

day after Hilliard recorded his Happiness, Greenwood wrote 'There was another unfortunate occurrence which was nearly as follows. When the Intermediate's Porter was stopped the Surgeon was on good terms with them generally; Messrs M. & A. mentioning it to him he said, there is plenty on Board, stick out & the Captain will give in to you, this was mentioned in a letter to the Captain, & the Surgeon denied it; therefore Mr M. asked him (as he came from the Sick bay) when he would be ready to go before the Captain, to clear up what he had said about Mr A. & him; he said had he said so it was very ungentlemanly of him (Mr M.) telling the Captain; but he did say, there was plenty of Emigrants Porter on board marked "Medical comforts" how did he know what was on board as cargo. The Surgeon called Mr M. a liar & Blackguard upon which he (M.) seized the Surgeon by the coat & threatened to strike him, saying you call me a liar & Blackguard; the S. answered you are proving yourself to be so; he said you call me so again & I will, the S. answered "strike me", he said I would but you will prosecute me; he answered yes I would. Here the Cap. came down & the matter ended. The Cap. said (after) Mr M. was not drunk but had always behaved properly.' While that was being written Hilliard was confessing to having been very unwell for the last few days, and feeling that he will not recover his health and spirits until he can resume his old habits of exercise. There is an uncharacteristic touch of depression and self-pity in this entry. A man whose burdens are such that they cannot be imparted even to his diary is a sad man.

At long last Hobart Town was reached on 27 February, and Hilliard with great relief stepped ashore. He was much impressed with what he saw and with the hospitality of Dr Learmonth, First Physician in Hobart. During the next few days he did some intensive sightseeing, enjoyed a good deal of social life, and kept his ears open for reports of New Zealand. 'All the Hobart Town people speak terribly of Port Nicholson, say that 70 people left New Zealand & came here & to Port Philip for employment & that nothing but distrust dissatisfaction & starvation was to be met with there. Mem: not to credit all the accts. we here in this place as Hobart Town is a rival Colony & of course would not speak well of any new settlement likely to injure their own. Saw Dr. Campbell who had just arrived from Port Nicholson & was Surgeon to the Blenheim, did not like New Zealand said they were overrun with Medical men & that he was going to settle at Port Philip or Sidney.' Greenwood, spending much less time ashore, had little to say about Hobart Town. He was impressed with some very fine shops ('equal to London') and beautiful houses ('Gentlemen's Seats') but he was more concerned with getting his letters properly finished and sent off than with taking much notice of a place which was unlikely to play any part in his life.

Two days before the *Lady Nugent* put to sea again, bound for Port