 4 schepels are about		1000
3 Bush Imp. & 11 = 1 quarter.		

Saty 5. Up to town library, & Parade sale. Saw Thalurtzers Saxony Rams sold, made 530 dollars to 250 : 39.15.0 & 18.15.0, appear bad bred brutes with fine short wool & kind faces. Read Bells comedy of marriage.

Sunday 6th. At home, expected Landsberg but he did not come. Had Roast Beef & fine Plum Pudding - troubled with Diarroehea.

Monday 7th. Pleasant. At home writing. Baron Ludwig called & brought us a present of Strawberries. Took tinct. Rhubarb, no good.

Tuesday 8th. Pleasant. Do. writing to Stanger. Took tinct. of Kino and derived benefit from it.

Wednesday 9th. Wet in the morg. Went to see the Wreck of the Mary Stewart sold - for 8200 dollars, Norton & Co bot. it reckoned dear, wife called on Mrs. Fearon. Baron Ludwig coming up gave her a ride home in his Phaeton. Dr., Fearon & I walked up saw the military funeral of Major Johnstone of the Cameronians who died at sea on board the Conqueror - an impressive & striking ceremony. Fearon dined with us, saw Captn Sharp at the sale of wreck - sd. he would be ready for sea next week.

Thursday 10th. Went to try & get on board the Ship, could not get a boat. Saw Sharp, went to library, saw mate of the John Woodall put in for water etc. sailed on the 15th, we

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beat her by about a month.

Friday 11th. Chas, Dr., Helen and I went up to the Signal station on the Lions rump, from whence we had beautiful view of town & shipping. In clear weather they can discern Ships at distance of 50 miles. Met Christian & O'Reiley, killed a poisonous lizard sort of thing going up. Dr. thought it was a chameleon - had it in his hand when a black came up & sd if bitten he wd die in $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour. Saw a man shooting Goats which were trespassing upon his fields. Helen managed the ascent and descent better than I expected. Wrote to W. Newsham per Jno. Woodall.

Saty. 12th. Nasty cold dull day. Went up to the Parade sale with Helen, all things we wanted went over our price. Helen & Blanche were yesterday at our neighbor Hamiltons. Mrs. H. gave them a handsome doll each & Mr. H. a box of toys. Christian dined with us, related his adventures up the country, to see the Sheep farms - He considers it a sure & speedy plan of making money.

Sunday 13th. Fine. Took Helen & H.M. to the Dutch Church, discoursed in Dutch language. Saw 3 children christened - handsome building with splendid pulpit - after dinner Dr and I went over the Kloof to Camps Bay - called at Johnsons Boarding House - his charge is 3.15.0 pr. month to board with him & his family, extra table 7/6.

Monday 14th. Fine. Up to town with Helen shopping. Heard to our surprise that our ship mate J. Wilkinson was going to be married. George the 4th large transport with 91st regiment arrived. Steamer Hindostan hourly expected. Dr and I called upon Captn Gibson of the London, left Wellington last May. Prefers the settlement of Nelson - says they are going again to remove the site of Wellington - Port Nicholson easy of access - have Pilots there. Chaffers chart the best, should keep S of V.D.'s land, recommends a tent, tea sugar & a supply of the necessaries of life to be taken. Dr. Wilson from Chichester, his passenger of Nelson & some others at Wellington, if we see any of them tell them we saw him.

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Tuesday 15. Fine. Hindostan arrived early this morn. with 73 passengers, left England 24th Sept. was only 34 days at sea. Bot some 5/8 14 3 x 9 Geffle at 2/- each to make some Packing cases of.

Wednesday 16th. Wet and Windy, at home.

Thursday 17th. Making boxes, went to town shopping with Helen. Newbegin went to see the Hindostan, reported her a most splendid & superior vessel, should have gone but did not like the expence ticket 1/- & getting off.

Friday 18th. Mr. & Mrs. Fearon called. Mr. Petre called, he thinks we shall be off by end of next week. Our Shipmate Mr. Jas Wilkinson was married to Miss Sarah Boyce a young lady here, she will go on with him.

Sat. 19th - fine day. Hindostan steamer left for Mauritius & Calcutta, took 65£ for seeing her, for the benefit of the Humane Society. Christian has made up his mind to stop at the Cape or return to England and has offered his cabin to Mr. J. Wilkinson for 40 gs.

Sunday 20th. Fine. Went to the Independence Chapel & heard Dr. Phillips, not famous as a preacher. Newbegin, Helen & H.M. accompanied me. Christian dined with us.

Monday 21. Went with Mr Petre & Dr. to see how they were getting on on bd the ship, think we shall be off by Sunday. Newbegin went on board again.

Tuesday 22. Went with a company to see Jenkins & to know if he would allow us any portion of our expences whilst we had been forced to live ashore, sd he cd not, called on Atty General busy in court all next day.

Wed. 23. Before breakfast made a box at our neighbours shop, he is a coach maker, a Scotchman, fond of gossiping and lets us use his bench whenever we like for the sake of our company. Drew up a case for the opinion of Atty. General, dressed & went up with it, he sd he would give us his opinion tomorrow. Attended sales, things dear, bot some skins, a leopards 12/6,

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wild cats 1/-, antelopes 1/6. Read Jamesons work on N.Z. at library - much pleased with it.

The opinion of the Atty. General is requested on the under case.

A is a cabin passenger of the ship Thos. Sparks from London to New Zealand, the Ship is chartered for the Voyage by Ridgway & Co. of Liverpool to whose agents in London A pays his passage money. Under an agreement between the owner and charterer of the Ship she is bound to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and to remain there 3 weeks.

In entering Table Bay the ship strikes on the Whale Rock & springs a leak, the cargo has to be discharged, the ship hove down to repair. A is hereby obliged to leave the ship and provide for himself on shore, and a period of 7 weeks elapses before the ship is in a fit and proper state to receive her passengers.

Under these circumstances can A. compel Ridgway & Co. to allow him his reasonable expences for the 7 weeks which he has been obliged to live on shore?

If not for the whole 7 weeks, can A. claim for those 3 weeks during which he wd have lived on board at R. & Co's expence had no accident have happened?

Thursday 24. Got answer from Atty General -

"Opinion" - I consider this to be a nice case, and am not aware of any decision upon the point, but assuming that the striking of the ship was occasioned by stress of weather, influence of current, or some other casualty of such a nature as comes within the denomination of Perils of the Sea; and assg. fm that the injury then sustained was one which made the heaving down of the vessel necessary; it appears to me that A. cannot by law compel Ridgway & Co. to make good his exps. upon shore. Under such circumstances (I mean a striking not occasioned by the neglect or Mifeasance of master or owners) A. would clearly have lost his passage money altogether, had the Thos. Sparks become a total wreck. In this case the charterers, (who are for the purpose of this voyage the owners) would not have been bound to send A. on in another vessel, nor to pay his passage back to England, nor to pay his expences on shore even for the 3 weeks during which had the ship Anchored in Safety he might have remained on bd. without let or hindrance. By the perils of the sea the voyage wd have been terminated, and unless A. had taken the precaution to ensure his passage money I do not see that he wd have had any remedy.

Now I am inclined to think that in any case in which the Ship, if totally lost, would have left the passengers without a remedy for either passage money or expences, that the passengers of the Ship be not lost but only injured, are without a remedy for the

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expences incurred during an absence from the vessel, which is rendered necessary either by the nature of the injury, or the course of treatment required for repairing it. It appears to me that the contract for conveyance may be properly viewed as being suspended, for the time during which the ship is undergoing repairs, demanded, not by defects for which the owners are responsible, but by the sudden and unexpected operation of a peril of the sea. When the ship shall have been again made fit for the reception of the passengers the obligation to receive them will again revive.

The case of the 3 weeks contemplated by the stay of the Vessel at the Cape is embarrassing. But in my opinion A. cd not in any view of the matter claim his actual expences for those 3 weeks or more than an equivalent for his rations which have not been furnished by the ship nor could he I think claim even an equivalent for these, unless they had been explicitly demanded and refused. And upon the whole I am strongly disposed to think that the right to receive these rations wd be held to be an inseparable adjunct to the voyage, that in order to the enjoyment of that right a passenger must be on board; and that as the ship wd. not have been bound to supply rations for 3 weeks or an equivalent for them to a passenger who shd have voluntarily come to live on shore so is the ship equally discharged by an involuntary absence caused by the perils of the sea.

(W. Porter, 23d Nov 1842)

After dinner took a walk with Helen on beach, when we ret'd she was overjoyed to find a letter for her from Catherine dated Aug 24. The Dr had got it in morg. at the Agents but forgot to deliver it previously, it is the first com. we had since leaving England.

Friday 25. Busy all day cleaning and packing guns.

Saty. 26. Went to town after wine, coffee etc. to take on to New Zealand. Vines and Bamboo canes, called at Baron Ludwigs, found there Fearon & Newbegin at work on Model of Steam Engine.

Sunday 27th. At home writing to my Father.

Monday 28th. Baron Ludwig, called & brot. us a present of cucumbers and strawberries. Went on board with Chas. to see how the ship was getting on. One Corporal Nugent of the 91st took tea with us, he has lately left Ceylon and was acquainted with Isaac Jecks, says he is much liked and very

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comfortable, also sd that he was an excellent draughtsman.

Tuesday 29th. The Col. Emigrants went on board, Dr Wm and I went afterwards, dined there, 2 Wilkinsons were on board, Newbegin brot. me on shore in Crowquas boat. Captn. says we will sail on Thursday.

Wednesday 30th. Began to pack, had to go on board to help Newbegin off with boat, came on shore again with Mr Herbert of the Wanderer. Spoke to him abt. C Matthews, told me to send him to him if he liked, called on Nugent at Barracks & for a Knapsack O'Reiley. Home packed up, hired Wagons etc. pd. rent, farewell to Talurtzer, Hamilton & Taylor, & hurried off to see waggons unload, Helen and Mr. H. came down afterwards. Got on bd all right about 7 o'clock. House over let to Pike.

Thursday 1st. Decr. Busy all day arranging cabin etc., find on board new mate Woods, 2nd. Do. Lang, late mate of Jno Woodall. Wilkinson came on bd. with Evans & Boys, pulled on board the St Laurence Philadelphia a fine American merchantman (ship) from Manilla. Newbegin went to dine with Baron Ludwig - who offd him 100 a year & board & lodging to stay at the Cape. Bamboo & Vines.

Friday 2nd. On shore with Dr after Mathews Busines to get candles etc., called on Hamilton, Busk etc. Mr. and Mrs. H. came off with us, took some wine, again visited the American to see a man late from Wellington, had left the ship. W.J. Wil. and Bride came on board. JOURNAL FORWARDED.

Saty 3d. Very windy. Went on shore after Matthews business etc. got him a birth on board the Wanderer for Macao whence he will get on to New Zealand if he likes via Sydney. Parker offered to advance him 5 at £10 on Bill on his father. Got some earth for Bamboo from Mrs. Findlays - wrote letters to Stanger left at Busks, letter to Mrs. Richmond pr. Christian letter to Matthews pr Parker. Called on Corporal Nugent. Got knapsack, farewell to several friends and off at 5 in a strong S. Easter, 9 of us for 15/-. Corporal Nugent accompanied us on bd, staid till Wilkinsons friends went off all on board except Captn and Petre & a few unimportant whom

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we expect tomorrow early. Sent 2 letters to father pr Timandra.

Sunday 4th. With Nugent up at 6 to help to heave short - got in about 30 fathom. Strong S. Easter came on, had to pay it out again - increased & blew terribly hard all day, no boats off & no communication with the shore, fine sunny cloudless weather nevertheless - fore Yards braced sharp up so as to give her a cant round in case we parted and had to stand out to sea. Mates name Collin Wood of Mayport, 2nd Laing, late mate of Jno. Woodall.

Monday 5th. Very Hot. In the morning heard we were going to sail in the afternoon, lies as usual. Dr., Chas & I took a boat of Captn Fearons & went to bathe - Mate & I afterwards pulled off to the Mysore, Watkins, & Jonathan Fell. Mr. O'Reiley came on board. Christian also. It is said that Captn Sharpe & Jenkins cannot get their a/cs settled.

Tuesday 6th. Very wet. Wind from the N.W. & rain caused unpleasant rolling, hear nothing of the Captain but the news is confirmed of his having got into a dispute with Jenkins lawyers on shore. The Jno Biddy fine ship arrived from India or China. Wilson very unwell with tooth rash.

