

Diary of George William Wales Lightband 26 Nov 1863 to 12 Jul 1864

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Nov 26 Thursday

This being the last day of the Mail I finished my letters for Nelson New Zealand and posted them before 12 o'clock. The Chiefs also have had there letter to write upon the subject of the Petition which was sent to Mr Jenkins signed by 80 of the Chiefs belonging to the Auckland district. The Petition is to be translated and sent to Queen requesting her Majesty to recall Sir George Grey Governor of New Zealand. The Petition contains very great complaints against his moral character also upon his mismanagement of the late War. Mr J. thinks it a delicate matter for him to have undertake. Before taking any steps in the translation of this petition he think it best to write to Governor about it. In evening Mr J. and Lloyd with four of the natives went Oldbury to attend some Missionary Meeting.

Nov 27 Friday

In consequence of some mistake on the part of Mr J. in his arrangements for the Meetings at Warrick and Leamington I was under the necessity of going there to make fresh arrangements and to alter the time of Meeting. On my arrival there I lost no time in seeing the different persons who had to do with the printing and so forth. I had the pleasure of a conversation with the wife of Rev Jackson and old lady who remembered the visit of the Great Chief Hongi who visited England in the Reign of King George the fourth. She was in his company also the other Chief who came with him. I then went to see the Mayor to tell him of the alteration but found that he was gone out. I was kindly received by the Lady Mayoress who invited me to take luncheon with she held a lengthened converstaion about the object the New Zealanders visited England also about there introduction to the Queen. After finishing my business at Warrick I started for Leamington. I was very much delighted with my walk a distance of two miles I think Leamington next to Bath is one the best and cleanest towns I have met with. After transacting my business there I again walked back to Warrick called at the Mayor and took tea and from thence to the Railway Station to Birmingham arrived in time for the Meeting at Cherry St. Chapel. There was a very large Tea Meeting held in the afternoon two hundred people present. The evening Meet was very well attended about 15 hundred persons were present. Several very excellent speeches were given by the different Wesleyan Ministers. Rev. Mr Grene was amongst the most eloquent the Chief told me that had never enjoyed a Meeting so much since they had been in England – there was a collection at the close of the Meeting for the benefit of the Chiefs to assist in the expenses of their tour through England.

Nov 28 Saturday

With exception of the usual business of the day there has been nothing of much interest. I am sorry to say we still experience great difficultys in Money Matters. I am sick and tired of it. My Spirites are very much depressed. I am at a loss to know how we shall be able to accomplish our visit through England under such difficultys.

Nov 29 Sunday

Went to St. Martins Church heard a sermon from that Text of Scripture It is time to awake. Had the pleasure of my Cousins Martins company to dine with me at my Lodgings – 47 Holloway Head – after dinner we took a walk to see Mr and Mrs Jennings – took one of Chiefs Happamana with us. Spent a very pleasant evening Mrs Jennings is a very intimate friend of the Wales Family – she knew my Brother Tom when he was living in Worcester. I found her a very kind sort of a person.

Nov 30 Monday

This is the day of the Great Cattle Show in Birmingham. Not having any Meeting to attend, I thought it a good opportunity of taking the Chiefs to visit the Show – I was fortunate in getting permission from the Secretary to admit the whole of our Party free of charge which was a great privilege considering the charge for admittance for the first day was five shillings. This is the first thing of the kind we visited since we have been in England. I was very much interested in the splendid fat Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Poltry brought from all parts of England also vegetables alsort and kinds Agricultural implements of all kind of the very best make altogether forming one of the most interesting Exhibitions of the kind I have ever seen and said to be one of the largest Cattle Shows in England; the New Zealanders were the subject of very great curiosity and talk amongst the people. From thence we went to see the Dog Show and the Novel Exhibition which as come up within the last three years this was also an interesting kind of show it was very amusing to see so many hundreds of dogs of all sorts and breeds from the largest to the smallest barking and howling making a most tremendous noise. I have no doubt it was much more interesting to those who are acquainted with the different breeds than it was to me. I must say it was a great novelty – Birmingham is all excitement, people crowding in from all parts of England by thousands; the Show will continue up to Thursday.

Dec 01 Tuesday

The whole party went to Leamington held two meetings one the afternoon also one in the evening. As usual the afternoon Meeting was but very few attended while the evening meeting was attended a very large and select audience and passed off in a very satisfactory manner. Our party divided themselves in the afternoon and took tea with some friends who were kind enough to invite them. I with three of them took tea with the Wesleyan Minister, Rev. Davenport who took the Chair at our evening meeting after which the party went to Warrick about two miles from Lemington where the Mayor according to a previous arrangement, provided lodgings at an old fashioned English house formerly a Convent; the people of the house were kind and attentive they interested the natives very much by showing them some of old fashioned English dress and ancient Weppons of War, old Oil Paintings etc. it was long past midnight before we got to bed. Warrick is one those old and ancient Citys which to a visitor is full of interest Lord Lee occupys the Old Castle.

Dec 02 Wednesday

According to last night arrangement with Jenkins & Lloyd I left the Party to proceed on to Birmingham while I took Train for Worcester to make arrangements for Meetings for the coming week – on my way I was detained at Stratford an hour and half waiting for Train. I amused myself by taking a walk through the Town, called upon Mr Jenkins Brother who keeps an Hotel there. Arrived at Worcester at about three in the afternoon – I lost no time in making my arrangements. Spent two very pleasant hours with my Uncle Martin after which I went to sleep at my Aunts Mr Thomassons having so much to talk about I did not get to bed before late that night. My Cousins favoured me with some very nice Musick and Singing.

Dec 03 Thursday

Left early this morning for Cheltenham. I was very much delighted to find such a beautiful city and called upon a number of different people. Rev. Dr Brown amongst others I found to be a kind friend took a great interest in my business for the visite of Chiefs to this place he kindly recommend to a proper person to do business with, a Mr Edwards through his kind assistance I succeeded in making arrangements for a Meeting there. Thursday has been a day long to be remembered one of most stormy and windy days I have seen since I have been in England after a tiresome and hard day walking, I was very glad to find a nights lodgings.

Dec 04 Friday

Having finished by business in Cheltenham I proceeded by an early Train to Gloucester. On my arrival there I was for a time a loss to know who to apply to or what to do not knowing a single person in the Town but however I was not long before I found a friend through the kindness of the Hall keeper who recommended me to see Mr J. Bellows a Quaker in the Printing line who at once offered to assist me in making my arrangements for a Meeting for the Chiefs. After engaging the Exchange for that purpose my next business was to obtain a Chairman and also to see some of the leading Ministers and to get there help and interest; I called upon the Wesleyan Minister Rev. Huges Superintendent of the Circuit who kindly consented to give out our meeting from the Pulpit. I also succeeded with many others in the same manner. I then went to visit the Mayor got him to consent to preside at our meeting so that with all the disadvantages in not knowing any one I considered that I had through the help of my Quaker friend been successful. Gloucester is one of those inland sea port Towns and very much famed as a great place for the Corn Trade also Timber and Ship building is carried on there. Some of the large Firms carry on business to the amount of two Million a year altogether I was very much interested with my visit there after tiring myself out I was glad to get a comfortable bed for the night. Mr Jenkins, Lloyd and the Chiefs at large Meeting Nock Assemble Rooms Birmingham convened by Dr Miller who presided on that occasion. Upwards of two hundred of the Church friends sat down to Tea but like many more of our Meeting we had no direct advantage from it. The Newspaper contains some dreadful accounts of the Storm.

Dec 05 Saturday

I woke up this morning feeling very much the effects of a bad cold which I caught during the Gale on Thursday but however I succeeded in getting through my business and got back to Birmingham on Saturday night, tired and run up. I find the Agency business tiresome work for mind and body.

Dec 06 Sunday

Did not get up very early this morning having made up my mind for a day rest – I remained at home all day saw nobody that I knew and nothing of interest worth recording.

Dec 07 Monday

Another day of difficulty and botheration and anxiety for Money Matters – I was passing through the Railway Station to day when I met my Uncle John Wales. He was standing on the railway Bridge and I thought looking very melancholy which I found on talking to him to be the case. He told me that he had been seeking for some employment for many weeks past but was still unsuccessful. I quite felt for him and I am sure my own circumstances and disappointments did not make me a fit person to talk to him but my advice to him was to make an effort and get out to New Zealand as I thought he would be more likely to find some profitable employment and do better there but however having a good deal to attend to I could not spend much time to talk to him. I promised I would see him again on Saturday and go with him to Mr Hewitt and see if he could put him in the way of doing anything.

Dec 08 Tuesday

Pain another visit to Worcester in company with the Chiefs for the purpose of holding another Meeting there. My dear Aunt Mrs Thomasson and Uncle Martin received in the same kind manner as they did before provided a good dinner for us at one o'clock to which we did ample justice to. As regards our Meeting, although every effort on the part of Mr Thomasson had been made to get up a good Meeting I am sorry to say it came short of being a profitable meeting. I don't think it will pay expenses. I spent a very pleasant evening at my Aunts and also part of my time at the Parsonage at my Uncle where I slept that night.

Dec 09 Wednesday

While Jenkins and Lloyd with the Natives went on to Cheltenham I took another direction for Lemington to make arrangements for another Meeting there for the coming week. I got there about one o'clock in the day after transacting my business I proceeded on to Coventry; on my arrival there my first enquire was about a place for meeting but to my disappointment the only Hall worth having was taken so that my journey was to know purpose finding that I could do no business I made my way to a comfortable Hotel for the night. Coventry is a great place for Ribbon Manufacture, Watches – etc. There have been a number of people Emigrating from here to Queen Land and to New Zealand the present state of Coventry is anything but prosperous trade is very bad and good deal of distress in consequence.

Dec 10 Thursday

Made some further enquire about holding a Meeting called upon a Mr Hill a person who is well acquainted with the place. He told that it would not be advisable to attempt a meeting there that week. Spent a few hours looking about the place there is something very interesting about Coventry. I some very nice Farms. I should say that it was a very healthy place to live in having abandoned all hopes of arranging for a meeting, I next went to Rugby about fourteen miles distance, but here I was again disappointed in finding that the Town Hall was engaged for the Wednesday; having some few hours to spare before I could get back to Birmingham I took the opportunity of seeing some of the principle part of Town. Rugby is a Town Noted for its Schools and as beautiful farming country; The winter season is anything but a favourable time for travelling – the leafless Trees give most places a dul and dreary appearance to what it would have in the Summer. I returned to Birmingham by the five o'clock train. Mr Jenkins with the Natives holds a Meeting to night at Gloucester. The other New Zealand party have advertised to make there appearance in Birmingham on Monday next.

Dec 11 Friday

Our party returned from Gloucester the meetings on the whole have been successful. Mr Jenkins met with Mr Fell & Lemore at the Meeting at Cheltenham he was very much pleased to meet with the New Zealanders and advised Jenkins to pay another visite there, as he thought the people of Cheltenham felt a great interest in New Zealand. I met the party at New H Station at three o'clock in the afternoon we took Cabs without loss of time to hold a Meeting at Ashted School several of the Clergy where present. Tea was provided there was also a Meeting in the evening.

Dec 12 Saturday

This being the end of another week the Morning part of the day was taken up in with Jenkins and Lloyd with regard to our future plans and arrangements for another week money matters etc. I had the pleasure of Uncle John company to dine with me to day in afternoon I took a walk with him as far as Mr Hewitt. Mr Hewitt kindly promised to find him employment on his Works a situation that will be likely to sute him. The Penny Illustrate paper of the day gives a short account of Pomare and his wife's second visite to the Queen the following is an extract. Visite of a New Zealand Chiefs and his Wife to the Queen at Windsor Castle. On Friday the 4 inst one of the New Zealand Chiefs now on a visit to this Country accompanied by his wife an infant son Albert Victor to whom the Queen has stood Sponsor, arrived at Windsor Castle on a visit to her Majesty. They are quite a youthful pair, and while waiting for an audience of her Majesty partook of refreshments, after the Queen had received them, the Chief and his family, much pleased with the interview which had graciously been accorded them, took their departure. The Birmingham Daily Post of the 12th Dec also gives another account – Christening of the Son of a New Zealand Chief on Thursday week, the infant son of Mr Pomare of the New Zealand Chiefs now on a visit to England was baptised in the district

Church of St. Paul's, Tottenham. The Rev. Hugh McLorley the incumbent, officiated. The service for the Churching of women was first read Mrs Pomare kneeling at the Communion rails. The sponsors the infant now five weeks old were the Queen (represented by Miss Margaret Rose Dealtry), Mr William Dealtry private secretary to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle and Mr Arthur N. Birch of the Colonial Office. The infant was named by desire of his Royal godmother, Albert Victor. Mrs Colenso acted as interpreter to Mrs Pomare in both services. On Monday last a handsome from her Majesty to the infant was brought to Tottenham from Windsor by Mr Dealtry. The present consists of an elegantly chased goblet a spoon, and knife and fork all of pure gold. Upon the rim of goblet and also upon the blade of knife, appears the following inscription – To Albert Victor Pomare, from his godmother Queen Victoria, November 1863. The articles were enclosed in a handsome jewel case, in which a note for £25 was also enclosed, Mr and Mrs Pomare proceeded to Windsor on a visit to her Majesty, and will return to their native country in about a month.

Dec 13 Sunday

Paid another visit in company with Cosin Martin Wales and Hapamana the Native to Mr Jenings living at Ladypool lane spent a very agreeable evening in company with a number of her friends. Mrs Jenings is an intimate friend of the Wales family. I find her to be a very nice sort of person.

Dec 14 Monday

Mr Jenkins, Lloyd with the Natives went to hold a meeting at place called Harbourn while I started off in another direction for Cheltenham & Gloucester to arrange for Meeting for the coming week. Monday Tuesday and Wednesday succeeded in making arrangements for the three following places Cheltenham, Stroud and Cirencester.

Dec 15 Tuesday

Returned to Cheltenham completed my arrangements for another meeting then back again, to Gloucester. My kind friend Mr Bellows suggested that I could make a better arrangement for Cirencester and as he was acquainted with a number of people at that place he was kind enough to accompany there; so that by his valuable services I succeed in getting a Meeting there. I then returned with him to Gloucester and stayed at his house for the night.

Dec 16 Wednesday

Went to Stroud where I met with a very kind reception from the Rev Tarleton; He took a great interest in the proposed visit of the Chiefs having a brother in New Zealand. He said he should feel great pleasure in seeing the Chiefs at Stroud and thought there would be a good deal to interest them in seeing the Cloth Manufactures for which Stroud is famous. He also told that his brother was member for the Counsel or General Assembly of Auckland. Succeed in getting the use of the Subscription Rooms for a Meeting. Returned to Gloucester and from thence by the 6-15 Train to Birmingham and was glad to get a comfortable nights rest. I find my Agency work very tiresome work for the mind and body. Mr Jenkins, Lloyd with where holding a meeting at Warwick on the eve of Thursday they are spending a leisure day at the same place to day.

Dec 17 Thursday

Not feeling myself very well I took the opportunity of spending a quiet day at my lodgings; Mr Jenkins with the Natives are holding a Meeting at Lemington this evening intending to return to Birmingham tomorrow. Nothing of much importance with exception of the other New Zealand party who are at Birmingham an unfortunate circumstance for us as we have been confounded with them. They conduct themselves in a very low sort of manner. I intend to go see how they conduct there performance this evening.

