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30 September 1856

Had fine weather and variable winds but generally fair until we arrived at Norfolk Island. Of course we have no business here but the wind and our hearts acting together have driven us here to see our old friends once more.

Sighted Norfolk Isle on 30th of Sept this doing it in 8 days and last time took us about 30.

They were delighted to see us but expected we had brought them something to eat as they are getting short of provisions and wrote to Sydney about it.

They seem very discontented, don't like the Island at all (The work and new mode of life I expect) and would much rather be on their own little Island again. George Adams says he will go back to his own home the first opportunity.

I expected the Cap^t would let me go ashore or have seen some of the Girls off, but no, we are disappointed we are not allowed to go ashore, nor have any of the Girls been off. I have had a letter from Augusta, she seems to be hard at work all day and says she has very little time to herself. I don't know how that can be for all that.

All the men have come off except Jack Evans. It is beautiful weather so they can come off when ever they like.