

January 1st New Years Day 1869

Strong winds from the Westward and slack all except the blowing of the snow. The ranging at 24 below zero had a ball on board of the Ansel Gibbs and removed the old gear out and new one in every thing went off very pleasantly for these frozen regions. To End.

Therm 1st to 10th light winds from different points of the compass with a considerable fall of snow the thermometer ranging from four above to 30 below zero to day the 10th the thermometer 45 below for the first time the 6th three Natives came over from the Main on the drift-ice To End.

Therm 10 to 16 light and variable winds from different points of the compass the thermometer ranging from 10 to 45 below zero the 12 the Natives went back on the ice to the main land 16th went a gunning got 1 Seal and one Duck plenty of open Water between the Island and Main land by strong gales from N.W. and cold then standing at 23 below To End.

Therm 17 to 23 Strong gales from N.W. and W. snow blowing badly and very cold then ranging from 20 to 45 below zero ice packed between the Island and the main To End. No Journey made its appearance as yet and I pray to the Lord it will not.

Therm 23 to 1st February fresh gales from the Northward the most of the time the therm standing at 20 below the most of the time a total Eclipse of the Moon on the 2nd commenced about 10 am in the Evening did not wait to note the time when it went off spring tide broke the ice away between the Island and main No Journey yet To End.

February 1st 1869 Lying at Marble Island

Therm 1st to 6th light winds and fine weather most of the time therm ranging at about 15 below zero 3 six Natives came over on the floating ice but brought nothing with them left a shell load of car meat on the Main Saturday Eight men and two Natives started with a Whale Boat for it but could not get across the ice being too thin to bear but could not row a boat through it returned the next morning after being on the ice all night therm at 10 below To End.

Therm 7 to 15th up to 14th light winds from different points of the compass with fine weather for this country went ducking and got Eight two more squids of Natives came over and brought some fish and got caught here and could not get back heavy gales from N.W. with thick weather from the 14th up to the present time the 18th the ranging from 40 to 55 deg below zero for the last four days To End Natives still with us six here and fifteen on board of the Gibbs the 18th the first appearance of the Sun slightly in the month.

Therm 18 to 21st heavy gales from N.W. with very cold weather then ranging from 40 to 55 below zero Natives still on board could not get off too cold to move the journey patient about the same To End.

Therm 21 to March 1st prevailing winds mostly from the North and very cold then ranging from 30 to 50 below the 20th ice stuck between the Island and the main several parties of natives came over with fish Deer Meat and skins for trade from the 25th to last day of Feb light winds from the South and fine weather all hands out a Walrusing but without success Natives not haul all out much yet on the ice some months out to day To End.