

Seal Islands South Shetlands

out the day and night comfortably. Thus ends that day, on the morning of the 17th about ten or eleven o'clock the Thren mates boat in charge of Stewart and schooner crew came in and reported the casualties of her night experience and to know what we required, which was a set of oars. The surf running comparatively smooth, brought in the oars, we saw the boat and returned on board all safe. Refitted the boat crew from the slop chest and made all ready for another trial to morrow. Determined to fight it out on this line if not driven to sea by heavy gales.

Nov 18th

Tuesday terrible rugged sea, some snow, wind from the North East and foggy. occasional clearings shown still riding out bravely. Lowered the mates boat and went in myself to see if it was prudent to land, found too much swell on both sides of the island to make the attempt. Returned on board and hoisted the boat up for the night, patience nearly gone. Whistling having done its work in my absence with three mates. Thus ends the day - - - Foggy Brains & weather

Nov 19th

Stormy all this day from the North and East, with a bounding sea still riding at anchor of the seal Rocks. Moved the galley stove into the fore-castle for the comfort of the boys this day, having lost the small one with the other accoutrements in the disaster above mentioned. This evening 6 o'clock wind veers Westward and clears bringing the wind from the land with ugly sea running. Hope it will smooth down to morrow. Day end gloomy. Both still hope on. Patiently

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Nov 20th Heavy gales accompanied with snow and sleet, and a rugged sea all all these 24 hours. Still riding at anchor, the rocks bearing West distant one half mile. No chance to lower a boat schooner rolling heavy with trysail set on the mainmast and Breen aft.

Nov 21st

Morning hours wind somewhat abates and inclines South Westward with prospect of clearing. Heavy sea still running from the North West. Midday and latter hours strong gales and willowaws from the rocks wind still South with snow flurries.

Nov 22nd and 23rd

Day ends gloomy no chance for landing

24 Day commences with strong winds from the South West. Midday hours more moderate
25 Lowered the boats and effected a landing
26 found no seal life. Killed two elephant
27 and some sea dogs for fuel and use
28 to remain on the rocks and send the
29 schooner back to start points and return
30 1 So this days log comprises thirty two days
2 as a cohabitant with Boat crew with
3 the Penguins. We have lived well and been
4 throughout comfortable and the men enjoyed
5 it. In the time we have been able to thoroughly
6 seal all the Islands almost daily and also
7 visit Elephant Island and Cape Lindsay
8 with our boats. Seals have however been scarce
9 (remarkably so) having taken during the time
10 only one Hundaria and thirty three skins
11 which was a loss, some were that escaped with the
12 explosion of some fifteen wigs we refrained from
13 killing, thinking they would go but little ways
towards making up our voyage as far from seeing as