Dear Father Brothers & Sisters this is a small account of my voyage to NZ.

**June 13th**
Left Perth this morning with the 6.25 a.m. train landing in Glasgow at the half past nine. Settled my passage and went to the harbour to see the ship Jura, then went and got my bed what? Cooking utensils bought. Slept with a friend in Glasgow all night.

**June 14th**
Went on board this morning at 11 o'clock. Got under way at one. Was cheered by hundreds the shore. Towed down the river by two steamers to Grenchoch, casting anchor about a mile under Grenchoch. Served with biscuits & broth at three, and meat at 8p.m. About three hundred and two on board mostly from the north of Scotland.

**Sunday 15th September**
Slept sound all night except wakened by one of the passengers coming on board from Grenchoch a little worse of drink, kicking up a shine until the steward ordered him to bed served with tea water and . Today still lying at anchor. Riggers working all forenoon to get her ready for sea. Sermon delivered from Romans Ch 15 v. 13. The man o’war ship Hog is lying close beside us. The doctor passed round about 11 o’clock and asked if all well. A bit stir with the sailors and one of the passengers who went up aloft and one of them lashed him to the rigging to do so just to keep them from going aloft.

**Monday 16th.**
All getting wearied to get away from Grenchoch now. A sermon by the Rev. Dr. Boner & . . . . Served with Tracks about 12 o’clock. Tea at six and then fiddles and dancing till dark.

**Tuesday 17th**
Inspected by government agent today a young woman put off ship by the Captain for misbehaviour and kicking up a shine with drink among the passengers. Eight young men put ashore today. They had been stowed away four days. We was formed into messed – 10 or 12 in a mess. Weighed anchor at 8 O’clock. Two tugs had us in tow one of them left us at Dunoon, other still going with us.

**Wednesday 18th**
Anchored this morning. At 3 o’clock was out of the channel and put into Lamlach Bay. Too heavy-laden. The tug went back to Glasgow. Orders from Glasgow to lighten the ship 100 tons of pit iron, putting the iron on a tug, which came for it. The passengers getting very wearied to get away now.

**Thursday 19th**
Busy taking out the pig iron night & day. Putting in some batons of wood to keep her cargo steady. Another two stowaways put ashore. Today a fine breeze blowing in our favour & us all at anchor which is making the passengers very unhappy to get away to sea.

**Friday 20th**
Weighed anchor at 12 noon out of Lamlash Bay. About 2pm the ship hove to and the pilot rowed ashore in the ships boat taking letters along there. The ship heaving and rolling and salt-water lashing over the bulwarks. A stiff breeze blowing. The ship began to heave. Vomiting began among the first myself. Such a sight vomiting here. Water cans tumbling there. The ship heaving and rolling and salt-water lashing over the bulwarks. It got a great deal better about six p.m. Past the Isles of Craig about three. Going around the Irish coast just now the sea not running so high it is very hilly the part of Ireland we saw. We lost sight of Scotland about nine p.m.

**Saturday 21st.**
Sighted the south coast of Wales and the Isle of Man. Very calm the first part of the day. A stiff breeze got up about midday. About ship to catch the wind. Lost sight of land tonight.

**Sunday 22nd**
The sea very heavy all night, the women no better yet. The ship is rolling and dipping very much. Today the log was heaved at 11am going nine and half knots an hour. No sermon today it is so rough. Sighted a ship a long way off tonight.

**Monday 23rd**
A good deal calmer. Every sail set to catch the wind and not going too fast – sailing S.W. all day. Sighted the topmast of a ship tonight rolling just like a cradle as ever I saw anything. The wind is right aft hip ahead of us. Today the Captain got himself chalked written. It is the rule among the sailors no cabin passengers allowed near the stem of the vessel. So the minister came on the forecastle and one of the sailors put a cross on his back and told him he was under a fine, all for a joke, but it is the rule. The island of Madeira ahead of us tonight but it is getting dark; I cannot see it well tonight.