Dec 18 Friday

The Chiefs returned from Warwick and Lemington. The Meeting at Warwick passed of in very satisfactory manner. There was crowded audience. The Mayor kindly provided private lodgings for the whole party during the three nights they remained there, they also visited the Castle and other places of interest. The people were exceedingly kind to them. A very curious circumstance came to light during a conversation Mr Jenkins had with the Rev. W. Jackson who proved to be a brother to Mr Jackson of Nelson although I was in conversation his wife a few days ago at the time I was making arrangements for a meeting there, I little thought that she was the wife of Mr Jacksons brother. On the arrival of the party at Birmingham I provided a Bus to take them on to a place named Coleshill about ten miles out were held a meeting which was very attended. The Vicker of the Parish presided at our meeting; one thing which added very much to the interest of our visite there was the merry pealls of Bells which kept ringing for half an hour for the purpose of giving us a hearty welcome in honour of the New Zealanders visit; There was also a very sumptuous dinner provided for us by the Comitty of the Institution where the Meeting was held, the Vicker took the head of the Table at a fashionable Hotel after a long and fatiging journey we got to our lodgings at about one o'clock. I begin to find the nights getting cold as Christmas is drawing near the people of Birmingham are making great preparations for the coming event, it quite a sight to walk through the Town and witness the display of fat Meat at the Butchers shops and also at the Grocers Shops every thing to tempt the eye of those are willing to become purchers. I omitted to state that at our Meeting last Monday at Harbourn there was a very similar welcome given to the Chiefs as we received at Colehill. I went last night to Holders Consert Rooms to see performance of the other party of New Zealanders, which I am sorry to say was of a very disgusting character. They striped themselves almost naked – gave the War dance and other kinds of there performances which were anything but respectable. In fact they would not be received in any other place but low consert rooms – three of there party formerly belonged to us, Herene his wife and Wiremu.

Dec 19 Saturday

This of all the days in the week I find to be the most trying having payment to make for so many different purposes and so little to do it with. I shall not feel sorry when I can get safely out of it, and back to New Zealand. The Natives are a greedy selfish lot always wanting money never thinking of the fearfull expenses we incur from day to day after all there pretentions it turns out that money is the uppermost thought in there mind in coming to England. I had the pleasure of a visit from my Cousin Miss Wales and Mrs Jenings who took tea with me. I find it great comfort to meet with someone to claim as a friend and relative, after they where gone I began think about those who are so far away from me and I felt myself lonely, even in the midst of so much life a bussel as ther is on Saturday night in Birmingham.

Dec 20 Sunday

Took a walk down to Tower St. Spent a very pleasant afternoon with Mr Hewitt family took tea with them after which I went in company with my Cousin Mrs Hewitt to here Rev George Dowdin preach. I though him a very clever man he does not belong to any sect or society, but call himself the Church of our Saviour.

Dec 21 Monday

The Chiefs with Jenkins, Lloyd started to Cheltenham Stroud and Cirencester upward of fivety miles from Birmingham. They will hold six Meetings which I hope will turn out well. The Native Kihirini came from Bath to day where he as been staying for some weeks trying the Hot Springs for rumatick.

Dec 22 Tuesday

Went by Train to a place called Tamworth for the purpose of arranging for a Meeting there but could not succeed in getting the Town Hall. Found no one to take any interest in it. I remained there that night. Tamworth is one of those quiet old fashioned Towns a small population and place of very little importance except for its past History being the birth place of Sir Robert Peel also one of Cromwells places of retreat.

Dec 23 Wednesday

Not having succeeded at Tamworth I went to Leichfield and Burton. I found the neither of the places was adapted for a Meeting. So that I returned to Birmingham disgusted with the places and with my non success. I met with a Gentleman at Lichfield of the name of George W. Strawson who happened to be acquainted with the Davis family in Cardiff and also remembers Charles Davis who visited Nelson. I was very much interested in hereing about there family he thought we should do well to visit Cardiff he kindly promised that he would on his return to Wales that he would see Mr Davis and tell him of the circumstances of his having met with me. On my return to Birmingham I was very much pleased to find my New Zealand letters were waiting for me at my lodgings thanks to Mr Loveridge for sending them I had also the pleasure of receiving the Portraits of my dear Wife and Children and very happy to here that they were all well.

Dec 24 Thursday

Jenkins with the Natives returned from Stroud and Cirencester. The Meetings were not very successful expenses of Railway Travelling etc being very great and therefore only some two or three pounds left. I feel very much the increasing liabilities. I only wish I could see my way out of these difficultys. This being Christmas eve I was glad to avail myself of opportunity of spending my Christmas time apart from the Natives so I took the Train for Worcester. Started at half past eight o'clock but in consequence of the great number of Trains going and coming from different places I did not reach there till after ten o'clock. I slept at my Uncle Martin's where I remained during my stay in Worcester.

Dec 25 Friday

I very much pleased to spend Christmas in my Native Place Worcester along with my kind hearted relations. Christmas Eve was kept up in rather a noisy manner during the whole of the night by Carrol singers. I was prevented from getting any sleep. No sooner did one party finish there Carrols than up came another lot more noisy each party trying to see who could make the most row. This being my day for posting letters to New Zealand I took the opportunity while my Uncle with his family went to Church and finished my letters and sent them to Nelson. On there return according to previous arrangements we all went to dinner at Aunt Thomassons Bishops School Trinity altogether we formed a large party of Family relations twelve in number. There was an excellent dinner provided in the old English style everyone appeared to be happy together. There was one which rather surprised me and that was the beautiful fine weather more like a Christmas in New Zealand so very different to what I expected having heard so much talk about the Snow and cold weather of England. In the afternoon we all took a walk which I enjoyed very much. The evening was spent in a very jolly manner. My Cousins being all good singers and musick, we were favoured with some fine old Christmas tunes, Carrols etc. With the exception of my thoughts been often taken back to New Zealand I spent a very happy Christmas.

Dec 26 Saturday

According to the previous day arrangements we all started off on a country visite to Aunt Lightband's we got away by eleven o'clock some of us by Train other by carriage. The name of the village is... I was very much interested with the beautiful country studded with Farms

and pasture land as far as the eye could reach. The Malvern Hills in the back ground added very much to the grandeur of the scenery. One thing occurred which reminded me very much of New Zealand was in passing over a small river we had to cross a large Tree which formed a rustic Bridge which required some little skill and nerve to accomplish but however we all succeeded in crossing without a ducking. It was considered quiet feat and we not forget to give three cheers to the Ladys. Mr Stinton who is connected by marriage with the Lightband family accompanied us in our walk and was kind enough to provide us with plenty of good old English cider. Took a walk over his farm after spending a very agreeable day we got back to Worcester early in the evening tired and ready for a good dinner, and spent another even to finish up the day.

Dec 27 Sunday

After the past two days we felt rather inclined to take an extra nap and spend the Sunday more quietly. We did not forget the duties of the Sabbath. We managed to get breakfast in time for Church. Cousin Martin and I went to here the Cathedral servis while the other part of the family went to their usual places of Worship. My Aunt Thomasson and family all meet after dinner at Uncle Martins where we had the pleasure of sitting down to sumptuous dinner and spent the remaining part of the day in a very pleasant & agreeable manner.

Dec 28 Monday

Still keeping up Christmas I started off in company with Mr Thomasson intending to have a few hours shooting at Mr Stintons at... another very nice farming district but we found our arrival there that we where prevented from shooting any kind of game, Mr Stinton having taken his farm on those termes after spended some little time in drinking Cider and looking round the Farm we started off in our four miles walk home but however I felt somewhat disappointed at not been able to shoot at something. I took the opportunity firing at a Black Bird so that we did not come home without something even this was not without some risk of been heavily fined if the Game Keeper had caught me at it. After all I enjoyed the walk. It also gave me an opportunity of seeing what English farming was. Mr Stinton did not forget to give us some of his best Perry made from the Birly Pear – equal to good Shampain. On my arrival at Aunt Thomassons I found her making great preparations for another evening party to which several of her friends were invited – this been the finishing up of the Christmas it was entered into with great Sprite Dancing Musick and all sorts of amusements untill two o'clock in the Morning.

Dec 29 Tuesday

Having had but two or three hours rest I started off by the 9 o'clock Train for Birmingham again to enter once more into the trouble and anxiety of looking after the natives but I was pleased to find that they had been conducting themselves very well considering that they had been left alone during the three days of Christmas time. About twelve I started off with Jenkins and the Natives to a place called Erdington five miles out of Town. Mr Black who as country residence there very kindly provided us with a sumptuous dinner at his house. We wher also very much interested in visiting some very fine farms at Mr... also some Model Stables at Mr... We next went to take Tea with Mr Mason a rich old gentleman his privet house is like a Palace he has an incom of one hundred thousand a year. He some forty years ago used to drive a donkey cart about Birmingham crying Hot Rolls. Made his fortune by manufacturing Pens. He is now the proprietor of some rich copper mines in Wales.

Dec 30 Wednesday

Nothing of much importance except the usual Troubles and difficultys about Money Matter. Mr Jenkins went to London with intentions of seeing the Duke of Newcastle; I only hope he may take a favourable view of our difficultys and something for us. I feel anxious to know the result.

Dec 31 Thursday

The last day of the old year, I wonder what the next will bring forth. When I look back upon the past I am struck with astonishment. My life is a mystery to me. What strange events take place in a short time. Mr Jenkins did not go to London until to day. I hope he will meet with success and that some one will take up our unfortunate position. This evening half a hour before twelve o'clock the Church Bell sent forth a merry peal to announce the old year out and the new one in. In every other respect the evening past off very quietly.

Jan 01 Friday

I hope a happy New Year although I have nothing of much interest to relate I hope for the best. I have spent several hours to day with Native Chiefs. Hiriri who left some time ago in London and went with Hegerty and his party of New Zealanders he as return to us again and I have trying to get some money which Hegerty his owing to him the some of £19 pounds – anything but pleasant business to have to do with. I think it doubtful weather or not he will get it. I think it has been a very unfortunate circumstance that the other party ever came to England.

Jan 02 Saturday

I am at a loss to know how to spend my time. I feel miserable. Nothing of much importance to do or to relate.

Jan 03 Sunday

This being the first Sunday in the New Year I felt a great desire to attend Church – accordingly I went to St. Martins and heard Dr Miller preach. He is one of the popular preachers of Birmingham. The subject of his text was and the Shadows passeth away. It was a very excelend discourse. In the afternoon I took a walk as Edwichton pool to see the Ice. In the evening I went to Cherry St Chapel heard the Revd Hall who preached a sermon to the young people it was a very instructive discourse. The weather continues very cold. The frosty weather set in on the 28th of last month and continues very cold.

Jan 04 Monday

The Town is quit in a state of excitement and great number of people starting of in different directions for the purpose of Skateing on the Ice. I was invited to bring two of the Natives and accompany Mr Pumphrey to Low Pool. Hapimana was the first to try the experiment of Skateing to the great amusement of a number of lookers on. It was some time before the New Zealanders could be persuaded to trust themselves on the ice. I must confess I was very struck with the novelty of the amusement; and for the first time in my life I put the Skates on for some time I had great difficulty in standing on my feet but however I succeeded at last after a good many tumbles in crossing the Lake backwards and forwards. After spending a few pleasant hours I began to feel tired and was glad to get back to my lodgings and get a rest. In the evening I was invited by the Rev Mr Winters to bring the Chiefs to St Barnibus School rooms to a Tea Meeting which passed of in a very interesting manner. Mr Winters very kindly told the people that we where not connected with party at Holders Concert Rooms. Mr Lloyd who has been in London for nearly a fortnight returned this evening.

Jan 05 Tuesday

Mr Lloyd and I took a walk this morning to see the skateing but our thoughts being taken up with our increasing difficulty we felt no inclination to join in the sport. Our position is becoming more difficult every day getting further and further into debt without any prospect of meeting our liability. I am at a loss to know what the result will be. Mr Welch and one the Firm of Holder & brother Shipping Agents called to see me to day in reference our passage back to New Zealand it would have been a great reliefe to my mind if we where only in a

position to make such arrangements. Mr Back called to see me respecting the farewell Meeting to be held at the Town Hall. I have found him to be a very kind friend he hopes with the assistance of a committee of influential gentlemen to get up a good Meeting. I went to the Theatre to see the Christmas Pantomime glad to drive melancholy thoughts away.

Jan 06 Wednesday

Jenkins returned from London after waiting for some time for an opportunity of seeing the Duke of Newcastle. To his great disappointment he heard that his Grace was taken very unwell and therefore could not be seen. So that he had to return to Birmingham without having accomplished his object. In the evening I took two of the Natives – Pareteu & Hapimana by invitation to spend few hours with the Hewitts family. I shall never forget how pleasantly the time passed away. After Tea Mr Hewitt invited to his smoking room in the work shop we were joined by his two brothers Cousin Wesley, Uncle John Wales and Cousin William Hewitt. The Chiefs made themselves very agreeable by singing two or three of their songs The War Dance and several speeches all of which I had to give a translation in the best manner I could. The speeches were at once responded to by the Company present. They to the Chiefs in the most feeling manner that they were glad to have the pleasure of drinking their health and in giving them a most hearty welcome to England and safe passage back to their Native Country. Mr W. Hewitt told them that he was pleased to find them intelligent and God fearing men and hoped that they would return to their Native land much benefited by their visit to this country and that they would be the means of doing good among their own people in New Zealand. The conversation then turned upon each one of the company present. Mr Hewitts Brothers spoke in the warmest terms of their brother Mr Hewitt the head of the Firm. They also expressed the satisfaction they felt during the many years they had been in their brothers employ. In referring to my Uncle John who as been lately taken into the employ of the Firm that he would find the same amount of satisfaction in working for the Firm as they had done, and then they would all continue as friends and relations to work together in friendship for many years to come. My Uncle while returning his thanks for their kind feelings towards him hoped that he should be successful in doing his duty. He further stated his feeling would not allow him to express in a proper manner all his thoughts on this pleasant meeting after which the elder brother Mr Hewitt rose to propose the health of Mr Wales Lightband wife and family and also for my safe return to Nelson having known my Father for some years while living in England he should never forget the pleasure he felt in meeting with his son and also the New Zealand chiefs. Our little smoking party then broke up and retired to the dwelling house where we found a very nice supper provided for us and a few more songs from the Chiefs together with the War dance for the amusement of the ladies my Cousins and other friends who were on a Christmas visit one of them the intended wife of Cousin William a lady possessed of a fortune of nearly thirty thousand pounds. They were very amused with and interested with the Chiefs and expressed the pleasure I had given them in translating the conversation of the Chiefs. I felt pleased to have given them so much pleasure. I did not get home before twelve o'clock after spending a very pleasant evening.

Jan 07 Thursday

I felt anything but comfortable this morning in getting out of bed. The weather is getting colder every day having no meeting to attend or anything of importance to take up my mind, unless it was to brood over my many difficulties and troubles. But however after dinner I started off for a walk with Mr Lloyd to Edwinton Pool to see the Skating which afforded me a good deal of amusement. I suppose there were not less than two thousand people skating at one time. The ice is said to be about nine inches thick so that it was considered to be perfectly safe. To a looker on there was plenty of fun to be seen. The Natives are all getting dissatisfied and wish to get back to New Zealand. Some complain of the cold others about not getting any money others think Jenkins is not acting far towards them for my part

for all we are likely to get by stoping in England the sooner we get back the better for us, I could which myself out of it – for I see no prospect in the future.

Jan 08 Friday

Mr Thomas Lightband from Worcester came to see me this morning being about to emigrate to Nelson he whicked to get all the information he could about the passage out, and what prospects he should have when he got there: I was carefull not to give him advice or persuading to go to New Zealand and after spending some hours in conversation with him in giving him all the information I could, he told me that he should make up his mind to go and that he would at once make arrangements and sell his property etc. having no business of my own to attend to I felt pleased to have some one to talk to. In the evening I took three of the Natives to the Skating by Torch light on the Reservoir a large sheet of water covering a space of some 40 acres of land which supplies the Town of Birmingham. It was a strange and altogether a novel and interesting sight. There were not less than two hundred Skaters all having torch lights. Mr Pumphrey and Brother added very much to the amusement of the people by setting off a number of Fireworks and also burning a Tar barral on the ice. It was with some difficulty that the Chiefs were persuaded to trust themselves on the Ice. The slitest crack or noise made them run for the shore. This is the first time in my life that I remember seeing skateing by torch light I think it a most beautiful and interesting kind of sport although attend with danger to those who are not carefull. The news papers have already recorded deaths by drowning one case of six boys who ventured on the Ice an inch thick and were all drowned.

