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A Voyage To
Greenland
In the good Ship
Invincible
Commanded by

Capt: THO^s. POTTS

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A Voyage to Green-
land in 1712

Having formed a wish to go
a voyage by sea, I agreed to a
company my friend M. Boutter
to Greenland, and by his assistance
I procured a ship, to go as Surgeon
for this purpose I left Leithhead
in Serry and came up to London
about the time the Greenland ships
usually go out; however to my
disappointment when I went to
the Dock where the Ships were I
found that another had been
engaged by the Captain and that
I was thrown out. - My friend
was himself extremely on account
of it, while I gave myself little or
no uneasiness. - After some little
trouble we found that the Swallow
was still vacant, and on seeing
M. Pitts the Captain, this joyful
son of Neptune immediately

agreed that I should go with
him: - On

March 16 I entered into pay
and being on board the ship early
day afterwards I may this day
commence my voyage - - -

Having written out a
Musters list and other small jobs
of penmanship on

Wednesday Thursday March 19
In the afternoon the Mustering
Officers came on board and Must-
ered the Ships company, a process
of law necessary before the Ship
can be cleared at the Custom House,
and which entitles her to a Bounty
from Government. - Several other
Ships for the same destination
were also mustered this day.

Saturday, March 21. Having
goods and Charters all conveyed
on board the Swallow early this
morning and took up my residence
there for good - She having warped
from her moorings at Limehouse
into the City Canal, is now

lying in the Canal at Blackwall.

Sunday, March 22. Came out
of the Canal at 8 A.M. and made
sail down the river, but there being
little wind did not get far. Came to
an anchor at Woolwich - Wind E.

In the afternoon went ashore
at Woolwich took a walk, saw the
Soldiers reviewed and in the evening
came off to the Ship again.

Monday, March 23 Wind S.W.
Squally and rainy weather.

At 11 A.M. weighed and sailed
down the river, but made very little
progress, brought up again at 2 P.M.

Tuesday, March 24 - Wind S.W.
Blowing and rainy. Got under way
about Noon and reached Gravesend
about 4 P.M. where we brought up.
Several other ships had got down
before us and each cheered us in
passing, which was always returned
by 3 Cheers, - This jovial custom
is a kind of hearty salutation, wishing
the other a prosperous and successful
voyage.

Wednesday, March 25 Went on
Board the Neptune in the forenoon
and spent my time with Moulton
till after dinner, when we went
ashore at Gravesend. - This town
situated on the banks of the Thames
is 23 Miles from London. - it is
upon the whole a shabby town,
the pretty well adapted for trade,
every thing is very dear, this being
the best place that outward bound
ships have an opportunity of getting
any thing that has been forgot or
neglected; every one takes advantage
of strangers and the usury, I
think it is just as imposing a
place as there is any where to
be met with. - We took a little walk
out of the town and returned on
Board our respective ships. The
owners in the evening paid our
Ship giving every one a months
pay in advance - My silver pay
amounting to £1. 10. 0 - and
Monthly money 5 Pounds.

Thursday, March 26 Dined at 12

This morning the opposite shores en-
tirely covered with snow, but the
weather very warm and pleasant
About 2 P.M. we weighed anchor
and sailed down the river, at 4
brought up in the Hope, about
7 miles below Gravesend. My
friend C. came on board for a
little while.

Friday, March 27 Went on
Board the Neptune about 10 and
remained till 1 P.M. when they
getting under way I was put on
Board in passing my own Ship.

Saturday, March 28 Wind
blew. Weighed anchor at 5 A.M.
and made all sail possible in com-
pany with the Ocean (commanding
Dundee, Neptune, Hope
Industry & Corsetta, at 9 A.M.
passed the Hope. The motion
of the Ship, beginning to be per-
ceptible, I got very squeamish.
They that in Ships with courage bold,
On swelling waves their Trade pursue;
Or hoar's ascending Winds behold,
And in the deep his Wonders view."

I cannot say that I found the foregoing sublime lines verified to my entire satisfaction in the first instance. - for my sickness increasing, all the first day, continued with undiminished violence for many days. - I now suffered more than I had ever done from any former illness, I kept my bed, giving up all concern for every thing in this world, and almost soliciting death to relieve me from my sufferings.

On the 5 day this yet severe it had a little abated, and the Land of Shetland being in sight afforded some hopes of a respite, but I thought it impossible I could be quite well. In the afternoon Thursday April 7 at 3 P.M. we entered the Harbour of Lewis when to my entire satisfaction my indisposition vanished, and I devoured 6 Eggs with avidity - which by the bye after 6 days starvation was not

is much out of the way.