**Sunday 29th**
Up early this morning to see the land but we was as far past it as we was from it last night. I just saw the hills in the distance. We had past the west side of them about midnight. Divine service at half past ten and there was a place put up for him about mid ship covered with the flag, red, white and blue. His desk was the flag chest. A white and blue flag covered it. All of us who wished to hear was sitting as near as possible. One of the passengers began worship. A night between decks before going to bed.

**Monday 30th**
A grand morning this. The Jura is working fine, going about nine knots. We have passed two of the ships that was ahead of us yesterday. There is an hour of difference between the ships time and the time at Glasgow. It is dark at half past seven on the ships time. Where we are just now off the coast of Africa. I was looking over the bulwark of the ship tonight I saw a fish rise and fly ten or twelve yards into the water again. It was about ten inches long and wings like a
swallow. It was rumoured this morning there was a great addition to the passengers. But it turned out to be a shepherd’s collie had six whelps. Our minister has begun worship at night on the main deck every night at nine o’clock.

Tuesday 1st July

It is now seventeen days since we left Glasgow and eleven from Lamlash. We have got a fine run since we left. They talk about trade winds. We have had trade winds since we left Lamlach and it very seldom they got out of the north channel in than a week or a fortnight, the thing we ran in one day. We have a fine breeze again today. We are about two to five hundred miles from home just now. It is getting a little sultry and warm here now. I may mention this is our day for baking, every day for its own purpose, the women on the starboard side one day and the men on the other, then the women on the port side, then the men and so on in rotation with everything. Plum pudding twice a week, pea soup twice, rice along with salt beef and so on it goes every week no ???????.

Sails seen today. I saw some more flying fish today. They are getting quite thick now.

Wednesday 8th

A fine morning this morning, very warm throughout the day, nothing but water seen on every side for twenty miles round about, but we have a fine breeze which is driving us on. The sailors taking one of the top ???.masts and putting a new one in. Some of the young men started a debating society on Tuesday, and Friday this is the young women’s bible class night. The minister keeps one every Wednesday night. I have never seen a star that I was aquatinted with at home yet.

Thursday 3rd

Nothing particular today but was warm. There is a good breeze which is keeping down the heat. Going 9 knots an hour. No sail seen today.

Friday 4th

This is Midsummer Fair in Perth today. We in latitude 19ºN. longitude 25º W., about 1140 miles from Cape Verde Island today but I cannot see it. I saw the top of a mast this morning ahead of us. We overtook and past her about 12noon. She was a small schooner heavy laden. We was going eight knots at the time. The Jura had a great appearance alongside such a small craft. At 4 o’clock I saw her coming jotting far behind us. I saw a few stars tonight, it was very clear. I saw the Great Bear and the North Star, the latter is getting very near the horizon to our view. The flying fish is flying like swallows here now.

Saturday 5th

A fine breeze strong in ??? with us today again, got pretty heavy. Some of the women began to vomit a little. Our ship was going through it splendid. To look over the our stern you would think the eagle with her wings spread which is the figure head of the Jura is flying through the water going ten knots. We are under the sun sooner than I was thinking it happened to be north of the line when we are passing so we are right under the sun. Today it is very warm and rotten. I would give anyone a sixpence for a cupful of spring water. A sail a long way off our port side tonight. A number of porpoises came along side tonight, they are very swift, swimming always jumping in the water.

Sunday 6th

A great change today of the weather. We have lost the northeast trade wind. There is not a breadth of wind and the sun very hot, the sea very calm as the Loch of Methven. We are almost standing still, but just a swell that is on the water not like the waves but just never still and makes the ship sail by a little. We overtook a barque early this morning belonging to Hamburgh. We spoke one another with signals. They asked us where bound for, what cargo, name etc. I heard our Captain saying to our mate they have too many questions to ask. We was close to them all day. Another sail on our starboard side tonight. Worship today at half past o’clock. The wind rising a little towards evening.

Monday 7th

A fine morning this for us a stiff breeze blowing which is driving is on very fast. Four vessels in sight today. Signal two of them, the one that came nearest us she crops? Our stern. She was a French man of war. Arabella was her name. A very smart looking vessel she was. There were one of the sailors took hold of a rope end and jumped over to get a beam to get a bath like a fool. By the time he got on board the Captain was at him or any of the rest do the like again he would bibli them in irons for twenty-four hours.

