



Letter from New Zealand

We have been shown a letter received from John Mortimer, who emigrated from this town to New Zealand some six years ago, in which he gives most glowing accounts of his prospects there. At the date of his letter, Aug 11., he says they had just passed through a very long and dreary winter, but there were signs of a beautiful spring setting in, although the winds were very rough.

All kinds of provisions in the part where he is settled (Hampton, Otago) he says, are about the same price as in England: bread 7d. the 4lb. loaf, butter 1s. 6d. per lb., cheese 11d., bacon 11d., sugar 4d., beef 6½d. to 7½d., mutton 4½d., tobacco 5s. per lb., best tea 4s., but land is cheap and wages high. He had purchased an acre of ground on which to keep his cow and bullock, and keeps a large number of fowls. Fruits of every description are plentiful and to be had for the picking. There are also plenty of wild fowl and wild pigs to be had for the shooting.

He complains that there is such a scarcity of dressmakers in the colony, and that from 12s. to 20s. has to be paid for making a plain dress.

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