Immediately the anchor was down the Ship was surrounded by boats or cauries, containing eggs & fowls to barter for Provisions.

In the evening Mr Coulter came on board and was obliged to stay all night on account of the weather. - at 11 P.M. blowing tremendously.

Friday, April 8. - A nasty disagreeable morning with wind & rain - nevertheless my curiosity would not allow me being deter'd from going ashore at Lewis my friend accompanied me, and for our trouble got ourselves well wet with the spray, flying over the boat. - A Packet being ready to sail for England, I came off to the Ship for a letter to send off, and got myself well drunched.

The islands of Shetland are from 30 to 40 in number, - the Mainland is nearly 60 miles in length - Lewis is the Metropolis, which is upon the whole not a despicable town, there

are several very respectable houses of freestone and slated, there are several persons very rich, on the other hand there is extreme poverty.

The island abounds in excellent harbours - that of Seewich is most wooded - it is also called Kraspey being that neck of water between the island of Kraspey and the Mainland. The entrance is half a mile broad deep water and clean. - This harbour is well sheltered from all winds, and sufficiently large to contain a fleet of ships of war. - It used to be greatly resorted to by the Dutch. - and it is wonderful what a trade there is going on. Fish is the principle article of commerce which are in great plenty. - Eggs and poultry are also in great plenty but only to be had for barter. They will not part with them for money.

At the north part of the town there is a pretty strong fort, called Fort Charlotte, in which there is always a garrison. - it commands both entrances to the Harbour.

There are no regular streets in

the town. The principal is a long irregular lane from South to South passed from side to side. - as there is no street coverages to insure the pavement. - There is one regular public house - called the Tavern where there is a billiard table, - but almost every house in the town is a tavern.

Saturday, April 15. Went ashore with the Captain and called at several houses - of various descriptions the place is all bustle from so many ships being in the Harbour. Meeting with Mr C. I spent the remainder of the day in his company - sometimes at the Billiard table - and conversing a good deal about from place to place, paying out all odd corners. - The Houses of the lower class are of the most filthy nature imaginable. They consist mostly of one apartment, in height and dimensions resembling a pig sty - in many the door covers the essential office of window chimney and door. - Their fuel is Peat which is burnt on the floor, sometimes in the middle of the house with

a hole in the roof for the emission
of the smoke. - the furniture
consisting of a few chests and chairs
and perhaps the bed, - of staves on
the floor, many are of this kind,
some a degree better, - the people
the women especially are tattered
good looking and some pretty, but
all with very thick legs, probably
from being accustomed from infancy
to carrying heavy loads. - the
women are the most laborious part
of the community - the men are
indolent and attend principally
to the fishing. Some of them are
very contented, but in general
they are otherwise, most of them
whether young or old, incline to
beg and are very difficult to
satisfy - they are possessed of a
deal of cunning, and not over
honest - but when their provi-
sions is considered, allowances
may be made for this trait
in their disposition.

In the evening I went off
to the ship.

Sunday, April 5, All the fore
part of the day, busy in bleeding
and compounding medicines for
the people, a good many of whom
are ill. - Mr. Coulter came on
board to dinner and remained all
afternoon.

Monday, April 6, Today
sauntering about with Mr. Coulter
sometimes in one house and some-
times in another, and generally in-
troducing ourselves into every part
that rusticity of architecture ren-
dered inviting. My friend and
I had entertained a very favorable
opinion of the morals, and disposi-
tions of the Shetland people - we
had supposed them to be religious,
righteous, innocent, harmless,
modest set of beings - almost in the
state of nature, strangers to the
common vices of mankind, but
upon more general acquaintance
with them, I find that human
nature will be human nature

in the most remote corner of the world. - Under the idea of their perfect innocences we had straggled into a hut, where there were two pretty young women sitting, who said they were sisters - we entered into conversation with them, their pretended another came in, who soon put the cat out of the bag by asking us if we were not going to load down our throats - an avowal of some of the frail weaknesses bespeaks the nature of their calling, and even here there was a great display of sanctity. - Indeed though about the whole town, I found that there was nothing they would not do for interest, provided it could be done privately, and would not come to the knowledge of the Minister, whose report they seem to dread. - "What would the Minister say if he knewed?"

