Ship Omega off Stewarts Island November 1847

November Monday 29th 1847

1 First part of these 24 hours blowing strong from the West we heading S.E. West under double reefs blowing on took in the fore top Sail and fore course at Daylight took in the Main top Sail set the Main Spencer

Middle part blowing strong wind hauled to the South West we heading West South West at daylight blowing very heavy hoisted up the Larboard and starb. boats and took in the Jaw boats at 9 A.M. blowing a perfect hurricane and the Ship labouring very heavy

Lat 47.25 broke the waist in halves took her in two pieces

Tuesday 30th 1847

First part of these 24 hours blowing a hurricane from South West we heading to the East at 1 P.M. close reefed heading S.E. East at 8 P.M. the gale broke but a heavy Sea running at daylight Cape Saunders Cape of Stewarts Island bearing East by South and Ship steering down for the East side sail we at 10 A.M. passed South part of main off Port Adventure employed in repairing the Hose stay Gallant Sails unshipped Lift and Brace the yards daft and set the Sail hoisted Course Make East running the Coast of Stewarts

Lat Long Island down

Mat Morrison

December Wednesday the 1st 1847

First part fine fresh gales from the West Course Make East all Sail out Saw New Zealand Coast at 7 set half boatches

Middle part brisk breezes at daylight wind inclining to the South braced sharp the yards steering by heading to the North East

Lat 46.48 Long 171.00 Latter part much the same save it inclines to blow employed picking over and sprouting potatoes otherwise repairing the launch boat

Northward

Ship Omega in the East Coast of New Zealand Steering to the

December Thursday 2d 1847

First part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the South we heading to the East S.E. under double reefs blowing in squalls Fresh Gale in all Sail Line a close reef Main top Sail and bore Sail to the Eastward

Middle part strong breezes heading to the South at daylight calm

Latter part fine pleasant weather and light baffling winds employed in ships duty repairing the launch boat and other jobs

Lat 40.50 Long 176.50

Friday the 3d 1847

First part of these 24 hours light baffling winds from the South we heading to the Eastward at 8 P.M. wind shifted to the South West accompanied with thunder at 2 P.M. strong breeze from the Eastward close reefed steering S.E. by East

Middle part strong breezes all Sail and at daylight stood the reefs for a heavy squall

Lat 46.11 Long 176.00 Latter part fine pleasant weather Course Make South employed repairing and Baffling

Saturday the 4th 1847

First part a gentle breeze from the South steering S.E. by E. to the East at 6 A.M. left off South East all Sail out at 8 wind hauled suddenly to the South West hauled up the yards steering sharp by heading West by South Middle part South breezes heading the same double reefed at daylight saw the land left off Make East steering down along Shore

Latter part fine fresh breezes and pleasant weather all Sail out Banks Peninsular bearing Make dist 15 Miles