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Close to the Ship side, there were over
50 of them at least. All hands are
quite tired of Papineau, except the
Porter who thinks he could eat it for
6 months, Kemick's just about the same

Longitude 82° 12' W
Latitude 48° 00' S

Thursday December 27

Strong winds from
S.W. by S. Steering S.E. Clear weather,
some swell, steamers get watch
and watch below plenty a time
for mending and all other jobs.
Bill Smith thinks the living
not quite so strong as when
he was Larning, says the old
omen used to make fine strong
Coke and put some of this Thorpe
Spice into it. I think it must
have been splendid. If he
means the same Spice
that I have heard called Thorpe
Spice. But away with it,
Blubber Blubber my kingdom
for some Blubber.

Longitude 82° 06' W
Latitude 49° 56' S

Wednesday December 28

Winds from S.W.
Steering S. Hove the Log & P.K.
going 4 1/2 knots beautiful weather,
it is quite warm this morning.
The Cooper was this morning engaged
in making a scoop net for
Richard who is to pick up
bits of Blubber. Seen a great deal
of seal food and some pieces
of squid, a number of birds
about the ship all day.

Longitude 83° 19' W
Latitude 51° 30' S

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Thursday December 29

Gales of wind from
N.W. through out the day, weather
fine but very cold, Caught an
Albatross with a Fish Hook and
line, with some Pork, he was a very
large one, we had some sport
with him and the dogs, whom
he tried to bite, and would
have done so if he was able to
stand. There are a great many
birds of all kinds about the
ship, I suppose because we
are so near land. Bent a
wire, had a southerly course
all day. The William Thompson
will go to windward.

Longitude 83° 07' W
Latitude 53° 11' S

Friday December 30

Strong gales
from S.W. Heavy drizzle
rain hail and snow, a
great quantity of fish in sight
saw a school of Linbacks
early this morning I was
all this day putting up a stove
in the After Cabin but it has
ruined me, too cold I have been
in comfort indeed today, it
is very cold on Deck and very
warm below so I have been
down nearly all day. It
makes things look comfortable
the Porter has been lifting
ham all the afternoon. We are
now heading N.W. under
a main and Mizzen close
reefed, topsails, heavy swell
and misty looking weather.

Longitude 83° 7' W
Latitude 53° 45' S