

47 skins from Stark Point 1300 ft from Seal Rocks 16 from Harmer Island 2448 ft from

South Seas. *Stark Island* deers for the more valuable seals. But as it proved we had as well take them, for they were taken from us by the German Bark *Greenland* Piloten and associated with Capt. Potts of schooner *Lizze* Simmonds of New London whose motive or motive seems to be, if he cannot make a voyage himself, others shall not. But it is only the old adage verified. Misery loves company. Human nevertheless, and coming in on Sunday to destroy & that without taking all the skins which I admit were worthless on account of the scars & sores upon them, and more than all, but it only proves the man, and its medals to say more. The schooner arrived this morning, and I resume my duty on board. Leaving the three officers Mr. Maynard on the rocks in my place at 10 o'clock, weighed anchor and started westward for Stark Point, wind light from the North West, with snow and fog at 2 1/2 m sea, snowing heavy, 12 m pass between the rocks of Cape Lindsay, steering South West, during the day continues snowing.

While a resident of the seal Islands for the purposes of cooking and fire generally I have destroyed sea dogs, sea tigers, elephant and leopard on an average of one a day and occasionally a dozen penguins, so our stock of fuel has been such as to enable us in the cave we inhabited nights, to keep warm and comfortable throughout, a cave judging from the numerous carcasses and other remains which ~~must~~ have served me for a food, must have served and been resorted to for hospital purposes by the above inhabitants of these antarctic seas. These islands are rocks, lying

about nine miles from the nearest point of elephant Island, and due north from Cape Lindsay are bold and precipitous of irregular shape, & height the south eastern end bounding on to the mountains and declining as you trace westward until was here over by the sea from three to four miles in extent, and also of a basaltic specimen without tree shrub or grass. But a very fine species of moss on its eastern summit. Kelp grows on the deep rocks, and limpets are obtainable at low water from the rocks. This ell and flow five feet average, floor running Eastward generally, about ten hours of the tide and the ell slack. The fine in dissecting the stomachs of these sea animals, there were consist of fish, principally species of cod & ling closely resembling those of our own coasts, but must be caught in the deep soundings, as we have never found them in shore with Hook & Line. So was then days.

Dec 25th Christmas Day, light southerly winds and suns here, a lovely day, working westward, Island of Aspland in our telescope quarter, and a large ice berg in our sea, day was very moderate and pleasant.

Dec 26th continues moderate. Midday hours freshens up, and, heavy falls of snow and sleet, from the Island of Livingston latter clears, and falls of calm, leaving an ugly sea. Cape Sherriff, Stark Point, Barnard's Peak and Smith's Island all in view.

Dec 27th Day milder and pleasant throughout, sun light from the westward and clear, stood in to Stark Point to see the boys, and bring of skins found them all well with 38 prime skins having found seal very scarce. Day was pleasant

244 seals
Altogether