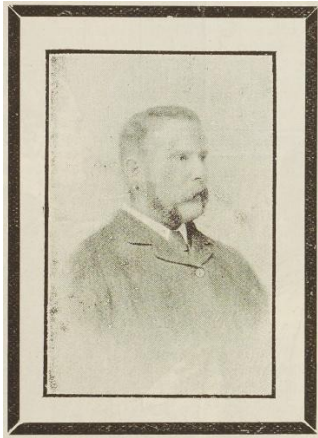


JOURNAL OF W.H.LEVIN ON HIS PASSAGE FROM WELLINGTON TO LONDON IN THE SHIP "CLONARF"
1091 TONS JOHN ALLAN Esqre COMMANDER.



This journal commenced on the 26th May May 1859

Saw first ice June 30th 1859

Saw first land July 27th May 1859

Saw Fernando de Naronha August Nth 1859

Saw first English land by Stark Point, September 16th

Entered the Thames September 21st

Master W.H.LEVIN

May 26th

Left Wellington Heads with a fair wind from the South West and lost sight of land about 12 o'clock the same night not having eaten anything since the morning, I felt particularly hungry for my tea but before I had got half way through it I was taken ill with sea sickness and had to retire to my berth where I was quickly followed by Charley we both passed a very restless night.

May 27th

I managed to get up about 12 o'clock but feeling much worse I had again to retire to my berth the weather is very rough but the wind is fair Our Cabin is in a dreadful state of disorder everything having been knocked down in the violence of the weather we slept a great deal better last night the wind is still fair.

May 28th

I still continue dreadfully sick there is nothing particular to note today excepting that the carpenter fell down the hold and hurt his back Grandmamma & Aunt Carry are both in bed Aunt Sarah is up and well.

May 29th

I managed to get up today and thank Goodness am now quite well. Mr Scholfield had a fit today I have not seen him yet but I believe he is much better Grandmamma and Aunt Carry are both up the former quite well but the latter so-so.

May 30th

The weather today is most beautiful with a splendid breeze from the South East and we are going at the rate of 9 knots an hour all the passengers assembled to dinner to-day with the exception of Mr & Mrs Scholfield who still remain unwell we saw 2 whales today The Captain says we are about 800 miles from Wellington for my own part I wish I was 8000! Charlie and myself begin our lessons with Grandpapa tomorrow We find the passengers as yet very agreeable(sic), Grandpapa had a rubber of whist last evening at which he lost Charley and myself paid a visit to Grandmamma's cabin yesterday evening where we had a game of old soldier & what do you think I won every game with exception of one.

May 31st

It is a most beautiful day again today but the cold is increasing degrees. The wind is not so fair as it was yesterday, we are two points out of our course. I managed to get our cabin in a little better state but it is still very untidy. Mr Scholfield has been quite delirious for the last seven or eight hours, he has been removed from the cuddy into the second cabin. Dr Stokes is most attentive to everyone and turns out to be an agreeable companion. I drew a little yesterday morning and took the printing press into use.

June 1st

On going on deck this morning I find the wind a little more favourable and I hope soon it will get quite favourable. Grandpa has formed a whist club, all the winnings are to be saved and at the time we sight the English coast (I hope it may be soon) there will be a lottery in which Grandpa has promised to get me a ticket. Mr Scholfield still continues delirious. I will just tell you a little history of that worthy. The other evening about 6 o'clock everybody had gone out of the second cabin where he is at present lodged, with the exception of Aunt Carry's pest Mr Poole, when out came Mr Scholfield who fancied he had been making faces at him and seized him by the hair of his head and kept dragging him round the cabin when fortunately for him the 2nd and 3rd mate attracted by the poor unfortunate's cry came to the rescue and succeeded in saving him.

June 2nd

I find the cold perceptibly increasing, so much so that I have been obliged to take out some of my warm clothing. The wind is not so favourable as it was, the way it is at present is about south east by south. Mifs Haines, Charley and I have organised a skipping club which I can tell you is a first rate amusement for the warm weather. We all went into Grandmamma's cabin last evening to read prayers, it being Friday night. The steward makes himself most agreeable

June 3rd

Today being Saturday I said my prayers with Aunt Carry. One of the sailors, I think it was the boatswain, caught a cape pigeon and Charlie brought it up on the quarter deck for the ladies to see but no sooner had it touched the deck than it walked through one of the scuttles and returned to it's native element. Mr and Mrs Scholfield are a great deal better today.

