15th Sunday or Baoul Island in sight
about noon we came round to the
landing place on the opposite side of the
Island and Mr Baird went in with his
boat to get some onions, Cabbages &c
just before he reached the shore we raised
whales, and set the signal for him to
return to the ship, consequently we got no
vegetables. three ships in sight the Belle
Northern Light and E. L. B. Jenney
we spoke the Belle. Mrs Brown and myself
exchanged compliments. they report the
William Thompson with 175 sperm since
leaving Oahu. he is making a grand
voyage. We made the discovery some time
after the boats lowered that they were schools
of grampus that we were in pursuit of instead
of sperm whales which they very much resemble
After the boats had all returned to their respective
ships and it was nearly dark Samuel thought
to run for them and have a gam as they all
appeared to be gamming, but before we reached
them they all braced forward as if about their
own business so we gave up our intention.
16th. We lay off and on the Island through the
night, in the forenoon Mr Baird went in with
his boats crew. it is a small and rather a
desolate looking island, inhabited only by two
families. although one of the men has two or three
wives and a dozen or two children. The Bark Belle
is in sight. In the afternoon experienced
quite a severe thunder shower. It rained very
hard and was so thick that we could not see a
ship's length for several hours in consequence of
which the boat did not get back until about 7 P.M.
We procured some onions, cabbages and green
corn, which was a great treat to us, being the
first we have had since we left home



After the shower was over the Belle tacked for us
and about 7 P.M. lowered a boat, and Capt. and Mrs
Brown and their little Syman came on board
they stopped until about 10 P.M. and we had a
very pleasant call from them they have taken 100 bbls
sperm since they left Oahu.
17th. Saw Macauly's or Goat Island in the morning
we approached near it after dinner and sent
two boats in for fish and goats. the island is
uninhabited. For dinner today we had "Succotash"
a corn and beans, and we did them ample
justice, The boats returned about sunset with
three or four dozen fish, two goats they had killed
and one live one and four parroquets.
18th. We have been standing today from Curtis
Island to Hope or French Rock. about noon we
raised a school of sperm whales sure enough.
lowered all four boats but they were going to the
windward three times as fast as a boat could
pull — so were reluctantly obliged to give up the
chase and return to the ship.
19th We lay around the Rock through the night
hoping to see whales waiting to be caught. but nothing
of the kind greeted our eyes. about 11 A.M. experienced
quite a severe shock of an earthquake which
jarred us considerably.
20th We are now on our way towards the North Cape
of New Zealand where we do hope to get a whale
About noon raised a ship. just before dark she
hauled aback and we ran down to her before she
reached us I saw a lady on the house, as we
drew near we found her to be the James Arnold
of New Bedford a sperm whaler Capt & Mrs
Sullivan came on board and brought with them
their cooper Frederic Read, Anna's brother, I was
very glad to see him although he had grown out
of my knowledge. They brought us some apples and
peaches which were a great treat they procured them
from a ship just from New Zealand.