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- 6 Got on whole alongside Ensign flying it being the last but to find the big gun and gave three cheers. The men had our last whole and had a row in the fore-castle. The Coffin got hurt and was put in for it. There was no light in the fore-castle at the time. Eric and Robinson were on board at the time. began to try out.
- 7 Jun 1 Began to fit ship for sea.
- 8 Got down Coopered oil in the afternoon. Helped the crew to have a whole.
- 9 Fair and cold blowing a southerly Easter.
- 10 Cold shiver down oil got water. Starboard boat Captain Dexter went to town. Charlotte's Sound.
- 11 Wind S E a little snowing cold.
- 12 Captain returned a strong frost got off water.
- 13 Stowed water sold all our lumber.
- 14 Jun 14 Went to the head of Ogister Bay had a feast of potatoes turnips &c.
- 15 Went to the Sound with the Captain a hard pull. Stopped all night.
- 16 Returned from the Sound got wood water &c.
- 17 Blowing a N Wester got potatoes.
- 18 Calm and rainy Coopered oil. Stowed water. Carpenter to work on ship's boat.
- 19 A very heavy North Wester rain.
- 20 Got wood sold our boat. heavy snow on the hills.
- 21 Sun 21 A fine day got wood and spars.

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- 22 Got wood and spars wind strong S E. New Zealand. Last night two of our men ran away. George Griffith Carpenter and Amos Proctor deserted. Cloudy Bay.
- 23 Got some water fitted ship. S E.
- 24 Calm and rainy to work on the rigging. Heighed and lowered to the mouth of the bay.
- 25 Rainy. Paid out more chain yesterday. A strong breeze at 10 P.M. Calm. S E. all hands heighed and made sail. A light breeze from the East on to rain. Breeze died away. let go our anchor. let the sails hang. were called up to put sails at 6 before day light.
- 26 A fine day we got under weigh. N E. from the Cove in company. When we got out side we sent word ashore to Richard Cooke's Boat. A light breeze. In time now. There were seven men ran away just as we got under weigh.
- 27 Sat 27 Lost sight of the Cove and Land. S W E. at noon.
- 28 Sat 28 No date this day on account of passing the Meridian. so that we should have the same time of hour. South East. S. to E. 44.56.
- 29 Sat 29 Light breeze. S E. 6.58.
- 30 Mon 30 A light breeze variable. E.
- 31 Wed 31 Wind light and variable. Set Shudding sails. —
- 1 Aug 1 Day fair. Wind light and variable. E. N. E.
- 2 Aug 2 Cloudy. Unsteady breeze. E.
- 3 Aug 3 Wind variable. A. M. Hauled. E. S. E. ahead. headed about.