

Friday February 22nd 1856
The wind continues ahead and blows a gale though the air is clear and sun shines pleasantly which is very common here
Saw a ship to the windward, under similar circumstances
Finished 18 shillings for the Capt. Washington's Birthday

Saturday February 23

Stirring us with a fair wind still more from the S.
Saw down the topmost studding sail Booms, planed them over and sent them aloft again
Cashed our stock of powder and found we had enough for our purpose this voyage
The air now out of sight off our starboard beam

Sunday February 24

Another Sabbath has passed and we have not been visited by the ringing of the pleasing church bell but on the 23rd Sabbath we to be passed away from holy influences
I have engaged myself better than usual by conversing upon the subject of religion and reading tracts and young's night thoughts
The land is in sight. Wind S. stirring N by W. B. weather

Monday February 25th

At 10 in the morning we were visited by Capt. Keaper and a boat crew of starboarded inhabitants made us a visit bringing a few bags of onions. The Capt. bought the dainty vegetables and sold them a double price for 20 dollars
Soon after they left another boat crew of mostly white men came to bother us
They took us to be the "Montana" coming to trade. He soon left them
Stirring W. N. At 2 o'clock we were in sight of a volcano making smoke enough to cure all the demons in the universe
Shooked 12 water barrels and hooped 12 bbls of "stinking" meat. The Capt. ordered that they have no more pork forward. So the poor fellows must make out with a small share of nearly rotten beef
Pork is in duty and chooses to live forward on their faces & stinks

Tuesday February 26th

At 9 o'clock in the evening and we have just finished hoisting the topmast of a schooner that happened along just after sunset she informed us that we were about 10 hours sail of the harbor and kindly put us a chart of the harbor which was gladly received by the Capt. She was bound to Poverty Bay for a load of wheat
We have light winds and from an unfavorable quarter as we should have had in had we this
Scrubbed the maha ways and comings and painted them but I think it has been very much damaged by getting up the chain this evening
Rat the main top gallant stay

Wednesday February 27th 1856
Had light and unfavorable winds till about noon when the gale began to blow at four increased to a gale breeze
At 6 took pilot and at dusk dropped anchor in 6 fathoms of water in the delightful port of Auckland where we found one steam ship (English?) one whaler with several merchant ships besides a number of schooners. The harbor is well protected with land and the town makes a good appearance from the ship. It makes me think of home as I look and see buildings well illuminated and no doubt there is much happiness and many pleasant homes
Our Capt. is there to try to pleasure I shall have mine at home
A Custom House Officer is on board as is to make it his home with us to keep things straight during our stay. May it be a short one is my prayer
There is a dozen on board from the shore and a few very friendly brought us a few papers and apples

Thursday 28th

We have been very busy at various kinds of work
Struck the topmast of the mainmast and put various shrouds and set a new seal
Rigged the ketch and fitted them, took the chains from the gale on deck, knocked the mast from them, set them up and painted the red. Rerove the topmast sheets, "hit" them in the deck part and stowed them
I scrubbed the ship outside and washed the lower masts
All hands turned out rather cross several of them got into a fight forward and Wainwright got an axe to cut his way through but it was taken away and Wainwright had his lip cut with it while assisting to do so, that with a lacerated eye was the only damage. Pevier and the mate had a few hard words but it was settled without blows but the mate punched Pevier down to the deck and the dog settled by fighting him. So has passed the day and we are all alive
A boat crew has gone ashore to stay till midnight
A plenty of Ladies in sight from ship by my telescope and spy glass are pointed towards them all hours in the day. Another propeller arrived and some schooners and a brig. A busy port

Friday February 29th

The effect of climate is warming though the weather is not so warm as it has been several days
I have painted the lower masts and the topmast capsterns a fine black and the quite dark and smooth the wood with the water, this is done for ornament but no doubt it will knock and scrape the wood and for all the iron work and painted it red and got off a raft of 20 casks of water which took a day to fill as it ran very slow
Finished in making up deck and I look tomorrow being the Sabbath according to the custom of the people in the harbor. The mate is now on shore and I hope to be there tomorrow
Two or three boat loads of people from the shore have been on board this evening to see the gun that ship and are highly delighted with her

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