Jan 09 Saturday

Mr Jenkins, Lloyd and myself met together this morning for the purpose of consulting what is best to be done in refference to going to Manchester Liverpool etc., or weather to try and make arrangements to get back to New Zealand but however we could not decide the questions until after hering from the Duke of Newcastle in fact we are altogether in a fix to know what to do for the best. We are now waiting for a farewell meeting which is to take place in a fortnight time. Mr Jenkins started for Rugby and Coventry to try and make arrangements for meetings there to fill up the time. Mr Lloyd also started again for London so that I am left to do the best I can for a few days alone – so to make myself as happy as I could under the circumstances I took a walk up to Edgehaston pool and joined a friend Mr Welch and spent two very pleasant hours in skating on the Ice. This being my second attempt I felt more confidence and succeeded in skating several times round the Pool.

Jan 10 Sunday

Not feeling myself very well having suffered from a severe cold I remained within doors until about four o'clock in the afternoon having no one to keep me company I began to feel dull and lonely so off I started on a visit to Mr Hewitts family where I was made exceedingly welcome and invited to take tea. It always gives me pleasure to visit my kind relations. After Tea I had the pleasure of going in company with my Cousin Sarah and Frank Hewitt to heare the great American Revivalist Rev Mr Coy who is now on a visit to Birmingham Bath St Chapel was crowded to excess every seat and standing place was taken up and crowds of people outside trying to get in. The sermon was preached from those words of Scripture Now is the excepted time Now is the day of Salvation. The sermon was very good and very impressive but I cannot say I admired the style of the preacher, but however I think he one of those men who do a great deal of good more especially amongst the lower classes of people. After the service was over I walked back with my cousins and spent the remaining part of the evening with the family. Miss Horsefall – William Hewitts intended wife was also present. She appears to be a very nice sort of a person. I hope she will prove to be a good wife as well as rich one. I have being pleased to find the family live so happy together. I believe that true religion will always make a family love each other.

Jan 11 Monday

I have spent another tiresome day in trying to forward the arrangements for a farewell Meeting. Mr Bach who has been trying to form a commity, told me to day that so far he as not met with much encouragement not having met with Dr Millers approval and several others that he expected would take an interest in it; but however he intends to make a further tryal an see what can be done. The fact of the matter in this we have stoped so long in Birmingham that the people are getting tired of the Chiefs and the whole party of us it only confirms me in my opinion that the sooner we get back to New Zealand the sooner we shall be likely to get out of difficulty. I feel sick and tired of it.

I happened to call upon Mrs Johnson when I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Weale a lady who has been travelling in New Zealand an acquaintance of Bishop Selwin family she takes a great interest in the Chiefs and has very kindly offered to assist in getting funds to take them back to New Zealand that is if Mr Jenkins and the Chiefs will consent to back in the Month of March in a vessel named the Blue Jacket, but before taking any steps in the matter she would like to have a written statement from Mr Jenkins and the Chiefs that he is willing for them to go back or something definet in the shape of a written statement. I think she is a quick discerning woman and that she can see through Mr J. character. I have found many others of the same mind who think Mr J. is a very unfit person to have undertaken the project of bringing the Chiefs on a visit to this country. Miss Weale is Lady of some considerable influence. I only hope she will succeed in carrying out her kind whiches.

Jan 12 Tuesday

There has been a great change in the weather since Sunday last. The Ice and frost as dispersed and give place to mild fogey and rainey weather anything but pleasant. The newspapers give an account of a shoking accident on Sunday of two young men who were drouded while Skateing on the Reservoir after having been warned of the danger. I find the time passes very dull. There are no meetings, nothing to take up my attention and with the pleasant reflection of knowing that we are getting more and more into debt Mr J. as not yet returned from Coventry so that I am still left in care of a parcel of disagreeabl Natives.

Jan 13 Wednesday

Held a lengthened conversation with Jenkins on the subject of our return to New Zealand told him of the proposal of Miss Weale a very kind friend who has offered to render what assistance she can give in colecting funds for that purpose from all I can hear she is a Lady of some considerable influence and would be a likely person to succeed in careing out what she undertakes. But however after some lenthened conversation on the matter I found that Mr J. as got some other grand skeme in view in connection with some emigration party which is to benefit his own selfish purposes and at the same time calculated to do us a great deal of harm and damage the prospect of our getting back to New Zealand. And I think it shows a great want of principle on his part. The more I have to do with him the less I think of him as man of principle. I am satisfied that he would do any thing to gain his own selfish ends without regard to any persons loss. Such is the oppion I have of him. Under these circumstances I have no confidence in him whatever. I also reminded him of his liabilityys for which Mr Brent is responsible his reply was that he would see that Mr B would not be accountable so much for talk. I shall be very glad when our affairs are settled, and the natives back in their own country.

Jan 14 Thursday

I did not get much sleep last night for thinking of the many difficultys which I have had to contend with since my visit to England which perhaps might have been avoided to some extent by proper management. I have meet with very few people but what find fault with Mr J. But however I have only one object in view at the present time and that is to get out of the

difficultys as soon as possible. Mr J. having made an appointment to meet Miss Weale this morning I lost no time in getting my breakfast and starting off Winsor Green in company with Mr J. to here for my own satisfaction the result of the interview. I was very much pleased to find her in the same mind and she was on the previous day she put the question to Mr Jenkins Do you wish the New Zealanders to return to their country If so I am willing to do all I can to raise funds for this purpose but before making any attempt to do so I want a proper and definite statement in writing to that effect when I have no doubt I shall succeed in getting the sum required. I was very much pleased with her kind and earnest manner. Mr J. saw at once that she was serious in what she had stated and of course he could not do otherwise than except of the proffered help and assistance and at once consented prepare a written statement and forward it to her as soon as possible. The conversation lasted for nearly two hours during which time Mr J. have her a faithful account of all our proceedings from the time we left New Zealand up to the present, and also the difficulty we had to encounter I am in hope we have found to good... at last and that she will succeed in caring out her object. I feel shure that she is influenced by kind and Christian motives and the she is a lady of welth and influence. I am also pleased to record that a comitte of gentlemen met to day for the purpose of getting up a farewell meeting and also to take into consideration what assistance they can give towards helping to defray our expenses.

Jan 15 Friday

The Natives are suffering from severe colds. The weather continues wet and foggy in fact most people complain of the severe winter which the cause of a great deal of sickness and very trying to all of us who have been favoured with such an excellent climate as New Zealand. I called upon Mr J. to remind him of his promis to Miss Weale. I found him hard at work preparing the required document. Three of the Natives have stated there intention of going to London where they will remain at the Asiatic Home untill arrangements are made for there return to New Zealand which I hope will be soon for the do nothing but grumble from day to day, - Horamau, Kihirini & Takarie.

The above is a mistake – a continuation of Friday proceedings. Mr J. completed the written statement for Miss Weale which was duly posted. Having nothing to employ my time in the evening I took a walk as far as Mr Hewitts where I had the pleasure of spending a pleasant evening over a glass of wine in conversation with my Uncle John Wales. He told that he was very well satisfied with his new situation.

Jan 16 Saturday

Received an invitation to dine with Mr Hewitt spent some time there in looking over the extensive manufacture I was very much supprised at the number of different articles made commencing with Saddles sets of arness of all kinds legings Bags of all discriptions Patent leather do arness without holders etc. a list of which Mr Hewitt as promised to provide me with before my return. A four o clock in the evening I went in company with Frank to see Cousin Charles Wesley who is engaged in keeping a small Public House in Birmingham a strange contrast to his Brothers John & Samuel Wesley Wesleyan Preachers the one in Amrica and other at Sleaford Lincolnshire. But however he was pleased to see me and but for the unfortunate circumstance of his Wife being very ill at the time he would have been glad to have made me stay and spend the evening with him so after spending an hour with during which time he asked me many questions about Nelson and family matters also upon his own affairs stating that he had great difficultys in getting along and that he had very serious thoughts of Emigrating to Amrica or New Zealand I finished up a very pleasant evening at Mr Hewitt talking with his Son William who is a commercial traveler for the Firm and just returned after 4 weeks work on the roads during the conversation several hints where given that they might do some export Trade in Nelson etc. this brought my thoughts back to my own troubles and difficultys thinking of the opportunities I might have had in

England under different circumstances the few hundred pounds I have lost would be of great service to me my Spirits were very much depressed in consequence and I returned to my lodgings in any thing but a comfortable state of mind.

Jan 17 Sunday

Having an invitation from Mr Bach to take two of the Chiefs to dine with him to day I according started of on foot to his residence at Erdington a distance of 4½ miles spent a very pleasant time with his family in conversation upon matter relating to our visit to England etc. Attended Divine servis in the evening at the Independent Chapel heard a very excelent discourse from Proverbs. Having riches yet being poor etc. Returned to my lodgings by Train first class after spending a very pleasant Sunday. I thought of the sermon Although I am poor I am rich in friends if not rich in Godliness The book of Proverbs is a book for every one to study and one from which we may derive comfort at all times thus ends another week. My thoughts are often carried back to wife & dear children. I feel it very hard to be sepperated from them so long.

Jan 18 Monday

Commencement of another week. My time was taken up this morning by running from first one lodging and then to another looking up the Natives and starting them of with Mr Jenkins to Rugby after some difficulty I succeeded in getting of by the the 12-15 Train. Having three others Horaman Kehirini and Herini to send to London by the 1-15 Train I was required to remain behind and take them to the Station to get there tickets etc and also to give them directions for finding there way to the Strangers Home for Asiatics Limehouse where I expect they will remain untill arrangements are made for there return to Auckland. Two out of the number are unfit to travel, they have been on the sick list for some time. Mr J. intends holding a meeting at Rugby and two on the following Tuesday at Coventry returning to Birmingham on the Wensday. Feeling the want of some kind of amusement I went to the Town Hall where I heard done very excelent musick by Mr Simson solos on the Organ one of the finest in England and also some Reading from Mr. Montgomery several very nice songs by Miss Parker the whole was finished up by the Grand Halulia Chorus by upwards of forty vocalists accompanied by the Organ the affect was very grand and I enjoyed a pleasant evening. The readings where from Biron on the Battle of Waterloo, the Burial of Sir John More also the Avenging Soul etc

Jan 19 Tuesday

On getting out of bed this morning I was perfectly at a loss to know in what manner I could spend the time. I was in hopes of getting letters from Home the mail being due to day. With hopes of getting some New Zealand new I called upon Mr Bach at New Street. I found I was in possession of a Newspaper from Auckland containing a lenthened account of the war which I am sorry is likely to by continued for some time longer. During my stay there Miss Weale called in for the purpose of having some conversation with Mr Bach about the arrangement for the Chiefs return to there own country. She found great fault with Mr J. written statement and also as man wanting in business tact also in the general management of his Project and thought that if he had been carefull to have got proper introductions before leaving Auckland he would have been successful in the undertaking and there would have been no difficulty in getting help from privet persons and also from the government but however this the old tale over again every one who gets to know him finds the same fault and thinks that under the management of a more competent person the project would have succeeded in a better manner. I think there can be only one oppion upon this matter. It matter not who gives him advice he takes his own stuped way in every thing under these circumstances I feel satisfied that the sooner we bring the affair to a close the better.

Jan 20 Wednesday

The Newspapers of to day contained a good deal of information about New Zealand and also about the Chiefs and object in visiting England a translation of there letters to there friends in New Zealand also letter from Mr Bach giving an account of our reception in Birmingham by the Mayor the letter was an exceedingly good and calculated to be of great benefit to us in explaining to the Public the object of our visit to this country etc. I have nothing of further importance to record. Received my letters from New Zealand. All well.

Jan 21 Thursday

Mr Jenkins & Lloyd returned with the Natives to day from Coventry and Rugby they met with a very good reception in Coventry the Meeting was heald in the Exchange there upwards three thousand people present a collection was made at the close of the Meeting amounting to fifteen pounds. The Chiefs visited the Ribon Manufacture and different other places of interest. Mr Jenkins as recived some further comunications from London respecting a Vessel for our return to New Zealand.

Jan 22 Friday

I have been suffering very much from tooth acke and swollen face in consequence I have been kept within door and employed myself in writing letters to New Zealand which I have found to be a very unpleasant task under my present circumstances

Jan 23 Saturday

Started off by the 11.30 Train to visite Chucess Glass Works Spon lane in company with the Chiefs was very much interested in watching the process of making the Plate Glass for windows by means of blowing in which the central fugal force is used there are also many other methods of blowing glass we spent some hours in looking over the extensive works there are many hundreds of men women and children employed in the premises. The Chiefs excited a good deal of curiosity amongst them. After seeing over the most interesting parts of the work we went to visit Miss Weal at the House Winson Green she provided dinner and tea for us spent a very pleasant evening the Chiefs amused the children by giving a War dance, singing there songs. Had some further conversation with Miss Weale upon the arrangements for our return to New Zealand. She appears determined to caring out her project and she visits London in the early part of next week for that purpose. She is acquainted with the Duke of Newcastle and many of the Nobility. I hope very soon to hear of her arrangements being compleated for the Chiefs are becoming very Troublesome and difficult to manage.

Jan 24 Sunday

Did not go out all day. Employed my time in writing letters to Nelson which was anything but a pleasant task under such depressing circumstances.

Jan 25 Monday

Accompanied the Chiefs Mr Kenersly Miss Weale and Jenkins to the Magistrate Court to here a number of cases tried the Chiefs had the Honor of sitting on the Magistrates Bench. I was very much amused to see the great variety of Charecters brought up on Trial. Some of the cases were for assault other for Theft some fourteen in all. I was very much surprised to meet with a Nelson Settler Mr Broom. I remember having seen him at Collingwood engaged at some road work. He was also in the employ of Nathenal Edwards & Co he told some Nelson news & showed some veiws of the town also a photographic sketch of the grand doings in Trafalga Street at the celebration of the Marriage of the Prince of Wales he was only in England some few weeks it gave me much pleasure to meet with him. Miss Weale left here for London for the purpose of caring out the arrangements for our return to New Zealand. Mr Holloday the Mayor and the Magistrate Mr Kenersly has written to the Duke of Newcastle on the same business so that I hope with all this influence at work that the

arrangements will soon be made, and I am looking anxiously forward to the end of this week to know the result.

Jan 26 Tuesday

This being the day for the closing the Australia & New Zealand Mails I finished and posted my letters and newspapers. I then called upon Mr Bach of New Street to collect what information I could respecting the committee and there arrangements for our farewell meeting etc. I had a very long chat with him about our difficultys and the prospects for our return to Auckland after which I received an invitation from Miss Bach to go and dine with her father at her brothers house in Great Brook Street where I sat down to a very sumptous dinner of fried soles and a roasted Hare, Plum pudding etc which enjoyed very much. After dinner I spent a very pleasant afternoon drinking wine and having quiet conversation with the Family. Miss Bullock a daughter on the side of Mrs Bach whos name I have to remember on my return to Auckland. After Tea I went to the Town Hall to here the great Orator John Bright M P for Birmingham he is acknowledged to be the greatest Orator in England. I have never in all my life heard a man speak with so much pleasure he exceeds any one that I have heard before. The Meeting was convened for the purpose of addressing their constituents on public affairs Mr Scholefield was the first to address the Meeting who spoke very fluently upon the American question but not being a very popular man there was great deal of noise and confusion. The Hall was crowded to excess there being not less than seven thousand people present. It was a sight to witness the dence Mass in the body of the Hall swaying to and fro like the waves of the sea it was a strange sight to look upon from the galiray Many of them got there Hats nocked off and crushed under the feet in a moment. The noise and confusion continued with very little intermission untill Mr Bright rose up to speak. His powerfull voice and eloquent manner very soon restored order has he becam warmed in his subject. It was then I saw the affect of his oratory. While he spoke of the lementable condition of the working classes and the changes which might be brought about for there benefit, the cheers were tremendous. Also when he touched upon the American War and the slave question in these touching words. Weather the President Lincoln will be in favour of abolition, weather the North are unanimous against slavery. Whatever may be said or thought with regard to the transactions on that continent, he must be deaf and blind and worse than deaf and blind, who does not perceive that through the instrumentality of this strife that most odious and most indescribably offence against man and against Heaven, the slavery of four millions of our fellow creatures, is coming to a rapid end. The cheers where loud and long. I listened to the speaker with great delight and came away with the full satisfaction that I had heard with pleasure the greatest Orator in England.

