

Off (Mount) Piggah Smiths Island
Feb 22^d

Sunday. wind comes with freshening
breezes from the N East, and cold, get
underway from Low Island and ran
1396 seals for Expectation back S Island. Landou
1408 and took 12 seal. wind southerly and
moderated, filled away to run for Starb
Point, via window Island. Day ends
cloudy, with appearance of storm.

Feb 23^d

Monday comes in wind north East, and
heavy sea increases to a violent storm
with fog and rain put the vessel under
storm sails and headed northward, sails
going out every day, and weather and
winds treacherous I deem it prudent to
abandon the Shetlands, same time believe
that with sails & rigging to stand the
storms. I could see from two to three hundred
sea seals to our voyage. Its not only due
to the owners which I regret, but one to
myself for which I am partially to blame
having said I thought her sails would
stand the voyage, before leaving home, which
was a mistake. Day ends stormy wind N East
heading N N West, employed heaving and
salting skins.

Feb 24^d

Tuesday wind moderates down leaving
a heavy sea, fog and light. through
the first and middle watch
Latter hours the same wind sea
clearing northward, schooner heading
northwest and going for Point
Day ends moderate with fog

Southern Seas. working north

February 25th

Wednesday comes in moderate
with fog middle and latter hours calm
and clearing. Day ends pleasant, working
northward. no observation

Feb 26th

Thursday calm and fog all
these 24 hours. Lat 59.47° Long 68.30

Feb 27th

Friday Light air from the
north West, and clear. first watch
Latter hours freshens up and backs
to the north & West. No observation

Feb 28th

Saturday stormy all the first and
middle watch. Latter hours clears partially,
wind still north West, with heavy rolling
sea from the south West. Day ends cloudy

March 1st

Sunday First and middle
light from the S East. Latter hours
blows up and rains. Ends in a deter
mined heavy gale from the south
east, with mountainous sea, schooner
here to head eastward under storm sails,

March 2^d

Off Cape Horn
Monday Strong gale wind S easterly
middle hours wind veers southerly and
lulls. V G 4 on height of on our course
Latter hours partially clears up and moder
ates wind south West.

Tuesday King & Byron, old voyagers in the south
seas say south East & easterly gales never blow
home but its a great error they do blow, and
as determined by those from the westward
but less frequently. (My experience)

Left for the northwards