

Jan 25 1850

First light a baffling
wind ship off land at 11 am
Wind came in N.W. with thunder
& lightning soon shifted to W. &
S.W. and increased to a gale. worked
in south side of land & came to
anchors with both anchors bare
falling part to 28.90

Jan 26

Strong gales from S.W. to
south with some rain went on
shore to look at the seal, found
a part of them scalded into gulches
two officers & Cooper men gunned,
got nothing

Jan 27

Wind more moderate
Went up starboard anchor back
one of the dippers to windless
took the other anchor with lead
spikes and draped off some
half a cable length & came to
anchors again

Jan 28

at 2 A.M. went on shore
with three boats, crews & got 68
seal skins. Settled part gales
from S.W. got 30 skins

Jan 29

Winds variable, weather
cloudy shot in the water &
got 53 seal

Jan 30

gales W.W. got 34 seal

Jan 31

Strong winds, N.W. met and
ragged at the boats got 11 seal
Feb 1 Strong Easterly winds, shot in
saw 63 seal

Feb 2nd

Fresh breeze from the N.W.
gave the seal a rest as they were
heaving and getting scarce

Feb 3rd

Strong N.W. wind & very rugged
around at the rocks shot & saved
37 seal

Feb 4

Strong breeze from N.W. and
rugged at the rocks shot and saved
21 seal

Feb 5

Blowing a gale from N.W.
Went on shore hunting got
one rabbit 2 geese 2 ducks later just
got 2 rabbits several geese and ducks

Feb 6th

gales from West
got 27 seal came on so rough had to
go on land and give up sealing
for the day. Officer went on shore
gunning reported a dead man found
about the beach about five miles
south of the ship, sent & had him
buried appeared to have been dead a
long time had been dressed in soldiers
clothes, with soldiers rest but no
shoes. think he must have blown some
out in tracking god only knows
what he must have suffered too
thing on this desolate & barren coast
with no matter for hundred of miles
along shore. I have preserved from
his coat to brass buttons, he had
red hair was about 5 foot 2 inches in
height & should judge by the skeleton
about 35 years old