Jan 27 Wednesday

I was very much supprised on going into New Street this morning and buying a Times newspaper to find a full report of Mr Bright speech so much for the rapid advance of science in the quickness of Telegram communications. Only to think that a long speach delivered in the Town Hall Birmingham a hundred and twenty miles from London should be printed in London that night and should appear again in Birmingham next morning at early hour of nine. Truly this may be said to be one of the wonders of the world. Every thing appears to be going ahead but our unfortunate More speculation stuck fast in Birmingham without holding Meeting or doing but very little to employ out time altogether in a fix waiting for our kind friends to release us. Money all gone and getting into debt at a glourous rate, being at a loss to know what to employ my time I took a walk with Mr Lloyd as far as Mr Hewitts to show him over the works. On my way I called upon Cousin Martin Wales had few minutes talk every one appears to be busy. I felt if would gladly exchange my position with any common workmen I met. With little money or means to amuse myself I am obliged to walk about and appear like a gentleman. Such a state of things is not calculated to make my visit to England a pleasant one Mr Jenkins cannot stand the suspence any longer he intend starting of to

London in the morning to satisfy himself what the people of London in the morning to satisfy himself what the people of London are going to do weather we are to abandon all further attempt at Meeting or what is to be the next step.

Jan 28 Thursday

Found myself once more alone with Natives Mr Jenkins and Lloyd having gone to London everything calculated to make me most miserable. I am getting sick and tired of Birmingham I call upon Mr Bach took a walk round to different to enquire the prices of Agulral emplements Ploughs from five to seven pounds Winning Mechines seven to fourteen pounds Best steel forks 4 to 5 shillings

29 Jan Friday

Went to Hindsworth enjoyed a very pleasant walk called to see my uncle in Summer Row did not find him at home I then went as far as cousin Hewitts spent an hour or so there after wich I called again upon my Uncle John William found him at home. I found him in quiet a pleasant mood he talked for some time upon family Mother appears to have been his favourit sister some years ago he thought of going to New Zealand he is following the buisness of Electro Plating. An early riser and very attentive to buisness. On my return to my lodgings I again called upon Cousin Hewitt she told a great deal about him he think but very little about company.

Jan 30 Saturday

Accompanied the whole party to visit Mr Kenersly Miss Selwin sister to Bishop Selwin of New Zealand. We sat down to an excellent dinner provided by Mr Kenersly the resident Magistrate of Birmingham. The party consisted of eleven of the Chiefs Mr Maunsel Mrs Colenso Jenkins Lightband and together with the family we formed a large muster. Dinner being over we all assembled in the drawing room for the purpose of consulting about the Chiefs return to New Zealand which occupied some considerable time. Miss Weale was the first to open the subject by telling Mr Jenkins that the Chiefs had expressed there which to return as early as possible as they are suffering in their health and she whicked to know if he would cancel there agreement and consent to arrangements for there return. Mr Jenkins in the old style fond of talking entered into a long discussion about his treatment to them and also about the reports which had been circulated respecting unkind treatment etc. in consequence of which he was brought to the difficult possition that he was now in. But however he went on to state in the most independent manner possible that he was provided with means to send them back without the assistance of friends but if the Chiefs where not disposed to wait until he could complete the arrangements which he was prepared to make for their return he would leave them to take there own choise in the matter like all the rest of business matter which he as to do with, the whole day was spent without coming to any conclusion. From thence we went to take tea with Miss Selwin who is living at the Residence of Lord Dartmore a large place containing a hundred rooms. Attend evening service which was conducted by Mr Maunsel partly in the Native language and also in the English after which there was some further talk about the Natives return. Miss Selwin hurt Mr Jenkins feeling by telling him that as the Chiefs where thriving upon the Public that she hoped they would soon return. I felt very tired and was glad to get home more on this subject another time.

Jan 31 Sunday

Spent a very agreeable day in company with Cousin Martin Wales at Mr Jenings Ladypool lane. Hapamana went with having received an invitation to dinner we where not disappointed in our expectation. The dinner was excellent. The afternoon and evening was spent in a very pleasant manner talking upon various interesting subjects.

Feb 01 Monday

Devoted the whole day with Mr Jenkins to making up accounts which is at all times very disagreeable to me. I was at it to past 12 at night found that our liability amounts to £100 anything but a comfortable reflection.

Feb 02 Tuesday

Went in company with Mr Jenkins to Mr Kenersly Office More St. showed our Book etc. according to previous arrangements Mr Kenersly expressed himself quiet satisfied as regards the correctness of the Accounts. From the time we left London our meetings have only just paid the expenses and for that reason there is no balance coming to the Natives. There is one thing which makes it exceedingly unpleasant and that is the Natives are under the empression that there is a large balance coming to them and in consequence they suspect Mr Jenkins of having defrauded them. But however I hope very soon to convince them to the contrary. Called upon Mr Bach to day he very kindly advanced ten pounds to relieve our present difficulty. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

Feb 03 Wednesday

I felt very much depressed this morning on account of our great difficulty and suspence of mind. If Mr Jenkins had been more desided Miss Weale would have known how to have acted and the arrangements for the Chiefs return instead of which several days have been lost without coming to any result. I spent some time in conversation with Jenkins this morning upon the same subject he told me that he had great confidence in carrying out his emigration scheme in connection with Mr Riley for which reason he felt relectent to fall in with Miss W. proposals. But however having lost all confidence in anything which he has to do with; I determined to go and consult Miss W. for myself and ascertain for my own satisfaction what she was willing to do in the matter. I was very much pleased on my arrival there to find Mr Stack was present from London he told me that he hoped he should succeed in convincing Mr Jenkins of the nessicity of at once complying with Miss W. for the Chiefs return with out more especiously as many of the Chiefs were suffering from severe illness and the only thing to save there lives was to get them back as soon as possible. I gave Mr Stack an account of the many difficultys we had met since we left London and of our non-success. After a great deal of conversation on the matter he thought that it would be very bad policy not to except oppurtunity held out for our return as Mr Jenkins would be blamed if anything where to happen to the Natives after some further conversation with Miss Weale and Mrs Colenso I came away satisfied that their intention was good and under the circumstances that it would be better to comply with the which of Miss W. and her friends. I shall be very glad when the afair is desided one way or the other for I have lost all hopes of recovering my losses be remaining in England any longer. As regards the Chiefs themselves Mr Jenkins as lost all influence over them and they have made up there minds to return.

Feb 04 Thursday

The arrangements for the Chiefs return are still pending. Mr Stack Mrs Colenso and Miss Weale called upon Mr Jenkins this afternoon to have some further conversation about the matter. The natives are bringing up all sorts of accusations against Mr J. stating that they have not been kindly treated etc. the fact is they want money and they don't care where it comes from or by what means so long as they can get it. Mr Stack on hearing our account of the manner in which they have been treated appears to be very well satisfied that there statements are false so much for the Native character they are a deceitful lot to have to do with. Mr Lloyd returned from London. He like myself is perfectly at a loss to know how matters will be settled. We have been very busy the last few days putting our accounts strait so that we shall be able to show to any one our true position. The news which arrived the

other day from Amirca about the destruction of two thousand females by fire as caused quite a sensation in Birmingham. It was a sad affair.

Feb 05 Friday

I got up this morning at half past five intending to start by the six o'clock Train for Liverpool but on arriving at New St. Station I found I was just a minute late. I was therefore under the necessity of retreating back to my lodgings and turned comfortably into bed. The morning being extremely cold and uncomfortable. But I succeeded in getting away by the 12 o'clock Train and arrived in Liverpool at about six in the evening after getting some supper I started off to Greenwood St where I found Mr Riley brother of Nelson. He was very much pleased to receive a friend of his brothers and made welcome to stay at his house. I was treated very kindly by his wife two daughters during the whole of my stay. The conversation was kept up to a very late hour of the night giving all the information I could about his brother & New Zealand.

Feb 06 Saturday

Soon after breakfast this morning I went to one of the Museums to find a costermonger for my moa bones. I had a long conversation with Mr T. T. Moore the curator of the Museum he recommended me to see the Chairman Mr Picton but could not succeed in seeing him until the following Monday so that I had to let my business stand over. My next thoughts were turned to the best manner I could spend my time and see all that was worth seeing. I accordingly started off down to Docks where I saw the 'Great Eastern' lying out in the River although at some distance from the pier I at once struck with the gigantic size of the ship more especially when compared to the number of other ships which were anchored nearer her; nothing could resist the temptation I felt to go on board of her accordingly I went on board the ferry-boat to the other side called Rock Ferry, where I hired a boat to take me on board, whatever my thoughts were on looking at her from the shore it was only till I got on board I could realise the fact that she was the largest ship in the world and one of the wonders of the world as I stood upon her deck I was perfectly amazed at her enormous length and breadth. I find on looking at the advertisement of the 'Great Eastern' for sale that she is 22,791 tons O.M. 18,915 tons gross and 13,344 tons register, length 679 feet 6-10ths breadth 82 feet 8-10ths depth 47 feet 4-10ths built in the River Thames under the special superintendence and from the designs of the late L. K. Brunel, Esq. This splendid ship is built with a double bottom nearly the whole of her length and carried up to the lower saloon deck, a height of 34 feet constituting the strongest ship afloat. She stows 10,000 tons of coals which owing to her good arrangements, can be put on board in about five or six days. She has four paddle engines, nominally of 1,000 horse power, but of three horse power effective 3,500, four screw engines of 1,600 horse power nominal, and four 4,500 power effective and in addition two pairs of auxiliary engines of 60 horse power for pumping bilges and throwing water in case of fire. The forward pair also working the capstans two single engines working winches and eight cranes for taking in cargo; one pair of small engines for working after capstans, two donkey engines for supplying fresh water to tanks, and two condensers capable of condensing 4,000 gallons of water per day, and ten donkey engines for throwing water in case of fire. She is a full-rigged ship having six masts; three of which are iron. The whole of the standing rigging is wire rope. Her cabin accommodation is of the very best description and equal to that of a first class hotel and her certificate allows her to carry 692 first, 894 second, besides an immense number of steerage passengers, and making her an unrivalled troop and passenger ship, with at the same time enormous capacity for cargo. She has 23 boats 9 of which are lifeboats. Her speed is equal to that of any ocean going steamers afloat. She steers easily and can be turned within her own length. The ship is now in the river Mersey Agents Canard, Wilson and Co Liverpool. After spending about two hours on board looking all over her I returned on shore well satisfied with my visit there is one thing it was very remarkable I was the only visitor on board. I saw the two American ram ship only a short

distance from her under the protection of two of her Majesty war ships not allowed to go out of Port. Standing on the Rock Ferry side and looking at the city of Liverpool it present a most beautiful sight and one that I shall long remember. In writing about the 'Great Eastern' there was one thing astonished me more than any thing else and that was her masive engines such ponderous weight of iron is quiet difficult to belive that man put it together. For admission on board I had to pay two & six pence in addition to which the cost of a watermans three shilling although I could very ill aford to pay so much money I should have felt very much disapointed if I had not seen her. I returned back to Mr Rileys very much tired after so many hours walking. I walked four times up and down the deck of 'Great Eastern' which is said to be a mile.

Feb 07 Sunday

I accompanied Mr Riley to Church in the morning was not very much interested with the Cheadrial service it seemed to be an everlasting singsong the sermon tame and insipid. I was glad to get home to my dinner, after which Mr Riley and I set off for a ramble over the Liverpool Docks and other places of interest with which I was very much interested feeling tired I did not go out for the rest of the evening; kept a long conversation about New Zealand and his brother John Riley. I also gave him the present from William Riley the carved dressing case which pleased them very much; I think I gave it to the right Brother G. W. Riley. I see on refering to some papers that he has another brother in Wolverhampton 29 Stafford St.

Feb 08 Monday

On going into the city this morning my first business was to see Mr Picton about the bones. I found him at the Queens Insurince Office. He told that he thought it was desireable that the Museum should purchase them and said he would leave the matter with Mr Moore. After some little further conversation with him after which I went to Mr Moore and agreed with him to send the Moa collection to the Museum. So that I am in hopes that I shall succeed in selling them. To finish up the day I started off to more of the Docks. Visited the Clarence, St. Georges, Nelson, Wellington, Canida, and Sand Grane docks. Altogether the Docks extend over several miles full of ships of all sizes and descriptions and thousands of busy people. I went on board a large American Steamer named the - - - She is upwards 4,000 tons and together a splendid ship. She is said to be next to the 'Great Eastern' one of the finest ships aflote and very fast vessel. She is fitted up in a most beautiful manner every comfort for passengers. The dry docks of Liverpool are said to be the finest in the world in fact there are no docks so large and so compact. During the day I visited several large buildings St Georges Hall a Magnificent building. The architecture is unsupased by any other Hall in England more especiously the inside of the building. I also visited some of the Museums. In the Derby Museum I saw a splendid collection of Moa bones which had been presented only a fortnight ago by a gentleman from New Zealand the Province of Canterbury they far exceed my collection but however I am in hope that Mr Moore will purchase mine as it will help to complet the collection. I felt very much tired after my days hard traveling. After refreshing myself with some tea Mr Riley and I went to hear a lecture at the Philosophical Society. The Moa bone where one of the subjects of conversation also about a large Meteor which fell last month there was a loud explosion heard by several people in different parts of England. Also discussion upon the earth revolutions etc. This being my last day at Liverpool I lost no time in seeing all the places I could of interest.

Feb 09 Tuesday

I rose up early this morning to start by the 7-15 Train for Manchester. Mr Riley accompanied me to the Station. I took a parting farewell of the family. Arrived at Manchester at nine oclock but in consequence of the dence Fog & smoke it not untill nearly eleven clock before I could see my way about. All the shops where lit up with gas untill after twelve oclock in the day.

When the fog began to clear away it was only till then I saw with very great pleasure that Manchester was a very large city and I was not at all disappointed with my visit. The streets are large and well laid out. The shops have all the appearance of London. The Infirmary which occupies the central part of the City is a most beautiful building. The only thing I disliked was the black smoke which during the fogs falls in flake like snow. An half an hours walk is quiet sufficient to give you the appearance of a sweep so that to keep yourself clean you need to wash every hour in the day. My visit to Manchester was partly on business. I went to one of the Museums in Peter St saw the curator. He told me that he had received a letter which I sent a few days ago and the event of my not selling my collection in Liverpool he thought that the Museum would buy them. I next went to visit one of the Cotton Manufactures. It was with that I succeeded in getting permission to look over the Factory. When I told Mr Colling the object of my visit, he at once told me that it was against the most stringent rules to admit any strangers with an introduction. I at once told him I was on a visit to England in company with a party of New Zealand Chiefs who had been introduced to the Queen and after some little conversation about New Zealand he told me that he should be most happy to make an exception in my case and at once took me over the Factory. I was perfectly amazed to see such a mass of complicated Machines at work all in the most beautiful order. I ascended loft after loft until I began to think there was no end. The cotton undergoing its various stages of Manufacture. There were upward of 1,000 people employed on the premises and this only one Factory out of hundreds more in Manchester and many of them on a much larger scale. Cotton is fetching a very high price in consequence of the American War. Mr McConnell told me that he had been giving from three shillings to four and sixpence per pound. Although there is plenty of cotton in Liverpool, and Manchester yet the Manufactures are afraid to purchase at such a high price and in consequence there is still a good deal of distress amongst the working people. After thanking Mr McConnell for his kindness in giving me information I came away very well satisfied with my visit but before leaving I was requested to put down my name and address in the visitors Book. After spending another hour or so in walking about the City I started off by the six o'clock Train for Birmingham and arrived there at eleven o'clock in the evening very much tired after so much walking and sight seeing.

