

Surra Del Fuago

Oct 28th

Wednesday, Light air from the westward. Weighed anchor and started for Idelfonso. Off false Cape Diaz with calm. sent a boat in to search the Cape and beaches. returned & which saw some hair seals and broken spars on the west side. Landed on the Cape and crossed over to the south side. Rugged shores setting in but found a good landing in a cove close to the water. Took off some Limpets. Day continues calm throughout. Laying and drifting into Pousby Sound. Shearer in company. Trine for fish but find none.

Oct 29th

Thursday. Off Cape Horn. Landed with Shearer. afternoon sprang up a light air from the S.W. stood close to the land but could not weather the Cape. Shearer fetched by and ran us out of sight to the westward. Sails about two feet to our eye on an average. saw some wind freshen and we stood off shore. Day ends cloudy. wind West.

Oct - 30th

Friday morning made Diego Ramirez. kept off and ran down under the lee of the Islands and came to anchor. sea rugged. saw great numbers of fur seals around the schooner. Took my gun and shot a fine dog seal and threw my fish line over and caught him. after breakfast sent the mate in strong hand to trim the prospect. wind veered of the Island. saw seals in groups of ten and fifteen strewn all along the shore. but could not reach them for clubbing. shot five in the water. mate landed and sent second on board for more ammunition. returned on board bring 14 skins. went in after supper myself and shot two wigs getting dark. returned on board making 16. prime skins this day. Ends Rugged

Diego Ramirez South Seas.

Oct 31st

Saturday. rough weather. Landed strong gang in one boat on the second Island of Diego. cut out and killed 137. prime seals and returned on board. Mate Mr. Noyes had a fall in the attack and put his arm out of joint. went back. shot in the midst of battle and set and burned it up. afterwards returned on board. mate in Shearer arrived and sent in two boats. took 34. skins. sent back second mate and took 19 more prime seals and came on board. Day ends rugged anchor off the Island riding with bounty. Birds in flocks and plenty seal in the water.

407. Seal on board
280. Seal on Shearer

November 1st

Sunday. commenced Breeze blowing heavy from the West North West with high sea. afternoon. Landed two boats from Shearer and landed on second Island. shot and brought off 50 prime seals. Day ends rugged Laying at anchor still.

Remained on Boat Island southern Diego two graves. The first in memory of a young man aged 19 years of Portland Maine name Thompson. Boarded from schooner Annie in year 1832 with marble Head stone in good preservation. The other with stone of the country. no name same. The square & compass to commemorate him. such if life and such is death. how little it matters them whether buried in a quiet New England church yard or here amidst the ceaseless roar of south Atlantic and Pacific waves with tumultuous cry of flocks of birds. and the quiet tread of seals, all so it is.

Diego

November 3rd

430. Seal

Monday. still blowing and storming through the night. Landed and shot 13 prime seals. Shearer took in board coming on dark. returned on board. Day ends wind more moderate from the south West.