The ship ‘Surat’, which arrived in port yesterday morning, from London, brings a large valuable cargo of general merchandise and 112 passengers, amongst whom is Mr Jenkins, who left Auckland in the ‘Ida Zeigler’, with several native chiefs, about eighteen months since. Two of the chiefs who embarked in the ‘Surat’ for Auckland, died during the passage and were buried at sea. They were both suffering from consumption when they came aboard. The following is a list of the trades and callings of the passengers:- 1 china dealer, 1 shopkeeper, 10 farmers, 2 bakers, 3 tailors, 9 labourers, 1 brickmaker, 2 joiners, 2 bricklayers, 1 husbandman, 1 cabinet-maker, 1 clerk, 1 shepherd, 1 carpenter, 1 painter, 3 engineers, 1 milliner, 3 servants, 1 sailor and 1 butcher – Messrs Cruickshank, Smart and Co., are agents of the vessel.

We announced in yesterdays issue the arrival of the Surat, from London, and we now give the particulars of her passage, passenger list, &c. The Surat is a fine clipper ship of 1,000 tons register, commanded by Captain Dunlop, a gentleman who appears to have earned the respect and good wishes of nearly all the passengers on board. Below we publish a copy of the testimonial which has been presented to him by the passengers on board. The Surat left the Downs on the 20th June, and had to beat down Channel with a strong westerly wind. The Lizard disappeared on the 27th. Passed outside Cape de Verd Islands experiencing light N E trades, and crossed the equator on the 23rd July. The S E trades were also very poor. The meridian of the Cape of Good Hope was made on the 20th August, and from thence to the Snares very disagreeable weather was experienced, continual rain prevailing throughout. She ran down her easting between 48 and 49 degrees S, and sighted the Snares on the 23rd September, 88 days from the Lizard. Came south-about, and had light winds on the coast. The following vessels were spoken and signalled during the voyage – June 29th, P and O Company’s barque Haddington, bound to Bombay, in lat 45 31 N., long 10 51 W; July 30th, Wellesley, from Melbourne to London, 62 days out, in lat 12 28 S, long 32 27 W; August 3rd, barque Lizzie Jameson, from Swansea to Valparaiso, in lat 19 37 S, long 33 26 W; August 14th, ship Bolton Abbey, from Liverpool to Calcutta, 17 days out, with loss of upper maintopyard, in lat 40 40 S, long 15 E. The Surat brings a large cargo of general merchandise, and 112 passengers. The following is a list of their names:- Cabin – Miss Louisa Vialon, C H, Julia, Loftus, Charles Caesar, and J. H. Otway, Percival Fortescue, Martha and Ellen Smith, W. Miller, R. B. Fletcher, A. W. Evitt, C. D. Lord, R. B. Ferguson, W. Jenkins.

Testimonial to Captain Dunlop, of the Surat. The following testimonial, accompanied with a purse and a handsome silver dinner and dessert service, was presented to Captain Dunlop on the 27th September – “Presented to Captain Dunlop by the Passengers on Board the Surat” – “We, the undersigned passengers on board the ship Surat, from London to Auckland, wish to testify to Captain Dunlop our admiration of his nautical ability as a commander, and our gratitude, for the intense anxiety he has manifested to afford us the greatest comfort in every way, and also recreation of various kinds so joyous and so highly conducive to our health and happiness; his extreme benevolence, generosity, and hospitality, more especially to those who have suffered from sickness and accident from various causes, administering to their necessities, and ameliorating their sufferings, cheering them when borne down by sorrow, all which has tended to their speedy restoration to health and activity. We, therefore, wish to present to him some token of our esteem that he and his family may retain in remembrance of our gratitude; and our prayer is that his years may be many, happy and prosperous, and that his declining years may be calm and serene. We, therefore, attach our names as under with all good wishes to him and his family, and hope he will accept this slight mark of our extreme gratitude – signed by upwards of sixty passengers. Captain Dunlop replied in suitable terms, thanking the passengers for the valuable set of plate they had presented to him.