

and main. sul. heavy squalls with heat and rain during the day. very unwell all day went to bed early. Wind W.

Sunday 9th very fine clear morning. felt too ill to get up. to breakfast. fine steady breeze until about 6 o'clock when a sudden gale came on. rufed topsails. rain at night. Wind E.N.E. Tuesday 10th Beautiful morning. the reef hove out during the night. stitching and mending was set. The boats are being cleaned out, and various other occupations going on which looks as if land was not far off. On Mr. Earle's birthday Wednesday 11th Tolerable fine all day though rather dull. in full expectation of making the land to night. Mr. Earle's body was consigned to its watery grave in the afternoon. anxiously looking out for land in the evening. a man sent to the mast head but it was not to be seen but from the appearance of the water

and the smell of seaweed we concluded that we could not be very far from land.

Thursday 12th Got up at three o'clock a.m. to try and get the first sight of land. found several others up for the same purpose. saw land about 4 o'clock which was the southern island passed the main the preceding night. about 9 o'clock. went to bed again at $\frac{1}{2}$ past four o'clock when on deck again rapidly approaching the land. Wind N.E. completely foul. went about twelve o'clock. stood into land in the afternoon at seven o'clock we were very close to it. we saw it to great advantage. being a very fine evening the scenery was most beautiful the mountains in the back ground were particularly bold and fine rising to all appearance 3 or 4000 feet above the sea in the foreground appeared bold clumps of rocks down the water's edge covered with fine trees. at 7 o'clock cry of breakers ahead went about