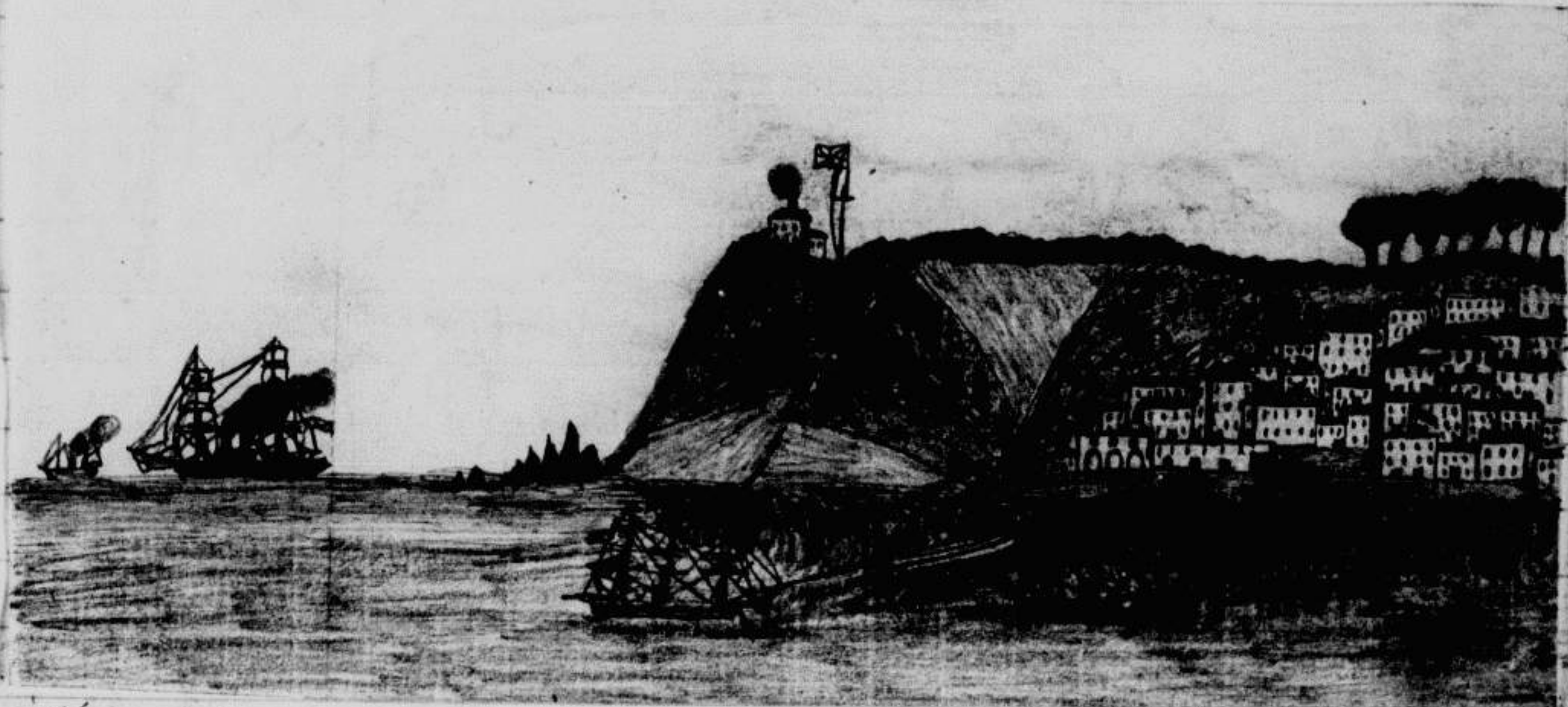


Discharged our cargo and took in a cargo coal. And returned to Sydney. Discharged coal and took in another cargo back again I left her as soon as I got in New Castle Went to Hearnings Boarding House. to board. I was not ashore in New Castle but about a week. at 10 days when I got a chance to ship in a English Brig loaded with coal bound to Oamaru New Zealand wages 3 lb. a month. Left New Castle on Wednesday Feb 10th 1871. 24 days out in going through Cooks Straits the wind headed us off and we ran into Port Underwood New Zealand, and lay for 2 weeks with a head wind blowing hard all the time left Port Underwood 38 days out with a fair wind arriving at the port 44 days out the Captain said to me that I was the only one that had been there before And he asked me what course to steer to clear the reef I told him S.W. by W. nothing westerly, and I was at the wheel and kept her so But he had something to find fault about I had my wheel laid down but the current kept her from coming too the wind the Captain thought he could do better so he came running aft all at once he struck me on the shoulder and knocked me away from the wheel. I did not say any thing but arose and to hold of the

wheel again and at last succeeded in getting into port Oamaru Next morning after getting in the reef Boats commenced to take our coal out of us. I will give you a representation of the method of which they take to discharge ships and load



Two or 3 days after my arrival there I took the first opportunity that I could get to go and run away from the Brig so I at last succeeded one morning about 6 o'clock I left Oamaru and travelled with out a cent of money in my pockets as far as Palmerston 27 miles distant leaving next day for Dunedin. travelled as far as Waihou 28 miles stopped over night in a stable. left again in the morning for Dunedin. Arriving there at 4 o'clock the same day having come a distance