

Bark. *Matilda* Sears
Saturday February 19th

Fine weather crew employed in different jobs about the ship carpenter employed in working on the Starboard and fore sail yard and about up rigging and the blacksmith with iron work to be fitted at night the boat returned to the ship.

Sunday Feb 20th Fine weather with the wind from the N.W. sent all hands ashore on liberty at sundown they all came on board.

Monday Feb 21st Fine weather with the wind from the Southward crew employed in putting in the Starboard and taking potatoes on board and moving them away carpenter employed in making Starboard sail yard.

Tuesday Feb 22nd Fine weather with the wind from the westward crew employed in different jobs about the ship finished moving away the potatoes and landed three bunching sail beams and as spare yard cleared up the decks and washed off.

Wednesday Feb 23rd Fine weather crew employed in setting up the head stays sent out the jib boom and set up the fore gallant mast Capt. Gifford took passage today in the packet for Auckland in pursuit of the deserters.

Thursday Feb 24th Thick rainy weather with the wind from the Eastward set up the fore rigging and fore topmast back stays.

Laying at Mangamui 1870

Friday Feb 25th Strong breeze from the East with thick weather put out the Starboard sail yard set up all the head rigging and main topmast and gallant mast fore and after stays.

Saturday Feb 26th Foggy weather with drifting rain crew employed in setting the head rigging and letting up the fore gallant rigging and sent up the fore gallant yard and done other jobs about the ship.

Sunday Feb 27th Variable weather with pretty winds

Monday Feb 28th Thick weather with the wind from the Eastward sent the watch ashore on liberty done nothing on board weather not being fit to work.

Tuesday March 1st Fair weather crew employed in different jobs about the ship, dined the boat and commenced to paint the side sent the watch ashore on liberty.

Wednesday March 2nd Fine weather crew employed in painting ship out side and doing other jobs about the ship.