

WRECKS AND DISASTERS.

FOUNDERING OF THE SCHOONER TERRARA.—This vessel, the property of Messrs. W. Hazlett and Rice, left Sydney for the Macleay River on Tuesday, the 4th instant, and at two a.m. on Wednesday, when off Port Stephens, the crew pumped her dry. About half-an-hour afterwards, the master, who was below dozing, heard a heavy rush of water, and, thinking there was a gale blowing, he ran upon deck, but found it was clock calm. The hatches were then taken off, when it was found that the noise which woke the captain was that of the water in the hold, she being then half full. The boat was at once put over the side, and three of the crew got in, but the captain, wishing to have something to steer by, endeavoured to unscrew the compasses; but, seeing the vessel beginning to settle by the head, he very wisely desisted, and had just stepped into the boat when the schooner went down. They were at this time about twelve miles from shore, and were enabled to effect a landing at Narrowgut Lighthouse Island, at seven a.m. on the 5th. The schooner is insured for £600 in the Victoria Office, and the master attributes the foundering to the heavy swell, which must have started one of the butts, and opened her right along.

THE SPRAY.—The brig Spray, which arrived from Newcastle on Wednesday, was leaking so badly at one time during the passage that the captain hailed the schooner Resolute and asked him to stand by until they found whether they could get the pumps to suck. It appears the crew pumped her dry at one o'clock on Tuesday, and after dinner, on sounding, they found that she had made a great deal of water. The pumps were again manned by all hands, and at about six o'clock they got her free, and anchored in Sydney Harbour at three a.m. on Wednesday.

STRANDING OF THE BRIG WAVE.—We are indebted to Mr. Rock Davis, who has just arrived from Broken Bay, for the following particulars respecting the stranding of this vessel. He states that a party of lawyers informed him that early on Sunday morning they were out on a fishing excursion and observed the brig Wave on shore, about three miles north of Terrigal boat harbour. None of the crew could be seen, the only sign of life being a dog. The Wave belongs to Melbourne, and is a vessel of 195 tons register. Her master's name is Garson, and she left Newcastle for Melbourne on Friday last, with 275 tons coal.

FOUNDERING OF THE MOUNTAIN MAID, SCHOONER.—This vessel, coal laden from Newcastle to Sydney, was caught in the southerly squall that came on during Saturday evening, and went down off Long Reef. The Comet, ketch, was in company, and saved the master and three hands who got into the boat, but one of the crew was drowned.