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The route by them much more circuitous. Enclosed by wild and lofty mountains, it exhibits, at almost every point of view, the characteristic features of a fine Lake. The anchorage is within a mile of the shore, surrounded by scenery of great splendour and beauty. On the opposite side to that of the anchorage is a place of the name of it. We often heard, but the boat in which we could not spell it by its pronunciation, where ships go to get water. The scenery is similar to that on entering the Bay, wild and lofty in its general features. The scale on which all the objects in view is formed, is the scale of grandeur only.

There may be scenery in the world that equals this, but there can scarce be any that surpasses it. As a whole, it is sublime, while every distinct section would, in itself, make a picture, and, whether viewed in mass or in detail, it excels in beauty and in variety every thing I have before seen.

The Land near the seashore appears to be very poor, and if it is no better in the interior, the persons who have disposed their all at Home, and emigrated here for the purpose of Agriculture will come out rather poor.

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Monday 6th. Dead calm all day. Land still in sight. Ship Maria Sophia of Valparaiso close by.

Tuesday 7th. Light Breeze, Course S. making S.W.

Wednesday 8th. Light Breeze, Course S.E. by S. bound for Chile. Whole Ground where I trust we shall fill up and stick her for Home.

Thursday 9th. Strong North West by Course, South East by South. Knotting Yarns.

Friday 10th. Strong North West by Course, South East by South. all hands employed knotting Yarns.

Saturday 11th. Good Strong North West Wind, Course S.E. & S. knotting Yarns & sundry other odd jobs, which by the bye, is never wanting on board of a Bluff Hunted.