There is nevertheless a deal of native innocence about them, & it is to be lamented that Englishmen and English sailors should sow the seeds of immorality and dissipation

wherever they go. - In Lewisick only are they so very depraved, in the country they are kind & hospitable & modest.

Tuesday April 7. - Today Mr. Coulter, Mr. Cain Surgeon of the Ocean and myself went ashooting over the Island of Braspa, merely for the sake of a scam. The weather was very fine and the people all busy tilling their ground - this is all done with the spade, and chiefly by the women. - almost every one is a farmer yet no improvement is made or likely to be made in agriculture. - little spots of ground are cultivated in front of their houses just sufficient and barely to serve the family in bread through the year. - This little island which is two miles in length between 2 & 3 in breadth might with some trouble be very much cultivated, but they are too indolent, and too much wedded to their ancient customs, ever to attempt at any kind of improvement. The

Sea supplies all their wants with
less trouble and with that they are
content. - the whole country is
entirely destitute of trees or shrubs
of any description, and no pains
are taken to introduce them. There
are plenty of cattle, sheep, hogs
and horses - the latter animal so
valuable in other countries seems
here to be entirely disregarded, I
could not help being amused today
at seeing - 2 women and a man
digging very laboriously, and a
boy evading the harness, while
horses were grazing close by per-
fectly at their ease. - This animal
as well as every other thing almost
is of the most diminutive size.

It seems almost a word in mi-
niture. - Every house or few
houses are called a town and each
distinguished by a name, if only
50 yards apart. -

In course of this days excursion
we traversed good part of Esrapoy,
visited several towns, and parties of
labourers. - most of them did not

scruple to ask for something - One
group where Master Mistake & two
Maad Servts were employed the Mistake
hinted that it was usual for strangers
to give them a shilling for lunch at
the beginning of their labouring -
at another party some young lads
hinted that a Ribbon or some money
to buy one would not be unacceptable.

In ^{the way to some place} asking a young woman
who was coming over the Mountains
with a heavy load of Potatoes on her
shoulders and very industriously
knitting all the way - I accosted her
with "My bonny lass" - She offered to
take us to the place, observing that
"she was not bonny, she wished she
was quide, beauty was but skin
deep" &c

We returned on Board about
P.M. arrived with our parents
but without much success in
fowling.

Wednesday, April 8. Sailing
about, ~~we~~ accompanied by Countess
greater part of the day. -

Twenty patients applying for surgery

counsel - added to the rest of their
Character - the Scottish people seem
to be a race of Hypochondriacs. the
most every one is able to discover
some ailment requiring medicinal
counsel - in order to get rid of them
I find the most effectual way is
to recommend bleeding and
blistering.

Thursday & Friday did
not go ashore at all.

Saturday. April 11 This
morning. McEllison Capt of the
Latona of Aberdeen and the
Surgeon came on board.

In the afternoon I went to
see the Latona which had had
an engagement with a Danish
Privateer and had been obliged to
put in here for repairs.

Sunday. April 12. Today
went to Church with McE and
Capt. Potts. - afterwards called at
Mr Hays who is our Agent a very
respectable family, and said to
be very rich. - Mr Hays his

eldest son & who shares the business
is Magistrate of the Town.

Went on board the Latona
to dinner and returned to the
Ship in the afternoon with McE
the Surgeon and McCuller. -
Came off about 4 P.M. and spent
the evening with McE on
Board my own Ship.

Monday. On board all day.
I have lost all relish for the shore.
I find little to please, but a good
deal to disgust.

Tuesday, April 13. McE came
today and invited me to dinner
on board the Neptune - returned
to the Incomers about 8 P.M. the
Capt. who just came aboard had
got a little more than did him
good. was in a bad humour &
he and I had rather an unplea-
sant altercation.

Wednesday. The Capt having
this morning apologized for what
passed last night, every thing

goes on pleasantly again. -
Have not stirred abroad all day.
I begin to get completely tired of
staying here and don't care
how soon we have a fair wind
to get away from it.

Thursday April 16. The
wind still continues directly con-
trary and blowing a strong gale
with heavy showers of snow. The
opposite shores completely covered.
A great many still continue
ill on board.

Friday, April 17. The wind
still westerly, but the weather
milder. Spent part of the day
on board the Neptune. - On return-
ing found the 2nd mate had taken
suddenly ill - then in a high fever.
Pulse 150.

Saturday, April 18. Today
Mr. and took a walk ashore to
see a poor creature or two whom
I had given medicines to. -

The wind being more favour-
able several Ships were getting

under way. - We returned on
board at 3 P.M. - About 5 P.M.
weighed anchor and warped the
Ship up opposite to the fort. to be
ready to go out at the North-east
in the morning, if the wind should
continue.