June 4th

At Grandpa's request the stove was fired in the cabin and I can advise you it was greatly to everyone's comfort. I am very glad to be able to announce that the wind is much more favourable, but still it is not quite fair. I am going to begin my lessons with Aunt Carry tomorrow. I shall be rather glad for it for I find the time hangs rather heavily on my hands. Mrs Scholfield spent yesterday with her husband, they are both so far recovered that we expect them to dine in the cabin tomorrow

June 5th

Today is a most disagreeable cold wet day. I have just finished my lessons with Aunt Carry and I believe they went off very well we did Parsing Reading Spelling and Geography. Mr and Mrs Scholfield made their appearance in the cabin at dinner today. Grandmamma is in capital spirits and so is everybody else.

June 6th

Today is almost as bad as yesterday with this exception that perhaps it might be a little colder the wind could not be more unfavourable than it is at present everybody declares that there is some Jonah on board and the individual they have fixed upon is Mr Poole. Charley has been sick again. Aunt Carry follows his track.

June 7th

The weather is still very rough Aunt Sarah was the only female who ventured on deck. Mifs Haines has been laid up for the last day or two with a bilious attack but it is nothing more or less than sea-sickness.

June 8th

This morning is a dead calm with a very heavy swell, it was raining all night and the wind died away about 12 o'clock.

June 9th

The first thing I heard this morning was " square away the mainyard " a sure indication of a fair wind. The weather is very foggy with light rains. Everybody says Grandmamma is looking better than when she left Wellington.

June 10th

We sighted a large ship this morning. She signalled us and we answered but we could not make out her name we kept in sight of her all day but lost her in the evening; the wind is not quite so favourable today. I like my lessons with Aunt Carry very much we do Geography grammar reading dictation Hebrew and Sums.

June 11th

We saw the ship again today nothing particular took place today.

June 12th

The wind is rather high today with slight showers of rain. The time is most monotonous the same thing happening every day. Charley and I are busy making a boat we intend rigging her as a brig and giving her to Walter Mace.

June 13th

The wind is a little more favourable today. Charley and I have been amusing ourselves catching Cape pigeons Charley caught three and I caught two we put our names round their necks and then let them go.

June 14th

The ship was seen again last night we caught two birds again today. The weather is most beautiful but the wind continues bad we saw a large whale today. Charley has been fishing all the afternoon and has not even had a bite.

June 15th

We have been three weeks out today & out of the three weeks we have only had 21 hours fair wind. I have started to wear my Blue shirts and I find them very nice & warm

June 16th

The wind is a little better today but it is not the thing yet. I had a most dreadful fall yesterday which gave me as bad a headache all day I have as yet thank God been quite well & I hope I may continue so all the voyage. Charley got himself into a nice scrape yesterday for going amongst the sailors I did not go with him which I am very glad of. He & I do not get on as well as I thought we should. He is so dirty with his clothes etc etc and as for cards he knows every game going.

Thanks to you dear Mama that I never learned them & I hope I never shall.

June 17th

Hurrah ! for the fair wind it has come at last much to everyone's satisfaction. I find a constant demand for my books so does Aunt Carry. We have been trying to get up some kind of play just to amuse us but we find we cannot as nobody will assist us. I can safely say that since we have left Wellington I have not eaten a dozen of Charley's lollies and as I promised you I shall not eat any of ours.

June 18th

We sighted a large ship this morning we could. see her about halfway up the rigging & towards afternoon from the deck. The wind is increasing so much that we took in the "top gallant sails" and reefed topsails. Aunt Sarah has given up her journal because there is nothing to write in it Grandpapa and myself are the sole inmates of the cabin the former has just been roused by a lurch of the ship from a comfortable nap.

June 19th

Nothing particular occurred today that would interest you.

June 20th

Today is very cold with light rains the fair wind makes everybody in good spirits. Mr Duncan gave me a large picture of the "Leviathan" with which we have adorned our cabin.

June 21st

Today is a beautiful day with light winds from the North East they are still fair. I have had two drawing lessons with Aunt Sarah and I am going to have another this morning.

June 22nd

I found on getting up this morning that we were becalmed and had been going at the rate of one knot an hour during the night we were becalmed all day & in the evening a nice breeze sprung up. The eating & drinking business on board this ship is of the most superior kind Grandpapa gets on first rate with his eating & is most jolly.

June 23rd

Today is the most disagreeable we have had since we have been out it is very cold indeed. I find my hammer most invaluable it is out nearly all day on hire. I had an extra blanket on my bed on account of the excessive cold.