Tuesday 8th.

Nothing particular today. We are going five knots. It is pretty warm but the water beats everything it is only thing I like bad on board ship today.

Wednesday 9th

Very calm today, the sun is very hot and it is 86º between decks and 160º in the cooks’ galley. Not going hard today. Only twenty-two knots an hour. No sail seen, it is getting dark about six o’clock where we are just now on the ships time, but it is fine moonlight at night just now here.

Thursday10th

Changeable weather today. In rain and sunshine about. This is the first time we have had rain since we sailed. Sighted four ships today, three of them going the same direction as us but a long way off from us. What wind we have is right ahead so we are sailing the one line S.E. then S.W. One of the stowaways was sent up to give one of the sailors a hand with the foresail? Yard. So he got up so far and stuck he could go no further. Shoot him the bosun called up to him hw would help him if he came up to him but he comes away down. The bosun gets a bot of rope pleased hard however he did not lay it on but took him the next time he was afraid to get up there he would help him up with ropes end.

Friday 4th

Raining all night but just pouring out of the clouds. Fairer about breakfast-time. We was at fair standstill today, the sea was calm as the Tay. Began to move away in the afternoon. There was a young shark came and went round the ship around about a dozen times. It was about six feet long. Some of them tried to hook it but it was as fly as them and would not take the bait. The are here by the gross. The Minister has taken up by a bible class down among the young men once a week. Two ships in sight all day.

Saturday 12th

Strange wind blowing today but right ahead of us. We are sailing due east which is a long way off the right course. The Captain and the First Mate had a quarrel today about some thing. The skipper took him by the shoulder and put him down off the poop. It is no good job for a foreigner being on a ship when the crew is all scotch or English men but himself. Sighted three ships today.

Sunday 13th
A strong wind blowing all day the sea running, the
sea running very high. A number of them very sick
again. The wind right ahead of . . . . Taking very
much . . .jet? Worship at 10 o’clock. Eph 4 Ch 2 V 13..
Two ships in sight a good way off.

Monday 14th.
A strong breeze blowing. Still it is shifted a little in our
favour. We are sailing SW. One sail seen at a
distance. I have a fine shower bath this morning in a
place fitted up for the women but the men got it early
in the morning.

Tuesday 15th.
About ship again. Away to the eastward. Our mat on
duty again. I put my address in a bottle tonight and
threw it overboard. It read thus. “On board the ship
Jura bound for New Zealand 15th July 1862. We
working/riding? About the Line with wind right ahead
of us. Sailed from Glasgow on the 14th June. Had
splendid weather until the 6th July when the wind
changed ahead of us. If ever this is picked up it will
be known how far it has travelled. There is 302
passengers on board, all well at this date. David
Miller passenger, Ship Jura Almond Park Perth.
Scotland July 15th 1862.

Wednesday 16th.
Still battering away with wind right ahead of us,
coming very little progress on our journey just sailing
east and west. A sail seen a long way off this
morning. We was very close to an English barque in
an afternoon. The sea getting very heavy.

Thurs 17th.
The sea running very high all night and wind right
ahead, still about ship very often. The sea began to
lash over the bulwarks pretty heavy. A ship a long
way off this morning.

Fri 18th.
A deal calmer this morning. I got a flying fish lying on
the outside of the bulwarks. It had come up in the
right time and had stuck fast, for when their wings
are dry they can fly no further. I got plenty of visitors
for it was the first one that has come on board. I
reserved the rest and got the rest for breakfast. It was
about 9inches long with flat eyes and flat head, the
wings 3 or 4inches long and something very fine and
sweeteating. There was some word of ham being
stolen but it turned out not true. It was [blank] to hear
about and a sea[blank] flying about. About ship at
night. Away to the eastward again.

Saturday 19th.
The Captain put up a notice today. It read thus:
Ship Jura 19th July 1862 crossed the Equator from
Lamlash. Are in Lat 2º 10 minutes South,
28º44º40ºminutes west, going 8½ knotd on a hour.
Passengers keeping journals are requested to note
the above. R. Chalmers.

