

Marianne as well, but as for Francis I had no news from Francis him & don't know where he is. We had a quieter passage than we expected & a very good one for weather but the food was very bad indeed & if I had not had some of my own I don't know what I should have done but I managed to make it last out well. My hand is almost as well as the other but it has a very bad scar but that won't matter. Work is very dull indeed here now, at Christ Ch there is no work to be had at all, unless potato digging at about 1² a sack and your grub and that will not get you ~~any~~ fortune, but I don't mean to leave this country until I have got it if it takes me until I get an old man. Mr & Mrs Peach wish to be remembered to you & he said you would find farming much better out here than at home

he keeps a few horses & carts timber about for other people, he only has two of his children at home the others are out somewhere at school. Mr Sam Islip lives 25 miles from here I am going to see here to-morrow, & another Islip lives at a sheep station 80 miles from here. I expect you saw the arrival of the ship a day or two after we got in. Mr Peach has sent you a newspaper with all about it, in I expect you will get it with this letter. We met a ship on the voyage homeward bound & I sent two letters home to you & my diary up to then. I send the other half with this. I have got my luggage safe but I had a lot of trouble with it there was a ship came in the same day that we did with you emigrants from Shent so they are thinning you a bit. I have not much more news to tell you this time, or much time