

Tuesday October 26th 1858

First of this day light wind from the N.W. and clear weather working up the Bay, 3 P.M. came to anchor in the west end of the Bay in 20 fathoms of water close by the ship Harrison she had one in the Bay before at 6 A.M. the Boat came back that went to look for water but found none on the South side of the Bay Capt Dennis of the Harrison came on board and thought we should find water up on the North shore and we would get under way in the morning and go over there. at 4 P.M. the wind came out to the S.W. and blew strong for a short time and then hauled to the S.E. and blew very hard at 2 A.M. the ship started to drag called all hands and let go the Tarboard anchor and stuck out 50 fathoms of Chane in it and gave her the whole of the starboard Chane 95 fathoms braced the yards to the wind and she brought up. at 4 the wind blew very heavy with rain at 4 1/2 the Tarboard Chane parted about 10 fathoms from the anchor and she started off again called all hands and hauled in the Tarboard Chane and bent on a 400 pound keg and backed it with two 200 pound Boat anchors bent on to two fluke Chanes and let go and stuck out the whole of the Tarboard cable and that brought her up again. sent down the topgallant yards as fast as possible had them on deck in 45 minutes. Wind still increasing with heavy short sea got ready to send the topsail yards down got the fore and main nearly ready to come down when the starboard Chane parted close to the horse and about five minutes the Tarboard Chane that backed the keg parted when she brought the keg right home drifting broad side square

On shore so there was but one chance to save her ~~but that was gone for ever~~ and that was to cut away the masts which was done as far as possible and took three boats with them got the masts clear from the ship she rode head to wind but still dragged got up the cutting fall and bent on the beam of Chane that was left of the starboard anchor and let that go the length of the fall gave the fluke hause and bent two fluke Chanes two cutting beams and 9 fluke Chane two 50 pound Boat anchors and two blubber hooks and let them go over the starboard Bow stuck out 40 fathoms and that brought her up so she rode head to wind all the time but still dragged but not so fast wind blowing hard get but the bed over and 8 fathoms made up our minds that she would go up on the Beach we had nothing more we could heave over got up two casks of bread and two casks of water on Deck ready to heave over as soon as she should strike so ends the first day in New Bay

Wednesday 27

First of this day strong gale S.E. riding at anchor by 6 bunch of Chane and blubber hooks dragging slowly in shore at 4 P.M. 4 fathoms water twice her length more and she will strike but she drags very slow and may not strike so soon 2 P.M. she hasent but very little if any the last hour wind lulls a little 3 P.M. has not dragged this hour and wind moderates quite fast 5 P.M. wind quite moderate but considerable swell on the Harrison got under way and beat out of the Bight with the loss of one anchor and part of the Chane she had three anchors down and dragged nearly 6 mile Middle part calm and clear weather