It will be seen we copied it. We have got the S.E.
trade winds. The ship is close up to the wind and that
is driving us south by west. We passed a ship on our
starboard side this morning.

Sunday 20th.
A fine breeze this morning going over the water pretty
fast. Divine service at 10 o’clock. Text 1st John 2 &
1ver. Met a ship tonight on our port side. A long way
off from us.

Monday 21st.
A strong breeze blowing this morning the [blank]
carrier away. I got another flying fish this morning on
deck. I may mention here that the Captain would not
allow no thing such as shaving or anything of that
sort crossing the line, which was one good job.
Overtook and passed a small vessel tonight. The sun
rises at d6 and sets at six here then dark immediately
after no twilight whatever.

Tuesday 22nd.
A very gentle breeze. Sailing S.S.W. The Captain
was telling some of them we are within 100 miles of
[blank]. A sail hove in sight tonight a long way of our
starboard side.

Wednesday 23rd.
Not blowing very hard today, still sailing S.S.W. One
of the cabin passengers very bad. She has not been
well since she came on board. She had a chill a week
or two before we sailed. She is keeping a little better.
One of the steerage passengers is in the hospital . .
[blank]. A sail on our port side tonight.

Thursday 24th.
The Captain thinking he was coming too near the
American coast. About ship at 2 o’clock this morning.
Sailing due east. About ship again at 9 o’clock sailing
S.S.W.. Peter and his wife had a bit of a spar this
morning again. The Doctor came and settled matters.
Peter took her a crack in the face. He said she was
always quiet after a bit of a clink. Passed a ship this
morning, we were in latitude 16º south, longitude
west today.

Friday 25th.
A strong breeze blowing. This morning met a small
vessel supposed to be an American coaster. Another
sail away of our port side tonight. Coming rather
near th ewest coast. Again some seaweed floating
about and a sea[blank] flying about. About ship at
night. Away to the eastward again.

Saturday 26th.
A ships light seen last nigh after dark. The first I have
seen since we sailed about ship this morning again.
Sailing SSW saw three fishing boats today, two of
them on our port side, the other one came close by
us away for [blank] with six men in it. Some whales
seen shooting the water in the air when blowing.
Sounded the water 17 fathoms deep. About ship
tonight. Sailing NE lat 18º Lon 35º.

Sunday 27th.
Sounded the water this morning again 25 fathoms
deep. It is rock and shell in the bottom here. Raining
today. No sermon today. The wind changed a little
sailing south, no sail seen today.

Monday 28th.
A good breeze today on our beam ends. I saw the
southern cross very well last night. There is two stars
of them four stars very like a cross or diamond, one
of them three. Largest is very near the horizon where
we are. No sail seen.

Tuesday 29th.
Very calm this morning, the wind rose a little towards
evening. A beautiful sky last night very red and the
new moon in the midst of it. The small dear stripe and the dark shadow of the full moon in the red sky, it was very beautiful. A sail hove in sight tonight away of our port bow.

Wednesday 30th

Supposed to have lost the SE tradewind. Very calm this morning. Some beautiful birds flt. Some beautiful birds flying about the sailors calls cape pigeons they are larger than home pigeons. I went into my chest today to see if my clothes were all right. I was sorry to see my bun loaf was heated and for no use. I took it to the cooks oven and got it fired over again but it was of no use so with some sorrow I gave it to the fish of the sea, no sea seen today.

Thursday 31st

Nothing particular today. A very gentle breeze, not going fast. I have got my week of mess man over. It is no [blank] job but it keeps one from weering. A sail on our port bows tonight.

August Friday 1st

Very calm in the morning, breeze [blank] in the evening. A sail ahead and another right aft. We are still on our right course SE. We are 48 days from Glasgow and 41 from Lamlash in Lat 28º S. Cape Pigeons flying with us every day.

Saturday 2nd

Very wet this morning fairer about 12 o’clock. The wind changed to the south, all sail down [blank space] close up to the wind sailing SSE by E. Very dull all round about. No sail seen today.

