

seldom really sober, he drank nothing but beer and wine hence  
never touching spirits, he has a wife and family in England.  
His conduct has been strange throughout the voyage, swearing  
roaring and bullying nearly all day, he had had no control  
whatever over his underlings, nevertheless he was good  
natured through it all. We are still scarcely moving,  
making but one or two knots an hour, with land in  
sight. A subscription has been made for the poor widow  
Jefferies, about £13. has been collected, to give her a little  
ready money on her arrival, the government will have  
to look after her. Mr. Prince at the commencement of  
the voyage wished to purchase my three canaries, I  
asked £2.10. and he consented, promising me the money  
when we reached Stritchurch, I was to take charge  
of them during the voyage, however he backed out of  
the engagement shortly after when he found his bony  
birds were dying so, but to day he wanted to know whether  
I would adhere to my agreement I told him, certainly not  
he should not have offered under two guineas each now,  
whereas he wanted and declined doing business, he  
manifestly envies me the possession of them.

(I afterwards offered them to him for five guineas including  
all etceteras, he again declined, and said he could not  
give more than three; I lauded them safely, and he then  
offered <sup>to give</sup> me what I had proposed, but I declined having  
already sold one privately to a hair dresser in the town  
for two guineas with cage and feed extra, he then closed  
with me for four guineas for what I had left! so I pocketed  
£4.9. by the transaction, and had the other two lived should  
have made £8.10, the poor man completely overreached  
himself. It is quite true that a canary fetched £15.-  
at an auction, but the bidders were two drunken  
fellows who had each made up their minds to have it.  
The Australian love birds are very generally kept here,  
and very pretty little things they are. 12/9/65)

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Our usual Sunday good fortune attended us  
a stiff breeze sprang up about four o'clock this morning  
from the East sending us N.E. at a rate of ten or twelve  
knots an hour, which was decidedly gratifying after  
the inaction of the previous three days, speculations were  
rife, as to when we should reach Banks Peninsula, we all retired  
with the fond anticipation of anchoring at least in the early  
afternoon of the following day. The doctor stuck champagne for dinner.  
5<sup>th</sup> Every one was up betimes this morning eagerly looking  
for the desired haven, which had been expected since midnight.