

Mr H Lindsay as you have requested of me to give you a Descriptive Account of my Voyages to the Northern Seas & Arctic Seas I will comply with your wish altho I feel my self poor from being competent in Language & Letters to do the Case the Merit that it deserves I'll my views opinions & plain facts may be interesting to some iff they do not embrace the most proper Language & appropriate Language I have thought in addition to the Arctic Voyages a touch occasionally on my Passage outward would not be highly respectable & I am sure that it will be satisfactory to those that are going that want for the first time I shall not enter in to any particulars only mark my progress -

July 1st 1850 I took my departure from Caudahunk by departure filled for 3 years & bound to the Arctic Ocean for Polar Whales on the 5th Lat 37 40 Long 68 37 in the Gulf Stream saw a Great Spinn whale going fast to the West & to windward my Boats could not come up with them Aug 5th & 6th Lat 38 40 N Long 41 40 W saw Large Spinn Whales weather very fine did not take a whale on the account of another ships Boats interfering & the were drove off - Aug 22nd Lat 39 03 N Long 41 42 W saw 1 Large Spinn Whale lowered & took him he yielded 95 blbs No ship in sight - Sept 13th took my departure & made the best of the way to the South Atlantic Ocean on the 14th Oct Cross the Equator in Long 26 30 on the 31st Oct Lat 36 5 Long 31 41 on the 4th Oct took 3 Small Spinn Whales they yielded 65 blbs Lat 36 2 Long 29 2 Dec 13th took first N Whale Dec 8 took the 2nd N Whale 16th Lat 38 53 Long 15 20 W Left all sail to the best advantage & steered to Eastward bound to N Cape of N Zealand fresh & strong breezes prevailed from NW to SW Dec 27th Lat 40 20 Long 28 50 Dec 27th Light & small breezes & calm all day 24 hours Lat 39 40 Long 24 48 Experienced 70th E Wind current Air 60° to 64° water 66° to 60° 28th Experienced a heavy gail from NW & WSW Run but experienced received no damage the Sea very high the Barometer did not go below 29.4 the Air & Water changed very suddenly when in Lat about 40° from 8 1/2 to 10 P.M. the wind changed from 65° to 55° so it seems that I had reached the Southern limit of the strong Easterly Current & the Air changed about the same this was partially by the wind falling several points & partially by its passing over a

Cooler Surface of water I saw Notice a strong Easterly Current off & to Eastward of the Cape the current Lat 37 to 40 in all my passages Eastward in all cases I have Commanded a Ship it must be caused by the Cape Current splitting off to the South & SW of the Cape & I believe the most of it runs Southward & sweeps round to Eastward & a portion of it tends to the Westward to West of the Cape. A Gale from fresh & strong gales prevailed from NW to SW on the 16th of January 1851 I made St Pauls Island sent in 2 Boats for fish in 3 hours they returned with about 150 fine fish some of them the most delicious & best flavoured of any that I have ever got in any part of the world all sail was the Island is small but of fine milk in circumference the N.W. Side is all most a perpendicular wall rising several hundred feet from its base to the Summit which forms a flat oval from N to S & is covered with a dwarf Grass & has a tunnel or rather a Lagoon which opens to the Sea on the East Side this must be caused by a volcanic Eruption it is nothing more nor less than a Crater the best description that I am able to give from the opportunity that I had being from the ship about 1 mile dist is to take a common tin of pill & half of it of water & cut out 1/2 of the circumference of the water & set it up as a wall or rim to the Nose leave the South Side perfectly circular & the North Side to ascend on a line as if then sink the tunnel down in the water till the water runs in to the breach & fills up the interior & sufficient water for a Lagoon 10 fathoms in depth a very great miniature of the Lagoon of St Pauls Island with a Whale Boat entering the Lagoon as Baren as the Rock is above the Surface of the Ocean it was a relief to the Eye & mind after sailing over thousands of miles of Ocean without the sight of land rock or a Sail to change the scene & the fish that were caught from its waters were a great treat after leaving this Rock several strong & favourable winds prevailed the most of the time until near the N. Cape of New Zealand the Ship was prest forward as fast as possible a long distance ahead & I felt anxious to run over the high part in as short a time as possible for the winds vary materially from year to year the Distance from the Trustees to Cape Shadley is about 17000 miles the Row that I took & now one can tell within a Number of Days how long it will take to Run that Distance