

South Seas Smiths Island

Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Moderate and pleasant throughout all these 24 hours. Wind variable.

361 seals  
also taken  
on board

Lanasa on Smiths Island and took 79 prime seals this day. Ends pleasant

Dec 29<sup>th</sup>

comes in moderate and pleasant. wind southerly. Lanasa on the Island and took 39 prime seals. Maaan and latter

39 seals

hours snowing thick with freshening breezes. Laying off and on saw the Bark Greenland this day heading Westward. Day ends with snow, wind S West

December 30<sup>th</sup>

comes in fresh with snow (melting) clear and moderated. This morning landed and

36 seals

took 36 prime seals. rough landing. Day ends fair, Wind South West and cloudy

Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

Day fresh from the South West. first part clear and pleasant. 4 P M Landed on a 46 seal rock and took 3 seals. Latter hours thick snow storm, wind inclining westward. Landed no matter where and took forty six prime seals. Day ends rugged

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1874

More or less snow throughout the day. Landed through the breakers and captured 43 seals. and returned on board safely. all well. wind continued south and westerly. Latter hours Landed and took 7 seal much snow on the rocks prevents them hauling saw some in the water

50  
44 seals  
535  
total

Day ends thick with fog

South Seas January 2<sup>d</sup> 1874

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comes in with snow and strong winds from the South West. Lowered the boat and Landed. took 43 prime seals with the 7 captured in the morning making 50 for this day added to 535 figures 585. Day ends so, so.

585  
seals

~~585~~

Jan 3<sup>d</sup>

commences stormy from South West with snow and heavy sea rolling from the westward. Made in to the landward of the rocks. Lowered the Boat and Landed took 25 prime seals. Latter hours calm with snow flurries from the Eastern Board. all hands employed Beaming & setting. Landed again. Landed and captured 14 seals and again and took 1 seal on distant Island. This ends the day moderate

35  
seals

14  
seals

624

January 4<sup>d</sup>

Sunday. First part dense fog. and moderate breeze from the North and East. middle hours partially clear. Made the Land. Stove in. Lowered our Boat and Landed. Took and brought on board 23 seals prime. Latter hours dense fog. and no wind. heavy rolling sea from the South West. Schooner drifting westward with the current

23  
seals

Jan 5<sup>d</sup> Monday

Dense fog, with rain at intervals throughout the day. at noon Stove in to the Land. wind N West. Made the point of the Island. Lowered the Boat and Landed took 17 seals and found our way back. at night 7 P M Landed again and Landed on a rock and took 7 seals and returned on board. Day ends dense fog and North

25  
seals

672  
seals

to date