

South Seas, South West, "Islands"

Jan 6th Tuesday
 Wednesday, wind North and moderate with heavy fog all the day. 1 seal. Stove in and found the Island. Lowered and landed, took one seal, no more on the rocks. End with fog & rain. Standing northward.

Jan 7th Wednesday
 Thursday, wind North East and strong, with fog all this day. Schooner laying off end on Smith Island. Sea rugged. Land obscured totally.

Jan 8th Thursday
 Friday, first and middle hours dense fog, wind N. East. Latter part snowing heavy, wind fresh from the East. Sea & E. Thick and gloomy.

January 9th Friday
 Saturday, thick snow storm, wind easterly, first and middle hours. Latter part lights up partially. Stove in to Smiths Is. Covered our Boat, and Landed. Sea rugged. Took thirty seven prime seals, and returned on board. Day ends moderate with light snow.

Jan 10th
 Saturday, comes in with light air from the eastward and clearing. 4 seals. Middle and latter hours calm, with smooth sea. Lowered and landed took four seals. Rocks covered with snow. Landed again and took 2 seals.

Jan 11th
 First and middle watch, light air from the westward and fog. Latter part clears and falls calm, with heavy rolling sea. Landed in the latter hour and took 20 prime seals. Day ends calm.

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Jan 12th
 Light air from the south West, first and middle watch. Latter hours calm inclining Easterly. 6 a.m. Landed on Low Island and hunted high & low for seals, found 7 on the mountains, 6 on the coast, rocks, making 13. This day.

Jan 13th
 Tuesday, moderate and inclining to calm all these 24 hours. Landed this morning and took 28 prime seals. Now kept off for Start Point. Day ends fine.

Jan 14th
 Wednesday, wind westerly, and made beach. Start Point, 10th midnight. Started Boat ashore, and if not taking any seals, to break encampment, and return on board, which was done, arriving at 4 a.m. with camp, 80 skins, and 29 skins. In passing wind on Island ordered a survey of the beaches which was taken by Boat crew. found all hands asleep. But no seal up. 8 a.m. kept off for seal rocks. Master Photwell, in command of encampment. Reports dissatisfaction prevailing throughout the New London fleet, which is nothing to me. Day ends moderate of Desolation Island.

Jan 15th
 Thursday, commences moderate wind 72 seals. First, middle watch, air, with calm. Latter hours breeze freshens from the East & East. Stove in to Round Point. Georges Island. Lowered two Boats and Landed took 72 prime seals and returned on board, wind freshening, with snow.