Wed. 7. Fearon on bd. to breakfast, think we may sail in a day or two. O'Reiley & Dr. ret'd. about 10, say affair is settled & sail today or tomorrow. Christian came on board and sd he meant to go on with us. A Mr. Breckon, mate of the Mysore a barque of Chapman & Allen came on board and spent evening with us - The Emigrants very well, Mr. and Mrs. Petre came on bd. about noon.

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Thursday 8th. 1st day. Fine morn. light air N.W. got up at 5 to help to heave short & set canvas - sent boat on shore which ret'd about 8 with Captn. Christian & Fearon & Harris the keeper of the boarding house where Sharpe was staying. Had breakfast, then sent the boat on shore again with Harris and a cheese which the Captain gave him, and about 10 o'clock, the wind freshening, got under way for New Zealand & proceeded to beat out of the Bay, passed the John Biddy a transport.

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Her people gave us 3 cheers which we returned - our boat not having returned when we again closed with Cape Town we had to lay to for half an hour or so waiting for it. It was a foolish trick to send it on shore again. A brig the Britannia got under weigh with us, she was a most wretched sailer in beating to windward and we left her far behind, but a small schooner called the Jim Crow starting after us was just about as superior to our vessel - at about 2 P.M. being clear of Robber Island we stood out to sea with the Ship close hauled and a pleasant breeze from . We experienced a considerable easy sort of roll which incomoded all tender stomachs. Mr. Breckon gave my wife a chinese silk dress.

Friday 9th. 2nd. Moderate breeze but a rolling sea all last night. Helen, our servant & others sick & uneasy all day but not so bad as when leaving Portsmouth. Having stood to the Westward close hauled all day to gain an offing, weather fine & wind moderate from S.W. At 7 P.M. being about 170 miles off the Cape tacked the Ship & stood S.S.E. The Watkins, a brig which sailed the day before us, in company but we outsail her.

Saty. 10th. 3rd. Fresh breeze & heavy rolling sea all last night which continues today. Helen better but not well - our servant did not appear, I was therefore obliged to look after the children. Ship lay up S.S.E. Table Mountain in sight about 40 miles East.

Sunday 11th. Weather fine, wind light & fair but owing to the current round L. Agullus Bank, ship makes slow progress. All the passengers better and at dinner except Mrs Wilkinson. Second mate laid up Course S.E. x S.

Monday 12th. 5. Squally during the night with rain and ship rolled heavily. At day light wind settled down to a fine regular breeze and the ship under studding sails went rolling before it at the rate of 10 knots an hour, course S.E. Lat at noon 36. Long. Wind increased to a gale in the afternoon and reduced sail to foresails & double reefed main & fore-topsail.

Tuesday 13th. 6. During the past night had a heavy sea on

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and the ship scudding before it rolled tremendously, every thing that could possibly get adrift went knocking about - crockery ware, chairs, doors, etc. were broken by the dozen. Wilson was unable to sleep in his berth and had to be put into the cot with the other children. My wife was very much frightened and would not undress or go to bed and passed a very uncomfortable night. Many of the passengers were unable to be in their berths for fear of rolling out of them. Gale continued all day but the sea become rather more regular & easy. Many people however fell & got hurt on deck and no meals could be regularly taken. Towards evening rather abated and more sail was made on ship. Lat. 36.48 no Long. Had our dead lights down all yesterday afternoon and most of this morning.

Wednesday 14th. 7 Passed a better night. Wilson and other children in the cot. Made more sail in the forenoon and the wind still blowing fresh with heavy sea on, experienced much more tossing about than was agreeable. Ship goes about 9 knots, ought to do much better having the fairest wind possible, & following sea and being in the best trim for sailing. Lat 36.12, Long 30.37.

Thursday 15th. 8 A horrible calm last night and the ship pitching dreadfully on the swell of the late gale. Sails thrashing against the mast with a great noise prevented sleep. Some Cape Hens and a few Albatross seen about the ship. Helen & children got upon deck again. Succeeded in catching two albatross with a hook & line, they are noble birds when on deck. These were smaller than some but their wings extended 10 feet. A fine evening. Helen on deck. Music playing.

Friday 16th. 9 Light wind from the North to the N.E. Fine pleasant weather, no lat. or long. taken.

Saturday 17th. 10 Beautiful weather, light winds from N.W. our course is about due E. allowing for variation. If we ran further S. say to lat.40 should have strong winds I think. Lat.36.15, Long.35.21.

Sunday 18th. 11 Beautiful day. Wind as before, every thing set. Ship makes about 5 knots. M. Woods got blown up for

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sleeping on the Watch, & Douglas being saucy wd have been in irons but none of them were large enough. A sheep & one of M. Petres mares died.

Monday 19th. 12 Fine fresh breeze from S.W. ship going 10 knots. Lat.36.34 Long.42. Helen unwell with a head ache.

Tuesday 20th. 13 Fine weather. Moderate winds fair in the afternoon. The two mates had some words with Captain Fearon, one of our intermediate passengers. Captain Sharpe took Fearons part and in the evening eventually deposed his two officers, appointing Fearon Chief Officer. (No obser. taken).

Wednesday 21. 14 It blew fresh for a few hours last night, calm this morn. A fine Albatross was caught at the stern, Dr Wms killed & skinned it. The two Mates off duty. Capt'n & Fearon do the ships duty. (Lat. abt. 36.30 Long.48.28).

Thursday 22nd. 15 Pleasant breezes all night from N. Mrs. Ridley, one of the Company's Emigrants, taken unwell, xpect she will be confined. Mrs R. delivered of a girl at 11, doing well. Moderate and fair winds from N. 6 knots.

Friday 23. 16 Ship went well last night wind N. heels her over on the starbord side - she is much stiffer under canvas and sails better thus than when on the other tack. Great robbery of stores etc. were committed at Cape Town. Jams all gone and most of the Champagn.

Saty. 24. 17 Pleasant run last night. Ms. Fearon was confined at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 last night of a daughter - M. Woods was reinstated in his office as first mate & man named Russel second. Long 58.29, Lat.39.0. A large shoal of Porpoises were playing round the Ship. Capt'n Fearon succeeded in striking one but the harpoon came out as they were hauling it up. Wind E.N.E.

Sunday 25th. 18 Wind blew fresh all night. Ship went very fast abt. 12 they say 14 knots. Mr. O'Reiley burnt incense in his cabin this morn. We had a pretty good discourse from him on the Birth of Christ. Dined at 4. Had Roast turkey, Goose & Ducks & Boiled fowls & beef with plum pudding &

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champagne. Dr Wm's gave the Emigrants a sheep & glass of grog, the Capt'n. behaved with propriety and the day passed off very well. Lat. 39.14, no Long.

Monday 26th. 19 Rainy with light wind from N. Had a long conversation with Mitchell of the Intermediates about farming, he is a clever well informed man. His friends are settled 15 miles up the Manakau 90 miles N. of Wellington - they have erected a saw mill there. No observations, 5 knots.

Tuesday 27th. 20 It blew fresh with heavy rain during the night & this morn. the wind is from the S.S.E. being cold with rain. Ship lies about South. This is the first adverse wind we have had during the passage. Played a concert with Mitchell & Chas. Lat 40.46.

Wednesday 28th. 21st. Wind became more favourable about 12 last night & fresh from E & N. Today it blows strong with sleet & rain, cold wintry weather, a nasty swell made Helen squeamish. Weather glass falling & swell from the W. makes us expect a gale from that quarter. M. Petre was bid £700 for one of his horses in the Cape. Worked Longitude. Lat by D.R. 43 Long. 70.30. At 8 P.M. after an hour's calm, during which a fine albatross was caught, the wind came fresh from the South.

Thursday 29. 22nd. 3 weeks. Last night the wind kept steadily increasing till 10 when it blew a gale - the Captain who had foolishly carried on till this period now called all hands to reduce sail. This they effected the jib having blown to ribbons after 6 hours work, amidst darkness rain & a storm of wind. The ship, overpowered by her canvas, laboured heavily - few went to bed and none could sleep. Neither Helen nor I undressed but the children slept well thro it all in their cot. At 6 the ship was scudding before the gale under close reefed topsails & foresail. She shipped a good deal of water in the night and some of the poor Emigrants with their little children were half drowned in bed. Their accommodation is much neglected. At 8 the wind & sea began to moderate and at 7 in the evening we shook out the reefs & set top gallant sail. Weather glass rising. The weather is very cold & inclement & our people keep in the

cabin. No observations (neglect). A look out was kept for Icebergs last night by second mate.

Friday 30th. 23rd. Passed a better night, but it still blows hard from the cold south - weather is bitterly cold no going out. Newbegin & Chas squeamish. Netting $5\frac{1}{2}$ Rows & needle failed in 1hr 7m. = say to 5 Rows of 60 meshes inch in an hour or 5 feet in 12 Hours.

Saty. 31. 24 Wind was light from S. last night & the sea gradually subsiding very cold, children in, all day.

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Sunday 1st. 25th day of Voyage. Some of our passengers & Capt. proposed sitting up to see the new year in, but were tired most of them and asleep at the time. Strong wind from S.W. & a good deal of sea on 9 knots E.S.E. Sunny & not so cold, children etc. out on deck for an hour or two - last night for queerishness took 2 Clarks pills & Seidlitz acted as usual. O'Reiley pr.ed in cabin. Long 85, Lat 41.30.

Monday 2nd. 26th day. A gale of wind from S.W. heavy sea on with much pitching & rolling - many people hurt by falls on deck etc., weather very cold & most of the passengers in cabins. Long 89, Lat. 41.28. Ship does not sail as she shd do or there is some error, fully expected she was in 90 - Fearon says she is carried on too much to go.

Tuesday 3rd. 27th day. Rather more moderate, otherwise the same.

Wednesday 4th. XXVIIIth. Gale continues, wind rather more W. & not so cold. Ship laboured very much last night, Capt'n carrying far too much canvas.

Statistics connected with our stay at
the Cape

Repairs of the Ship	2017
Cabin passengers spent	
Emigrants	
Steerage	
Hon Petre	

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Thursday 5th. 29th day. Gale continued till last night - today it is calm & beautifully fine. All hands out again.

Friday 6th. 30th. Light air of wind from N. freshened this morn. Ship running very pleasantly, smooth sea, 7 knots - a lot of Sperm whales seen. Lemons we brot from Cape wd not keep tho' hung up singly or in nets for more than 8 or 10 days. Captn Fearons a better sort, good now, ours were too ripe. Took sights -

[Here involved calculations for obtaining latitude and longitude.]

A lot of whales seen close to the ship which Fearon says are Sperm.

Saty 7th. 31st. Ship sailed very beautifully all night - about 8 knots on an even keel & as steady as possible. She has a considerable list to Port from some cause or other which on this tack tells in her favor. Saw a Sperm whale, it swam round the Ship several times and appeared once close to her bows. Many porpoises seen in the night.

Sunday 8th. 32nd. Pleasant weather, Mr. O'Reiley preached as usual on the Poop, it was rather too cool with one's hat off - wind light from N. Long. 108.32, Lat. 42. In the evening saw a sunset of such glorious beauty as to be well nigh worth coming thus far to look at. One mass of clouds appeared exactly like an enclosed & cultivated country then ripe with crops of crimson & gold.

Monday 9th. 33rd. Calm, but not bright. If the weather we have experienced since leaving the Cape be a fair specimen of midsummer in 40. South then winters must be cruel indeed. Mitchell Chas & I played on the Poop. Newbegin caught an Albatross.

Tuesday 10. 34th. Light winds from E. to S.E. Ship makes no progress. Pricked off the Torys run on my chart, she made the passage from Sou. of Cape to Queen Charlottes Sound in 36 days and ran 90° 45" in the last 3 weeks. Long 111, Lat 42.13. 2 whales seen & several albatross caught.

Wednesday 11th. 35th. Light winds S. M.Woods for sleeping

at his post again knocked off duty, but taken on at night.

Thursday 12. 36. Fine weather, a favorable wind but light from W. 3 whales passed so close to the ship that we could hear the noise made by them when spouting. They also exposed themselves more than usual so that Helen & the children had a favorable opportunity of seeing them. Some mutton we had yesterday had been mast headed for a week to make it tender, it was much improved. Long. 114.4, Lat. 42.11. Chil visited Mrs Petre.

Friday 13th. 37th. Wind freshened from N.W. at 2 A.M. - with fine pleasant weather. Lat 42.11, Long 115.38. Made a fine run during ye night carrying every thing.

Saty 14th. 38th. Fine breeze from N. and beautiful weather - ship goes about 9 to 10 knots. Lat. 42.42, 120.42.

Sunday 15th. 39. It rained last night and the wind veered round to S.W. but blew fresh and the ship made good progress, fine day but wind cool. Blanche sick & ill overfeeding. Capt. was within 2 hours of letting his chronometer run down - - - - Lat. 43.15, Long. 125.30. O'Reiley prd. in cuddy.