Feb 10 Wednesday

I was surprised on talking to Mr Jenkins and Lloyd this morning to find there was nothing settled with Miss Weale about the Chiefs return to New Zealand. From all that I can hear she has taken great offence against Mr Jenkins. She is still under the impression that he anxious to keep the Chiefs in England for some time longer, and to make matter much worse Warapapa and several others of them have been telling her that Mr Jenkins is a very bad man and that he has acted in a very dishonest manner towards them in not paying them the money which is due having agreed in London to pay them £1 5s per week. But however I am in hope that the matter will be settled one way or the other before long, for I am getting tired of being kept in suspense not knowing how the affair will end.

Feb 11 Thursday

Mr Lloyd & I started off to Winsor Green this morning to see Miss Weale for the purpose of trying to get some satisfactory information from her as to what she was prepared to do with regard to arrangements for the return of Chiefs. On our arrival at her house we gave our names but Miss W. on hearing that of Mr Lloyd sent a message back that she did not know Mr Lloyd. As a matter of course Mr Lloyd felt very much offended but she sent an apology to me stating that she was unwell and could not see me. After some time in conversation with Mr Stack & Mrs Colenso relating to the conduct of the Natives we came away as wise as when we went. Feeling at a loss to know how to divert my mind from so much anxiety I went to Days Concert Hall where I heard some very excellent music & dancing etc. I also saw a very extraordinary exhibition of Lions. There were five in number enclosed in an iron cage. The man

who had the care of them fearlessly opened the door and walked in amongst them and made them go through all sorts of performances open the Mouth of one of the largest of them and placed his head in the Lions Mouth nothing could exceed the intense excitement which it caused to the spectators. If it is to be hoped that he will put his head in the mouth of a Lion once to often.

Feb 12 Friday

In company with Mr Jenkins Lloyd I attended a committee meeting at the Magistrates office Mr Kenerslys respecting the farewell meeting which has been for such a long time talked about and for the purpose of enquiring about the reports which have been circulated about Mr Jenkins and the natives. After a good deal of discussion it was proposed by the Rev Mr Winter that in consequence of Miss Weale's arrangements for the Chiefs return without loss of time to abandon the farewell meeting and let the Chiefs go to London without further loss of time. The meeting was at last adjourned till Monday for further consideration. I came away very much disappointed and I am convinced that if Mr Jenkins had been more straightforward the matter might have been settled long since and more to the advantage of all parties concerned. But the old thing over again there is nothing which Mr J. has to do with which to the same result. Mr J. has now taken up on behalf of Mr Riley and few others an emigration scheme. Judging from all his former transactions I think he will make a mess of it. In the evening Mr Jenkins and myself received an invitation to take supper with Mr Hewitts Tower Street.

Feb 13 Saturday

Paid another visit to the Black Country. Mr Lloyd accompanied me, on our arrival at Wensbury we were met by our friend Mr Smallman who had given us the invitation. Mr Smallman is about to go to Nelson for working the Coal he was therefore anxious to obtain all the information he could about the country for coal mining purposes. I was equally interested in the information I could get from him respecting the way in which coal is obtained in England, accordingly I spent the whole day in looking over the different coal works. I descended one of the Pits where I saw the whole process much after the same plan in which diggers mine for Gold. The men have to accomplish so many yards for these days work for which they receive from 2/6 to 3/6 per day the seams of coal which I saw being worked was from 3 to 3/6 it is a very novel sight for a stranger to witness the men while they are at work in the bottom of the Pit. The surface works are chiefly confined to women who are employed in sorting and loading carts canal barges and Railway trucks. They have the appearance of being strong healthy women in fact many of them equal in strength to a man their wages vary from 1/- to 1/6 per day. I also saw a great number of different kinds of engines employed in working the shafts some them upward of 100 horse power for rising the coal and also pumping up water etc. Altogether I spent a very interesting day as well obtaining a good deal of information upon the most improved methods of mining. They have a very excellent plan for protecting the mouth of the Pit a framework which goes up and down with the life Mr Smallman intends taking a party of respectable men and to Nelson under Mr Jenkins arrangements. I think there will be many good useful men go out from the Black country. After spending some further time in conversation with Mr Smallman I got back to Birmingham about 10 in the evening having spent a very interesting day.

Feb 14 Sunday

Remained at home during the morning making up my Journal. In the afternoon I took a long walk in company with my cousin Martin Wales. It was a beautiful mild day and I enjoyed the walk very much.

Feb 15 Monday

Attended another committee meeting at the Public office Mr Kenerslys. Rev Mr Winter proposed to abandon the farewell meet at the Town Hall. A great to do about nothing. Alsorts of new charges against Mr Jenkins neglect of Religious duty on board ship etc. The committee purpose to pay off our liabilities in Birmingham. In the evening I called to see Mrs Johnson. Met Miss Weale there had a long talk with them about our scheme in coming to England. Young Johnson, who is a clerk in the Bank told me some strange news conserning Mr Jenkins and his character previous to going out to New Zealand 22 years ago which I believe to be true. Such is the man I have do with.

Feb 16 Tuesday

Another important meeting at the Public Office, Kenerslys on which occasion the Chiefs wher present Miss Weale Mr Stack Mrs Colenso Jenkins Lloyd and Lightband together with several of the Committee where also present. A document was produced by Mr Kenersly and drawn up by him for the purpose of canceling the agreements between Jenkins and Comp and the Natives by which means they released Mr J. and Comp from all liability and debit owing to the Chiefs and to give them free lerbity to return at once to New Zealand. Five out of the number signed the deed names as follows Warapapa, Reihana, Paratine, Hamu, Tere the wife of Hirini there are three others who have yet to sign in London ther are also three who state that they have made up there minds to remain with Mr Jenkins Hapimana, Takaru & Ngahuaia according to Miss Weale request all those who have signed I sent together with there things Winsor Green The Home wher they will stay till there is a ship to take them to New Zealand. I am now waiting to here from Miss Weale in answer to a letter which I wrote to her a few days ago respecting my going back with them she has already promised to provide a passage; but I think it nessery to have something in writing. Mr Jenkins is now full of his emigration scheme. Mr Riley came up from London this evening at nine oclock. I had some conversation with him about it. He appears think that they will carrey it out successfully. In consequence of Mr J. taking up the matter he appears to have quiet given up the affairs of the company.

Feb 17 Wednesday

Pased a very dull day nothing of much interest to relate. Mr Jenkins is wholly taken up with his emigration shem, while I am anxious to have the result of Miss Weale arrangements. Called upon Mr Bach received an invitation from him to spend a few days at his house at Erdington.

Feb 18 Thursday

Spent some time to day in conversation with Mr Riley upon the of the emigration scheme. Some of the Natives are determined to stay with Jenkins. Feeling very much the want of a change I started off to Worcester where I intend to remain till matters are all settled. I arrived there at ½ past in the evening. I was very kindly recived by my Aunt Thomasson and spent a very pleasant evening with them, they where very anxious to heare the result of my adventures since Christmas last.

Feb 19 Friday

Having sat up very late last night I did not feel much inclined to rise early this morning. I had the pleasure of dining with my Uncle Martin to day was very much pleased to find him and his family all well. In the evening I started off in company with my Cousin John Thomasson to Alfrick to pay my Uncle Richard Lightband a visit having promised to do for some time past. I was very much pleased to find that though he was an original sort of an English farmer he was a very kind hearted sort of a man, also his wife and Daughter Jane they made me very welcome. I spent a very pleasant evening with them telling all about my adventures in New Zealand and Australea which appeared to interest them very much. I did nothing but smoke my pipe drinking cider and talking till past midnight. The whole family told me that spent a

most interesting evening. I was provided with a very excellent supper & a good bed where I was glad to rest myself after so much walking & talking.

Feb 20 Saturday

I enjoyed a very nice over the Village of Alfrick visited several very nice farms amongst others Mr Stintons Farm Tasting the different kinds of cider and Perry which enjoyed very much. I was also very much interested in seeing the old style of English farming which carried on much in the same old fashioned way in this part as it was years ago. Started off back to Worcester on the same night a distance of 7 miles the night being beautiful and fine I enjoyed the walk very much.

Feb 21 Sunday

Attended one of the old fashioned Worcester churches.

Feb 22 Monday

Went to visit Mr Thomas Lightbands at a village called Cradley. I had the pleasure of my Cousins company on this occasion which of course made the journey much more agreeable. Mr T. Lightband received me very kindly and I was made very welcome by his wife also.

Feb 23 Tuesday

I enjoyed a very pleasant walk round the Village of Cradley in company with Mr Lightband and my Cousin John and also a Mr Powin who is about to go out to Nelson. M. L. and his wife also contemplate going out next May. In my walk this morning I was very much struck with the remarkable resemblance of Cradley to appearance of Nelson or the town of Nelson. The Malvern Hills look very beautiful in the distance covered with snow. About four o'clock in the afternoon I started off on my journey back to Worcester a distance of 9 miles. I enjoyed the walk very much although very cold and frosty weather I found it very comfortable walking. After tea I accompanied my cousins to the Glee Club hear some very good songs finishing the evening by a game at chess with Cousin Martin Thomasson.

Feb 24 Wednesday

Took a ramble down the River Severn. I was very much interested in looking over the Locks which have been completed about 20 years. Saw the process of Salmon fishing.

Feb 25 Thursday

Wrote a letter to my wife felt very much disappointed at not receiving my letters from New Zealand. No doubt they have been mislaid. Spent a very pleasant evening at Mr Smiths enjoyed several very nice games at Whist. Music singing Mr Wener gave us a very excellent resitiation from William Tell Honesty and other pieces & kept up the amusement till nearly three o'clock in the morning. Mr Smith is living in the House formerly occupied by the Mr Ball an old acquaintance of Fathers.

Feb 26 Friday

In consequence of keeping such late hours last night I remained in bed till eleven o'clock this morning after getting breakfast I went in company with Cousin John to visit Mr Coxs Tannery saw many new improvements in the arrangements of the Tannery economizing labour and time in the handling of new goods. In the evening I went in company with Uncle and Aunt and cousins to the Theatre. I was very much disappointed in the Worcester Theatre saw Mr Adams at Dents glove Manufacture.

Feb 27 Saturday

Visited in company with Thomasson cousin John the Worcester Water Works and the New Cemetery saw Uncle Wales grave. I was very much astonished at the number of new works which have been undertaking during the last few years.

Feb 28 Sunday

I did not go to church in the morning but enjoyed myself by taking a walk in company with Cousin John was very much interested in seeing the New Railway works. Crossed over the Spooner Hills Goss Hills where I obtained a fine view of the City the Chetheradal on St. Andrews church with its beautiful spire & the Railway Bridge. In the afternoon I took a very pleasant as far St. Lewine New Church in the Droctivich Road attended Devine Service. Spend a very agreeable evening at Aunt Thomassons in conversation with Uncle Martin talking about old times.

Feb 29 Monday

Having several letters to write upon business matter, I remained at home during the morning. Dinner being over I took another ramble with Cousin John visiting different places of interest. In the evening I took a walk with my Aunt to Mr Bullocks St Johns spent an hour in conversation upon old times & changes. Mr B. was an old acquaintance of Father he visited him in London shortly before leaving for Nelson. On our return home we made up a pleasant party at whist with my cousins did not get to bed till after two o'clock in the morning.

Mar 01 Tuesday

I found on getting up this morning that I was not altogether the thing late hours find me out, but however I took my walk as usual out by Lark Hill a very pleasant walk, called in at the Seabright Hotel a famed place for good Cider. My Cousins and I did not forget to do justice to it. Had a long chat with the Landlady about her old favourite Parrot one of the most wonderful birds for talking would often stop the Horses going along the road and one occasion she was offered £15 for it but did not like to sell it after which it was stolen from her. I have often observed that my people meet with similar losses after a price for a horse. Received an invitation to spend the evening at Mr Bullocks house where I had the pleasure of meeting with a large company of friends & relations Uncle Martin and his family also Mr & Mrs Thomasson. Dancing & Musick singing eating being the order of the evening which was kept up to a late hour of the night.

Mar 02 Wednesday

Went for another ramble but in consequence of so much dull and raining weather the roads anything but agreeable so that with the exception of looking over some Railway works saw mills etc I did not extend my walk to any great distance. My Aunt invited the Smiths to come in the evening and make up a party of Whist which resulted in again turning night into day but however I managed to get to bed by three o'clock in the morning.

Mar 03 Thursday

On getting up this morning I had some thought of taking a walk as far as Droctivich but the Weather being dull & unsettled and roads bad I did attempt it. So instead of which I wrote a letter to Miss Weale requesting her to send me some information about her arrangements for the Chiefs. I quiet in ignorance of her movements. Visited the Natural History rooms Worcester Museum. Saw several New Zealand curiosities Natives Mats Birds &c. Also received an invitation from Sir Charles Hastings to attend Sorie heard a Lecture delivered by Mr Littleton brother to Lord Littleton upon the subject of Natural History. I had the pleasure of being accompanied by my Aunt and also Mr Thomasson. There were a great number of leading people of Worcester present. Finished up a very pleasant evening by going to Mrs Smiths to supper. I sat down to one of the finest dishes of Soles I have seen in my life. Our evening party turned out very pleasant and I enjoyed it very much.

Mar 04 Friday

The Weather continues very dull and I am still prevented from going out to visit the country so that I am obliged to make myself content to remain in doors. Received an invitation to spend the evening at the Vicarage Uncle Martins there was a party of friends met together to celebrate Uncle birthday his 54 year. Passed a very pleasant evening.

Mar 05 Saturday

Mr Thomasson and I had fixed to go to Droitwich. Bad and dull weather prevented us from going with the exception of a short walk in the afternoon I did not go out all day.

Mar 06 Sunday

Went with my Aunt to St Martins Church: heard some very good singing but could not say much for the Sermon Mr Wheeler preached it was altogether very dry. The day turned out remarkable fine after dinner Mr Thomasson with his two sons and myself took a good long walk out by the Doitwich road as far as the Old Church where Father & Mother where married. The country is altogether most interesting and in the summer season must be a delightfull place to live in. The view of the Malvern Hills in the distance must add very much to the effect. I returned home very well pleased with my walk. In the evening I attended with my Cousin John Angle Street Chapel. I had the pleasure of hearing a very excelent preacher Rev Baxter upon the subject of the Miracle of the lame man who was sitting at the gate of the Temple.

Mar 07 Monday

I did intend going to Birmingham this morning but my Aunt prevailes upon me to stay till Tuesday. Remained at home during the morning. In the afternoon I took a walk with Cousin to see the Chedral. Called upon Mr Weaver as we passed by he accompanied us. It was my intention to have gone to the Top but found the passage was stoped in consequence of some alterations going on so that our attention was turned to other parts of the building. We went down into the Cript which had been a burial place for a thousand years past. In many of the stone coffins I saw the remains of skeletons hundreds of years old one of which I brought away as a specimen. The Chetherdral is under going a complet renovation it will very shortly have the appearance of an entire new building. The cost will amount to over 60 thousand pound. After looking all the most interesting parts of the building I returned with Mr Weaver to take Tea with his wife & family. I was engaged in a long conversation about New Zealand. After which I spent an hour or so at the Vicarage talking with Uncle Martin. On my return home I found my Aunt was very much displeased at my long stay has she expected me home in the early part of the evening but however I sat down and began to tell them some long story about New Zealand so that they soon began to look cheefull and our conversation was kept up to a late hour of the night.

