Wednesday December 25th 1867 Bark Albion
George L Bowman Master.

This morning I left my home 76 Middle St & went on board the Bark Albion of Gibraltar just as she was casting her last off. as the air was very light although it was from the N. We took the little steamer Keller Augusta & towed down the river & before getting down to Castle point the wind came to the southward & the Bark came to an anchor as we thought there was a house for her to be there all day & went on in the tug for just and got near the wharf we passed the pilot boat going down with the Capt & officers & Mr N Gifford the Agent of the ship the boat landed the riggers she put me on board of the pilot boat & towed us down & then towed us up to the Sow & Pigs light-house. We made sail & stood down on wind from the Eastward steering SE by E at 2 PM fine steering, light sails all in we had rain. Close watches before dark. lashed the anchors & moved the anchors. When the Pilot boat left I sent a letter to Celia & the Ship by pilot Mr Keller (as to day is Sunday 29 I have been unable to write I shall have to omit most of the events & winds as I am unable to recollect them at the present time)

Thursday December 26th 67

Commenced steering from the SW by W heading to the NW under topsails. Starboard watch having eight hours in or below calls all hands about 2 AM. & double reefed the topsails. at 4 AM called all hands & close reefed the topsails. heading about SW. all hands on deck until 8 & to carry sail carrying a press of canvas to avoid Nantucket shoals. middle part more moderate. made more sail. steering SW by W wind from the Westward. latter part fresh breeze Quite sick for 4 hours & by

Friday December 27th 67

Commenced steering South steering to the SE by E. Employed to day getting the boats ready. latter part steering at 8 AM double reefed the topsails

38 miles
6 miles

M 40	Written May 29th/69. Sent from Key of Inhd. St Georges	
" 41	" May 30 & June 11th " " 12 4 " " " " " "	
" 42	Written June 10th Sent 12 3rd by A Frost Schooner Inhd. Stacktons of	
" 43	Written June 27th & Sent 12 4th Sent from Key Island Aug 27th/69	
" 44	" Sept 23d " By Bark 12 4th Callao from Bay of Islands June 27th/70	
" 45	" Aug 13th " Sent in pony 12 4 Chatham Island Dec 10th/68	
" 46	" Sept 2nd "	
" 47	" Sept 27 & Oct 3 by Bark 12 4 Callao from Bay of Islands June/70	
" 48	" Oct 11 & 19	
" 49	" Nov 4th " Sent in pony 12 4 from Chatham Island Dec 10/68	
" 50	" Nov 28 & Dec — by Bark 12 4 Callao June 170	
" 51	" December 25th /69 & Jan 3rd & Feb 24/70 Callao June/70	
" 52 & 53	" March 22nd & April 1st & April 2nd letter " " June two 21	
" 54	" May 14th & Think made a mistake in one number as I have two 21	
55	June 1st sent by the way of San Francisco of Bay of Islands June	
56	" June 8	
57	" 14	
58	June 12	
59	June 24 Left it at Norfolk Island N.Z. Jan 13th/70	
60	June — Feb 14th sent from Norfolk Island	
61	June 17th & 22 24 & Aug 20 Sent by Mr West at Bay of Islands	
62	Sept 6th & 26 Sent on board Bark Commander to Hobart Town	
63	October 7th " Mailed in Hobart Town Nov 2nd & 20 Dec	
64	November 3rd &	
65	Nov 21st	
66	" 24th	
67	Nov 26	
68	Dec. 4th December 4th/70	
69	" 6th	
70	" 9th Mailed it at Hobart Town December 1st/71	
71	" 14th Mailed it at the Bay of Island March 27th/71	
72	February 24th & 25th /71	
73	March 23rd /71	
74	" 26th	
75	March 30th/71 Sent it by the Northern Light	
76	April " /71 Left it with Baby Dunbar	
77	to be mailed in season for the May mail	
	Written June 3rd &	