June 24th

Yesterday we celebrated Baby's with a grand luncheon in Grandmamma's cabin the luncheon consisted of Plum cake (which I pitched into) Raisins Apple Jam bread etc etc. Lemon syrup curacao with Baby's health was drunk with all due honours. The whist club still flourishes. I have not been on deck all day. Mr Mace plays the great gentleman to perfection.

June 25th

We still keep a fine fair wind and the Captain says seven days more of it will see us round the Horn In the evening it began to blow rather fresh so much so that they took in the top gallant sails & double reefed top sails.

June 26th

The wind still continues to blow fresh in the evening when they where taking in sail one of the men on the fore Top gallant yard sung out "a sail on the starboard beam" everybody thought we should be run down the light's were put out but nobody could see the stranger from the deck. Afterwards it turned out the man was mistaken.

June 27th

Today is a very wet day so that no one could go upon the deck it is the first really wet day we have had since we left Wellington. The only things that I regret having brought are a pair of India rubber shoes and a little stool for my cabin the chilblains are very bad mine are a little better than they were last week.

June 28th

The wind still continues fair & if it remains so till the day after Tomorrow we may we may expect to get round the horn by that time. Everybody is in capital health and spirits.

June 29th

Things went on the usual course today so there is nothing to write.

June 30th

In the morning when I went onto deck it was quite dry for the first time since the 24th & the Captain said if the wind continued fair we would round the Horn by the evening at about twelve of clock I went on the mizzen top where I thought I saw something white in the water I quickly went on deck and Charley who was standing there told me there

was a little ice floating about and in about 4 hours we were in a regular field of floating ice it was a most beautiful sight we got clear of it about 8 o'clock in the evening.

July 1st

This morning we saw a large ship but lost sight of her towards noon. We have seen no ice since yesterday evening and I hope that we are quite clear of it.

July 2nd

The wind is still fair Hurrah we have rounded Cape Horn the weather is most bitterly cold and you may judge from the shaky appearance of my writing Mr Scholfield dined in the Cabin yesterday after an absence of more than 3 weeks.

July 3rd

This morning when I got up I heard that the wind was dead ahead whereas if we had been 50 miles further it would be fair the weather is so cold that if any water dropped on the deck it turns into ice directly. There was a large whale following us all day yesterday The Captain says we were somewhere near the "Falkland" Isles. The Captain is most attentive to all his passengers. He and Mifs Haines play draughts every evening. We sent our Royals the day before yesterday & the sails had hardly been set an hour before it was a foul wind.

July 4th

It has been a calm nearly all day but towards evening a fair wind sprung up which soon increased to a Gale it is still blowing very hard nobody had any sleep during the night.

July 5th

The wind still continues fair with a very heavy sea Grandmamma is quite disgusted with it; the weather begins to a little warmer which is a great comfort my chilblains are as bad as ever I have tried all the feasible remedies but I find none of them will answer. I often wish dear little Lionel was with me, when I am in my bed of an evening I sometimes cry by the hour together when I think of you all & how little I appreciated all your kindness but I know you will look over it my dear dear Mother.

July 6th

We had a most dreadful night last night the worst we have had since we left Wellington nobody slept a wink except Walter Mace. Charley & myself were up nearly all the night one of Aunt Sarah's boxes gave way and threw all the things over the floor.

July 7th

This morning directly after breakfast I went on deck to see how things were after the storm, and as I was standing talking to the Boatswain a violent lurch of the ship knocked me down & stunned me and I was carried insensible to the cabin where I went to bed and laid in bed all day with a bad headache but otherwise quite well.

July 8th

I have quite recovered from my fall had my hair cut today by the Boatswain the wind is most beautiful we are going at the rate of 10 knots an hour.

July 9th

Today is for a wonder is a most beautiful day so that nearly all the passengers went on deck there is a nice little breeze there is a great difference in the length of the day so much so that Mifs Haynes & Aunt Sarah went on deck after dinner.

July 10th

Another fine day with a fair wind which is very light sent up "fore" & "Mizzen" royal yards" & bent the sails there are a great many porpoises playing about the bows of the ship I gave three pairs of trousers to be washed today.

July 11th

Fine day we are going under under available stich of canvas in the evening a most tremendous gale set in which lasted all night until this morning nobody slept at all with the exception of Charlie and myself who slept soundly all night Mr Mace's bed gave way & he & Walter were precipitated on the floor.

