

Siege Ramirez South Sea

November 3^d

Tuesday. Blowing with great violence from West North West, and storming first and middle hours. Latter hours inclines more westerly and clearer, still at anchor under the lee of second Island 19 fathoms water. Shearer sent in two boats, returns after dark, wind moderating and more pleasant.

Nov 4th

Wednesday, wind comes to the north this morning and storms. Obligated to leave our anchorage, got underway to go westward, reefed down sails, and stowed out papers with vessel, carried sail as long as possible then bore two head westward. Day ends in a determined gale North West, Shearer lost sight of in the rain, Siege bearing E N E dist 18 miles.

Nov 5th

Thursday, morning wind inclines southerly and moderated, with high sea crossed. Shortly out into open, and tried to reach Idelfonso midday, died out calm. Siege bearing East distant 20 miles. Think the Shearer ran back to the Island, seals plenty in the water.

Nov 6th

Idelfonso Island

Friday, morning Idelfonso under our lee 10 miles distant. Strong winds westerly, ran down under the lee to find anchorage but could not, water deep and ragged bottom, here to and lowered a boat to examine the rocks, found plenty seal life. But too rough to land, wind died out, calm, schooner drifting easterly.

Nov 7th

488 Seals on board

Saturday, started for the rocks at 4 AM with two boats, see rugged shore 38 p.m. seals, and left the Shearer's boats at the rock, seals very wild, run like deer, and swim like fish. Day ends calm, and heavy ragged sea from south west.

Porten Island South coast Terra Delo Fuego

Nov 8th

Sunday. Last night took a squall from S. West, reefed our mainsail, and in company with Shearer ran in two a cove East side of Porten Island, found the passage, and sound a labyrinth of small rocky Islands. We anchored in second cove from the entrance, good Harbours but deep water no Indians. But some huts on the left Bank, good watering, and passable wooding. This portion of the Island was unsurveyed, but it appears several good anchorages and will turn it Hunt & Shearer cove. Day storming, and clearing at intervals, at night much rain.

Nov 9th

Monday, comes in storming wind westerly sent boats after wood and water. Brained and salted skins. Shearer took 26 skins from Idelfonso. Saturday, making 367 on board. Day ends wind fresh at Porten Island.

Nov 10th

Tuesday still in the cove, wind blowing heavy from the westward. Boys went on shore washing. Day ends more moderate. Saw another this day but could not get a shot.

Nov 11th

Wednesday, morning weighed anchor and ran out through the Islands to sea, ran to the Sieges in company with Shearer and came to anchor. Saw great quantities of seals up on the rocks but blowing heavy over head with land, landed on main Island and shot 8 seals, returned on board and hoisted up boats. Day ends blowing heavy.

Nov 12th

Thursday, blowing heavy all day. Landed tent stove and fixtures with 25 bushels salt, inland leaving the Shearer and boats chase to seal the rocks, in the schooner's absence. Day ends more moderate. Boat from Shearer took a few seals this day on second main Island.