Monday 16th. 40th. Captn found Wood & crew drinking brandy at 4 a.m. supposed to have been stolen from the cargo. Captn ropes ended one of his apprentices named Ross for refusing to work till he had breakfasted and afterwards took away their provisions from the larboard watch because they complained of overwork & under feeding. Dull day wind moderate from W. Lat. 43.50, Long 129.30. Blanche better but Mrs Miller absent from illness. Much row and confusion on bd - Captn quarrelling with mates, crew etc. etc. - but he behaves better than formerly to his passengers. - At night Captn introduced some of the emigrants to sing to him in the cabin which kept Wilson awake till 3 in the morg. Wind W.

Tuesday 17. 41st. Wind moderate from W. several large pieces of sea weed have been passed by ship during the last few days.

Wednesday 18th. 42. Light wind all night and much nasty rolling, about 10 it freshened from N. We are short handed, one watch being off duty some of the others laid up.

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Thursday 19th. 43rd. Last night the larbord watch agreed to return to work again. Lang (2nd Mate) having been telling tales about Wood (1st) to the Captn, Wood threatened to ropes end him. Captn charged him not but he went on to the poop, seized Lang & threw him down, Captn reprimanded him & this morning knocked Wood off duty again. A fresh breeze sprang up about 4 A.M. from the N. and the sea being smooth the ship sailed remarkably well going 10 to 12 knots due east under top gallant sails. Are now far enough south to clear every thing and hope to be off Van Ds land tomorrow - Lat 45.27, Long 140.12. Carried away a stunsail boom this morg.

Friday 20th (44th). Last night blew it fresh from N.W. till 5 A.M. when the wind suddenly flew to the S.E. taking the ship aback & causing some confusion. Wind freshened with heavy rain making the weather very cold & miserable. It cleared up in the afternoon and towards evening fell nearly calm. The sea is of a different color and many birds about but we see nothing of land which this afternoon we expected to be abreast of. Are probably too far S - but the Captn having very improperly & unaccountably neglected to take observations - we do not know our exact position - our Long. by D.R. is 145.16.

Saty 21st (45th). Had 2 or 3 hours calm about midnight when the wind veered to the N. & blew fresh - the tremendous noise made by the rudder working about during the calm was very unpleasant - this morg at 11 with a heavy squall & rain wind came to the Westward - our course is now E x N one point E variation makes it due E. Lat 45.148.43. Mr Petre gave us several bundles of twine to finish our net with.

Sunday 22. 46 Had a stormy squally night but a fair wind from S.W. against following sea on this morg beautiful to behold and of itself setting us forward about 2 knots an hour. Squalls flying about but mostly sunny. Wife & children out for first time since Wednesday - most of us on board are now pretty well squall proof except our musical friend Mitchell of the intermediates, who is a great coward at sea and anticipator of evil - Mrs. Wilkinson out today, it is a great

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mystery how she exists cooped up in her little hole of a cabin. Mrs. Fearon made her first appearance last - has been too cold since. She and the infant are both doing well. Lat. 44.30, Long. 153.7.

Monday 23 47. A stormy squally night, heavy sea running and pitching sending & rolling in proportion - this morn have half a gale from S.W. but fewer squalls. More sun and a rising Barometer. (Split fore sail & fore top g. sail & lower studding sail - & carried away divers booms). Lat. 43.37, Long. 158.5. Distance near 240 miles. Capt'n unwell.

Tuesday 24th. 48 6 Years since I was married - wind moderate S.W. and sea much calmer. Children & Helen out on deck. Mr Wood made me a knapsack of canvas but few birds seen - Lat. 43.9 Long. 162.1. Expect to sight land on Friday.

Wed 25. 49 Fine and favorable. Lat. 41.41 Long. 165.41. Some chance of seeing land tomorrow afternoon.

Thurs 26 - 50. Do. 40.46 170.0.0 did not see land.

Friday 27th. 51 Several of our passengers on the qui vive for land remained up all night. I retired at 8 a.m. rose at 2 found Mr P. & others looking out, beautiful night & a little moon. At about 3 had a supper & Mr Petre made us a cup of coffee in his Etna, whilst partaking land was reputed on the weather bow, went up much too dull & indistinct to be certain, a great diff. of opinion abt it. Mr P., Dr & I ascended the rigging & watched till day break then uncertain, but soon after became convinced and about 4 had a fair view of it abt 16 miles off. It proved to be rocky pt & much higher than expected, at 5 Helen went on deck to see it. Two beautiful land birds of most strange appearance flew rd. the ship - I turned in for 2 or 3 hours sleep, up again at 8, had neared the land considerably & it now shone forth distinct & clear in the morn sun. Its appearance was grand & romantic & desolate - Immense mountains covered to the top with trees, large gigantic cliffs detached from the beach caverns immense & arches thro them. Still higher mountains in the background & the sandy promontory off Cape Farewell stretching far away in the distance - A fresh breeze sprang up and bore us steadily

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and swiftly along on a calm and sap green sea till well off Cape Farewell when we bore away E. D'Urville's Island seen in the distance - about 5 it fell calm with rain then came on from the S.E. & freshened to a gale, had to bear away close hauled for the other coast - under too much sail. No lead going & a poor lookout kept - was on the forecastle an hour or so looking out, tacked at 12 & stood on to the S. till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 when Fearon discovered Cape Steven on our lee bow. It was supposed to be much closer than it probably was, and much alarm, shameful confusion & want of discipline were exhibited. Ship missed stays but eventually was got about by clewing up spanker and mainsail - soon after reefed topsails.

Saturday 28th & 52. At day light cd. see Kapiti Island ahead and Stephens astern - Barometer high & rising - at noon having stood in to a prudent distance from the shore a sandy beach with wood covered mountains behind - smoke of native islands seen all round. Tacked & stood to the S.W. hoping to fetch up to some anchorage further thro the straits but at 5 the wind blowing very strong with a short sharp pitching sea and drifting spray double reefed topsails & took in spanker and jib. Mr Petre and all hands helping. At 8 land appearing ahead, D'Urville isle, wore ship & stood N.E. x E $3\frac{1}{2}$ knots till 12 at night then hove and again stood over to D'Urville.

Sunday 29th & 53rd. At 8 this morn Stephens isle bore S.E. x E $\frac{1}{2}$ E 4 or 5 miles, tacked at 10 & spoke a Brig bound to Wellington the Margaret - Tomkins from Sydney - the Capt'n of her came on board & spent 2 or 3 hours with us, gave us a lot of Sydney papers, knew Korf and Jno. Newsham. At 1 the wind continuing foul for Wellington & our Captain tired of beating about the straits bore up for Nelson then 30 miles to leeward, but his proceeding there being contrary to Charter and much opposed to the wishes of Mr Petre, he changed his mind after getting some 8 or 10 miles down Blind Bay & turned back again. The shore along which we coasted was romantically beautiful, we were close in gently gliding along a sea as smooth as glass and the day was beautifully

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fine - all of us were charmed, our light breeze just lasted till we cleared Stephens isle again then in fell calm. Mr P. Dr & self were up all night in hopes of a favorable change and to be ready lest the tide shd set the vessel too near shore.

Monday 30 54 At noon a light favorable air began to help us on and we had a splendid sail along the coast & across the straits till we eventually cast anchor at 8 p.m. at the entrance to Port Nicholson. The Brig we had spoken on the Sunday soon after joined us.

Tuesday 31 - at 4 to 5 we got under weigh, a pilot came on board, and we proceeded with a fine working breeze to beat into Port Nicholson. This we had effected without accident but that the brig in company with us by some mismanagement ran stem on into our broadside, had we been a weak vessel he wd probably have cut us down to the waters edge & sunk us, as it was he gave us an ugly thump which broke our bulwarks down to the gunwale and then swung clear with loss of his own jib boom & figure head. We continued our course and he anchored to repair his damages - we went up to Wellington in grand style with colors & Ensign flying, were delighted with the views & appearance of the place and cast anchor at 3 o'clock. Many boats were off with the aristocracy of the place to greet Mr. Petre - they seemed much more dandified than we expected. After dinner I went on shore with my letters. The appearance of the place at Ridgways jetty is much more hustling and advanced than I expected and the place itself is larger and better, but its situation along the narrow beach makes it stragling and untownlike. The natives of whom one stood by at our landing are fearful to look at, their tatooed faces are horridly ugly. I first called on Major Hornbrook, found him in his store dealing with 3 natives, he took us in I gave him my letters and found him to be an agreeable business sort of man who says he is not doing so well as he was but in my opinion is making a fortune fast. I then called on Mr. Swainson, found his lady & family, I was much pleased with them, made me promise to take Helen up tomorrow. He came home just as I started, wished me to go and look at his farm on the Hutt. I was also fortunate in meeting Miss Wickstead in the street and gave her the letters, her brother has left

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Wellington having been appointed Companys agent at Plymouth. Rtd on bd to tea, several of our people were greatly disappointed at the place.

Wednesday Feby 1 1843. After breakfast Helen, Chas. & I went on shore to look for a house, saw several, called on Mr. Revans, Hornbrooks, Swainsons etc., did nothing decided, much pleased with the beauty of the place, rain in afternoon got wet went to Ship Hotel had some Brandy & water etc., waited a little till rain abated then hired a hut 9 for 10/- and off.

Thursday 2. Chas & I went on shore, planted the Bamboo in Captn. Smiths garden - saw Revans afterwards, looked at houses & eventually hired one of Mr. Chetham on the beach for one pound per week, late occupied by Judge Halswell - Wilkinson also hired one for 12/-, dined at a chop house - on board made arrangements for Boat to carry off luggage at 7 a.m. & packed up.

Friday 3rd. Boatman came to say he cd not take goods on shore before they had been passed at Custom House, went on shore got permit from them for baggage and pd 6/8 for wine, ret'd. on bd and at noon got away from the ship. Chas. accompanying the baggage boat £1.0.0 & Ward a volunteer, 3d mate & Boy Harry with me. Helen, Mrs. Miller & the children in the gig, we beached the boats exactly opposite our cottage had them unloaded & off again in quick time, tapped a cask of wine to drink success to N.Z. in & took possession of our new abode. A native in full costume and regularly tattooed walked in and sat himself down, we shook hands gave him a cigar showed him a tiger skin & other curiosities and when tired of his presence pointed to the gate & told him to "Harry", this he understood & moved off immediately. Fearon, the Dr. Hornbrook & others came to look at us & our abode. My wife went up to Mrs. Swainson who told us of a grocer, butcher etc., lent us some knives, forks & spoons, and behaved very kindly. The day was calm & gloriously fine, we slung our cots as on shipboard fearing the rats who appeared however to have abandoned the place, & the Dr. who with his usual amiability had stayed to help us rolled himself

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up in a coat & slept on the floor.

Saty 4th. Busy putting to rights, children before dressing ran out & paddled on the beach, went shopping, bot. some wood for a table etc. wood good about the English price for inch & $\frac{3}{4}$ stuff - bot. a load of fire wood 8/- some fish at the door 3 sorts all excellent - were visited by Oates and Christian in the afternoon.

Sunday 5th. Hornbrook came & took us a walk 8 miles up a very good road leading to Porirua, the glorious beauty of the romantic scenery and the luxuriance & variety of the forest & bush over all description. Helen accompanied us, we visited a saw mill seated in a ravine of marvelous beauty - belonging to Captn Daniels, & retd highly delighted with the beauty & fertility of the neighborhood. Helen had not walked so far for years & stood it remarkably well. All the children particularly & indeed every one we met bore evidence in their robust & ruddy looks of the salubrity of the climate. There are more good looking women here English than ever I saw before. Woods & friend - Lowther & friend, called in the afternoon. Alfred Wilkinson took tea.

Monday 6. Very windy, dust terrible - disappointed in not being able to land goods from wind, most of the day house hunting, not liking our own, but at last decided to keep on at present.

Tuesday 7. Less windy & fine, on bd after luggage, Captn refused to give it up unless Bond was signed. Went to lawyer & agent with him, at last agreed to pay share of landing, warehouse & reloading at Cape. Hornbrook came & sat with us in the evening.

