21st Fine clear weather; rugged but women do do lower a boat in case we saw whales. passed the Snares in the forenoon. Signalized a ship about noon with Jonathan Bournes signal, supposed to be the Washington.
Raised Stewart's Island about noon. At four P.M. the ship hauled aback for us. she proved to be the Marengo seven months from home, with 400 bbls oil. Capt. Weld commander. he came on board and stopped to tea with us. gave us several letters to take home in case he should not see us again.
22nd Passed between Stewart's Island and the "Traps" a ledge of rocks seven or eight miles from shore. Spoke the Marengo in the afternoon. Samuel went on board and Mr Eldredge the Mate came here, he brought Minnie some lozenges that his little daughter Minnie put up for him. Capt Weld sent me some tea-spoons, as he thought it was too bad that one solitary spoon should perform such a round of duty he also sent us some reading matter. Saw one of our Falmouth men John Green, fourth officer, from whom I gathered considerable information.
23. Fine weather in the forenoon. A strong breeze after dinner which soon amounted to a gale. About 4 P.M. spoke the Rambler, had taken nothing since we saw him. Saw Mrs Willis and the children, afterwards spoke the Marengo again Minnie's pigeons flew on board the Rambler and did not return as there was such a strong breeze we saw them fly but thought nothing of it, as they had frequently flown on board other ships while we were speaking and immediately returned Minnie regretted the loss of them very much but her Papa tells her that he will get her some more in Akaroa where we are now bound.
24th Raised the land in the vicinity of Akaroa about 3 P.M. a strong breeze in the morning but moderated down in the afternoon, after tea spoke the Marengo. Capt Weld came on board and passed the evening.

(The Rambler brought them all home to Mrs Bedford & sent them to Minnie)

25th We were within 10 miles of Akaroa heads this morning when the wind died away. Marengo near us and a sloop in sight. About noon the wind blew up and we anchored in Akaroa Harbor about 4 P.M. the Bay makes up 8 or 10 miles so that the harbor is perfectly land-locked. It was Saturday with us but as we knew it was the Sabbath on New Zealand we took this day for our Sabbath. Quite a number of boats came off to us and I have had a very polite invitation from the Harbor Master Mr Graves to go on shore tomorrow which I needed no urging to accept. one of the gentlemen brought off a basket of peaches which he presented us, and several brought off apples which were a great treat to us.
26th This morning there was quite a row on deck, we have been pumping oil for some days and Samuel wished to ascertain whether it was a general leak or whether a cask had been stoven. So he told them to break out a little. The boatsteerer and eight or ten men that we shipped at the islands thought it was not their business to do it, as they had no share in the oil. So refused duty. Samuel called them all aft and after some confusion and considerable noise they all agreed to go to work. About 10 A.M. we went on shore, instead of Capt Graves taking us to his own house as we anticipated, he took us to the house of Mr White the Merchant of the place, where we were very pleasantly received by Mrs White. his is "the house" of the place, adorned with lawns, walks, flows, waterfalls brooks, caves. & although it is but two years since he has lived there he has made many improvements.
They have three children, Mildred, Florence and Constance, whose society Minnie enjoyed very much; she dined with the children in the nursery at one P.M. while we took a lunch as their dinner hour was 6 P.M. we did not dine with them but returned on board about 3 P.M. as Samuel was anxious to be on board again. he visited their garden and orchard, ate our fill of peaches which were very abundant and brought a basket filled with them on board.