July 12th

Another fine day with light winds the gale has quite abated things went on in their usual dull routine

July 13 th

The weather is most beautiful with a nice fair wind everybody is quite well Mrs Scholfield comes into the cabin every day I found the blue shirts most comfortable in the cold weather I do not think Charley is a great favourite on board he is so noisy and rude.

July 14th

The wind which had continued favorable to us took it into it's head to turn foul this morning. I say my prayers night and morning and find them the greatest consolation I have. The time passes tediously everybody is so cross when we make the least noise in the world.

July 15th

Everything went on as usual today with the exception that we saw some blackfish.

July 16th

Fine day with a foul wind we had no school today because the weather is so fine. I have a drawing lesson about 3 times a week we saw seven large whales today & a lot of porpoises.

July 17th

Still a foul wind. O how disageable it is to think that you are not getting on at all with your journey Dr Stokes makes himself most disagraeble. The whist club still flourishes.

July 19th

The weather is rather cloudy today. They tacked the ship this morning in hopes of finding the wind better on the other tack. I wish we were at our journey's end I cannot say how much I dislike the voyage. Grandmamma Mrs Mace Mrs Scholfield & Aunt Carry are at the present time occupied playing whist.

July 20th

I woke this morning and heard Mr Denton the second mate calling out "square the main yard" a sure sign for a fair wind. I have been washing some clothes today I find I dirty the clothes so quickly on board ship. The lessons progress very well we have nearly read the history of Ram through with Aunt Carry and I am reading Pope's letters with Grandpa.

July 21st

The wind is still fair I met with an accident today I jammed my finger in the skylight which pained me greatly.

July 22nd

A most beautiful day with a nice little breeze it was dead calm from 12 o'clock this morning when with our usual luck a foul wind sprung up. There are no birds about the ship now & the Captain says we shall not see any till we get the other side of the line.

July 23rd

The wind still the same. We saw a great many porpoises today but could not succeed in catching any. There is not much wind I hope it will lull and a fair one spring up. Mr Scholfield has promised to do me a drawing of Wellington. He draws rather nicely. He and I get on very well together.

July 24th

A dead calm and has been so nearly all last night. We saw 4 ships today and in the evening one of them a ship with "T W" marked on her Topsail passed quickly close to us

July 25th

Saw 4 more ships this morning, two of them passed quite close to us the Captain made out the name of one of them on their stern which was "George Hendrick of Hamburg

July 26th

Another calm day nothing particular happened today except that the two barques kept in sight.

July 27th

The weather still calm the two barques still in sight they are very close to us in the evening about 9 o'clock when we were on the deck when the lookout called "a vessel on the starboard beam" we looked up and there was one of the barques a Frenchmen close alongside. The French Captain hailed us in French and as nobody understood the nautical language of the French but the cook he was called up the quarter boat was manned and got ready for lowering to turn the ship's head from the danger when a little breeze sprang up and we got clear.

July 28th

A little breeze this morning but it died away in the forenoon We have been in sight of the Island of Trinidad this last two days French barque out of sight.

July 29th

Another calm day till nearly noon when a little breeze sprung up and we went the rest of the day about 4 knots. I have sketched the Island of Trinidad and the rocks called Marian Vas which I intend sending to you. We are quite clear of the land at last – after having been becalmed 3 day's.

July 30th

Sighted a large ship this morning and soon got within speaking distance she proved to be the "Camperdown" from Sydney to London 70 days out when we had learnt this news she ran up a signal which indicated important news which was the war between France & Austria and that France won the first engagement we were all in a great state of excitement we lost sight of her about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

July 31st

Another most beautiful day today We had the awning put up which is very nice there is not much breeze We have lost sight of the Camperdown but we can see two brigs.

August 1st

Calm day again today I do not know when we are going to get the Trade winds we were in their limits three weeks ago. We saw a small ship and a brig today homeward bound and in the afternoon we saw another brig and a schooner during this last three weeks we have only gone 750 miles.

August 2nd.

One ship we saw yesterday afternoon was sighted again this morning at daylight about three miles astern we began signalling after breakfast and we learnt that she was the "Pizzaro" from the Sandwich Islands to Bremen 93 days out after she had us this much news she ran up a signal to say she would send a boat on board imagine the excitement after having seen the same faces for 10 weeks to see some new ones the boat arrived soon after and in her were the mate & 3 men she came to ask for some provisions we gave her what we could spare and she then returned the mate being fearful of the wind springing up.

August 3rd

A nice little breeze sprung up last night the Captain says he thinks it is the trade winds we lost sight of the Pizzaro last night about 10 o'clock we think she has gone ahead of us.