Mar 08 Tuesday

Another miserable wet day. Decided to go to Birmingham after dinner. I took a farewell of the whole family after having promised them that if convenient I would come and spend a few more days previous to my return to New Zealand, but I don't expect to have that opportunity so that I felt the parting very much and left them all deeply affected. I left the station by the two oclock Train. Arrived in Birmingham soon after three. I proceeded at once to Mrs McTurks to get what information could and also to Mrs Johnsons to here about Miss Arrangements but could not get any satisfactory news. I called upon Mr Back. Found him deeply engaged in makeing arrangements for the Farewell Meeting. He requested me to proceed on up to his house at Erdington where I am envited to stay the remaining part of my time in Birmingham. I spent a very pleasant evening at Mr Bach. I had a very good game at Chess with Mrs Bach. Heard some very excellent musick plade by her daughters.

Mar 09 Wednesday

The weather conditions very changeable during last night. We had a very heavy fall of snow rather a unusual occurrence in the month of March. I took a walk as far as Town called upon Jenkins & Lloyd and some conversation with Mr Riley they told that they were getting very well with the Emigration Scheme. Called upon Mr Hewitt. Took tea with the family. Birmingham is in a dreadful dirty state the snow having melted during the day. It was anything but pleasant walking about. I was therefore glad to find myself back in comfortable quarters at Mr Baches.

Mar 10 Thursday

This being the day fixed upon for the Town Hall Meeting and the Farewell presentation of the Birmingham people to the Chiefs. I felt great anxiety to see how it would come off. Mr Bach who is one of the active committee started off by the 7.30 Train. I joined him very shortly afterwards and went to the Town Hall to assist in arranging the large number of presents which were being sent in during the morning consisting also of agricultural implements a Plough, Winnowing Machine, Tools and all sorts of fancy things for the Chieftainesses amounting in value to not less £150. The conversazean took place at 6 in the evening. There was a very good attendance and passed off in a most agreeable manner with exception Kihirine the whole of the Chiefs were present attended by three interpreters Mr Stack, Maunsel and Mrs Colenso. The tea being over the Public Meeting commenced at about 8 o'clock. The Mayor Mr Hollady took the chair. There were also a great number of leading gentlemen of Birmingham. Amongst the speakers was the Resident Magistrate Mr Kenersly, Rev Winter, Rev Hale and several others the Wesleyan Ministers. The early part of the Meeting passed off in a very interesting manner. The Rev Winter speech was given in a very fluent manner. He alluded to the object the Chiefs visit to England as been likely to be of great benefit to themselves as well New Zealand. He also in a very nice manner alluded to the eventful day upon which the Meeting was held. The Baptising of the infant Prince the day on which the News of the Termination of the New Zealand War. The pleasing fact that the Chief would return to their country to find once more in a peaceful and prosperous condition. Mr Jenkins also gave a fare speech giving an outline of our reception from the time our first arrival in England. So far every thing went on pleasantly and every one was in high anticipation of spending a very pleasant and interesting evening but unfortunately we were doomed to be disappointed. No sooner did Reihana get up to speak than a change came over the scene and one of the most promising meetings that we ever held in England was in a few moments turned into confusion and mystery. Reihana spoke in most disrespectful terms of Mr Jenkins and told him that he was sorry to here him speak at all. For some reason his anger was kindled and he could not recollect what he wished to say. He finished up in a few words by declining to except the handsome presents which were offered to them by the people of Birmingham and said that he thought that the present should be given to those gentlemen who had lost so much money in bring them to this country. The insult was felt by every one present in fact so much was the effect upon the mind of many thinking that there would be an unpleasant discussion on the part of the Natives that some of the ladies fainted away. The Mayor thought it advisable to bring the matter to a close lest there should be an unpleasant. The unladylike conduct of Miss Weale was the remark of good persons who sat in the body of Hall. She was engaged in talking to the Chiefs the whole of the time no doubt telling them what to say against Mr Jenkins. At the close of the meeting there was a great excitement on the platform. Miss W. was blamed for having been the means of upsetting the Harmony. Several of the Committee expressed their disapprobation of Miss W. conduct, also some of the interpreter had to the scene of confusion which took place. There several persons robbed of their Purses Mrs Bach and Miss W. being amongst the number. Mr Mrs Hewitt were amongst the number went also Alfred. I was very glad when the meeting was

over. I returned with Mr Bach and family to Erdington. I think the meeting will long be remembered by the people of Birmingham.

Mar 11 Friday

I went to Town early this morning in company with Mr Bach on going to the Town Hall I found several of the Committee engaged in talking over the subject of last night meeting there where all the Presents as they were spread out to view on the previous day and which had been refused by the Chief. The committee felt themselves very much insulted and were at a loss to know what to do with them. In fact the proceeding of last night was the talk of the Town. The News paper contained a lengthened account of the Meeting speaking of it as a division in the Camp. Altogether a perfect mystery to the Public. So much for the last meeting of the chiefs. Serious attacks have been made upon Mr Jenkins character. There can be no doubt that Miss W. intends to crush him and by what means to make herself more conspicuous as the benovolent lady who rescued them from Mr J. cruel treatment. I begin to think that the affair will never be brought to a close. The natives are turned so completely against him that doing all they can with W. assistance to make mischief.

Mar 12 Saturday

Took a walk as far Sutton Coal field. The morning was beautiful and fine. I feel very much the benefit of the change from Birmingham. Although but 5 miles out I am free from smoke and enjoying my visit to my Friend Mr Bach very much. I did not go to Town after my walk. I spent the remaining part of the day in letter writing.

Mar 13 Sunday

A beautiful and sunny morning. After all I cannot help admiring our English and for those who can afford to live away from the densely populated and smoky city I consider the climate equal to any in the world. Soon after breakfast the Village Bells could be heard in the distance and the family were all getting in readiness to go to Church. I felt it a great pleasure to accompany them. I heard a very plain sermon upon one of our Saviors Miracles about the lame man who sat at the Gate of Temple. After dinner feeling very much inclined for a walk I started off to Birmingham to visit my cousin Mrs Hewitt. In the evening I attend George Dawson Chapel where I heard a very remarkable sermon respecting the Mother of Christ when she was in trouble and in mystery with regard to the coming birth. She said she would go and ask of the Lord. A great deal was said with regard to the number of people who are passing from this earth every moment of our existence and perhaps going into eternal misery and out of the vast numbers who are born in the earth every day how few there are who are saved but however he appears to express a different opinion the subject to any one I have heard before. I was very much pleased to hear the Lords prayer chanted. The affect was very grand and the music exceedingly good. On returning back to Erdington I lost my way and it was not before 1 of clock before I arrived at Mr Bachs house.

Mar 12 Monday

Went to town early this morning accompanied by Mr Bach and the two native woman Ngahua and Hamu who have been staying with Mr Bachs family for several days past. They are now under the care of Miss Weale. On being requested by Mr Bach to write their opinion of Mr Jenkins they wrote two letters speaking in very high terms of his kind treatment towards them. Called upon Mrs Johnson. She explained her great surprise to hear that I had not heard from Miss W. Held a conversation with Mr Maunsel upon the subject of the farewell meeting also respecting the reports about Mr Jenkins he did not state that he as an individual had any thing to say against Mr J. character but he thought that the Natives had a good many complaints to make against him. On the whole I was pleased that I had met with him. From thence I went to dine with Mrs McTurke. Spent some time in conversing with

Jenkins & Lloyd upon our interesting prospects. Spent the evening at Mr Hewitts. Slept there during the night.

Mar 15 Tuesday

Another rainy day in consequence of which I did not like to turn out. I therefor employed my time in reading newspapers containing the account of the catastrophe at Sheffield. The bursting of the Resovir and fritfull loss of upwards of 300 lives and £500-000 worth property. I don't know of any circumstance which appear to have caused greater consternation. The newspapers during the last few weeks apper to have been full of excieting events. The of Townley for the murder of his Sweetart but was not hanged more the pity. Then was Wright and the man who was hung in Worcester. After which comes the case of George Hall for the Murder of his Wife. It is said there never was a case which excited so much sympathy in the minds of the people. More those in Birmingham where the murder took place. There is never a week but something awfull take place in way of murder. After dinner Mr Hewitt and I attended a committee meeting at the Provident Rooms held for the purpose considering the question of the Chiefs having refused the presents also to make some enquiries respecting the charges which have been brought against Mr Jenkins. A letter was read from Kenersly speaking in very indifferent terms of Mr J. character. Rev. Winter stated that he had made a most carefull examination of all the fact of the case, and that he was perfectly satisfied that there was no charge could be brought against his character whatever faults they might find of his management. I think he might have said willfull missmanagements. Mr Heley also spoke in great warmth in support of Mr J. also Mr Hewitt and sevrsl others and towards the close of the meeting it was proposed by the Rev Mr Winter that the committee pass a resolution expressing there fullest confidence in Mr J. Character, etc., and so by this means try to bring the unpleasant matter to a close and end all further discussion. But before the committee seprated there was another painfull matter to disclose. The case of Hapimana who was found drunk and disorderly in the streets and was taken to the Lockup where he was confined till this morning. Mr Kenersly wrote to the committee about him and said he did not which to make the matter Public. Jenkins & Mr Pumphrey went to the Lockup this morning and got him released. It was anything but a pleasant matter to bring at this time. The committee did not know what to think about it. This now the second time he has brought disgrace upon himself and all connected with him and unfortunately he and Takarei are the two who speak up for Jenkins and are going to remain with him. Miss W. will make the most of it.

Mar 16 Wednesday

On going to the Village of Erdington this morning I bought a Daily Gazette and to my great supprise and disgust I saw an account of one of the New Zealand Chiefs who had been charged with being drunk and Disorderly named Hapimana. It also said the prisoner was discharged without any of the facts of the case being allowed to transpire. There is one thing certain the Editor of the Gazette cannot have any very kind feeling either to the Chiefs or Mr J. or the party who brought them over. Having nothing to attend to in the way of buisness I remained at Erdington all day.

Mar 17 Thursday

Went to Town. Spent some little time in conversation with J. & L. No business of impotence therefore nothing to relate. Returned to Erdington on the same night. Another committee meeting at which I attended

Mar 18 Friday

Remained at home during the morning. In afternoon I took a ride out as far as Sutton Park. Mr Bach having kindly lent me his Horse for that purpose. I was accompanied by his little Girl Alice who acted a guide. I enjoyed the out very much. Sutton Park covers an extent of

ground over 2000 acres and a very much the appearance of many parts of the Australian Gold fields also in its arupereous appearance. I should not be suprised to heare of Gold being found in immediate naboured. I have also being informed that Coale abounds.

Mar 19 Saturday

Having no buisness to take me to Town this morning I remained at Mr Bachs. I amused myself by walking about the village. On looking over the news papers this morning I was suprised on reading an article in the Gazzette speaking in the most insulting manner of Jenkins & the Chiefs. For several days past the news papers have contained letters about the Chiefs. Our stipendary Magistrait Mr Kenersly as thought proper to write. I don't know where it will all end. I called upon him last Friday at the Public office Moore St. I told him about the mistakes he had made. If the first place he commenced his letter by killing one of the Chiefs and at the same time giving know account of how he came by his death. I told him that he would have to bring him to life again. Has he was sitting writing I also corrected him in sevral other matters which he has promised to correct. Mr J. must long since have gone to the wall if he had not being supported by the committee formed by Mr Bach and Pumphery who have so able supported him in all his troubles.

Mar 20 Sunday

Attend the village Church Erdington. Did not think much of the sermon. In the afternoon Mr Bach kindly lent me his Horse. I had a very pleasant ride into Town. The road was crowded with pleasure partys taking there Sunday drive. The day being beautifull and fine and the road beginning to get dusty. I put up at my Cousins Hewitts where I found food for both man and beast. In the evening I accompanied my Cousin Frank to here the great orator the Rev Mr Barrat. He preach upon the death of our Saviour and his great condesension to Mankind. I was very pleased with him. Alltogether I spent a very pleasant evening. Finding it was getting late I started off back to Erdington. I had rather a narrow escape from being thrown of my Horse. I found him to be a very timid anamal fritned at his own shadow. I was cantering along at a good pace when all at once he came to a dead stops which nearly through me over his head. But fortunately I kept my seat and succeed in getting home without accident.

Mar 21 Monday

Walked to Birmingham. Reached there about 1 o clock in time to dine with my Cousin Hewitt after which I attended another committee meeting. Mr Hewitt also attended to consider in what manner the presents should be disposed of and the names of the Chiefs who should receive them. Several letter wher read which had been written by Mr Kenersly which are anything but creditable to him. Also different resolutions past respecting them. A resolution was also passed vindicating Mr Jenkin character. The Rev Winter feel very indignant at Mr Kenersly letters. The Daily Post of to day contains five letters written by the Chiefs and Mr Bach & Pumphrey which have been translated by Mr Maunsel and strange to say published in the news paper without there knowledge or consent. Ther is also a long letter from Jenkins vindicating his character in answer to Kenersly letter. I am at a loss to know when it will all end. I am altogether tired of it. Miss W. and her tribe are not disposed to shew any mercy to him but are anxious to make him look contemptible in the eye of the Public.

Mar 22 Tuesday

On getting up this morning I felt myself very unwell from the affect of a severe cold. I was there glad to make my way back to Erdington. I left my cousins for the New St Station at 12 o clock and reached Erdington in time for dinner. I am glad to see on looking over the papers this morning that the subject of the New Zealand Chiefs is coming to a close.

Mar 26 Saturday

Posted letters to New Zealand. Went by the 5-20 train to Worcester.

Apr 04 Monday

Started by the 9-30 Train for Gravesend expecting that the vessel would sail at 12 o'clock today, but on going on board I found that she would not sail before Tuesday morning accordingly I had time to go on shore and purchase a few things necessary for the voyage. Mr Jenkins & Lloyd came down to wish me the native farewell. Several of them wrote him some kind letters speaking of him in very high terms, his kind treatment and etc.

Apr 05 Tuesday

Sailed from Gravesend at 4 A.M. Ship 'Flying Foam' arrived off Dover in the evening. A very cold day. Pilot still on board. Every promise of a fine run down the Channel. The Morries nine number appear to be very much pleased to find themselves on their way back to New Zealand. Mr Stack & Miss Weale is on board with intention to accompany until the Pilot leave the Vessel. We have had two Steam tugs towing the vessel during the greater part of the day. They left us off Dover with a light breeze in our favour. In consequence of the change and the damp sea air I have caught a severe cold which makes me feel very unwell. A Mr & Mrs Ireland have been appointed by Miss Weale to take charge of the Natives during the passage out. I am therefore happy to say that I have no further care or responsibility with them. A fine night with every promise of a fair wind and fine weather.

Apr 06 Wednesday

Still favoured with fine weather. It was a beautiful sight to go on deck this morning to see the Chalky Cliffs of old England. The wind is still fair. Our progress is slow and sure. We shall soon pass Beachey head. We are surrounded with ships and steamers on all sides, which give everything a lively and interesting had it not been for my severe cold I should have enjoyed much better. Evening is coming on. The Pilot has ordered a signal to be hoisted for a boat to come off to take him ashore. Mr Stack and Miss W. left with him. Farewell old England. I can just see the dark outline of the land in the distance. I hope when next I visit your shores it will be under more favourable circumstances. The wind fair but light. By tomorrow morning we expect to be clear of the English channel.

Apr 07 Thursday

Passed a very quiet day. Light winds still in our favour. We are fast clearing the Channel. So far every thing is going on agreeable. Several of our passengers are Officers going out to join their regiments in New Zealand. From all I can judge we are likely to be a very agreeable lot of passengers. Our Captain Mr Perkins appears to be one of the right sort of men. Everything seems to favour the idea of a pleasant voyage. We are steering nearly due west and from the ships reading we are about off Plymouth. We have sighted a great number of ships during the day which makes it more lively than it otherwise would be. Blow good winds for I long to get home.

Apr 08 Friday

We are still getting on very nicely making from 8 to 9 knots an hour. Weather beautiful and fine. The Captain thinks we are in the Trades already. If so we shall have a speedy run to the Line. Sea sickness is beginning to make its appearance among the passengers.

Apr 09 Saturday

Blowing fresh but still in our favour. Going at the rate of 10 knots. Seasickness is becoming the general complaint. So far I have been fortunate to escape it. Latitude 45-59 near the Bay of Biscay.

