

Laying at Staten Lana South Sea

Oct 10th

Arrived here this day at another convenient

October 11th

Proceeded on shore with Statens watch and cut wood. Labourers watch employed in pumping out salt water preparing two filling fresh. Day ends foggy but pleasant.

Oct 12th

Laying in the Harbour of Port Cook generally employed filling water, cutting wood and overhauling rigging. And also other necessary work for encountering the antarctic seas. We have shot some game. But it is generally with the exception of Red Gull which are numerous along the sea coast and are fair eating when properly cooked we find but small variety of fowls on this Island. To name them we first place the gull, then a few ducks, or steamer of old voyagers, the teal, but none, and one species of Mallard also found. But very fine eating. The Lana birds, we first find the Bussard, then fishing Hawk, and a small species of Eagle or Hawk I have never seen elsewhere. Two or three species of Linnets, or Thrush of dark brownish color almost approaching black with ringed neck, and one clasp of snipe, called the Black oyster catcher. Not that we find oysters here, but bearing so close resemblance to those found in the northern Hemisphere. Mussels are abundant and of very good quality, some sign of clams, but scarce occasionally a hair seal. Sea lion and one fur seal big has been seen, we found no other and no much sign although they exist and probably plenty at some seasons of the year. Penguin are scarce, but shags abound. I have found none, a fine species of crab was caught.

Towards South Shetlands

Oct 13th

Left the Harbour of Staten Lana this day and proceeded to sea. Wind, mild and unusually moderate, as it has been for the last ten days. We intended to run for the Diego's. But as strong easterly current existing, and no wind to stem it I have decided to run for the south and risk it. Day ends calm.

October 14th

Sunday. continues calm and sunshiny. Middle hours moderate from the westward with some southern swell. Latter part overcast and warm and brig in sight. Bona westward. And a shipper ship north and Bona.

Oct 20th

continues moderate and continues variable with occasional fog throughout the day.

October 21th

Tuesday. continues moderate from the south. Middle hours veers easterly and freshens. Latter hours fresh from the north and east with snow and sleet.

October 22nd

Wednesday. fresh breeze from the north east. fog & snow first part, middle and latter hours, more moderate and pleasant with sunshine and warmth.

October 23

first part moderate with increasing sea. Middle foggy, calm and hazy. Latter hours strong breeze from the north east. passing squalls of snow and rain with freezing atmosphere. No observation of the flower bearing by estimation. S.E. by East. Distance 47 miles.