

Made my will to day in favor of my Father and made some other arrangements, as I saw in my present condition, with only 2 more meals ahead of us. Bramard left for the shrimp grounds after dinner and returned at 10.30 PM with 20 lbs of shrimp and 6 lbs kelp. The day was an exceedingly fine one and the sun shone out brightly, all day. Alcohol was issued as usual. Spirits of party excellent.

May 15th
1884.

Blear and light wind from W. Long and Fredericks started hunting after breakfast and Long returned at 10 A.M. completely exhausted. I felt very weak to day and was unable to do anything, not even to sew. Whistler sawed the wood. Dr. and Cornell got the ice and salt water. Most of the party unable to arise on account of weakness. Oh this is horrible to see the 18 men dying by inches. Only the bare shrimp stew remains us. The Dr. Bramard Fredericks and a few more are the only ones able to do anything. the others just able to get up at meal time. and then some are unable to eat the shrimp. It was found at noon that 5 oz of Ellisons bacon had been stolen from the can. Fredericks returned at 3 P.M. having seen no game. Bramard went shrimpig at 5 P.M. and returned at 10.30 with 21 lbs of shrimp and 3 lbs of kelp. Bramard is one man out of a thousand but he is getting worn out too. The C.O. is falling fast in health. Things are beginning to wear a serious face. yet all are facing death nobly. and are trying to cheer the other.

May 16th
1884.

Blear and warm. Long and Fredericks went hunting towards open water. and Cornell towards Cooked Hut Island. Bramard started shrimpig again right after breakfast and returned at 11 A.M. with 9 lbs shrimp and 3 lbs of kelp. Long and Shorty returned at 3 P.M. quite worn out. The day was exceedingly pleasant all day. I remained out doors all day and took a long walk afternoon after sewing hats all day. Dr. got the ice. and Cornell returned at 7 P.M. not having seen any game. The tent was hauled up the hill and pitched by Dr. Biederbeck, Bender. Henry and Bramard. Although there are only plain stews of shrimp and kelp. and then only 4 cups to a meal and the rest salt water. yet I feel quite well to day and able to walk easily. The sunlight has certainly good effect. Alcohol was issued as usual. Salor had to give up cooking and Bender began. Bramard is weakening. Spirits of party good.

May 17th
1884.

Blear and warm. no wind. Temp very high. Long started out hunting alone to day. Shorty did not feel quite well to day. Bramard went shrimpig after breakfast and returned at 11.30 with 16 lbs of shrimp and 4 lbs of kelp. The day promises to be a good one for the hunters. Long returned at 3 P.M. only saw one seal. Crows nesting near by. Last of Alcohol issued to day. Saxifrage beginning to get green. I gathered some for my stew and found it good. Henry and Bender getting it for fuel. Cornell and Dr. are getting salt water and ice. Bender and I did the cooking. Whistler chopped the wood. C.O. the sleeping bag here. called for playing cards in evening and in morning.