Sunday 3rd

A strong breeze blowing off the south sailing one point to the north. We are losing the latitude but going the the longitude. Dull and wet again today. Sermon at half-past ten Psalms84 Ch11 ver. A strong breeze blowing today. The sea running higher than we have had since we left Glasgow. We are on our right course today SE ny E. No sail seen today.

Tuesday 5th

Wet this morning, fairer about 10 o’clock. The ship swelling heavy and the ship rolling terrible. The weather is getting cold. We are crying as much about the cold now as we do about the heat [blank space].

Wednesday 6th

The wind was very much ahead of us and not steady. A squall every now and then, the sea swelling high carrying little canvas. A good deal of spray lashing over.

Thursday 7th

The weather calmer today. A steady breeze blowing from the south sailing ESE. The breeze freshening in the evening. Going10 knots an hour.

Friday 8th

Not making much progress today, the wind changed right ahead of us. About ships in the evening. Sailing SSW. Rather a dangerous affair happened the other morning which my friends might have proved serious. The galley fire was overheated and caught hold of a wooden house behind it on the deck, but as they were washing the deck with hoses they were applied immediately and jvery soon put out, very few knowing about it.

Saturday 9th

Fairly becalmed this morning not moving one inch. The cape pigeons swimming an albatross flying about today about 6 feet between the tips of the wings. They were trying to get hold of the dolphin fish that was swimming about but it would take the bait, so they lost it.

Sunday 10th

The wind began to rise a little last night about 6 o’clock? The Jura began to move away after nearly twentyfour hours standing still. It freshened this morning going 7½ knots. Divine service today. Text Psalm 8 Ch7, v3.

Monday 11th

The breeze still freshening going 12 knots. We are about the latitude of the cape and sailing due south. One of the stowaways fell asleep on the lookout and told a lie to the second mate about it. He got a drilling and was sent up the main top gallow yard 4 hours in the dead of night to look out for a punishment. The wind taking off at night almost standing still.

Tuesday 12th

A good breeze blowing this morning. Going 7 knots. All the studding sail st today going very hard towards evening.

Thursday 14th

The wind blowing very hard towards evening the sails almost reeled. Ship going 12 knots an hour. Some cape pigeons caught today. The sea running high.

Friday 15th

The wind still increasing, going 12 knots sailing SSE. The passenger in the hospital getting better. He has been lying about six weeks in bad health.

Saturday 16th

A strong wind blowing today, shipping some heavy seas. I have laughed at many a one this week or back getting wet but I along with some more got a proper ducking today when walking on the main deck.

Sunday 17th

A good breeze blowing very much ahead of us. Divine Service today , text Psalm 8 Ch 4, v15.

Monday 18th

Ship about shhiphis morning going to the contrary wind sailing SW. The wind changed a little toward evening sailing due S.

Tuesday 19th

Very calm this morning, not going one inch, the sea very beautiful and smooth. Some large fish seen blowing at a distance.

Wednesday 20th

The wind began to blow last night about dusk freshenig all day, sailing sails set. We are in latitude 37ºS 14º 30” E.

Thursday 21st

A strong breeze blowing today going 8 knots, sailing ESE. One of the passengers in the hospital with [blank space] on his eye very bad with it.

Friday 22nd

A strong breeze very much ahead of us sailing ESE. The first part of the day, then about ship again sailing SE going 9 knots, the wind very much ahead.

Sunday 24th

Very calm all day going an/forward. A heavy swell on the sea rolling very much. Sermon today text Rev 2 Ch and last clause of v10.

Monday 25th

A gentle breeze today in our favour going 3 knots latitude 38º S longitude 23ºE.

Tuesday 26th

Going very little forward today yet just rolling about with all the sails set.

Wednesday 27th

A strong breeze blowing very much ahead of us. Sailing south not so cold as it was now.
Friday 29th
A strong breeze today accompanied with rain. Sailing SSE nearly all sails reefed.