Apr 10 Sunday

Made a very good run since yesterday of 269 miles. The wind although light is still in our favour. The weather is becoming much milder. The day as been very pleasant. Divine Service was held to day with a very good attendance. Mr Ireland who has charge of the Mirees officiated. We have been favoured with a very nice breeze during the day. According to the ships reconing we are in latitude 45. Another day or two run will bring near Maderea.

Apr 11 Monday

Fortune continued to favour us. Wind and every thing going on favourable. I have introduced the game of quoits from which I have found very great benefit in the exersise it has given me as well as passing the time in very pleasant manner. The only thing to interupt the harmony of the day is the second class passengers occupying the Poop dekc which has been owing to the Captain not putting the usual regulations into force.

Apr 12 Tuesday

Light winds still in our favour. Everything going on in a very quiet manner. Different games during the day take up the time so that it appears to pass pleasantly away.

Apr 13 Wednesday

Still sea our cours with light winds from the westward. Nothing of interest to record. By to morrow night we expect to be off Madeira which will bring us about 15 hundred miles on our journey to New Zealand. The nights are becoming warm and pleasant. Everything is being thought of to make time pass as pleasantly as possible. Singing partys etc.

Apr 14 Thursday

Head winds and disagreeable weather. Many of the passengers complaining of seasickness.

Apr 15 Friday

Sighted the Island of Madeira. The wind being favourable. We soon came near enough to get a beautifull view of it. We could planely see the vineyards and houses on the slopes of the Hill, which appear to be very stepe and very much resembling many parts of New Zealand. More especially the Wakapuwaka hills near Nelson. The sight was altogether an interesting one and great relife to the monety of a long voyage which was made the day pleasant and interesting.

Apr 16 Saturday

There appear to be no doubt about now having the Trade winds. Square Yards Topmast and lower stunsailles and all the canves that can be set is being put on the Vessel. A few more days and we shall begin to feel the affects of the Tropic weather. Every thing is going on in a very regular sort of a manner. The great difficulty with the passengers is how to pass the time away. Singing and all sorts of amusements are being resorted to yet withall we begin to feel something of the monotny of the long confinement.

Apr 17 Sunday

A general turn out. Every one dressed in a tidy manner to commemorate the day of rest. The Church Service was read by Mr Ireland. There was a good many of the passengers preasent. After all Sunday is a tiresome day at sea. As regards wind weather we have nothing to complain off. Although our ship is not a fast one we have been so far very fortunate.

Apr 18 Monday

Another beautifull day warm and comfortable. With exception of a few quarales and little scandle among the passenger everything is going on very pleasantly. We expect to be in the Tropics some time to morrow.

Apr 19 Tuesday

Latitude 21-23 beautiful and warm. Tropical weather with the wind still in our favour a few more days and we shall be on the Line. All sorts of stories are going about a Gohst having been seen in the Femal appartments at 3 o clock in the morning. One of the Officers went to search for it but did not take a light with him. The females persisting that the Gohst was still and after feeling about for some time he went to procure a light. The Gohst thought it advisable vanish away. The circumstance caused a great deal of amusement. A speculation as to who would prove to be the Gohst, but however it turned to be the Third Mate Mr Brook so the whole affair was ushed up. I expect there will be many more make there appearance.

Apr 20 Wednesday

A fine breeze and beautiful weather which is becoming warmer every day. Quoits and hard exercise is the order of the day. We are steering south west with every stitch of canvas set. There are several cases of sickness on board. Itch is said to be one of them. One rather alarming case of seasickness two dangerous cases of consumption. Our Doctor Mr Oliver is very prompt in his attention.

Apr 21 Thursday

Sighted one of the Cape de Vera Islands. Latitude 17-40 N. Longitude 25-29 West. We have also been overtaken by a ship steering in the same course.

Apr 22 Friday

Fair wind. Everything going on comfortable.

Apr 23 Saturday

Latitude 11-2 Longitude 25-28. Wind still fair. The weather although warm is very comfortable. The quietude of the evening as been broken upon by a drunken quarrel between three or four of the passengers resulting in two of them been put under arrest and kept in confinement in one of the ships boats.

Apr 24 Sunday

A very pleasant day with a beautiful breeze in our favour. Devine Servis was held. A good attendance. We are fast nearing the line. Latitude 7-31 Longitude 25-2. Run 212 miles. Glorious weather with fair wind. Fortune is shurley smileing upon us. We don't apper to feel the affects of the Tropical weather.

Apr 25 Monday

Latitude 4-19 Longitude 24-38. Run 177. Heat 84 degrees. Very close weather.

Apr 26 Tuesday

Latitude 24-8 N Longitude 23-6 W. Run 167. Great excitement. Neptune has made his appearance on board the Flying Foam. A Tar barrell was set afloat to celebrate the occasion. He intends to visit the ship 1 o clock tomorrow. To add to the excitement the Captain struck the Cook with an opera Glass and cut his cheek open. There is a report going round the ship that the crew have some thoughts of Mutiny and it been thought nessery by some of the passengers to make preparations to defend the ship.

Apr 27 Wednesday

Received a visit from Neptune and his Wife. The performance was got up in a very creditable manner and for a time proceeded very well untill drink got the uper hand and then came the usual results. The sailors commenced to quarel among themselves and some one or two of the passengers became involved in it. One of the sailors who became very troublesome was

ordered by the Captain to be put in Irons but however his comrades refused to give him up. Captain after considering for a short time concluded that unless his orders were carried out that there would be no discipline. He therefore called upon the passengers to assist him in carrying out his order. Several of the passengers armed themselves with revolvers and other weapons and formed themselves into a strong party in defence. The sailors on seeing that preparations had been made to carry out the Captain's orders gave up the prisoner and he was at once put in Irons thus far the disturbance came to an end, but however it was thought advisable for the passenger to keep a strict watch during the rest of the night. I was therefore under the necessity with several others in keeping watch on the Poop Deck with a Revolver in my hand during the rest of the night.

Apr 28 Thursday

Captain Perkins on finding that the crew were all sober called the men aft and gave them a good dressing down. Told them about their shameful conduct and asked them if they intended to become sensible men and do their duty if so he would look over their bad conduct of yesterday and say no more about it. They at once consented to do so and so the affair ended without any further disturbance and I hope to the satisfaction of all on board. I have sure reason to believe from all the information I have collected that the crew had some thoughts of breaking out in open mutiny.

Apr 29 Friday

Everything appears to have become quietened down. The wind continues to favour us.

Apr 30 Saturday

We have had a good deal of amusement to day in catching fish named the Albacore. The wind although favourable is very light and weather extremely hot.

May 01 Sunday

Divine service was held at ten o'clock with a very good attendance. One thing which made it much more interesting we succeeded in chanting the Psalms. There was also another service held in the Afternoon with a small attendance.

May 02 Monday

Sighted several vessels. Spoke one of them a German vessel which promised to report us at Lloyds. Wind light but favourable.

May 06 Friday

Passing over the last few days but with exception of sighting a sail now and then as been but little of interest to record. Latitude to day is 10-37 South. Longitude 30-12 West. Almost a dead calm. Close hot weather.

May 07 Saturday

Although the winds have been light and some part of the time a dead calm we have made a run of 100 miles. For the first time during the voyage I was tempted to take a swim overboard in company with Mr Churchway. We had only been in the water a few minutes when the cry was heard a shark a shark but fortunately we were both out of the water just in time and I felt very thankful to find myself safe on board. It was a very narrow escape. Three Pilot fish accompanied the Shark. Several attempts to capture the monster but without success. I don't intend to try the experiment again seeing that there can be no safety.

May 08 Sunday

A beautiful morning with nice gentle breeze. Going between 5 and 6 knots. Divine Service was held as usual at ten o'clock. The weather is getting a little cooler and the evenings remarkable pleasant. Latitude 18-48 S. Longitude 30-32 West.

May 09 Monday

Wind favourable. Sighted the Island of Trinidad.

May 10 Tuesday

Wind unsettled. We are now out of the Trades. Latitude 22-10 South. Longitude 28-54 North. Run 144 miles. A great boisterous about singing etc. Tremendous fall of Rain.

May 11 Wednesday

Contrary winds. The ship first on one tack and the other weather to cloudy to take the Sun.

May 12 Thursday

Latitude 24-52 South. Longitude 28-38 North. Run 130 miles. One of the New Zealanders named Kihirini died last night and buried this morning at ten o'clock. There did not appear to be any sympathy or any regret on the part of the other natives whatever. Fair wind a few more days and we shall be off the Cape.

May 17 Wednesday

Passing over the last few days there has been nothing of interest worth recording, weather a little stormy. The winds rather contrary. Taking from three to four points out of our course to the eastward. Sad to relate we have had another death on board one of the second class passengers Mr Temple who was going out to Auckland for the benefit of his health. His death was caused by consumption. His case was considered to be hopeless before he left England.

May 19 Thursday

Almost becalmed. Several attempts have been made to catch Albatrosses but without success. There every prospect of a change of wind in our favour.

May 20 Friday

A fine breeze from the North West. We are now in Latitude 34-15 South, Longitude 8-16 W. Although we have made but a short run of only 32 miles we have now got a fair wind and we shall soon weather the Cape. I was quietly sitting in the cabin to day when I hear the cry a water Spout. I made a run for the deck just in time to see it. It past so close to our vessel as to snap the Stunsail boom close off the foreyard. The sail came down with the run. Fortunately it passed off to leeward without doing us any further harm. The amusements of the day are as usual Coits, Card playing and singing etc. The Log was heaved at six o'clock this evening and the Flying Foam was giving twelve knots so that there is every prospect of making a good run by twelve o'clock to morrow, blow good winds.

May 21 Saturday

Strong winds from the Northward continue to favour us. We have made a splendid run of 265 miles. Lat 36.8 S. Lon. 3.9 W. The weather is getting very much colder. During the greater part of the day we have been running 12½ knots.

May 22 Sunday

Latitude 37-32 S. Longitude 1-40 E. Wind still from the Northwest. A very heavy sea running in consequence of last night gale our ship is found to steer very badly. Three men were thrown over theboard last night although the vessel was running before the wind almost

under bare poles at the rate of 10 knots. There has been no service held to day the sea was running to high.

23 May Monday

Latitude 38-20 S. Longitude 4.20 E. Light winds. A favourable distance of run 136 miles.

26 May Thursday

Latitude 41-27 S. Longitude 9-13 E. Distance 293 miles since Tuesday last. Strong gales from the Northwest. Very uncomfortable weather. Occasionally shipping heavy seas over the waste.

May 27 Friday

Latitude 40.53 S. Long. 13.25. Distance 293 miles. The gale continues to blow making everything very uncomfortable.

May 28 Saturday

Latitude 42-2 S. Long. 19-51. Distance 180 miles. Running under double reef topsail and a tremendous sea. Found very great difficulty in steering the vessel. One time during last night she broached to but fortunately without any damage further than shipping a few seas. Towards twelve o'clock to day the storm cleared away and we have been going from nine to ten knots very comfortable in the right direction.

May 29 Sunday

Latitude 42-56 S. Long 23-53 E. Fair wind still steering Southeast. The weather becoming much colder

May 30 Monday

In consequence of the cloudy weather Captain Perkins did not succeed in taking observation but we have still got good winds in our favour making our course to the southeast.

May 31 Tuesday

Since Monday we have made a run of 380 miles. We are now in Latitude 44-21 S Long 33-00. Near to Prince Edwards Island. Early this morning the wife of Warapapa was confined with a daughter; this is the second birth on board, which makes up for the two deaths. I was very much amused to hear the many different jokes about the birth of the New Zealanders child it been rather an unusual occurrence for a Native to marry a white woman.

Jun 01 Wednesday

Light winds in our favour. In consequence dull weather there was no observation taken.

Jun 02 Thursday

Strong breeze from the South west. Everything favours a speedy voyage.

Jun 03 Friday

Succeeded in taking an observation. We are now in Latitude 45.41 S. Long 45.35 E. Distance since Wednesday 610 miles.

Jun 04 Saturday

Latitude 44.38 S Long 49.15 E Distance 168 miles. Stormy weather. Blowing a gale of wind. Last night was said to be the roughest night experienced by the Captain for many years with the exception of the bad quality of the vessel for steering we get on very well.

Jun 05 Sunday

Spent a very miserable day. Cold and unpleasant nothing to do or think about. There was one thing gave consolation and that was fair wind so that there is some hopes of a tiresome voyage been soon brought to and end.

Jun 06 Monday

Latitude 44-18 Long 57-16. Wind still favourable. Everything going on in a very quiet manner. There some hopes now that our voyage will bring us to Auckland in three or four weeks.

Jun 07 Tuesday

Latitude 44.43 S. Long. 62.9 East. Weather fine with a fair from the Northwest. Everything going on very quietly. Distance of run 222 miles.

Jun 08 Wednesday

Lat. 44-57 S, Long 66-11 E. Distance 180 miles. We are now about half way between the Cape of Good hope and Australia with a fair breeze takeing us along at the rate of ten nots an hour so that if good winds continue to favour us we may expect to reach Auckland in another month. With the exception of a few complaints from the passengers about the shortness of provisions we are going along very quietly. A few more weeks when I hope to have a change from the dull monotonous life at sea and once more tread the land again.

Jun 09 Thursday

Made a very good of a run 270 miles since yesterday. Latitude 45-57 S. Long 72-22 E. Fair wind and moderately fine weather. I was very much alarmed this morning to hear from the Stuard that we had a very narrow escape from fire originating in the Captains Cabin from what cause no one can explain. Fortunately it was put out with any damage or creating the least disturbance to those of us who where sleeping. Of all the clamitys which could happen a ship on fire is most to be dreaded but it was fortunately discovered in time. Our ship a been playing off her old tricks this afternoon. Two of the Sailors who wher steering the vessel where throne vilently over the Wheel. One of them hurt his arm and leg which will disable him for a short time. At eight clock this evening we where going very quitly along at the rate of 6 and 7 nots. Good hope of a speedy voyage.

Jun 10 Friday

No observation taken. Wind and weather favourable. Another outbreak as taken place among the crew. This afternoon the watch refused to do duty complaining that the Captain overworked them. Reasened with them for a short time but finding he could not make any impression upon them by warning them of the result ordered the Officers to place them in confinement which was at once complied with. Shortly afterwards the other part of the crew told the Captain that unless he released them at once they also would refuse to work the Ship. About an hour afterwards the Captain called them aft and in the presence of the cabin passengers told them that unless they would turn to work and do there duty he have them put in Irons but they refused and once put in Irons and placed with the other prisnors. The Mutineers amounted in all to 13 which will be confined to prison during the rest of the voyage. We have still some 10 or 12 left so that with the assistance of the second class passengers some two or three of whom are sailors the captain will have no difficulty in working the vessel with safety. By the request of the Captain several of the cabin passengers with myself are going to keep guard over the prisners in order to prevent if possible any further outbrake. The doctor and myself take our watch at two o clock. Fortunately many of the passengers are provided with Revolvers and Guns so that I hope that we shall be able to keep down any further mutenus spirit and get to the Port of Auckland in safety. Tomorrow morning the prisoners will be made moor secure. It is now nearly ten o clock. A fine breeze with square yards all quiet.

Jun 11 Saturday

Latitude 45-56 S Long 80-30 E. Steady from the Southwest in our favour. Distance since Friday 370 miles. Several of the Prisoners who were confined in the Lazarets succeeded in loosening their hands which were made fast with stout lashing and one of them was detected in the act of broaching a Wine case. A plain proof what sort of characters we have to deal with but however I am glad to say we all feel our duty to keep a strict watch over them which will be continued during the rest of the voyage. A number of the second class passengers have volunteered to assist in working the vessel so that out of ten of the crew who are made prisoners we have 15 or more to make up the deficiency and I have no doubt we shall succeed in working the vessel with safety a very shortly reach Auckland.

