

on Board Bark *Alm Barker* & making a passage to French, ^{reck from middle ground}

Monday January 6th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze from the N. & we had all sail set & steering E. Bound for French rock &c. our Longitude is 176.38.40 Middle part pleasant with a light breeze from the North East we were under short sail & steering E. bound for French. Latter part light breezes from the N. & thick & rainy. We were still steering E. &c.

Tuesday January 7th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours good weather but some thick & about 4 P.M. we raised land & was the three kings & at 7 P.M. we hoisted our light sails &c. about calm & a strong current setting for the South &c. land bars about 3. from us Middle part equally & we were under topsails & cross & steering E. N. E. with the wind from the N. & by the way. Latter part equally & thick & we were still steering E. & the wind was from the N. & we have been employed at ship duties &c.

Wednesday January 8th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours equally & raining with the wind from the N. & about 6 P.M. the sun was hidden & about to the S. W. & low quite strong & we hoisted all our sail but a close reef mainsail &c. &c. Middle part good weather & part of the time it was calm. Latter part strong wind from the N. & we made sail and steered E. for French rock & about 11 A.M. we raised a merchant ship off Staran. She was steering about the same as we are & employed at ship duties &c.

Thursday January 9th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the West & we were steering E. for French rock & we have been employed at making slings for a shore &c. Middle part pleasant with the wind from the West & we were under topsails & steering E. N. E. & standing. Boat crews. Latter part pleasant & we made all sail & steered the same & have been employed at ship duties & making nets for the water boat &c.

on Board Bark *Alm Barker* & on New Zealand ground off ^{the meridian}

Friday January 10th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the wind from the West & we had all sail set & steering to the E. N. E. & the mates on deck have been employed at ship duties. Middle part strong wind & equally & we were under double reef topsails & steering E. by N. with the wind from the latter part the same & about 8 A.M. we raised the James Arnold & Garnold & jamming off our Starboard bow. We joined them & had to jam on N. E. &c.

Saturday January 11th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the wind from the S. W. & we were jamming with the James Arnold & Garnold. Middle part pleasant & about calm & we were under short sail. Latter part pleasant & we made all sail & steered by the wind on the port tack heading to the S. James Arnold & Garnold in sight & we jammed the Garnold all day.

Sunday January 12th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & we were jamming the Garnold &c. &c. Middle part pleasant & we were under short sail & jamming with the Garnold until 11 o'clock A.M. &c. Latter part pleasant & we made all sail & the Garnold & James Arnold were in sight & they both went off on the apparent tack &c.

Monday January 13th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we were under all sail & E. N. E. & we were shortened sail &c. Middle part pleasant & we were under short &c. &c. Latter part pleasant & we made all sail & steered to the westward with the wind from the E. & we had all hand on deck all day fixing the main top gallant sail & E. &c.

Tuesday January 14th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & steering to the westward with the wind from the E. & we had all hand on deck fixing our main top gallant sail & at 4 P.M. we raised ship's wheel & we lost all 4 boats & we got 2 & G. James Arnold in sight & side.