

Never Forget

Each word and each line here might be a clue.
Solve them alone or get help from a crew.
Go through the lines and add up your scores.
Follow my lead and the prize will be yours.

Somewhere in the world, at a far southern isle,
My namesake arrived and stayed for a while.
Southern yes, but above the equator,
She created a stir a little time later.

A sudden event, blown way out of size,
Accusations, denials, and probably lies.
And so an historic kerfuffle was born.
It did not last long but relations were torn.

Five out of six were eventually lost,
With many abandoned, and at a great cost.
Ironically, they stayed with me for a while,
But sadly, their visit was not in fine style.

Another island, and much farther north,
They waited and waited for news to come forth.
Before all the discussions were done,
Fever and disease took thirty-one.

When they were ready to return to their home,
They packed up their bags and they headed for Rome.
Years later, new information gave pause,
Revealing what might be the truth of the cause.

For future generations, records were kept.
Little pieces of history so we don't forget.
Go find this old memory in my archive:
Seven thousand, eight hundred and fifty-five.

Many years later, controversy still swirls,
More research may help as history unfurls.
Old records exist for all to see,
Go find them now and remember me.

- You will need to identify the details of the event to get to the answer, but the correct submission will be what you discover with the final clue.
- To win, the correct answer must be exact.
- Send your responses to me via PM here on Mysterious Writings.

- Have fun, and good luck!