

At 8 o'clock the gale increased very suddenly and set in a thick snow storm, called all hands and with great difficulty got the ship under close reefed topsails more than 2 hours about it and the ship drifting towards the land, the sea tremendous and the chance looked very small for saving either ship or lives, if the gale should continue long, fore & main staysail sheets parted and the sail blew away, bent a new one as soon as possible undertook to reef the fore sail men reported the fore gear to be badly sprung just as the sail was taken in the fore topsail reefed the main sail and set it from 10 to 12 the wind hauled from S. E. to S. W. and still continued to blow & snow chance looked better to save the ship set the fore topsail close reefed by unreeving the sheets from the quarter blocks and taking them to the deck from the end of the fore yard so and ship going bows under heading S. E.

Friday Oct. 3rd. At 3 P.M. the snow cleared off and the clouds lighted up from the Westward found myself quite clear from danger of the land as I had weathered all the time that was near under my lee, let one reef out of the main topsail and set the fore sail reefed, steered S. E. by S. Strong gales from W. N. W. latter part more moderate main topsail - antail set most of the time steering from S. E. to E.

No obs.

Saturday Oct. 4th. first part Strong Gales from W. N. W. to W. and a heavy sea on, latter part quite moderate all hands employed in stowing down oil breaking out for provisions and new sails took in the bow boat making fishings for the fore yard &c. at noon saw a ship lying under a double reefed main topsail fore & mainmast and foreboom gone, another ship in sight steering to the Eastward

Lat. by Obs. 55-40 N. Long. by Obs. 146-44 East.

Sunday Oct. 5th. 1st. part Strong winds from W. N. W. fished the fore yard and made all sail on the ship, latter part light winds from W. S. W. and cloudy No obs. Lat. by Obs. 54-12 Long. " " 149-22

Monday Oct. 6th. First part light winds from S. W. to S. E. steering to the Eastward. latter part Strong Gales from S. E. at 9 am. wore ship to S. W. under close reefed topsails jib and foremast in

No obs.

Tues. Oct. 7th. Begins with Strong Gales from S. E. heading S. W. under close reefed topsails, at 10 P.M. winds shifted to W. N. W. steered S. E. under easy sail heavy lead &c. running, Lat. by Obs. 54-00 N. Long. by Obs. 152-16 E.

Wednes. Oct. 8th. Begins with Strong Gales from W. N. W. steering S. E. under double reefs, at 6 P.M. main topsail set, at midnight moderate at 2 am. winds from S. E. at 4 ticked to the S. W. at 10 double reefed

Lat. by Obs. 52-16 N. Long. by Obs. 152-16 E.

Thurs. Oct. 9th. Commences with Strong Gales from S. E. at 1 P.M. close reefed at 3 took in fore & main topsails set & took in fore & main and goose winged the main topsail, Gale very heavy and thick weather with some rain, after midnight began to moderate some at 2 am. hauled home the weather clear of the main topsail at 10 winds shifted to S. E. W. set the fore & main topsails and wore ship so and strong winds & thick weather and a heavy sea on No. Obs.

Friday Oct. 10th. Strong Gales from S. E. W. to S. E. and equally heading on S. E. ticks under close reefed topsails and strong sails fore & main topsails in part of the time Lat. by Obs. 52-20 North Long. by Obs. 152-10 East.

Saturday 11th. Strong Gales from S. W. to S. and equally under close reefed topsails and reefed fore sail most of the time, a heavy swell from S. E. W. heading to the south eastward Lat. by Obs. 51-15 North Long. by Obs. 153-44 East

Sund. 12th. First part moderate winds from S. W. and calm, at 10 P.M. took a breeze from the S. W. steered S. E. at 5 am. made the start off the 57 passage so called, Strong Gales from S. W. to W. and equally with hail and rain steering to the S. E. under all sail through the passage at noon the South Island in the passage bore S. 8 mi. S. by Estimation Lat. by Obs. 49-53 North.

Monday 13th. 1st. part Strong Winds from W. and equally steering from S. E. to S. E. by E. latter part moderate winds from S. W. and fair bent a new main topsail unbent the main topsail repaired it and bent it again Lat. by Obs. 48-02 North Long. by Obs. 158-30 East.

Tues. 14th. Begins with fresh breeze from S. to S. E. steering to the S. E. at 6 am. heavy Gales from S. E. and wearing home to under a close reefed main topsail at 7 hauled up the weather clear of the W. topsail and took in the fore & main, very heavy Gales and the day No obs. Lat. by Obs. 48-00 N. Long. 161-00 E.

Wednes. 15th. Begins with heavy Gales from S. E. at 2 P.M. the wind veered to the S. E. W. at 4 moderate some, hauled home the weather clear of the main topsail and set the fore & main, latter part under all sail with moderate winds from S. to S. E. and a heavy sea running from S. E. No obs. Lat. by Obs. 48-25 N. Long. 163-00 E.

Strong gales with the last passage

bent a new main topsail