

Extracted from
"The Southern Cross, Tuesday, September 17, 1861,"

The ship 'Northumberland', 811 tons, Captain Hawkins, arrived on Friday, from London, after a protracted passage of 126 days. She took her departure from London on May 10th; Gravesend, the 11th; Deal, on the 13th; and Portland, on the 21st. Beat down the channel; and experienced good north-east trades. The 'Northumberland' kept to the westward of the Cape de Verdes, and sighted San Antonio on June 2nd.

The Equator was crossed, in 27' west longitude, on June 13th; and shortly after fell in with a steady south east trades, with which she run to south latitude 25', west longitude 32'.

On July 13th the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope was passed in 40' south latitude, and the easting was run down between the parallels of 40' and 41' south.

Captain Hawkins reports heavy weather after passing the Cape, the prevailing winds being from the north, north-by-east, and north-west.

In a gale from the south-west, in latitude 40'6 south, longitude 54' east, the rudder head was carried away, when the ship was brought up under canvas, and the damage partially repaired. This south-wester was succeeded for three days by a strong north-easter. The rudder again gave way (August 3rd) in south latitude 39'30, east longitude 85', in a south-easter, which continued without abatement for 36 hours.

The damage was again repaired, as well as possible. The 'Northumberland' passed through Bass Straits with a fresh north-easter, having previously sighted King's Island on August 27th. Kent's group was passed on August 30th. The Three King's were sighted on September 6th, wind from south-west; and the ship had to beat up the entire length of coast from the North Cape, with a cross sea and heavy weather. Although not a swift ship, the 'Northumberland' is reported to have behaved well in rough weather. She was kept a fortnight under close-reefed top sheet. There were no births or deaths on board.

The following is the list of passengers;

James, Mary, James, Frederick, Mary, and Sarah Oldhaw; Mary Mills; Francis, Barbara, Walter, Sydney, and Angela Stewart; Bernard and Ann \Gallagher; Geo Ward; Henry Jackson; John, Mary, John, and Mary J Boyd; Adelaide Ainsworth; Edward Holt; James Barker; Nicholas Phene; Eliza and Joseph Wood; Jas King; Nathan Jackson; Edw and Ellen Meetzard; John, Hannah, Mary Ann, John, and Elizabeth Hodgson; Henry and John Neill; Eliza Buchanan; George and Emma Spurmay; John, Jane, Eliza, and Janet Steel; Margaret Moore; William and Ann Plews; John and Leonard Sevre; Ulick Burke; Robert and Maria Duffy; William and Margaret Kilsall; John, Jane, and Alexander Dodds; Alexander Snedin; Jacob, Ann, Jesse, Bessy, Jacob, Mary, Henry, and Francis Dimes; Margaret Kett; W.E. King; John Kerr; Frederick Ferndon; Carl Muhlbury; Richard Kearney; Matthew Keth; Andrew Young; George -----wick; Edward Pritchard; John Ferguson, wife and six children; James Sogud; James Retford; Herbert Steven; William Marshal; Charles E Porden; Thomas, Sarah, Annie, and Thomas Sunks; Ensign Hulme; Ensign John D Downe; William and Henry Hunter; Andrew DuCross; Captain A. B., Mrs Sylvester; Mary and Augusta Culvert; William Loveday; and William Bailey.

Vessels Spoken:

Captain Hawkins of the 'Northumberland' reports having spoken the following vessels: August 1st, latitude 40' south, longitude 82' east, exchanged signals with the barque 'Cornelia' from Mauritius to Adelaide, 17 days out; August 4th, latitude 39' south, longitude 83' east, spoke the barque 'Zingari' from Sunderland to King George's Sound, 79 days out; September 11th, sighted the barque 'Frowning Beauty', about three leagues from the North Cape, steering west.

The End.