27th Samuel and Minnie went on shore early in the morning I did not accompany them. Minnie took some peanuts and some little toys to the children which pleased them very much. Whilst they were absent a number of natives "Maoris" as they are called came on board. Some of them are frightfully tattooed, but I have seen natives who look much worse than the New Zealanders. A boy by the name of Willie Adams who was off Lundy came off today and brought me a basket of apples and peaches, a bouquet of flowers and a bottle of milk. I gave him in return for his kindness some pea nuts oranges and a book. Samuel and Minnie returned about 3 P.M. bringing with them Capt Greaves and a Dr Cathing, who is quite a proficient in music, as Capt G. asked it of me as a privilege that he might bring him off. it would be such a treat to him to play on our Melodeon. the only one they have on shore in the church being a very poor affair. The Dr played for the most of the afternoon and appeared to be much delighted with it. and we enjoyed the music much. they stopped with us until evening. I was quite well pleased with the appearance of the Dr. he is not long from England, belongs to the Navy and was engaged in the war of the Crimea. I should judge that he was a very talented man.

28th Samuel went on shore early in the morning for Capt Greaves, as he was going up the bay with him for potatoes. they returned before noon stopped on board to dine. then Samuel Minnie and myself accompanied him to his house, where we were very cordially received by Mrs Greaves. She is a native of the West Indies a Creole, but resided in New York for two years when a child they have two children Everett and Adele. We had a very pleasant visit at their house, Dr. C. was there also. Mrs Greaves took us to the house of a French lady. she made considerable of me, because I was acquainted with all the French whaling Captains he went there more particularly to visit their orchard which consists of

400 peach trees all bowed down with fruit, such a sight I never saw before. It looked wicked to see them lying upon the ground. we were feasted with peaches currants raspberries and strawberries, they were engaged in making peach wine, which I was told was very nice. She kindly gave me some peaches to take on board. Samuel visited another orchard with the gentlemen, where he bought some plums and gave the owner of the orchard five dollars to let his men go in and pick up as many peaches as they could carry away which he agreed to do. he went on board about dark well laden with fruit

29th. Went on shore quite early in the morning according to a previous agreement with Mrs Greaves as she was to walk out with me. visited two orchards laden down with fruit. Nature has bestowed her gifts with a lavish hand in Akaroa every view is delightful. Ferns of every variety are abundant and grow to an enormous size. The French lady whom we visited yesterday wished to get a pair of American shoes. I told her I had none to spare, but on looking over my shoes on my return I found a pair that were too large so I took them on shore and presented them to her. she was delighted with them, and hardly knew what to do for me. So she told me that I must send three men up before I went on board, then she went privately and got me a bottle of cherry wine not wishing her husband to know it when we returned I found she had sent down a box of nice large peaches which she had gathered from the tree. a geranium and a fuchsia in boxes both in bloom, and a bunch of herbs of various kinds. many thanks to Madame Rosello, and Marmora we will drink her health in a bottle of cherry wine.

Mrs Greaves had a very fine flock of fowls, and on Samuel's admiring the breed she kindly gave him a pair of them. he carried on shore some pea nuts oranges books papers &c as a present to them, and Mrs G. in return gave Minnie a brooch of Parian marble and gave me a sacque of ladies cloth which was made in England, she called during the day on Mrs White