Wednesday 8. Fine calm morg. off for boat on bd to breakfast. Captn made out a/c for exps at Cape of landing & reshipping our baggage, made it come to 1.12.0 per ton - 5 ton = £8.0.0. Wd not pay but preferred signing the avge. Bond, went on shore to do it. Ridgway refused to allow it to be done on the plea that having no Bills of lading it wd not affect us. Retd. on bd Chas had got every thing into boat xcept cask of

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hardware, left that & went off with the other goods, landed them safely opposite our house thus saving cartage, unpacked piano etc. Helen tried it bot up a native who admired it much - unpacked chests some in good order, some worse, table linnen mildewed a little & some of my old black clothes - Chas mackintosh in tool chest very bad order, silks in tin case all right, gloves in chests spoiled kid worse than any thing. Yesterday gave steward 10/- Chas the same. Newbegin took tea with us foolishly desponding. Oates & Christian came in the evening to arrange about journey to the Hutt.

Thursday 9th. Airing things &c. bathed, glorious day, were going to see after cask, met Newbegin who sd he had got it on shore - all right - Chas went after it & brot it home; went shopping & hired another house of Walker a carpenter $\frac{1}{2}$ price 10/-, called at Surveyors office & saw plan of Upper Hutt. Dr. and Christian came in evening & we went off on an expedition up the Hut, walked 8 miles to a man's named Welsh public House.

Friday 10th. Up early & off up the river breakfasted on its Banks, caught a trout & fried it on the embers. Met Petre, Molesworth and Clifford in the wood. Went on about 5 miles as far as Boltrops place - last clearing but one, ret'd on the other side of the River, got some cold meat & coffee at an inn nr Mr. Molesworths and then made a fwd. march home, where we arrived at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11.

We were much pleased with the beauty of the River Hutt and the general appearance of the valley, it is more heavily timbered than we expected but for the most part with trees of an easy size. The Bush or forrest is nearly impassable owing to underwood & supple jack a plant or creeper which is as tough and strong as cords & extending everywhere. The first place to be disposed of is Morings - 25 acres of land without timber on the marsh land - well fenced & a good house on it, it is nearest Wellington of any well placed for a dairy farm, plenty of bush around it for the cattle to range on. Wicksteeds cottage a pretty small place in the forrest & small clearing around it. Bartons comes next, a fine place belonging to an active Scotchman, wheat, maize, mangle wurzell

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& potatoes in great luxuriance. Dr Dorsets joins, to be let uncleared - on the opposite side is Swainsons beautiful spot then Dr Garrods who wd let a portion off at 5/- per acre 20 years lease or for sake of neighbors rent shd not be an object. Next comes a fine section with a good house of Comptons, and then the noble estate of Mr Molesworth, opposite here is a nice little village an excellent little inn and every thing English.

Saty 11th. Went up town, pd Chetham rent & gave notice to leave. Miss Wicksteed left in Gov. brig for New Plymouth. Called upon Stokes, Stangers friend, & upon others after land etc.

Sunday 12th. Went up to Martins place nr the Town, a beautiful spot & in the evening all of us took a walk up the Hill to Wadestown, glorious views therefrom & the finest barley growing that ever was seen.

Monday 13th. Chas making meat safe. I went up to town, called on Ludlam, Dr. Evans, Stokes, Hornbrook and etc. chiefly with reference to land. Looked into court where the land claims were being tried. Last 7 days have had glorious weather.

Tuesday 14th. Went to the Horticultural show. Melons, Cucumbers, Wheat and Barley, Potatoes, cabbages & vegetables very fine, flowers & mangle wurzel trumpery, the latter no doubt owing to defective seed. In the afternoon went up to the Karori Valley, land selling there heavily timbered for £13 per acre, road indifferent, got wet coming home.

Wed. 15th. Chas after meat safe, self writing to England & shopping, weather dull & drizzly. Helen & Mrs Miller with a washwoman, 2/- per day, busy washing etc. Camp oven bakes things well & very useful for these wood fires.

Thursday 16th. Had 2 women to get washing over, Tyser called and staid an hour or two, gained nothing particular from him. Dr called in evng, promised to come & help to remove. Mr. Moreing called and agreed to go over & look at his place on Hutt on Saty; rats anoyed us all night.

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Friday 17th. Busy removg. pd 2/6 an hour for horse & cart cost 10/-. Newbegin A.W. & Dr came to help, got done by 2 o'clock. Like our new abode better than old one and save 10/- a week.

Saty. 18th. Went up Hutt with H. Moring, a gentlemanly man well informed & of good family, has been great traveller in Asia &c. got to his house about noon, looked about a little and had some eggs and bacon. After that went regularly over his land, it is too swampy - clover grows well and at the present price of hay wd. pay well 14.0.0 per ton. He says he has laid out £700 will sacrifice 200 and take 500 for it. Retd home with him, did not decide wishing to see Manawatu & Wanganui. Talked to many natives on the way he being well known to them. Met and were introduced to Baron Alzdorf, a farmer up the Hutt - got home rather tired had 20 miles walk. Oates & others called up he has made up his mind to go to New Plymouth by a small schooner, fare £5.0.0. Helen has engaged a little girl to help at 2/6 a week instead of Mrs. Miller.

Sunday 19th. With W. Hornbrook & herring walked over to Evans Bay, it is all clean land thereabouts or covered with rush, flax & rough herbage, many cattle & sheep about looking well.

Monday 20th. Busy arranging things in the house and preparing for a journey to Wanganui &c.

Tuesday 21st. At 3 p.m. started on the expedition, Dr. W. and Christian accompanied us first stage of 13 miles to Porirua, we got there about 8 & staid at a hovel kept by one Jackson, had supper & to bed, slept on trussels in a room or out-house. Christian and I in one bed, Dr & Chas in another, 3 natives occupied the floor and a miserable sheep one corner. Were bitten to distraction by the fleas and passed an uncomfortable night. The journey from Wellington to Porirua was thro Bush, some nice flat spots but heavily timbered & a few clearings. Johnstones the Principal - around Jacksons house is a beautiful flat spot surrounded by hills & abutting on the lake of Porirua XV.

Wednesday 22nd. Got up, breakfasted, bade adieu to the Dr & Christian and were ferried over the lake 4 miles to Thoms'. Started from there with two natives of Otaheiti going to Kapiti, the route for 8 miles was thro' a Maori path chiefly Bush, the Bukaroah, then 3 miles over a very bad rocky beach and 9 good walking to Jenkins at Hurui Pah. Got there very tired by 8 and found Cook and Barret with the cattle, distance walked 20 miles (total XXV). The country this day was sand hills for $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile from the beach the hills covered with wood.

Thursday 23. Continued the journey on a splendid beach in co. with Mr. Cook for about 5 miles then struck inland for shooting, got 2 teal, regained the beach guided by a native and 4 miles further brot. us to the Otaki and Taylors house - ferried across found Cook and Co. there, supped and went to bed. The country passed this day was better and at Otaki we found one of the most beautiful districts in N.Z. Distance computed this day (LVIII miles).

Friday 24th. In the morning pursued our journey along the beach for about 3 miles then in company with Mr. Cook & Taylor the landlord struck into the country and thro' a beautiful district along the banks of the Ohou to a native Pah, the residence of chief Ahua, a friend & relative of Taylor's - here we arrived about 3, lounged about with the natives on their flax & rushes and at 6 partook of a repast of eels, potatoes and tea. The old chief rigged up a tent for us outside his hut & spread blankets for our accomodation. We turned in about 9 - but sleep owing to the swarms of Mosquitoes was impossible. (X).

Saty 25th. Up at daylight, breakfasted as we had dined off eels & potatoes - hired one of the chiefs slaves for a guide and about 8 struck off across the country for the Mannawattu, we were ferried across a lagoon and the lake of Horewenua 5 miles long - we made the river about 6 miles below Kebbell's then our guide took a small canoe which only holding one Chas. was left to follow us on shore till I being landed shd be enabled to send the canoe back - the bush however prevented him from getting on, but some English sawyers passing gave him a cast and he overtook us at a pah where I had pulled up

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to wait for him - we then proceeded together and arrived at Kebbell's about 7 - found old friend Mitchell there & his nephews hard at work building a house & spent the evening with them at a Mr. Cooks with whom they were living - the country thro which we passed this day was mostly swampy, about equally covered with flax and wood - when properly drained will some day be a very fine district. - (XX).

Sunday 26th. Took an excursion up the river in Mr Cooks whale boat, called at the surveyors station saw a plan of the district many of the sections are already chosen - proceeded about 6 miles up the stream as far as an island & Pah. "Te maori" there is plenty of wood along the banks and the Mannawattu is a noble river from 100 yds to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile wide, deep & free from impediments - the Surveyors station is on No. 13, Cooks on No. 12. Kebbels just opposite the latter, a fine swamp not yet laid out is at the back of Kebbels, it contains several 1000 acres quite flat & covered with flax & rush. Were terribly annoyed by the mosquitoes this afternoon & night - distance done this day (XIV).

Monday 27th. Up at 5 and were paddled down the river in a canoe by a chief Erunca(?) a decent old man for about 12 miles then 3 more across sand hills brot us to Burrs' house & ferry nr. the mouth of the river here a mile wide. Breakfasted & ferried over then on at a good pace to overtake the cattle, reached the Rangitika a wide stream and were put across by some natives, saw the sheep on the other side & went on to catch them but night overtaking us & being knocked up had to light a fire & lie down on the sand hills without food or water till daylight then up & on. Country this day fine beach sand hills & good land behind. (XXXX miles).

Tuesday 28th. Proceeded to the Turakino 3 miles where we found them, they gave us some cold potatoes & we helped them across the river fording it middles deep, then we proceeded to the Wangaihu 3 miles further, waited there 2 or 3 hours for low water, breakfasted on potatoes, tea and 2 Red Bills we had shot then forded across 3 feet deep and on with the cattle to Wanganui 9 miles. Arrived there cold wet tired & miserable in drizzling rain at 3 p.m., were ferried across by Mr Shephard

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the surveyor & established ourselves at Lockharts Victoria Inn where dry clothes, a bottle of excellent ale & a plentiful meal of Pork & Potatoes, tea & Pancakes soon made us forget the difficulties & privations of the previous 30 hours. The approach to Wanganui 3 miles up the river from the beach is bad being across sand hills & swamps - a large Pah filled with natives of a bad sort is situated opposite the Town on the S side of the river. (XV miles).

Wednesday 1st March. Arose & made a hearty breakfast then proceeded with Mr. Cook to call on Captn Campbell late of 73d to whom we had a letter. He gave us refreshment & advice about the country - thence with Barret we went to call on Mr. Bell an old Scotchman celebrated for hard work talking drinking and swearing, he is regarded as and proved one of the most eccentric men in N. Zealand, has about 30 acres of wheat just harvested and is the only settler in Wanganui who has been enabled to overcome the opposition of the natives to the white man taking possession of his land - he gave us two meals in 3 hours, talked incessantly all the while - tried hard to pour more whiskey down us than was prudent to take & in enforcing his arguments knocked Cook & Barrett his supporters on either side black & blue. We left him about 6 and Chas & I went to spend the evening with Mr. Shephard the Co's surveyor at Wanganui, we found in him a very agreeable clever and gentlemanly man, he had been in Wright & Woodrows office at Norwich and employed in surveying Aylsham & that neighborhood, he also knew Lowestoft and the Georges' there. Distance (IV miles).

Thursday 2nd. In company with Captn Cambell I took a walk to look at a portion of the Wanganui district, got back about 4 dined, & in the afternoon Old Bell came up to take a glass with us. Cook also came in & took coffee. Bell getting drunk we went to bed early. The country I saw this day with Campbell is every thing that can be desired and is without doubt the finest location I have yet seen in New Zealand. The Wanganui is a fine tidal river, the country is rich & not over wooded, the drawback is the refractory character of the Natives & no settler has yet got on his land save old Bell, altho some have been waiting there 18 mos. & 2 years - dist (X miles).

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we undressed without any ceremony before 20 or 30 of the Mauries men & women - wrapped ourselves in our blankets & laid down upon the floor - the natives staid smoking their pipes till they were tired & then left us to get such repose as fleas etc. would allow. XII miles.

