

There were but few days on which rain did not fall during some portion of the twenty-four hours, but seldom heavily; lightning and thunder occurred once during the time. The climate may be called extremely boisterous, although from the fact of the natives being without any kind of covering, one would suppose it cannot be very variable as to temperature, throughout the year. The want of clothing is not, however, peculiar to all the natives; those seen at Good Success Bay were well covered with guanacoe-skins, and are a finer-looking and taller race of men.

Observations of any kind are difficult to be had at Orange Harbour, either by day or night.

While Lieutenant Carr and his party were at the observatory, a wolf was seen, at which Midshipman Clark fired, but supposed he was not shot. The next morning he was found dead at a short distance from the place. He appeared very ferocious and fearless. Mr. Drayton made a correct drawing of him, and a number of measurements were taken. The hair was long over the whole body, and that about the neck and shoulders stood erect. It was a male, weighed fifteen pounds and three quarters, and measured, from nose to tip of tail, three feet six and three-fourths inches, and stood sixteen inches and a half high; colour of back, top of head and tail, gray, the latter with a tuft of black at its end; sides of head and outside of legs reddish brown; white between the legs and on the belly. Dr. Fox some days afterwards shot a female near the same place; she had attacked one of the men, and seized his pea-jacket.

The wolf is the only land animal that is a native of the soil, and is supposed the same as that described by Captain King. The natives have many dogs.

Of land birds, we found the upland goose, a most beautiful eagle, a few plover, and some small birds. There are great quantities of wild fowl, geese, ducks, and the usual sea birds, to be seen at all times in the harbour, where they find abundance of food among the kelp.

A number of burnt human bones were dug up in a cave; but whether the natives burn their dead or not, we had no opportunity of ascertaining.

Orange Harbour is an excellent place to obtain wood and water. The latter is easily procured and of good quality. Winter-bark may be obtained here in large quantities; scurvy-grass and wild celery are also plentiful around the shores; and fish are in abundance.

As a resort for vessels in distress or affected with scurvy, &c. &c., this port may be recommended; and it is the only one on this coast that offers a safe and convenient harbour to supply their wants.