Jun 12 Sunday

No observation taken but we have been making a fine run in the right direction. The prisoners are all in safe keeping and the Watch have been doing their duty. The Doctor Mr Oliver thought it advisable that there should be every attention paid to them to see after their cleanliness. Accordingly the captain ordered them to be taken on to the Poop and have their prison properly washed out also themselves. It was also thought necessary for better security to have them fastened together in pairs as they are short of Handcuffs so that there will be very little chance of their doing any mischief. The Second Mate Mr Melville who sleeps in the next apartment to where the prisoners are confined happened to hear a conversation which took place amongst them to effect that would take the first opportunity to break out of their prison and fight for what they call their rights. There also another piece of information which came to light to day that one of them named Williams intends to take the first opportunity to stick a knife into Mr Wynel one of our first class passengers. So that we have all agreed it will be advisable to keep a double watch over them. Accordingly I shall have to keep my watch four hours instead of two for the rest of the voyage.

Jun 13 Monday

Lat. 46-13 S Long 93-44 E. Distance two days 500. Prisoners all safe. Williams managed to break his handcuffs but did not attempt anything further. Tomorrow the Captain intends to place some of them in the Stocks. The watch are very attentive to their duty. I find it any but pleasant to have to keep for four hours together. Blowing a heavy gale but the usual good fortune in our favour. A little boy belonging to the second class broke his leg.

Jun 14 Tuesday

Still making very good progress. The gale continued all last night with great fury with a tremendous sea running which caused our vessel to roll very much in fact almost on her beam ends. Lat to day 46-59 S Long 95-30 E Run 188 miles. Last night I was for upwards of eight hours. I begin to feel ill effects of not having sufficient rest. A Carpenter has been very busy all day making the Stocks so that the Prisoners will be better secured. During this afternoon it was found necessary in order that the Carpenter might finish his work to take the prisoners out and place in the Saloon under a strong guard all of which were well armed with Revolvers and Guns in addition to which the prisoners were made fast by having their hands tied behind their backs so that had very little chance of making their escape. Some of them used very threatening language to the effect that would take the first opportunity of having their revenge. The time occupied in completing the arrangements for their confinement in the Stocks occupied some three hours when they were conveyed back to their prison and oaths and curses. They found that they were obliged to submit to their punishment. They had to confess that they were placed in a great fix and begged to be released but it was all to no purpose. We all feel very much relieved from further anxiety knowing that it is impossible for them to make their escape so that our watch will not exceed two hours. I was in conversation with the Captain to day upon the end of our voyage and was very happy to hear that 16 days at

the rate of two hundred mile will bring us to Auckland a distance of three thousand two hundred miles. Fine weather.

Jun 15 Wednesday

I was somewhat disapointed to day to heare after the observation had been taken that we had only made a run of 168 miles although we have had every chance from favourable winds to do much better. This I consider to be owing to the disturbance of the crew. Lat to day is 46-30 S Long 99-30 E. A great comotion was caused to day by the Captain liberating two of the Prisners who have been confined in the Lazaret but however I was happy to find when I came to speaks to the Captain about the matter it was all a mystake but that he had only released the Carpenters from there Irons on condition that they would conduct themselves in a proper manner and sleep in the Lazerete during the night time so that a strict watch will be kept over them and also to prevent them from having any communication with the rest of the prisnors. Nine o'clock a fine breeze in our favour going from nine to ten nots. Prisners all in safe keeping. My watch will come off from two to four in the morning. I must therefore take my rest.

Jun 16 Thursday

Lattitude 46-30 S. Long 103-00. Wind fair from the Northwest with fine weather. Prisnors all quiet. Some of them complain that there Punishment is very hard. The Doctor tells me that many of the second class passengers are suffring from the affects of salt provisions and the leaky decks. Distance 174 miles.

Jun 17 Friday

Lat 47-44 S Long 109-5 E. Distance 271 miles. Wind still from the northwest in our favour. A constant watch is still kept over the Prisners both night and day. I find it any thing but a pleasant task to have to get up at all hours of the night walking the Cabin floor with a Rolver in my hand ready to shoot the first man that makes any attempt to break out of Prison. I shall be very glad to get to the end of the voyage. Took my watch from 4 to 6 this morning. I went on deck part of the time. I think there can be no doubt about the climate getting very much like New Zealand.

Jun 18 Saturday

Lat.47-58 S. Long 116-00 E. Distance 236 miles. Fair wind till about miday when it fell a calm untill towards evening the now although light is rather a head. The weather fine but very cold. Towards night it came on to blow very hard taking us rather to much to the southerd.

Jun 19 Sunday

Since two clock this morning we have making our course nearly due east at the rate of ten nots. A very laughable circumstance occurred this morning between Mr Whynel and the black man Ben which might have resulted in a tragical end. Mr W. been some what excited from the effects of Wine. Poor Ben who was one of the Mutiners but was released upon the promis that he would conduct himself in a proper and do his duty. But I suppose not thinking that a strict watch was been kept over the passage leading to the Cuddy as well as upon himself went in for the purpos of getting the time when Mr Whinal pointed his Revoler and told him to clear out or he would shoot dead on the spot. I need not say that black Ben turned pale with fright and got away with much loss of time declaring that it would be the last time that he would venture near the passage again. On account of dull weather no observation as been taken but we hope to morrow will tell a good tale.

Jun 20 Monday

Lat 48-36 S 126 E. Distance since Saturday 490 miles. Wind favourable. Change towards evening making it nessery to brace the Yards sharp up. We are now runing under double

reef Topsails and steering East by North. One of the Prisners named Francis a Greek complains of that he is very ill but the Doctor thinks it shame that he only wants to get an opportunity of reporting to his comrads the manner we keep our watch. It therefore thought nessery to keep a double watch to night so that I have agreed to take my watch from ten to three in the morning. With the exception of a strong wind the night is very fine.

Jun 21 Tuesday

Blowing a strong gale of wind from the north west taking us rather to much to southerd. The weather been dull. The Captain did not succeed in taking an observation. In consequence of the heavy sea runing our vessel as been very much knocked about making everything very uncomfortable. The sea continuously breaking over us very much to the discomfort of the sailors sevral of whom have been sent flying into the lee scupers.

Jun 22 Wednesday

The gale continues to blow with great violence with dull weather and heavy sea. No observation taken. Every one out of temper whiching for a change. Prisners all safe.

Jun 23 Thursday

The gale continues to blow from the northwest untill towards evening when it fell a calm very suddenly much to the relife of all on board. The wind changed to the South west with every prospect of fine weather. No observation.

Jun 24 Friday

Lat. 46-45 S. Long. 141-38 W. Days run 183 miles. Weather modratly fine attended with occasional showers. Wind Southwest, expecting to sight Vandemmans Land some time to morrow. If the wind favours us we shall reach Auckland in about 7 or 8 days.

Jun 25 Saturday

No observation taken. The weather fine untill towards 3 oclock in the afternoon when the Thermometer indicated a change and we experienced a few gusts of wind attended by a heavy swell a true token of a gale. The first mate Mr Perkins had given the orders to take in the Stunsailles and furl the Mainsail when all at once it came upon us with a loud roar taken us bows under. I with many others of the passengers rushed out on deck to give what assistance we could in taking in sail which was down in a very short time and fortunately without accident; of all the gales we have experienced since we left England we have had one like it before and one thing which tended to increas our alarm more than anything was the Captain thought we were on a Lee shore off Vandemen land and finding that the vessel would not steer he was obliged to lay her to. The consequence was we spent a most uncomfortable night the sea breaking over us torrent and not knowing how soon we might find ourselves on the rocks. To make things much worse several of the remaining part of the crew are laid up and not fit for duty but however much to the credit of the passengers the ship was kept in good working order; It was a grand sight as soon as daylight broke to stand on the Poop deck and look out upon the sea of foam. It was also a great relife to find that we where not near the land as was expected.

Jun 26 Sunday

Latitude 46-10 S. Long 148-38 E. Distance of run 315 miles. A fine day with fine breeze in our favour. The Captain finding that we are still much to the Southward and also a little to eastward of Vandemans land as given up his intention of sighting it and we are now making our course Northeast in a strait line for the North cape of Ackland which we hope to reach in six or seven days. Prisners all in safe keeping and every one in good sprites and the wind in our favour. Last night the man on the look out cried out a light on the lee bow. As a matter of

course there was a great rush on deck and while we wher looking at it it turned out to the Moon which created much laughter.

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Had been taken notice of the Port watch and also that they had certain conversations with a lawyer a second class passenger on board respecting their tryal at the Court and further about some mony transtion altogether of a very suspicious character. The Captain thought it nesery to call the remaining part of the crew and passengers aft and causened them not to have anything to do with prisners or to approach the Cabin for the rest of the voyage as he found it nesery to keep the watch well armed with guns and revolvers and did not which of them to be mixed up with them in case of an other outbreak. He also gave it as his opinion to day for the first time that he was convinced from the threats which had heard from time to time that the crew intended to take the vessel which I have no doubt was the case if they not made a mess of it. On the vessel sighting the first land in New Zealand. The Captain appears to have lost all confidence in the greater part of crew who are now on duty and thinks it nessery that a double watch should be kept till our arrival. 12 night wind fair all quiet and the prisnor in safe keeping.

Jun 30 Thursday

Cloudy weather and the wind still from the south west but light. No observation taken. We have still a distance of six or seven hundred miles to reach Auckland. All the passengers are anxious to reach there as soon as possible. Constant watching is beginning to tire us. A few more days and we hope to see the prisnors all in safe keeping. Several of the second class passengers have been giving the Captain information in writing respecting the many different threats they have heard from the sailors to affect that they would make a Fairy Land job of it before they reached New Zealand. It as also been discovered that secret correspondence have been going between the Prisnors and some of the crew. Last night a letter without a signature was fastened to an iron ring and thrown into the Sailors passage supposed to be written by one of the passengers warning the Captain that where sevral of the crew implicated in a plot to scuttle the vessel and to beware of the coale hole. It is altogether a mystry why the passenger did not come forward and give his information in a strateforward manner. He goes on to state that some attempt as been made to pamper with the New Zealand natives but I think from the conversation I have had with them to day there is very little to fear on there part, but however there will be no rest night or day to keep a good look out upon every one movements. I have taken my six hours to day and tomorrow morning. I go on from three to seven. All quiet at pressent. The wind light but still in the right direction.

Jul 01 Friday

The weather remarkable fine with very light winds from the Southerd making but very slow progress so that there is every possibility that we shall getting on to one hundred days before we complete our journee. As regards our position of Lat and Long The Captain thinks it nessery to keep his reckening to himself lest there should be any advantage of it by the disinfected crew. I find the long watch very tiresom and shall be very glad when it is over.

Jul 02 Saturday

As regards wind and weather we are all most at a stand still. Last night several important discoveries where made more letters have been brought to light showing that there has been a secret plot for poisoning the passengers. The Passengers Cook is supposed to be at the bottom of it all. The Captain is making every effort to find out the partys are.

Jul 03 Sunday

Head wind from the Northeast. Everything going rong. The Captain thinks it nessery for the safety of the vessel as well as those on board to make several more prisners the Chief Cook the two Carpenters and one passenger are placed in confinement in the Lazeret where they will be kept untill we reach Auckland, and under a strong guard who will keep watch over them with revolvers in there hands both night and day. There are some two or three others who are suspected but the evidence is not sufficient against them to make them prisners but they will all have to take there tryal on our arraival in Port.

Jul 04 Monday

Wind still a head no chance of making any head way against it. Sighted a vessel the Barge Kathleen from New Zealand bound for New Castle for coal she passed close under our stern.

Jul 05 Tuesday

The North east gale continues to blow stronger than ever putting every one out of temper. Nothing could be more unfortunate. Two days would bring us into port. I am getting tired of it having to take my watch night and day over the prisners. The Doctor is beginning to fear that we shall have sickness on bord unless we get to port soon. He has sevrals on his hands already suffering from want of proper food and comforts. One of the Native women July had an Aplopoexy fit to day. She as been for some time out of her mind and there can be no doubt that she is mad. Mr Ireland is getting tired of his charge and whiches he had not undertaken the responsibility of looking after them.

Jul 06 Wednesday

Wind blowing hard from the northeast. It is hoped that this will be the last of it. It a common saying that a storm comes a clarm. After one of the gales we have had since we left England. At six o clock this evening the wind suddenly dropped and we are now left without any wind and rolling in a heavy sea but there every prospect of having a change to the south west. During one time this afternoon the sea broak over the quarter with tremendous voilence wetting every one who on the Poop to the skin. I happened to be up in the Mizen top at the time and even there the spray of the sea reached us and I was nearly wet through. It was a grand sight to witness. The candle is going out. Fine weather all day with the wind from Northwest – according to the Ships reckoning we are about 150 miles from the North Cape of Auckland. Nine clock this evening wind freshening and in our favour. After many fruitless attempts at catching Albertroses I have been successful in catching one to day which mesured ten feet from the tip of the wings. It caused a great deal of excitement amongst many of the passengers who had never seen one before. I had a great number of applicants for different parts of the bird but I told them at once that I intended to stuff as a specimen.

Jul 07 Thursday

Wind light from the northwest. Weather remarkable fine. At noon like summer. Stearing East and by North. Everything going on quietly and slowly. Prisnors all safe. From the threats which have been held out from time to time by several of the prisners to the affect that would make a struggle for it when we near land we nessery to keep a strict watch.

Jul 08 Friday

We are fast making a hole in an hundred days and no land yet. The passengers are contunuly going up to the mast head to look out for New Zealand but come down again with disapointed looks. Many are the fals reports during the day land a head but like the mirage of the desert it passes away into nothingness. We have had a light wind from the westerd all day making but very slow progress. We are said to be some seventy miles from the coast so that there is some hopes if the wind favours us we shall sight land tomorrow. Nine o clock at

night wind freshing and still fair. My four hours watch coming from 11 to 3 in the morning so that I must get my sleep. One thing omitted. We received a visit from a Whale which came up under our quarter and gave us a blow and then disappeared to the disappointment of many who wished to see something more of the monster of the deep.

Jul 09 Saturday

To our great joy we sighted land between the hours of four and five this morning and fortunately only just in time to put the ship about and save ourselves from going ashore. As soon as daylight broke we found it to be the three Kings. The wind been favourable we soon rounded the North Cape. The weather remarkable fine and warm. Nothing could be more gratifying than to be coasting one moor along the land and every one looking anxiously for time when we shall tread it once moor.

Jul 01 Sunday

Another Sunday at sea. In consequence of the clam weather and light wind we did not make much progress yesterday and to add to our disappointments we are blessed with a head wind so that we have given up all hope of dropping anchor to day. Thanks to better luck this afternoon at about three o'clock the wind is changing in our favour and we are now off the Bay of Islands and making our course southeast for Auckland. I think there can be little doubt that we shall be riding safe at anchor to morrow about noon. Nine o'clock at night the wind still coming more aft and fine moonlight night. I have to take my watch at three o'clock in the morning so that I am now going to turn in. Tenth of July my birthday I wonder if they are thinking of me at home. I must be some where about thirty two years of age. I begin feel myself getting old.

Jul 11 Monday

Nothing could be more tantalizing than to be in sight of land and yet not to be able to get to the right port. We have been all day battering against head winds and we have still some 60 or 70 miles to go before we reach Auckland. The Great Barrier has been sight all day and yet we seemed to get no nearer towards six o'clock in the evening the wind is more inclined to favour us. We can steer Southeast by South in a straight line for the Great Barrier and the night is fine a moonlight. So that there is some prospect that we shall reach Auckland some time to morrow. The Log Book has been read to the Prisoners to day according to form in Law.

Jul 11 [sic] Tuesday

Nothing but disappointment. All our expectations of getting to Harbour as come to nothing. All we could do was go on from one tack to another and avoiding the numerous islands surrounding us. Wind right ahead.

Jul 12 [sic] Wednesday

Auckland is now in sight some sixteen miles ahead and the wind coming right against us. The chances are that we might Anchor in the Harbour or we may not. No Pilot on board. The weather beautifully fine.

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