Sunday, April 19. The wind
fair. At 6 A.M. weighed anchor
and sailed out at the North-west
of Brassa Sound. My calamitous
Sickness soon attacked me but by
keeping upon Deck in the open air
I kept better than I had been before.
About noon passed the last of the
Shetland isles. In company
with several Greenland Ships.

Monday, April 20. Very ill
all day, - and my season of fasting
has returned.

Tuesday, April 21. Wind
contrary. My sickness rather abated
but still very unwell. The
Neptune and other Ships in
company.

Wednesday, April 22. Pass'd
a dreadful night. - The Ship tossing
and rolling so, could scarcely keep
myself in bed. - The Sea con-
tinuing high all day, prevented
me getting upon Deck.

Thursday, April 23 Sailed
another dreadful night, but my
sickness better today tho' still
very listless and unwell. -

The weather better today but
the wind continues foul. No
Ships in sight.

Friday, April 24th - Wind
still continuing - and still very un-
well but the day being fine I
was able to walk about a little, but
so weak that every little motion
obliges me to catch hold of some-
thing to prevent myself falling.

About 10 A.M. a fine breeze sprang
up from the S.E. - The Night
beautiful. - At Noon being clear,
found ourselves by Observation in
12° 1' North Latitude

Saturday, April 25. - Wind S.E.
but nearly calm. - a delightful
warm day. - Being pretty well
today I amused myself occasionally
by raising upon Deck. Besides
being pretty busy in my profession
at capacity, a good many of the
people being ill. - Even Particular
of Inflammation of the Liver.

Sunday, April 26th - The
weather today extremely fine and
warm. - Very little wind, almost
calm, and the ^{Sea} smooth as glass.

In the afternoon I was very
much gratified with the sight
of 3 or 4 Whales which came
up near the Ship. They were large
Animals but not of that species
which are killed for oil - these
were of a Bay colour - sharp back,
with a fin on the back, they
are called Bottle-noses. -

Employed myself in reading &
writing till Bedtime. One Ship in
sight

Monday, April 27th Accom-
-plete calm. The weather very warm
so much so, one would rather
imagine themselves going to the
East Indies than to Greenland.

The scene this morning is
Magnificent. The sky clear and
serene. The sea sparkling like
diamonds, and so smooth that
sea and sky appear only a con-
-tinuation of the same. Here
and there the water rising in
an equal and gentle swell, adding
to the grandeur of the prospect.

A ship ahead of us 5 or 6 miles.
-suppose it to be the Captains.

In the afternoon saw another
-three whales. They are of the same
-new species commonly called
-Bottle-nose. For the 4th time
-this evening ventured up the
-rigger up to the Mast Head, when
-there is fixed a large Cask or Box
-sufficient to contain 3 or 4 persons
-with a seat and other conveniences
-this apartment is known by

The name of the Course Mast. its
-use is to serve as a shed to sit in
-in the cold country, where it is
-necessary that some persons be
-stationed aloft to look out. Thus
-for I ventured and I thought I
-ventured well. -

In the evening a fine breeze
-from the Southward.

Latitude in by Observation 64° 8'

Tuesday, April 28th A fine
-gentle breeze this morning and
-very warm. - towards evening cooler.
-We get gradually nearer our place
-of destination but not very rapidly.
-There is now all things more
-now interesting occurring.

Lat by Obs. 64° 47'

Wednesday, April 29th Light
-winds but favourable. getting
-progressively to the Southward.

Towards evening quite calm.

Amusing myself all day in
-solving trigonometrical problems
-with an intention of leaving navigation

Thursday, April 30 - Blowing
hard this morning - but the wind
not unfavorable. Several ships
in sight - one taking on three in
two - carried away her fore top-
mast about 8 P.M. -

The weather now begins to
to be cold - we are now just
entering the frozen zone.

Latitude on by Obs 66. 58' N.

