

on Board Bark Alva Barker on New Zealand ground

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the N.W. We were steering N.E. & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c. And at 6 P.M. we shortened sail & altered N.E. Middle port good weather & we were under short sail. Latter part same squally & we made some more sail. And our men have been employed at ship's duties &c.

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours squally by spells & our men have been employed at ship's duties & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail. Middle port same squally & we were under short sail. Latter part strong breeze from the N.W. we made sail & were still in sight a head we called her the Empress or some other merchant ship &c.

Monday May 25<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the N. & at 2 P.M. we hoisted our light sail & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail &c. Middle port strong breezes & raining & we were under short sail. Latter part not much wind but raining & we were under top sails & courses &c. trying to get to the N.

Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours same rain but not much wind & we made all sail & steered to the north. Middle port good weather & we were under short sail. Latter part pleasant & we made sail & steered N.W. With the wind from the S.W. & we were employed at ship's duties &c.

Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the wind from the S.W. & we were steering N.W. & our men have been employed at ship's duties & at 2 P.M. we shortened sail &c. Middle port good weather & we were under short sail & lying back. Latter part pleasant & we made all sail &c.

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Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & we had all sail set & French rock is in sight a head & we are steering for it & at 2 P.M. we got down close to the rock & then shifted to the wind on the Starboard tack & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail & French rock in sight. Middle port squally & we were under short sail & lying back &c. Latter part good weather & we made all sail & French rock in sight & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c.

Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were under all sail & French rock was in sight & at 6 P.M. we shortened sail & got island in sight. Middle port strong breeze & squally & we were under short sail & lying back &c. Latter part strong breeze from the South & we made sail & altered N.W. & Sunday island was in sight ahead & at twelve o'clock we were close into the island we passed about a half a mile off shore of it &c. &c.

Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the South & we were steering to the North bound for the magazine ground & at 2 P.M. we shortened sail & shifted to the on the Starboard tack &c. Middle port strong breezes from the South & we were under short sail &c. Latter part strong breezes from the South & we made sail & steered to the North bound for the magazine ground &c. & our men have been employed at ship's duties &c.

Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> 18.08

The first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the S.E. & we were steering to the North bound & our men have been employed at ship's duties & at 2 P.M. we shortened sail &c. Middle port strong breezes & we were under short sail & the Latter part the same kind of weather but we made a little more sail &c. on the magazine ground &c. &c.