August 4th

The breeze continues steady and we are going about 8 1/2 miles an hour everybody is quite well. The carpenter has promised to make me the model of a ship before we get home.

August 5th

Today is a most beautiful day the weather is most dreadfully hot there are such a quantity of fleas in the cabin I am bitten all over I believe everybody else is as bad. We passed a ship outward bound last night about half mile off it was just before I went to bed I could just make her out.

August 6th

This morning is rather cloudy but the wind continues fair we are only about 6 degrees from the line the sailors joke with us and pretend they are going to shave us there are no ships in sight today we saw the Island of Fernando de Naronha which belongs to the Portuguese they use it as a penal settlement it is defended by two or three forts vessels sometimes call in there on their passage from India for water.

August 7th

My birthday and that of Mifs Haines a young lady whose acquaintance I have yet only made by her music. The steward made me two large Plum cakes to celebrate the natal day which passed off very pleasantly.

August 8th

Wind still fair nothing particular happened today Mrs Scholfield & the baby are doing well.

August 9th

Saw a barque this morning standing to the westward the wind is light but fair the invalids are doing well.

August 10th

The wind has freshened up considerably we are going about 7 knots we saw a vessel to windward this morning things went on as usual we have not had any lessons this last few mornings.

August 11th

Fine day with a nice breeze almost fair. Mrs Scholfield is progressing very favourably as is also the baby We saw a whale today which they said was a sperm one.

August 12th

Wind light but favourable everything as usual Mrs Scholfield and the baby are doing well.

August 13th

A very light wind with occasional showers I lent one of the men my line to see if he could catch any fish he put it out this morning and caught a fine bonito he sent part of it to the Cuddy which we had for dinner and I cant tell you it was very nice.

August 14th

A dead calm saw a large ship to windward of us about 30 miles off. We finished the history of Rome with Aunt Carry yesterday.

August 15th

A nice 8 knot breeze which the Captain supposes to be the N E trades. The Captain says we could be home very easily in 18 days I am very tired of the voyage 0 how often do I sigh for you all to be with me I pray to almighty God it may be soon and very soon too. I do like Charley near as much as I expected. I flatter myself I am general favourite with the sailors and I do not think Charlie is. There are a great many "flying fish" about the ship and we saw some fish called "skip-jacks" last night but they would not bite.

August 16th

The wind is light this morning but is accounted for that the sun is nearly above us we saw some porpoises this morning but they did not come near enough to be caught.

August 17th & 18th

Calm everything went on as usual.

August 19th

Light breeze but not very favourable. Saw a ship to leeward of us Aunt Sarah was the first discoverer.

August 20th

The wind is a little stronger today. Mrs Scholfield and the Baby are very well the latter is perceptibly increasing in growth caught another bonito this morning.

August 21st

Fine strong breeze of 9 knots the course we are now steering is about N.N.West. Plenty of porpoises about.

August 22nd & 23rd

Day's rather cloudy saw some weed from the Gulf of Florida but could not catch any.

August 24th

Beautiful day wind strong but not at all favourable caught some of the Gulf weed and put some of it in a bottle to preserve it all the passengers are well.

August 25th

Wind and weather just the same, as is everybody and everything else.

August 26th

Wind and weather pretty fair. Saw a large Brigantine which hoisted American colours she passed so quickly we could not speak her.

August 27th

Fine day with little stronger winds 0 when I sit on deck how often do I cry for home and pray to the Almighty Father of all to bring us all together-in all the happiness peace and health of this world I am crying at the time I write this when I think of you all. May God in his infinite mercy bless & keep you for ever & ever is my prayer. In the evening saw a schooner about a mile to leeward of us.

August 28th

Fine day with light winds from the South West saw a "fore and Aft" schooner supposed to be a whaler to windward of us as also a brig outward bound there were a great many Black Fish about in the afternoon and we saw one or two Dolphins but could not catch any.

August 29th

Very nearly a calm all day and night a very large whale rose up quite near the stern making a great noise we caught 3 dolphins today Charley caught two and one of the men forward caught the other we saw also some leather jackets a small fish something like the ones in New Zealand we could not catch them.

August 30th

Another calm. We had the Dolphins we caught yesterday for dinner today they were very good with the exception of being rather dry.

August 31st

A nice little breeze this morning of about 4 knots our course is at present "North and by East". We have our lessons with Aunt Carry still I am reading Pope's poetry and letters to Grandpa they are very beautiful I have learnt Pope's universal prayer by heart. Grandpa says I get on with my Hebrew pretty well.