Friday May 1st It being
usual at Sea, in going round
any remarkable Cape or headland,
to go through the ceremony of
Ducking and shaving as in
crossing the line - For going
round the North Cape this is
generally performed on the
first of May - At present
we are abreast of the N. Cape.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock A.M.
the fog began; a party fortu-
nately dropped, and their faces
disfigured, playing on songs

on a mouth instruments of Music
consisting of a Tambourine, Tife,
Pyang Horns, Saws, Jokers Tong,
Trenches and other sonorous things.
These with Neptune and his
concert go round all the beds playing
Songs entitling all in the
honour of the Rules of the Club,
by smearing their faces well
with black paint. - A May
 Garland composed of Ribbons
is hoisted on one of the high
stays between the masts. -

And the Band then proceeded
to the Cabin, where the Surgeons
display their musical abilities
and after wishing a successful
voyage &c. Neptune, Amphibi-
tute and their Machine attend
ants retired. - He who could
not take the colour of a Duck in
foot had to undergo the operation
of the Barber, - which was performed
in the roughest way possible.
Black paint for Cottons, and

shot rusty cutlase for a Razor
and so on. This not being
the climate for ducking this
was dispensed with, by throwing
a bucket or two of water amongst
them. - The whole was per-
formed with the greatest ease
to many - and being exempt
myself. I enjoyed the force
very much. - It is not to
be wondered at, that such little
recreations now and then should
be gratifying, when it is consid-
ered how many difficulties and
deprivations sailors undergo,
and how few pleasures they enjoy.

The day continued very
fine with favourable breezes -
and at night no darkness.

Saturday May 2nd The
wind continues favourable,
but rather blowing fresh. Ship
running South.

Lat: by Obs. 68° 14' N.

Sunday. May 3rd Blowing
a strong Gale with a heavy Sea.
Excessively cold, with showers of
snow. At 2 P.M. saw several
stragling pieces of Ice.

Monday. May the 4th The
Gale continues with unabated
violence, right in our teeth, that
it is impossible to keep head
against the tempest. - The Sea
mountains high. - constant
squalls of Hail and snow,
the cold most piercing. - The
Ship riding to the Southward.

Lat: by Obs. 71° 15' N

Tuesday. May 5th The
weather continues the same,
blowing hurricanes, and the
Sea tremendous. Thus when we
were out of a Tempest at Sea,
we found no idea of the amazing
seas. The wind with violence
hoisting up the winter's deep and
descent mountains, and blowing

it into deep and ghastly valleys,
while the fluctuating vessel up-
lifted by the tremendous surge
then gliding swiftly down
the fearful precipice seems hid
amongst the waves, when
another towering sea far higher
than the ship is ^{seen} advancing
with imperious strides as if threat-
ening to overwhelm her; again
she glides over the mountainous
element and sinks in the
vale beneath. - Now, the poor
Sailor is exposed to many hard-
ships and dangers - no house,
no hospitable shed to shelter
him from the Storm, he is oblig'd
to buffet the whole of it - while
the merciless waves are washing
the Decks and drenching him
to the skin - in the piercing
cold he must climb the Masts
less than the yards to reef or
haul the sails - and strike the
yards or masts, even in sightly
trades and when the Ship

press'd by the heavy squall, lay
buried on her lee, labouring
over the swelling surge, dipping
the leeward side, while his fleet
grasp with hands benumbed with
cold is all that saves him from
the greedy gulph whose jaws are
gaping to receive him.

Sailors however are so inured
that they dont seem to fear
any more danger than at other
times. Indeed they may be
said at all times to be on the
confines of eternity - No greater
distance than they are from the
water - A narrow space! - This
reflection ought to impress all
with gratitude to that Almighty
power who preserves them in
safety over that immense abyss
which has swallowed up mil-
lions.

My own infirmities have
returned obliging me to
keep in bed; -

Wednesday May 6th. The Gale continued with unrelenting vehemence. While the Ship labours unequal to the driving unequal to the dreadful strain.

Finding it impossible to contend against the impetuous waves, we are forced to the remedy of Scudding, that is going right before wind and sea, all the time, losing that ground it may take us some days to make up.

Before the boisterous waves,
The foaming billows fly,
An swelling canvas, bends
The yards and Mast so high.

Thursday, May 7th. The weather a little more moderate, so as to enable us, to resume our course to the Northward, we find ourselves today in 70. 0' N Latitude having driven 40 miles to the Southward during these few last days.

Friday, May 8th. About 11 last night a favourable breeze sprung up, and gave us a hope of meeting with the Ice in course of the morning, but this was of short continuance the wind is as unfavourable as ever. Snow has kept falling all day - but the cold not so intense.

Saturday, May 9th. This morning the wind still fell, and afterwards calmed. - Snow heavy and incessantly till about 6 P.M. when a fine breeze sprung up from the Southward, and continued till the Eord. - At 12 the Sun above the Horizon, - a circumstance incredible among the uninformed in regions distant from the Poles. - One Ship in sight.

