

See marks on board Bark Union, Bay of Islands, Nov 19/68

While lying here we had rather bad weather the fore part being rainy & very windy, the latter with two anchors ahead about 80 hours, while in heavy rain the ship took on board about 6000 of water cooped a part of the most severe the Bread & Flour.

Gave the watchmen two days of liberty. I should have been pleased to have had more, as I had formed the acquaintance of one sailor & probably if I had gone ashore much more I should have formed more more acquaintance. I employed most of my leisure hours in writing, while in it I had sent a small box ashore to go in the ship Milton home to Mr. High I also sent three letters in that to Maria. One to Annis McRae & to George & Emma & to D.

Bay of Islands, New Zealand, Nov 19/68
George L. Bowman & Co. Mate

Thursday, Nov 19th 1868

Commenced light called all hand at 5 AM & found the foremast had shifted during the night. About 12 AM hoisted up and went to sea without a pilot strong breeze down the bay at sundown shortened sail to the wind leading to the Northward. During the afternoon lashed the anchors secured the run of the Starboard anchor & stowed the chains.

Friday, Nov 20th 1868

Commenced strong under short sail & am ready.

Saturday, Nov 21st

fresh breeze from the S.W. & the wind

Sunday, Nov 22nd

strong from the Northward under short sail & am in sight latter part moderate.

Monday, Nov 23rd

fine fair moderate from the S.W. & the wind all sail set at 4 PM raised land.

Tuesday, November 24th

fresh breeze from the S.W. nearly up to Cape Horn & Bark in sight up to the windward

Wednesday, Nov 25th

Monthe from the Star Companion in light. Light Equinox shows the light at 1 PM. place of light of the paper of the double reefed main & foremast. I took in the foremast latter part more morning

Thursday, Nov 26th

in fine strong wind from light from the S.W.