Monday 6th. Up early & down to the river to cross the cattle effected this without accident to the great joy of the natives many of whom had never seen a Cow cow as they call the cattle before. We then pursued our way for 3 miles to the beach thro a fine district and 3 miles further on the beach brot us to another resting place. Here it came on to rain heavily and our position becoming bad Mr. Cook and Nairn with some of the natives pushed on for a place 4 miles further where an old house was sd to be standing. About 4 o'clock finding that Mr. Cook had taken on the blankets appropriated for us and no signs of better weather appearing we thought it better to follow after him, but after pursuing his trail for full 8 miles over sand hills and along the beach we were overtaken by darkness - being then on the beach we were obliged to retrace our steps for a mile or so to find an ascent up the Cliffs, and soon after succeeded in getting a fire by which we laid down cold wet and hungry. Unfortunately our supply of wood was very small and the fern and bush around were too wet to burn so after exhausting every thing combustibile within our reach we resolved to try back for Barretts division. After numberless difficulties we succeeded in regaining them by 2 in the morning being 4 hours in doing 6 miles. They were much surprised to see us - but calling their natives up they replenished the fire, roasted some potatoes & gave us some tea. Here we staid till daylight drying our clothes and holding a council in which we ultimately determined to abandon the party, give up seeing New Plymouth & hasten back to Wellington. Our chief reasons were the slow rate at which the party travelled, the loss of time & expence thereby entailed on us & the trouble we shd. probably find in returning. We had moreover asked numberless persons as to New Plymouth - had recd but one a/c of it from friend or foe and therefore felt satisfied that we might safely proceed there if we preferred good land to a good harbour. Our wanderings in the

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middle of the night gave us an opportunity of testing the salubrity of the climate. Having to bear inland from the beaten path for fear that in the darkness we might fall over the cliffs, our route was thro fern, grass & underwood on the avge breast high but occasionally varied by a swamp of flax, or a ravine of great depth & steepness, the labor required to force thro this was immense and we were thoroughly knocked up before we had tried it $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour; when therefore we were too much exhausted to drag on any further we used to drop down where we stood, in clothes thoroughly wet from rain and perspiration, upon flax, fern, or bush equally saturated with moisture and then instantaneously dropping asleep we remained till the coldness of the night awoke us shivering & benumbed to renew our progress. This we repeated 3 or 4 times & incredible as it may seem a cold which I had suffered from the day before was better the succeeding morg. (Dist. XXX).

Tuesday 7th. At 8 o'clock started off on our return march, Nibbett and our old companions having left the encampment an hour previous. We pushed on at a rapid rate, made the Pah at Witotara by 9, were ferried over by the Natives for 4 sticks of tobacco, bot 2 delicious water melons & a small basket of Potatoes for 1/- of them, & then pursued our way over the sand hills & on to the Beach where at 12 o'clock we halted for refreshments & to wait for low water to run around the cliffs. After eating our melons & potatoes we laid down & slept in the sun till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 & then started off following the beach for Wanganui where we arrived very tired but with out accident by $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7. In the course of our journey along the beach we discovered a stratum of coal about 15 miles from Wanganui, it was at the bottom of the cliff about 40 yards long & 1 foot thick & appeared of Yorkshire or inland quality - (distance XXX).

Wednesday 8th. Resting & reveling after our privations in the plenty of Wanganui - took a paddle up the river in a canoe. A Mr. Russell who came out in the Prince of Wales accompanying us, dined with Mr. Shephard who supped with us off a duck we had shot & retired to bed in good time for our start in the morg. (X).

Thursday 9th. Left Wanganui at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8, were paddled down the river for 2 miles by our landlord Lockhart of the Victoria Inn & then over sand hills for 2 miles to the Beach - we then pushed on at a rapid rate to the river Wangahui, forded it navel deep & 100 yds wide about 200 yds from its mouth then trotted on to save tide to the river Turakino where Mr. Mason the Missionary was drowned, which we crossed about 20 yds from the sea knee deep & arrived at Rangatiki where we got ferried over at 8 well tired - got some potatoes, eels and tea for supper, a man named Holder having just got established there slept in a little Maori shed with him, were much bitten by fleas. Dist. XXX.

Friday 10th. Off at daylight & made Burrs on the Manawatu by 10 - left there at 1 hoping to reach Taylors but soon after crossing the Horrewenua river, knocked up made a fire & slept on the sand hills, did very well till our mat caught fire & awoke us by burning my feet, got up & moved further off but drizzling rain coming on made us uncomfortable & at daylight we started on. (Dist. XXX).

Saturday 11th. For Taylors. Crossed the Ohou with some trouble partly by fording & partly in a canoe & reached Taylors at Otaki by 9 wet thro - the rain continuing we remained there all day drying clothes & accoutrements - at about 8 in the evening Mr. Cameron came he had left Wanganui a day after us. (Dist. X).

Sunday 12th. Left Taylors at 8. Found Col. Wakefield & Molesworth at the mouth of the Otaki, where being ignorant of Taylors removal up the river they had spent part of the night in halloeing for a canoe and the rest under their mackintosh's on the bank - we got to Jenkins in Hurui Pah by 1 where we got some pork & potatoes & then on in a hurricane of wind & rain for Porirua - the storm being fortunately in our backs drove us forward at the rate of full 5 miles an hour & we got thro the difficult passes of the Rocky Settlement & the Bakuroah Bush by dark, arriving at Thoms by 8, wet & very tired, we here got a good supper and a comfortable bed. (XXXIV miles).

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Monday 13th. A splendid day, breakfasted & off by 9 for Wellington. Took it easily & got home about 5 to the great surprise of our friends who had that day got a letter from us 10 days old not to expect us for a fortnight. We were considered to be looking very thin & much worn down by the exertion, our shoes were worn out & tied up with flax, our one pair of trousers and coats were dirty & ragged and our tout ensemble that of way worn beggars - indeed for 3 weeks we had worn wet & dry the same garments, had marched thro all sorts of country in them, had climbed cliffs, forded rivers, waded thro swamps & slept on the sand with them, but bad & exhausted as our exterior might seem I doubt if we were ever in better health or in better trim for muscular endurance. We were absent from Wellington 20 days. (XVIII). Walked 390 miles and spent £11.18.0.

Tuesday 14th. Refreshing after our fatigues & enquiring about a ship for Taranake. Newbegin departed with Major Hornbrook in the Gannett on an excursion to the East Coast.

Wednesday 15th. Saw Mr. Petre who advised us to look at No. 26 a section for sale up the Hutt before leaving this neighborhood.

Thursday 16th. Went up to Baron Alzdorf's place on the Hutt he being agent for No. 26, asked £600 for it. Saw the outside of it but nothing more. In the afternoon called at Mr. Comptons & looked over his place. Took tea with him - at night slept at the Aglionby Arms.

Friday 17th. Saw and talked further with Compton, Dr Garrand Bowler & others about Hutt lands in general and No.26 in particular. Again slept at Burchams.

Saty 18th. Went down to Bowlers, took bill axe & compass, explored the section found it swampy in parts and not a first rate one, got some Pork & potatoes at Bowlers then ret'd. reaching Wellington in 3 hours.

Sunday 19th. At home writing etc.

Monday 20th. Called upon Mr. Petre before breakfast, saw

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Alzdorf, declined buying, but offered to hire his section, called upon Capt'n Hines & Hort to hear their account of Taranake, gave glowing a/c thereof - a Maori shot another for stealing his wife in Wellington.

Tuesday 21. Chas employed making a trussel table, called upon Hill, Wallace & White, etc. about land in this neighbourhood cd hear of nothing suitable. Saw a letter from Oates speaking well of Taranake. Went on board the Governor Hobson to see her accomodations. Mrs Petre called and took Helen and Blanche out for a walk. Martineau sold his books.

Wednesday 22. At home all day writing and at a/cs, appear to have 250 in Bag & Bank

£ 85	mine
<u>165</u>	Chas
<u>250</u>	

Thursday 23. Went with Mr Christian & Bresse the Surveyor general to look at some land of the latters up the Karori road, he wants £14 an acre for it 10 acres 3 miles from Wellington, it is a beautiful spot but the land is light & inferior to the Hutt or Porirua. Saw Dr Evans, he will sell a section up Hutt or the Porirua £3 an acre. 10 pr cent cash down & the remainder to lie 5 years at 10 pr cent.

Friday 24th. With my wife & Bro. went to look at the Govr. Hobson. Mr Hort offered to take us for £14.0.0 the use of the cabin and goods in hold at 2.10.0 pr ton - a vessel - the Will Watch has lately arrived from Launceston bringing apples, they retail them at 4d each. Small & not good looking.

Saty 25. Went to Hort & agreed to convey us to New Plymouth for the cabin of the Govr. Hobson for £12.0.0 & to pay 2.10.0 for luggage not xceeding 8 ton, ship to find firewood and water, we to provision ourselves, expect to sail on Wednesday. Saw Revans. Sorry we were going etc. offd. to serve us in any way here. Bot. some casks & divided our large one into them. Hornbrook bot. 4 apples for 1/-, gave us 3 - they were pretty good but not first rate.

Sunday 26th. We all went and dined with Wm. Hornbrook - afterwards called on P.P.C. on Mrs. Swainson and in the

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evening on Mr. and Mrs. Petre. Staid there an hour or two, made acquaintance with 2 Gentlemen who had been dining there - Messrs. Clifford & Vavasour.

Monday 27th. Busy packing. The government Brig arrived from Taranake in 36 hours bringing the Judge etc. to open the Supreme Court here on the 1st of April.

Tuesday 28 - Packing & up to town to see after schooner etc. attended an auction. Cigars & snuff sold for 7d per lb, bot. some pitchers at 4d a piece & soap at 2d per lb. A. Wilkinson called to bid us good bye. N.B. the soap from drying had lost 1/3 of its weight cost 3d.

Wednesday 29th. Up to town making various purchases. Horts sd. schooner wd. be down by 1 o'clock for goods. Got a letter per Col. Wakefield from Wicksteed hoping to see us soon at Taranake. Got cart & assistance did not come till 4 - hurried goods on board, found it then too late to get children & wife on board. Met the Col. as I was rolling a cask down to the jetty, he stopped and gave me some information about Taranake saying Wicksteed had got a house ready for us and that he had no doubt we shd. do well. Wm Hornbrook lent us a lot of blankets & we slept on the floor keeping a good fire.

Thursday 30. Captn promised to send boat on shore at 5, did not till 8 at last got safely on board fine calm morg. towed her out with ebb S.E. wind came up about noon. Spent day in beating out of the entrance to Port Nicholson.

Friday 31. Calm & drifting about in the tide rip off Terra-witte - a light breeze from S.E. for 2 or 3 hours then fresh from N.W. stood over for Queen Charlotte Sound - but too dark to enter - beating about the straits all night. Much pitching, Helen dreadfully sick & children xcept Wilson much worse than they were on bd. the Thomas Sparks.

Saty 1st. Tried to enter the sound this morg. but too late for the tide, had to keep standing off & on under the lee of the land. Spoke the Will Watch for same destination as

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ourselves, smart vessel, much outsailed us, stood in for the sound again for flood tide but our Capt'n xpecting change of wind or it being nearly dark did not enter but bore away to sea again, blew hard all night we passed an uncomfortable time but the invalids better of the sickness.

Sunday 2nd. Soon after day light weather and wind very bad we bore away for Cloudy Bay, about 18 miles S. or to leeward of the Sound and succeeded in coming to an anchor at 10 o'clock where we remained all day. It blew hard but off the land and was otherwise fine weather.

Monday 3rd. Still at anchor, wind continuing unfavorable & blowing hard, pulled into the Bay & went on shore in a nice little nook "Ocean Bay" where there are 20 houses inhabited in the season by whalers now chiefly deserted, caught a most singular fish with the hook something like a dog fish & a large skate. Rain & wind at night.

Tuesday 4th. Yesterday repeated without catching the fish or going on shore, at night got our anchor twice a light wind from the right quarter tempting us but dying away had to bring up again.

Wednesday 5th. Calm till about 10 when the S. Easter came on up anchor & away, just cleared the Comb rocks, & managed to weather 3 miles of a bad rocky lee shore with a heavy swell setting thereon and then bore away before the wind for the Northward - had a heavy sea on but our little vessel tho good for little else behaved very well in it. Helen very sick again & in bed all day, the little girls also affected.

Thursday 6th. Had light wind during the night but the pitching of the vessel as bad as ever. In the morning it blew very hard from the S. West this tho a fair wind we cd not avail ourselves of owing to the badness of our canvas, consequently had to lay to most of the day in a tremendous sea - Helen & children as bad as possible.

Friday 7th. Made sail on the vessel about midnight and day break were in sight of Taranake, a fine S.W. wind & heavy

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following sea drove us on till about 4 p.m. when to our great joy we cast anchor and soon after espied the company's surf boat coming off to us. Into this we bundled with a carpet bag a piece the sea being too rough to carry anything else, got rather wet by the spray and were at last joyfully landed in safety thro a heavy surf but which the excellence of the Co's boats and the skill of their boatmen renders perfectly harmless. On the beach we were recd by Mr. Wicksteed our friend Oates & Lieut Cook. The former took us up to his house close by, turned Helen & the little ones over to the kind cares of Mrs & Miss W. and gave us a very good dinner. Chas & I slept at Mr. Oates quarters, Helen & the children remained with Mrs. W.

