

Nov^r 13th Off Table Island Eastern Borneo

Day comes in moderate. Early morning sent two Boats in to Desolation Island to search the rocks and beaches on all sides, which they did but found no seals on the Eastern Point met two boats, one from Schooner flying fish & one from the Franklin both of New London just arrived on the two days previous. Capt. J. J. found one sea dog and slew him for oil. J. J. Lamps, Reports Francis Allen & Simmons Borneo for Potters Cove. Day continues moderate throughout. Wind Easterly Heavy swells running from the Westward.

November 14th

Winds moderate from the North West steering N. E. for Elephant Island and seals Rocks to leave a Boat and crew. 8 AM Passed Cape Melville, saw several Ice Bergs of the Cape. 4 PM abreast the Island of Asplana & Oblique. Wind freshening from the North. Air clear. But freezing cold all these 24 hours. The decks covered with ice. Refreshed the fire again this day.

Nov^r 15th

Last evening stowed in to the Island of Asplana wind blowing heavy. could not land. Went about. took out Bonnet of jell and Double Reefed fore and aft. and headed westward. Midnight wind died out. and waves are very sea crosser. This morning wind comes from the N. East. Latter hours were southeasterly. and resolves into heavy gales. accompanied with much snow and freezing weather. Schooner bore to heading N. E. and Easterly. Elephant Island on our Lee Bow. visible in the clearings.

Day ends cold and dreary wish I was Home again

Southern Ocean among South Shetland Is^{ls}
Nov^r 16th

Monday Moderate Breezes from the S W run down to the eastern end of Seal Rocks and came to anchor in eleven fathom water with rough sea. Lowered two Boats and pulled in and examined the rocks. and found a camping ground. found plenty eggs but left them unmolested. Killed one brought on board four sea dogs, fatted a Boat crew with one month's provision and all other necessaries for camping and killing seals. started the Boats and landed with the first one myself. and ordered the other to lay off. in attempt to land again was swamped by an unfortunate Brother. But all finally reached the shore in an exhausted state. Threw one Boat but lost the oars, ordered the other boat with their officer to proceed immediately on board and leave us and supposed he had done so. But after leaving us. and starting for the schooner, in fear of not reaching he attempted a landing. and the result was the loss of all their clothes most of the provisions all the back tackling. and nearly their lives. But succeeded in climbing a rock and roosting with the Penguin till

The morning. and arrived on board in the boat with two oars the following morning in an exhausted and played out state. having had no fire and no means save of getting over. The first boat. myself in command having matched entered a cave. killed a leopard sea dog. and two Elephants. one young and one old. pealed them built a roasting fire. sent the boys up the hills brought down a half bushel or more of eggs. which we fried boiled and roasted together with variety of liver & tongues we managed to live on the fat of the land. through