September 1st

Everything the same as yesterday.

September 2nd

Hurrah for a 6 knot breeze with a nice sunshiny day everything the same just as monotonous.

September 3rd

Another first rate breeze of 8 knots. We have seen the Aurora Borealis for these last two nights it is very beautiful the Captain says he has never seen it so far south. A large tub floated by supposed to have been thrown from some ship saw two or three whales about.

September 4th

Wind and weather the same we expect to be in England in ten days or a fortnight won't I be glad I am so tired of the voyage.

September 5th

Calm what wind there is foul.

September 6th

A nice breeze but the wind foul everything and everybody the same.

September 7th

A splendid 10 knot breeze with continual showers of rain we are for a wonder going the right way to London and that jolly fast too. Charley was up aloft this morning when he saw through the mist a large vessel making a "south West" course we could not see her from deck at all. The Captain says 7 days more with an 8 knot breeze will see us safe in the East India docks ! I am pretty well safe of winning my bet with Aunt Carry of half a-crown for 110 days out considering we have been out 106 days already.

September 8th

Wind again foul. Is not it a great nuisance that we cannot keep a good breeze for more than four & twenty hours saw some Black fish about 1 mile off. The Captain says it is wonder we have seen no ships.

September 9th

Wind the same saw a vessel a long way off. We have been out 108 days or 16 weeks 3 days today.

September 10th

Fair Wind saw two vessels ahead this morning at daylight we came up to them by two O'clock in the afternoon we spoke both of them one was the Great Britain from Arabia to Liverpool 104 days out the other the Emigrant from the Bay of Bengal to Liverpool 174 days out she is very leaky so much so that she had to discharge part of her cargo at St Helena we were out of their sight by dark.

September 11th

Wind Weather and everybody the same.

September 12th

Wind still fair weather cloudy with occasional showers it was blowing very strong last night so that we took a double reef in each Topsail.

September 13th

Wind abated this morning but blowing very hard again in the evening.

September 14th

Wind next to foul we are I am happy to say in the chops of the Channel I hope the wind may turn fair if it does we can be in London in 3 days. There are a great many vessels in sight we have seen since this morning 27 vessels.

September 15th

Spoke two vessels today on the Alfred the other the Erin go Brogh we have not seen land yet.

September 16th

We saw the Land today supposed to be Stark point which supposition was verified by a cutter going past who told us the Stark bore North 30 miles distant. I forgot in a former part of my Journal to tell you that Dr and Grandpapa had a quarrel about whist it was the Dr accusing Grandpapa of cheating ever since that they have been swords drawn. Grandpapa has been getting up a testimonial to the Captain all the passengers agreed to sign it but the Dr, Mrs Mace & Duncan. Who it seems have formed a league against the Captain because the Wine & Spirits have been short. Yesterday Grandpapa presented the address to the Captain after dinner and he said he much regretted that three persons would not sign the testimonial & he was just going to tell them his supposed reasons for saying so when the Dr said it was all a lie asked Grandpapa who he was and called him a paltry peddler an old Jew and various other names and it should be put in the Wellington papers etc, etc. Grandmamma is very unwell from the excitement but I think she will soon get right.

September 17th

Foul Wind we are still in sight of the Start. A Cowes Pilot Cutter came alongside this morning to ask if we wanted a Pilot or any passengers to go on shore to both interrogations we replied no! We lost sight of him by 12 o'clock she was a most beautiful little boat so trim and neat. The mainmast was broken out of my little Fore-and aft schooner I got one of the men to put a new one in for me & now the boat looks very nice. Grandmamma is a little better but still very poorly.

September 18th

Wind still foul we off Beachy Head this morning we can see the fields haystacks houses etc all quite plain with the aid of the glass we have been tacking about all day and are still in the same place another boat came alongside this morning and asked the same questions as the other to which questions he got no for an answer. Grandmamma is a little better this morning.

September 19th

Wind still foul in the morning but fell a calm for about an hour in the afternoon and then the wind came fair so that we were able to get up to Dungeness & take a pilot there are hundreds of vessels around us we will get up to the Downs tonight and we did get to the downs that night & to London the next so now I have finished my journal. Hip Hip Hurrah

London
December 6th
My darling Mother

1859

Sir Charles Clifford is here he tells me he is going to N Z by the mail so I take this opportunity of sending you my journal

Your devoted son
Willie

Love to all the friends
God bless all my dearest mother