Saty 8th. Up early to see after a house to put our things in as they landed, but not succeeding Mr. W. gave us leave to put them in the Co's store house for safety so that we might remain as we were till Monday when we should have time to enquire further. Chas went off to the ship and got one load on shore in safety, the weather then turned out too rough, till the afternoon when we got the remainder landed without damage and the piano which was moved up to Mr. W's proved to our great surprise to be in nearly the same trim as when we left England. Dined at a club with Mr. W.

Sunday 9th. Got up and took a walk, fell in with and hired a house for 6/- per week - and ret'd to get breakfast and wrote to England, dined with Mr. W. excellent fare, finished a long letter to my father contg. journal etc. up to this time.

Monday 10th. Got Oates & a man Howel to help us and removed our things to the new house. In the evening again dined with Wicksteed and were well entertained, after dinner took all the children & Helen to our new abode, rather crowded but will do very well, caught a rat at night in the trap.

Tuesday 11th. Busy all day putting things in order, was introduced to Mr. Cutfield etc.

Wednesday 12th. Chas repg. safe. Went up to survey office

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in morg. got a plan of the district. Spent day in copying it.

Thursday 13th. Went for a walk with Mr. O. Carrington to the S. of the town, called upon Barrett, saw a fine fern & bush country well adapted for grazing and some fine plantations of Indian corn.

Good Friday 14th. At home finishing map &c.

Saty 15th. Took a long walk with Mr O. Carrington to see the land, Oates accompanying us. Got home about 5, dressed & dined at the Club. Nibblet took coffee with us. Of the land we saw No. 32 is a good section.

No. 32 - fern and small bush bounded on the S by a River, W. Victoria Park, land is of fair quality, near the town, good road to it, wants timber (good grazing sec.)

No. 46 - Fern, bush, large bush, and probably a little timber. Lies at the back of 32, no river, land fair quality, near the town & good road to it - Wants timber, a river & unoccupied land adjoining (good farming sec.)

Nos. 74 & 75 - All timber, road to them is thro Broadmores section. Co's land on 3 sides, land is good, road good, $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles from town. Wants portion of fern land (good farg. sec.) No. 75 has a small corner on the river.

No. 50 - Captn Bulkelys agent is Capt King - has every requisite.

No. 83 - Good mixture of fern, timber & bush. Has a long river frontage, about 10 acres is on the S. of the Enui. Road to the 10 acres wd be good if regular road to the other part is bad, land good, has fine site for a house, unoccupied land adjoins. Wants good road.

No. 84 - Has no river frontage & no good road, in other respects is like the above, has 6 or 7 acres of Maori clearing.

No. 85 - Has one end river frontage, if the Co. would give a

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right of road thro No. 35 (No. 2) wd have a good road by crossing the river.

Nos. 127 & 147 - Good sections of Websters, about $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles, over the suspension bridge are timber & bush, good road. No run - no river. 147 is the best section.

No. 204 - $\frac{3}{5}$ ths timber, rest fern & bush, has a small swamp, road crosses it. Has run on Cos. land adjoining. No river, good road about 4 miles from town.

No. 206 - Similar section adjoining.

Sunday 15th. Wet windy day, took a walk with Oates in the afternoon to the mouth of the Enui very rapid little river, got wet retg. rivers mouth pretty site for a village.

Monday 17th. Started with Mr. O. Carrington & Oates for the Witera, arrived there after a pleasant walk, dined & looked about us, slept or tried to sleep in the Surveyors house but were prevented by myriads of fleas.

Tuesday 18th. Rise early, breakfasted, then pulled down the river, went on board a little schooner the Industry. Captn thinks place wd do for 6 feet draught of water, the river is beautiful but not navigable for boats even any distance upwards say 2 or 3 miles. Went over the river to look at some sections there, rich and beautiful country. Returned, lunched and started for home, looking at the country to the E. of the Devon road. Got home by 7, found Helen Maria very poorly from inflammation caused by Sand Bites.

No. 134 - Fern, bush & timber, next Rogans, Hilly, no river, has good site for house, adjoins Devon road, land chiefly good.

No. 156 - Good section, mixed, fern, bush & timber, a gully runs through the middle of it. Is situated 1 section back from Devon road, no river but water is probable. Carrington considers it the best we have seen for our purpose.

No. 157 - Adjoining is less timbered and has probably lighter land. The sections on the Witera are all excellent.

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Websters 3 for sale are very good but in its present state the place is too uncivilised for our purposes. Browns sections for sale are badly fixed for road & Chilmans near it - a good section has no particular advantage over several others nearer town belonging to the Company. He wants £150 for it.

Wednesday 19th. Wrote Wicksteed -

Dear Sir,

We shall be obliged by your giving us the prices of the sections belonging to the Co.

120. No. 32 1 is all fern but has river boundary & run on Vic Park is nearest to the town of any & small bush.
120. No 46 1½ lies at the back of 32 (is perhaps most eligible of all)
- 180 No 75 2½ lies thro Broadmores; is good land supposed to be all timber, has small river frontage.
- 90 No 83 2½ is fine section river thro it 10 acres wd have good road
- 100 No 134 3½ next Rogans section on Devon Line
- 90 No 156 4¾ near the above one section back
- 90 No 204 3½ at the top of Smarts sections & near Nairns road runs through it.

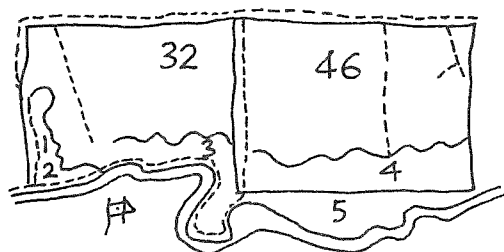
The numbers are those of the Surveyors plan.

Yours truly,

J & C Hursthouse

P.S. Is it probable that any thing will be shortly done to improve the road Nobbs line we believe & to Nos. 83 84 & 85.

Thursday 20th. Recd. answer from Wicksteed, went down to the Town bot. 2 Bags flour V.D. Land at 46/- per 200 lbs first qy. Looked at 2 grindstones, plantation hoes etc. ret'd. lunched and afterwards went off to reinspect Nos 32 & 46 - crossed them as much as possible, were on the whole better pleased with them than before.



1. Broken ground - 5 acres
2. Swampy - 1 acre
3. Broken ground
4. Broken ground
5. Part of another section

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107.

Pigs 10 at 30/-	15. 0.0	£111.3.0
10 hens 5/-	2.10.0	
		19.6
		£112.2.6

Sunday 23. Showery, writing etc. Little Wilson very unwell sick & disordered in his stomach. Saw Mr. W. Carrington who in catching a pig had dislocated his shoulder.

Monday 24. Called upon Wicksteed and paid him a deposit of £50 on a/c of land purchased of the Co. In the afternoon attended a sale of stores belonging to the Co. Purchased a set of brick-making tools for 15/- of which the barrow is worth all the money and a lot of useful Iron mongery. Saw Mr Serang who is just arrived from Wellington. Told us that Mr. Christian had gone in the Vanguard to Sydney. Mr. W. C. wild and dilirious from his accident.

Tuesday 25th. Went down to the land and proceeded to cut the western line, worked till sunset, found a beautiful little rill of water, excellent qy. and bull rushes for making down beds, cut about 200 yards in 5 hours 4840 Came home at sunset rather tired. Brewster called in 24240 the evg.

Wednesday 26th. Rain all day, grinding axes & bill hook payld - a tool for the use of the stone - got very wet in going after firewood.

Thursday 27th. In morg. went to see about hooks and bot some gloves of Captn Davey 10d a pair, went down to the land and cut W. line down to the River, and opened the sketching line to within 80 yards of it - heavy rain accompanied with much thunder and lightning came on in the evening and a good deal of wet came into our house - badly off for firewood, the trees we got were green Crackers which will hardly burn - Helen had to move our bed into childrens room on a/c of the rain.

Friday 28th. Employed most of the day in getting firewood from the beach.

Saty. 29th. Went down to the land, found Mr. O. Carrington & 5 men cutting the E. line. Stayed with him and saw the

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Friday 5th. Beautiful day, Helen went down to the section with us to see site of house - busy all day clearing. Recd a letter from Mr. Shepherd at Wanganui - had a load of firewood brot in at night 10/-.

Saty 6th. Fine. Chas unwell and Govt. Brig arriving with a mail went down to see for letters, none for us much disappointed - pd for flour etc. In afternoon went down to section & took the bearings by compass for front of house etc.

Sunday 7th. Fine, busy morg. putting things to rights. In afternoon walked with Helen to see the new Suspension Bridge - inspected a house building for Dingle on the road.

Ways & Means

Assetts.			Liabilities		
Cash	152. 1.6)	157.1.6	House to cost	50. 0.0)	117.12
Howell	5. 0.0)		Living 8 mos.	)	
Old Clothes	5. 0.0		at 78.0.0	64. 0.0)	
Guns	25. 0.0		Rent 3 Do.	3.12.0)	
Piano	25. 0.0		Land 140-50	90. 0.0	
Hardware	40. 0.0				
	<u>252. 1.6</u>			<u>207.12.0</u>	

Say 157. 0.0 certain assetts
 117. 0.0 -Do- liabilities

40. 0.0 for stock & labor, reserve 20 for illness or accidents, will leave 20.0.0 for stock and labor.

To Do

Build outhouse	3 days.	May 10
Clear & sow 1 acre of wheat	1 month	June 10
Build house	2 mos.	Aug 10
Fence wheat	2 weeks	" 29
Clear 1 ac. for Potatoes - 1	1 mo.	Sept 29
Do. Do.	1 mo.	Octr 24

Monday 8th. Showery - Chas unwell but went to the section saw Broadmore & others after timber, laid out site of Out-house - agreed with to cut Red pine tree on our section for 15/- per 100 scantling running measure - boards superficial - When I ret'd. in evening found that little Wilson had tumbled whilst climbing off his chair into a pot of hot

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dripping and severely scalded his shoulders and chin - Mrs. Perry came & rendered my wife every assistance as did Mrs. Wicksteed & her servant Turner.

Tuesday 9th. Showery in afternoon - I went down to Broadmores early and bot. 26 ps Red pine scantling 11 of Buccatea and 6 pits of slabs and odments for 3.10.0 being about 20/- for slabs & at the rate of 14/- for the scantling per 100 running measure. Breakfasted with Broadmore. Chas came down afterwards and we drove piles for outhouse of Red Pine & Buccatea side piles $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft end do. 2 ft. left them about 6 in out of the ground.

Wednesday 10th. Showery. Went up to Devonport before breakfast to see McBean about guns, enquired after poultry etc. got Roes cart & fetched - 2 loads of wood - Employed Jowl to help us to make road etc. on section.

Thursday 11th. - (fine) Stiff and unwell - went down & got the ground sill of Outhouse fixed and the Studs cut out. The Elizabeth or Eliza a schooner with flour etc. from Adelaide arrived.

Friday 12th. Work on outhouse. Showery.

Saty 13th. Ditto. Put out an acre of land to Jowl to prepare for the plough cutting & burning the fern for £2.0.0 per acre.

Sunday 14th. Fine. In the afternoon Chas. Oates, Helen Maria and I walked up to the Section. Wilson contg. too unwell for his mother to leave him. Mr. Cook told my Brother that he was getting sawing done for 10/- and Nairn fern cut & burned for 25/- per acre.

Monday 15th. Fine & hot. Helen and myself both unwell, at work at the outhouse. Joll & Boy at the clearing = 5/-.

Tuesday 16th. Still unwell but at work at outhouse. Oates & Mr. Standish came down to the Section. Oates has bot No. 204 for £90. At night found that Jno. Meads and his wife who had arrived overland from Wellington in 26 days had brot us 3 letters, 1 from my father to myself 1 from Wm.

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to Helen & 1 from Ann to Chas. They were given to Meads by Newbegin. Newspapers mentioned therein we cd hear nothing of. The Kate with Captn. Hines arrived from Wel. Sawyers began to cut our Red Pine logs up. Joll & boy 10/-.

Wed. 17. Went to look at some fowls of Roberts' thence to the section work at outhouse (Joll off after the Kate).

8 young fowls at 2/-	16)	
2 old -- 14/-	14)	30/-

Thursday 18th. Got Roes Bullocks for 2/6 per hour, had them from $\frac{1}{4}$ to ten to $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5, $7\frac{3}{4}$ hours - got 5 load slabs & load of firewood - had Joll from $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10 all day & Boy $\frac{1}{2}$ a day - saw Smart with Coad on section after strayed bullocks. To Dorsets for a bag of flour.

Friday 19th. At work Outhouse (Joll and Boy 15/-).

Saturday 20th. Do. Looked over the dell for a shingle tree with the splitters - cd find none, had to take one down near the saw pit - Couri Couri. At work outhouse. Joll and Boy 20/-.

