

Grafton Islands

Nov 26th

Thursday morning wind NW West and
steaming. Laying in Easter Harbour, continued
strong all through the day. Beam sea and salt sea
down skins. Second officer taken with sore eyes and

Nov 27th Potigun dangerously sick I think consumption

Friday morning weighed anchor and tried to
go westward. off Magill Island wind hauled westward
and drew out. currents and sea bearing eastward
kept off for Lower Rocks, at sundown becalmed off
of Cape Muri. Nois Island. Day ends calm and smooth
with big westerly swell. can get nowhere.

Nov 28th

Saturday. morning fresh breeze from the westward
big sea stood out to Lower Rock. saw seal up
and to rugged to land. went in to examine
western Rock found about 70 seals on it but could
not approach near enough to shoot on account
of swell. returned on board and worked in shore
wind dies out calm. afternoon schooner home
in sight eastward take to be the Shearer working
up. evening calm and raining let go anchor
in 30 fathoms water to hold our own current
setting eastward strong

Nov 29th

Sunday. morning wind blows up from the west.
Hove up our anchor and worked in under the lee
of Cape Muri in company with Charles Shearer
The latter having examined all the Eastern Rocks
the last ten days. Reports camp of five men on West
Larus. Chilasians for the last four months with
150 seal skins. also saw the debris of a large ship
wedged in between the rocks of Barnard Island
but could find nothing to identify what ship
think her fittings and material all American
two graves, and a camp indicated at least portion
of her company were saved at the time of disaster

Day ends stormy and
wind violent

Nois Island

Nov 30th

Monday. Day blowing heavy from the westward
with squalls of hail and rain at intervals.
Shearer broke adrift last night and made sail
gone to the eastward. afternoon wind southerly
thick stormy. Ice mate lowered his boat and went
in to look for gulls. tried our chronometer this
morning. find 2 1/2 miles Eastward of schooner
Day ends blowing heavy.

Dec 1st

Tuesday morning wind southerly on us. Parted
Hansen and struck adrift. Home in. and respect down
sand across the milky way for London Island.
sea fearful. Reached Port Townsend. This afternoon
and came to anchor. Blowing strong and rain squalls.
This part of the coast needs nerve, resolution and
obstinacy to take seals. weather unsteady. and coast
full of visible & invisible dangers. Day ends with
strong willow down the cove. and a mountainous
surf on the outer shores. But the harbour like a mile
pond

Dec 3rd

Wednesday. Laying in Port Townsend. Blowing and
steaming heavy from the south and west all day.
can do nothing. but keep still. and hope for a change

Dec 3rd

Thursday. Still laying in London Island harbour
wind blowing strong. forenoon much rain. latter
hours moderates some with fog squalls. Heavy sea
running outside. eat a roast. Steamer duck
and some very nice greens for dinner gathered
at the foot of the mountain stream

Dec 4th

Friday. stormy weather filled water to day
took the port boat and went out to an outlying
rock. found some seals. but put off before we could
reach them. shot one clasp net. and some
steamer duck and returned on board. Day ends
stormy

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