Saturday 30th
The wind was last night increased ever hour and sail after sail was reefed till this morning there was nothing but the masts left to drive her on, so there she was rolling and drifting about 2 knots an hour. [blank space] not moving any forward the wind blowing on her beam ends, a strong gale almost reaching a hurricane the sea running mountains high on ever side. To increase the scene some of the sailors got some some drink and some of them was like to put in irons for fighting. One of the stowaways fell overboard [blank space] of the storm but was caught before he was all in the water or he would never have been seen. Also we was put on 2 quarts of water today it is getting very scarce.

Sunday 1st
The wind quieter after 24 hours of a storm. Sail set again going 6 knots. No sermon. Today there was a child born on board last night.

September Monday 1st
Wind still ahead. We are 80 days from Glasgow and 72 from Lamlash.

Tuesday 2nd
Wind still much ahead going 6 knots sailing ESE and some time nearly south.

Wednesday 3rd
A fair and a [blank space] sea this morning, the yards square across with a good breeze right aft, going 10 knots sailing SE.

Thursday 4th
The wind changed a little to our beam cross. A strong breeze blowing going 10 knots, sailing ESE in latitude 38ºS Longitude 42ºE.

Friday 5th
Clear and cold with fine breeze going 7 knots sailing ESE

Saturday 6th
A great contrast between the weather today and last Saturday. We are lying becalmed, not a breadth of wind, the sea as smooth as glass with heavy swell on it.

Sunday 7th
No better this morning, as calm as it was yesterday. Sermon today. They toll the ship's bell about five minutes before the minister comes out. Text Proverbs 25 Ch 8 v2.

Monday 8th
A fine breeze in our favour this morning going 7 knots sailing ESE.

Tuesday 9th
A strong breeze going 11 knots. A sail hove in sight today on our starboard bow. We bore in on her. She was ahead of us a good bit. both on the same track. Then for a race the Skipper gave out "Set the main top[blank space] royal [blank space] tight. The gib sheets out the spanker and in a short time we were along side of her very closes to her. The wind was blowing very hard, we could come no closer. We spoke her. She was The Wingdeny 79 days out from Liverpool bound for Shanghai in China. She was laden with merchandise. We gave her crew three cheers and passed by her leaving her far behind at dusk. It was the best sight I ever saw us so near her, and the sea pretty rough to see her heaving & rolling and the water lashing over her bulwarks. It was beautiful.

Wednesday 10th
A strong wind this morning increased almost to a gale towards evening but wind and sea running with us. Kept on sails going 12 and 13 knots.

Thursday 11th
A fine breeze today in our favour. The sea running very high going 11 knots. Sighted a sail on our port bow, we soon overtook and passed it. It was a long way from us, did exchange signals. She was a small vessel heavy laden and labouring very much in the large waves.

Friday 12th
A strong breeze today still in our favour. The watch sights a ship ahead of us last night about 12 o'clock. We were going very fast and soon past it. Very cold wind here just now.

Saturday 13th
A fine breeze, going 10 knots with all sails set. The Captain took us past St Paul's Island today along very south of it sailing SSE

Sunday 14th
Going pretty fast but very cold winds. Lecture on the Ch 25 Mathew. We are in latitude 41ºS Longitude 8ºE going 11 knots.

Monday 15th
Strong winds today the ship sailing east.

Tuesday 16th
The wind very strong last night nearly all the sails reefed, wind rain and hail very disagreeable. All day sailing ESE.

Wednesday 17th
A gentle breeze toda accompanied with a squall now & then.

Thursday 18th
The wind changed this morning ahead of us blowing very hard. Some [blank space] caught today. I saw one of them, measured it, was 7 feet from the top to the wings. We are in latitude 42ºS and longitude 100E going 6 knots.

Friday 19th
Wind still ahead of us making very little progress, sailing EBN?

Saturday 20th
A very gentle breeze this morning going about 4 knots. A child born on board last night.

Sunday 21st
Very calm this morning, breeze got up towards evening. Sermon today text Hosea Ch 13 v 9. Sailing SSE wind blowing from the NE.

Monday 22nd
It is now 100 days since we left Glasgow and 94 from Lamlash and no sign of land yet. A strong breeze blowing on our beam end going 10 knots. Sailing SE.