Sunday 21st. Went for a walk, Joll accompanying us, looked at an Iron chimney pot price 16/-. Looked over Chilman's place and at his fences, at Dingle's house, his potatoe crop, and at Hines fruit trees in Harrison's nursery, thence to the mouth of the Winaki to see its adaptability for fishing or shooting. Retd. in afternoon went to Mr. Wicksteeds Chas and wife came after tea. Spent a very pleasant evening - supped there, rainy night. Mr. W. offered to lend us a stove.

Monday 22nd. Rainy morn. went after Jno. Meads did not engage him. At section regulated roof of outhouse & set posts for lean to - went to Broadmores and engaged 1 ton of Potatoes for £4.0.0. Engaged the shingle splitters to shingle outhouse for 10/- per square.

Tuesday 23rd. Showery. At work, outhouse. Employed Joll with his hand cart to fetch stove from Wicksteed and shingle & batten from pitn. A barque seen in the offing supposed

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to be the Osprey and a small schooner. Mrs. Marchant called and dressed Wilsons neck.

Wednesday 24th. Fine. Men began to shingle roof with Couri couri shingles. At work at outhouse. Joll and Boy at clearing 25/-. Standish and Oates called in evening.

Thursday 25th. Inclined to be foggy and heavy rain came on at night. The Mary Ann came from the Witera and a schooner called with pigs. Joll and Boy finished clearing 30/- at days labor. Joll 4/- and Boy 1 - the acre wd thus have cost 30/- we pay Joll 2.0.0 all 10/- too much. Men finished shingling, they cd have done it in 1 good day, their measurement is $16 \times 14 = 224$ ft. or $2\frac{1}{4}$ Hund. at 10/-

16	1400 shingles	1.2.6)	2 10 6)	2.15.0 =
14		1.8)	)	1.4.5 per square
64			4 6)	
		Nails	3.	
	wood for shingles say 3			
			2.18.0	= 1. 6.0

Friday 26th. Showery. At work outhouse. Howell was in in the evng. says Watson will take £3.10.0 per ton for his potatoes.

Sat. 27th. Stormy. Work outhouse. Measured up Jolls work shingling $2\frac{1}{4}$ square and sawing.

Sunday 28th. Stormy and wet. Wrote to Revans and Jas. Mills. Chas went to chapel. List of seeds given by Newbegin to C.H. and others.

Late White Brocoli.	Feby. May	
Early York cabbage.	May, July, Aug. & Sept.	
Nonpareil ditto.	July, Aug. Sept.	
Early white Brocoli.	October July	
Richly Spinach.	August & September Nov.	
Salmon Radish.	May & July	
White loaf turnip	July, Aug.	
Lettuce some in May &	following months	
Celery	July, Jany. & September	
Onion Spanish	July, Aug	
Cauliflower	October, Aug	
Radish mixed	July	July is the best
Cress	Some in May	month that things
Carrot 1 Horse	July	can be expected
Parsnip	July	to grow in.
Mustard	some in May	
Turnip 6 weeks	July. Aug.	

Sea Kale	Aug.
Red Beet	July, Aug.
Rhubarb, 1841	July, Aug.
Spinach	Jany.
Accaci seeds	Aug.
Almonds, Cape	July or August
Water Melon	October if fine & dry or November
Pumpkins	October
Peas	Jany. Feby. Sepr. Octr. Novr. Decr.
Maize	Sept.

Monday 29th. Fine. Jno. Meads came to work for 2/6 per day digging watering place out & clearing, laid floor of outhouse.

Tuesday 30th. F. Put out Kitchen garden to clear & burn to Wm. Larkman for 25/- per acre. Work at outhouse.

Wed. 31st. F. Larkman began his job 4/-, work at outhouse.

Thursday 1st June. F. Work at outhouse. Set Meads to rake Jolls acre over. (Estimate raking land to cost 4/- per acre.) Helen & I went up to Wicksteeds in evg. took flute & had some music. Govr. Hobson arrived with Barley, 90 Bushels for Cook. Larkman 8/-.

Friday 2nd. F. Half the day getting slabs out for Roes cart, did not come remdr. work at outhouse. Larkman off. I am 32 years old this day.

Saty. 3. F. but dull. Work at outhouse, battening inside. Larkman 12/-. Brewster & Oates, Standish & Laws came up to section. Cutter Levin arrived from Nelson general cargo. Wrote Mitchell by a private hand.

Sunday 4th. Wet in afternoon. I went up to Nairns in the morg. thence accompanied Mr. Nairn & Captain Cook to Nairns sections saw his house erecting, his fencing and clearing. He is building a stone chimney, employs a daily labourer at 6/- per day to do the stone work, pays 4/- per Bushel for his lime, uses sand, clay and lime for mortar. His fencing is a ditch about 2½ feet deep by 2 wide and a bank was done by day labour cost 13d per Rod. He thinks they would contract to do it for 1/- say 2d a yd. Saw some Fencing of Davey's a wider ditch and posts stuck in about

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every 6 feet cost 12/- a chain say 6d a yd. His land cleared at 25/- per acre is light fern but the stumps are all grubbed up and burned and it is made fit for the plough. He means to plough once, & harrow once then sow the barley. Some timber brot. from Nelson per the Levin sold for 11/- for 100.

Rough estimate of the cost of wheat and other crops.

Land rent	5.0
Clearing & burning fern	1. 5.0
Raking over	5.0
Hacking or digging 10 rods a day	3. 4.0
Raking and burning roots	10.0
Seed 2 bushels	1. 0.0
Sewing and raking in	5.0
Fencing say	1.10.0
Reaping	1. 0.0
Thrashing and Dressing	
5 quarters at 7/-	1.15.0
Getting to market	10.0
	11. 9.0

or a fair profit of 13.0.0 per acre.
Immediate profit £8.10.0.

Assets.

10 lbs wheat at	2. 0.0	£20. 0.0
Clearing fern	1. 5.0	
Raking over	5.0	
Share of digging say half as)		
it will be much easier work)	1.12.0	
next time)		
Raking & burning roots	10.0	
Fencing	1.10.0	
	5. 2.0	
Int. on this amount at 10%	10.0	
Balance	4.12.0	4.12.0
		£24.12.0

Barley

Exps as for wheat with 4/- more for seed = 11.13.0
15 lbs Barley say at 24/- £18.0.0
Immediate profit = 6.7.0

Potatoes

Exps. clearing etc. as for wheat	10.9.0	
Seed say	3.0.0	
	13.9.0	
7 tons say at 3.0.0 =	£21.0.0	
Immed. profit	£7.11.0	£21.0.0

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Maize

3 first stems of wheat a/c	1.15.0	40 Bush Maize at 7/-
Planting	16.0	14.0.0
Fencing	1.10.0	
3 best stems of Wheat a/c	3. 5.0	
Seed, 14 rows, 30 grain = 420)		
seeds wd plant 210 holes say)	4.0 say	
4 holes on a hill, 1 yard)		
apart say 50 yards $5/4840 =$)		
thus 97 heads should 97)		
plant an acre at $\frac{1}{2}$ each.)		
	7.10.0	
Im. Profit. $\pounds 6.10.0$		$\pounds 14.0.0$

Monday 5th. Dull weather, work battening outhouse, put out 1 a to Larkman to cut and burn for 25.

Tuesday 6th. Wet. Work outhouse battening. Meads $\frac{1}{4}$ day.

Wednesday 7th. Showery. At work outhouse, pd. Perry 2 Mos rent & told him we would want house fortnight or month longer. Wilkinsons craft arrived from Nelson. Whales seen but not captured. Meads at work clearing.

Thursday 8th. Wet. Expected to have got our things down to the section but the Bullocks did not come. Chas & I went down but getting wet he retd. I remd. measured out Rods ground for experiments, put on latch to door etc.

Friday 9. Windy & showery. Chas. work at outhouse, I tried experiments digging and hacking land as under.

Dug 1 Rod in	1h. 7m.	Hacked 1 rod in	42
Raked it over once in	9	Raked it over	7
Second time	9	Second time	5
	1. 25.		54

31 minutes per Rod in favor of Hacking.

To dig and rake 1 acre wd take 226h. 40m. or $22\frac{1}{2}$ days.

To dig only, 1 acre wd take 178.40 = 18 days.

To Hack 144 or $14\frac{1}{2}$ days.

To Hack only 112 = 11.

To Rake an acre twice over taking the mean wd. require 40 Hours or 4 days.

at 4/- per day - to dig is worth 4.10.0

Hack 2.18.0

Rake twice over 16.0

Hodgson & Laws called at the Section.

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Saty. 10th. Showery. Work outhouse. Mutton 9d per lb.

Sunday 11th. Showery. Chas and I went down to Nairns & Aubreys, saw new fence at the latters 8/- per chain say 5d per yard. Chas went to Daveys farm with Williams in afternoon he recommends bush land for wheat in preference to fern.

Monday 12th. Cut line from prospect hill to Eastern line, saw tracks of wild pigs. Meads 1 day work.

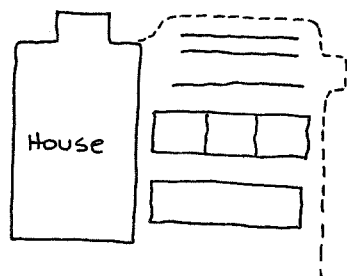
Tuesday 13th. Fine. With Roe's cart took bedding & load of goods to section, got up timber from saw pit, 2 loads & 2 loads of slabs & load of fire wood home, Meads 1 day, Kate arrived with pigs from Kafia. Slept at section for first time, very comfortably.

Wed. 14. Work outhouse, showery - Hines' cattle sale, sheep 23/- cow £20.0.0 & few of them sold.

Th. 15. Do. Do. Do. Went home in afternoon and to a party at Wicksteeds in evg. Mr & Mrs Marchant, Reid, Grobe & Oates (musical).

Friday 16. Do. garden. Do. Went to look at some pigs of Curtis - 35/- for lean sow. In evg. went to see Broadmore.

Saty 17. Showery. Up at day Break shooting no success. Planted seeds in garden, home at night. Chas. staid at section. Chas outhouse, I at garden and pig sty.



Early York cabbages
Mustard and cress
Bed of Radishes each end
lettuce in middle
Bed of parsnips

Sunday 18. Very wet. At home arranging.

Monday 19. Showery. Bishops Boy came, Bishop & others at work fern cutting. Chas and I at pig sty.

Tuesday 20. Fine change morn. Shingled outhouse in half a day had 500 shingles of Oliver & Fishley.

Wed. 21st. Fine, I went up to the Town got Barley of Cook, bot. a sow in pig of Perry & some course pine timber of Hall.

Thursday 22. Fine. With Roes cart got 1 ton of Potatoes of Broadmore. Put out some Bush to hack & threw bush back to George for 1/- per rod. Bot fowls 10, of Mr. Jonas for 20/-.

Fri. 23. A vessel small & a Brig with cattle etc. from Wellington arrived. Revans came in the latter. Rainy day - Chas at pig trough, I step ladder - went home at night to get ready for moving in the morg.

Saty 24. Fine. Busy removg. got 2 loads up, Helen & children walked up, Mr. Oates with them, a Maori bot my gun for 6.10.0 got sack flour from Dorset, saw Revans 8 pulletts came from Jonas.

Sun. 25. Fine. Putting to rights, went to river & laid eel lines.

Monday 26th. Wet evg. Went up to Town before breakfast and got the remainder of our goods. Saw Revans & others, heard that the Suspension Bridge over the Wynaki had broken down on Saty. night, some of Revans heifers going over. A whale was struck in the afternoon which upset the boat & crew who were picked up by the Cos boat. (Mutton and Beef 9d per lb.) Got two swede turnips from Carringtons & planted them for seed.

Tuesday 27th.

Wed. 28th. Do. Meads at watering & gardening. Curtis brot; two pigs purchased of him for 50/- 1 sow, 1 pig. Planted Maori potatoes in garden as a trial.

Thursday 29th. Do. Sorted potatoes.

Friday 30th. Do. Meads gardening etc. Work at privy. Bantam cook & hen came from the Governors a present to the children.

Saty. 1st July. Do. Meads gardening etc. Work privy.

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Planted some Indian corn. 6 kernels. Finished bag flour, lasted from 18th May = 44 days say 6 weeks = $7/6$ a week for flour use about 7 lbs potatoes per day 7 lbs = 3d or $1/9$ per week = Meat for the last 3 weeks 67/- = 22/- per week thus Meat, flour & Potatoes cost about 32/- per week.