Tuesday 23rd
A strong wind in our favour and nearly square, going 11 knots sailing ESE.

Wednesday 24th
Wind blowing very hard the sea arising like hills on every side of us, nearly all sails reefed. Towards evening wind right aft going 4 knots.

Friday 26th
Lying becalmed this morning of a breath of wind. It began to rise in the evening.

Saturday 27th
A dullness on board today. The woman who had the child last Saturday was very ill up to last night about 6 o'clock when death put an end to her sufferings. The British [flag] was hoisted this morning the and her body interred . About 8 o'clock in the morning the minister gave a prayer and in the time of it the coffin was landed in the deep. It went down with a splash to rise no more in this world. There was 2 bars of pig iron in the coffin to sink the body. A gentle breeze today.

Sunday 28th
The child followed its Mother this morning to its long home and was interred after the sermon text He? Ch 9. Sermon today text Hosea Ch 13 v 9. Going pretty fast but very cold winds. Lecture on the Ch 25 Mathew. We are in latitude 41ºS Longitude 8ºE going 11 knots. A fine breeze today still in our favour. The watch sights a ship ahead of us last night about 12 o'clock. We were going very fast and soon past it. Very cold wind here just now. Text Proverbs 25 Ch 8 v2.
A fine breeze this morning going 8 knots sailing due east.

Tuesday 30th
A strong breeze today on our beam ends going 7 knots sailing E. Sailing EBN?

Wednesday October 1st
It is now 109 days since we left Glasgow and 103 from Lamlash and no word of land yet. A strong wind blowing today accompanied with furious squalls. Some of the studding sails was set when one of them sent off the studdings to ribbons before they could get it down. The wind right aft still.

Thursday 2nd
The wind blew a strong gale last night the sea turning very high. A good deal quieter this morning driving us on and sailing east.

Friday 3rd
A fine wind right aft going 10 knots. We are in Lat.48° S Long.160° E.

Saturday 4th
A strong wind blowing today and very squally. We passed some rocks out from Stewart Island called The Snares. We passed south of them and the sky very heavy so we could not see them. The water is getting very green the sign that we are getting near land. About ship at dark out to sea for fear of running on land in the night time.

Sunday 5th
A strong gale of wind this morning as strong as we have got since we left, shipping some heavy seas. Good for us it is blowing off land and keeping us out to sea but the Captain anxious to get land. Kept some sails on although the masts were almost bare. The wind abated a little about midday. The captain told we would see land about 12 o’clock. It was very dull and could not see far however. At halfpast 12 O’clock the cry was Land Ahoy and at one o’clock I saw the hills quite visible then such a scene. The wind roaring and the sailors getting ready to drop. It was a scene after we got into the lee of the land. The wind got quieter then we soon came up to the heads. They are about 10 miles from Port Chalmers. There were 10 vessels lying anchor at the heads, the wind kept them from getting up the river. We fired signals for a pilot but he did not come so we cast anchor about 8 o’clock. Land was a welcome sight today. No sermon today owing to the gale of wind. The sea was running very high till we got in the lee of the land.

Monday 6th
A fine view of the hills this morning some of them very high and rugged very like some of the hills in Scotland. The Pilot came alongside this morning in a steamer and where from. Is all well on board, then he came back at high water. We weighed anchor about 5 o’clock. Was towed up to Port Chalmers by the tug Samson.

Tuesday 7th
We are very near Port Chalmers. It is a fine view of the ships around us in the bay. The steamer came along side for us today. Left the Jura about 4 o’clock. Landed at Dunedin wharf a little past 5 o’clock and got our feet on solid ground for the first time for 115 days and in good health. D Robertson was meeting us at the jetty. We went to his house and got a good supper and sound sleep on Terra Firma once more. We went up the stairs rolling like a ship in a storm being so long accustomed with it when on deck rolling & pitching in the water. However did not need to hold on by a spar to keep steady nor in danger of getting a ducking with saltwater lashing over.

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My name is DM from the count of Perth.

For twentyone years I stayed in the land of my birth.
Then to some foreign country I thought I would go.
So I sailed from Glasgow.