Have 26 weeks to end of Decr. Meat will cost	28.12.0
less pigs to kill	
Flour (have 6 weeks stock) 20 weeks	7.10.0
Potatoes - say 12 cwt. have them on hand	
Servant 26 weeks at 3/-	3.18.0
Oil for lamps	1. 6.0
Groceries etc. say 2/- per week	2.12.0
Washerwoman, say $1/6$ per week	1.19.0
	45.17.0

Butter at $2/6$ 3.5.0

6 mos. = $\pounds 8$ per month.

Sunday 2nd. Showery. Chas went to see Oates' section, planted seeds in garden. Walked down to River & across Section home, went to Broadmores in afternoon. Helen affected with cough & sore throat. Chas was prevented from getting home by the rising of the Wynaki and had with Oates to pass the night at a cottage on the other side.

Monday 3rd. Very wet, fitting up shelves etc. - Chas. ret'd. wet, Helen's cough worse.

Tuesday 4th. Showery. Meads 1 day. After privy & sundry jobs fetched 3 Hund shingles from Oliver and Fishleys. Fetched 2 good turnip cabbages from Broadmore.

Wed. 5th. Change Morn fine & frosty. Began to hack & plant white potatoes in kitchen garden. Kate arrived with pigs from Kafia. Oates called to measure house.

Thursday 6th. Do - Do - Do - Do Mrs. and Mr. Wicksteed walked down to see us. He said that a Mr. Joseph from Nelson had offered 3.10.0 per ton for 100 tons of Potatoes, cd not get them & that the Wykatto tribe was daily expected down.

Friday 7. Hacking land for potatoes in forenoon & burning fern afternoon, came on wet in evening. Bishop took sow to Captain Kings.

Sat. 8th. Raining forenoon. Fine afternoon, planted some slips of Cape gooseberries sent us by Mr. Wicksteed. About 4 p.m. experienced a smart shock of an earthquake. House creaked and pitched a good deal, earth vibrated, for about a minute. It was calm at the time, trees were much agitated, several slighter shocks were said to have occurred in the evg. but we did not feel any of them.

Sunday 9. Showery. Chas. went up to town in afternoon. People alarmed about an expected descent of the Wykatos.

Monday 10. Hacking land & planting potatoes.

Tuesday 11. Were summoned to attend at the Police office between 4 & 6 to be sworn in as special constables. Oates came down in forenoon dined with us, we then went up to the Police office. Mr. Wicksteed read a letter he had just recd. from young Wakefield at Wanganui, saying that his uncle & a number of other whites had been shot in the Nelson district, by Raupero & Rangietta two bad chiefs there, who had retreated into the interior by way of Oataki, that vessels had been sent to Sydney and Auckland for troops, and recommending us to prepare, and get organised for any emergency, were accordingly sworn in with about 200 others. Called at Baines' and came home with Broadmores people.

Wed. 12th. Bush all morning trying over guns etc. at a target with Ball casting bulletts, cleaning guns etc. etc. Wet in the afternoon. Helen had a very kind letter from Mrs. Wicksteed wishing her and the children to go up there in case she became alarmed.

Thursday 13th. Messrs. Hodgson & Laws called to look at the Rifle, no further news of the Wykattos, and the alarm subsiding, finished planting early potatoes.

Friday 14th. Wet afternoon, thatched pig sty & began to fence a piece of land in for fowls 5/-.

Sat. 15. Fair, measuring up work & fencing for poultry yard 5/-.

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Sunday 16th. Sowed some celery & carrot seeds in garden. Fine day, went to Mrs. Broadmores for some cabbages etc.

Monday 17th. Showery. At work fencing 7/6. Perry's sow sick & refused her food at night.

Tuesday 18. Wet. Fencing 2/6. Pigs unwell supposed from overfeeding them on offal flour. Shut up the fowls in pig sty, found the first egg.

Wed. 19. Wet. Fencing 5/- . Pigs better & recovered their appetites.

Thursday 20th. Fencing 7/6. Bishop began to faggot up Bush at 3/6 per Hund.

Friday 21. Do. 7/6. Maoris came down to look at gun. Sharp frost said to be the sharpest experienced here.

Saty. 22. Do. 7/6. Do. & bot it for 6.10.0. Brown came down about ploughing. George & Langman finished contract & settled up.

Sunday 23rd. Broadmore came down in morg. Went to see him in the afternoon. Chas at home.

Monday 24. After poles for fencing 5/- . One of the people building the Mill offered us 15/- for top of Red Pine tree. Wanted 20/- a 1000 shingles.

Tuesday 25th. Chas. & Meads $\frac{1}{2}$ day fencing 5/- . Burning stubble on Jolls acre etc. Helen very unwell.

Wednesday 26th. Do. fencing 2/6. Do. Do. Helen still unwell, Mrs. Broadmore came to see her. Nairn & Oates called in the morg. Chas and I went up to the Governors to dine. Met Captain Cook had kid, very good. News confirmed of Captn. Wakefields murder & 9 other whites. It appears they were tomahawked by Ranghietta after having surrendered. Bot. some Maize of Smith $1\frac{1}{2}$ per lb. Finished bag of seconds flour lasted only 26 days in place 44.

Thursday 27th. Fencing 7/6. (63/6). Went to Captn. Kings

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in morning looked over house & premises. Bot. ton potatoes for £3.0.0. Mr. & Mrs. W. came down to see Helen.

Friday 28. Chas fencing 7/6 (71). Broadmore sent for pig.

Saty. Chas fencing 2/6. (73/6). Bishop & Boy, Mead & I taking up toot roots. 7/- & self.

Sunday 30th. Helen better - the Finietta arrived from Wellington. She brot. Oates luggage and the Boy Meads the latter brot me letters from Jno. Newsham of Sydney, Dr. Williams & Christian. The Mail brot us letters from Wm. Newsham and Mr. Petre. We learn that Newbegin had left New Zealand for the Cape via Manilla in the American vessel Robbert Pulsford & the Doctor had gone to India in the Templar on his way home.

Monday 31st. Bishop & Boy 4/6 & Chas. taking up toot. I went to town to see after Bullocks. Saw Mr. W. who told me that Col. Wakefield had consented to allow the 25/- per cent off our purchase money. Bot. some seeds of Lakeman and recd some others as a present from the Govr. Bot. some mutton at 6d per lb good as usual. Oates luggage landed from Finetta, ordered some spirits of Baines & 2 Bags of flour of Brown. Heard a report that Rangietta was dead. A ton of potatoes came in from Captain Kings. At 12 at night were alarmed by reports of apparently 2 large guns fired in quick succession, in a few minutes heard another single report & then two more. 2 guns fired in quick succession being the agreed signal of danger & for mustering at the rendezvous, Chas. & I dressed ourselves, armed and started for the town. It was dark & raining, when we arrived there found all quiet, called up Howel & the Governor they had heard nothing, finding it there fore a false alarm we returned wet and angry got back about 2 a.m.

Tuesday 1st August. Drizzling rain, increasing to set rain in afternoon. Self Meads & Bishops half day at Toot Bushes - 3/6 & self half day. Heard no explanation of the alarm of last night except a rumour of some drunken weddingers. Chas ½ day fencing & Boy 1/6 (75/-).

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Wed. 2. Meads informs us that some drunken carpenters were the cause of the alarm other night firing off guns at Moturoa & breaking into a house for which they are taken up. Sent sow to Cutfields Boar. Chas. & Meads finished fence 5/-, 10/- its length is - Bishop and Boy at Toot Bushes 4/6.

Thursday 3rd. Bishop & Boy half day at Toot Roots - 2/3 - finished thus 3 a. toot Bush roots taken up cost 30/6. But some part of it was very Bad. Should say that 7/- per acre is a fair calculation. Cook's bullocks came to plough about 2 o'clock. Cook & Brown came down to see them. Nairn called in morning - recommends whole potatoes for seed from xperience in Hertfordshire. Chas. & Meads at raking & burning fern stubble - 6/-. Boar came back from Cutfields.

Friday 4th. Meads & Jno. Bishop half day raking 1/9. Chas. at Bench 2 Bags flour came from Browns, began to use one of them I let Bishop have 29 lbs. Sent clothes up to Howells for sale (see memdm. in new Book). Went to Broadmores & heard there that Baines had been arrested by Hort for 350.0.0. Bullocks at work about 2 hours then stopped by the rain.

Sat. 5th. Meads & Bishop raking 3/6 & self half day. Bullocks ploughing all day. Chas. at Bench. Bishop clearing up about the house.

Sunday 6th. At home, Captn. Davey & Williams came down to look at the section in afternoon.

Living	40	
Reserve	20	
Ploughing	9	
Carpenters shop	10	79.0.0
Labor		10.0.0
		89.3.10 on hand

sow 2 ac. ploughed, Barley
 1 do. Wheat
 1 in Bush Wheat
 1 do. do. to clear
 3 Potatoes
 3 with corn, to clear.

Annoyances on board Ship

All liquids Champagne, Bottled ale
Porter & lines having milk warm
Horrid cooking & agravation of seeing very good things
spoiled
No sauces fit to be eaten
Potatoes unpeeled
Motion of the ship when there is no wind
Great heat of the weather in the tropics - to the heat of
a hot English day contd. day & night
Great coldness of nights to the southward
No cider or soda water to be had, ginger beer or other(?)
drink to be had
The only cool hat you have being blown over board
Captain swearing at his men & quarrelling with other
Cabin passengers
Passengers quarrelling amongst themselves
Bugs, Cock Roaches, Ants, Blackguards Captain
Smells of Ducks on Poop
High meat at meals
Pigs when you go forward
Now & then something very horrid - suppose it to be Bilge
water
Noises of Ducks quacking
Horses stamping & kicking
People walking over head when in your cabin -
of the Rudder, great in the aft cabin and of the
rushing water.

Things to take

Plenty of cleats made of wich elm or mahogany or some wood
that will not split ready bored to nail down to prevent
your cabin furniture from getting adrift.

A gimblet or two, pincers & a hammer to use in your cabin.
Plenty of hooks & nails to put into the beams to hang
things on & a few staples.

A few stout curtain rings or steel wd. be better then you
can hang up heavy bottles of liquid by tying them to a ring
& putting the ring on a nail or hook otherwise the roll of
the ship soon chafes the string thro.

Laudanum and sweet oil to apply to the bites of bugs & vermin.

Bring

Soda in bottles. Plenty of caps, hats are no use on board
& seldom worn in the colony. You will lose 2 or 3 on the
passage. A s.wester for bad weather. Good wax candles or
composition & rushlights to burn at night if you require them.
Rub all steel goods with mercurial ointment.

Letters sent home since sailing

- No. 1 Letter to my father pr. Pilot from off the Isle of Wight. Aug. 1 - short.
- No. 2 Lussa or Luisa Russian ship. Capt. Ditto. Aug. 8 comm. of journal promised to land them at Dover.
- No. 3 From Helen to Mother per Ditto.
- No. 4. Blair of Mary Port. bound to Liverpool. Sepr. 8 continual of journal etc.
5. Helen to her Mother pr. Ditto. Ditto.
6. From Cape Town per Velox via St. Helena and a newspaper. Octr. 6, con. of journal etc.
7. Helen to Catherine from Cape per about Octr. 10.
8. Newspaper to my father. About Novr. 1st.
9. Ditto and chart. Dr. Stanger colonial club. Novr.10th.
10. Letter to Miss H; from Helen 28th
11. Ditto Mr. H. C.H. 29th
12. News. to T. Coote J.H. 29
13. Letter to my father from J.H. Decr. 3d. con. of journal
14. Ditto. Ditto. Do. Do.
15. Do. con. of journal. Ditto. about March 10/43 per Indus.
16. Ditto. Short letter to say we were off to Taranake 24th March. Sir Jno. Franklin.
Ditto. By Christian to Sydney.
- 17th. Ditto. Con. of journal from New Plymouth. Ap. 10 per Gov. Hobson to Wellington.
- 18th. Ditto. Plan of section and letter per Wicksteed. May 25.
19. Ditto. Chas. to Ditto. May 25
20. Ditto. Helen to her mother for Deborah to Wellington Aug. 25.
21. Chas. to Aug. 25
22. Ditto to Horsey
Letter to C.H. Sept. 17 per Wicksteed per Vanguard.
Ditto to Dr. Stanger Septr. 27) per Vanguard
Ditto)
- Letter to father about Business Decr. 29 per Himalaya
- Ditto. Ditto. March 7 overland to Wel.
- Ditto. short with drawing of house and to acknowledge rect. of letters per Bella Marina May 28.
- Short letter to father announcing arrival of Raymond and T.N. August 30 per Urgent to Sydney.
- Short letter to Dr. Stanger returned parcel