Sunday, May 10th. Favourable breezes attended, our journey this day. Ship running 67 1/2 miles in hour. The weather fine
lat. 41° 31' N

Monday, May 11th The weather very fine, warm and pleasant - Wind Easterly.

All hands employed cutting the lines into the boats - supplying them with all other necessary utensils and making every preparation for killing Whales as soon as we can come athwart them.

About 7 P.M. saw some pieces of ice. - I may now say I have got into the regions of Perpetual Day, for it is as light at Midnight as at Noon.

Lat: by Obs. $73^{\circ} 31' 00''$

Tuesday, May 12. At 8 A.M. we made the body of Ice best looking to the Eastward, fell in only with stragling pieces, till 1 P.M. when the Ice became general. - Saw several Seals some in the water and some on pieces of Ice. - A ship in

sight with whom we exchanged signals - bore up towards each other and spoke - she proved to be the Latona Capt. Ellison, brother in law to Capt. Pater

The weather throughout the day very fine & not very cold.

Wednesday May 13. A very fine day - keeping steering different ways amongst the Ice till afternoon when we got quite hampered & no passage to be found to the Southward - Six Ships in sight about 10 P.M. spoke the Ipswich of London. Capt. Pater. The Latona in company. -

I remained in the Crow Nest till 12, enjoying the scene which is truly grand. - The sea being entirely strewed with floating ice - as far as the eye can see - it is of a pearly whiteness being covered with snow and of all forms and dimensions - in one place it is long narrow lanes, called streams in another there is an accumulation

of pieces in a large irregular
mass which is called a Patch,
and where the accumulation is
still greater extending for many
miles further than the eye can
reach this is called a Pack.

besides there are floating pieces
every where - some of which have
a beautiful appearance - being
tossed in down about by the Sea;
they are washed into various
forms, and devices, some resem-
bling Yew trees, others tables, some
washed into great caverns, some
excelling in beauty and likeness
the finest tapestry, others ele-
gant and ancient Architecture,
and these adorned with a bright
blue or green tint which gives
them an elegant lustre - but
it would require the Pencil of
the Painter to give a true idea of it.
The Pen of the Poet to paint it in
language sufficient the sublime.

Thursday, May 11th This
forenoon for the first time we
saw 3 or 4 large Whales, but a long
way off - called all hands and sent
away 4 Boats, but they could not
come near them. These animals
come to the surface of the water to
breathe - and in expiration they
emit such a quantity of breath
that it resembles smoke coming
out of a furnace this is what is
so badly represented in painting
as to have given rise to the erro-
neous idea of their spouting
water. The Whale is supplied with
Air cells which contain a sufficient
quantity to enable her to stay
a while below water - and when
this is exhausted, they are obliged
to come to the surface again
it is through this, that man is
able to subdue these enormous
Creatures.

At 2 P.M. the boats returned
without success. -

Went aboard the Latona with
the Capt and dined. returned
5 P.M. - At 6 a large fish rose
just ahead of us, and another a
little distance from that. 3 boats
went away - and was so near
one that the Harpooner was up
to strike into her when she was
down. - At 10 P.M. more fish
rises in different directions -
2 boats away but without
being able to come near them.

Weather mild but cloudy.

Friday, May 15th. Went to
bed at 1 P.M. and got up again
at 6 - the boats away after
fish but returned without
success - The morning
snowy but towards noon
cleared up - About 4 P.M. a
fish rose near to the ship -
down 2 boats, but did not see
her again - Several ships

in sight - At 8 P.M. the Capt went
aboard the Latona and afterwards
the Margt. - At 10 P.M. the Captain
of London came up. - Capt. R. went
also aboard the Margaret, and my
friend M' Coulter came to see me.

The weather became so thick
that it was impossible to see one
ship from the other. - by firing
of guns one had an idea of the
situation of the ships at 2 A.M.
the Captain & Capt. R. came aboard
and M' C. went with the latter
to their own ship.

Lat: by Observation $4^{\circ} 59' 00''$

Saturday, May 16th. A very
fine day - Little wind and
towards evening calm. - Aboard
on the watch. But no fish seen
except Unicorn - About 11 at
night beginning to blow hard.

Sunday, May 17th. Blowing
a stiff breeze with a heavy swell
ship plying to the Northward.

in lanes of water between large
bodies of Ice, but no entrance
to be found to get to the North.
It seems to be understood that
there is plenty of clear water
to the North which is left vacant
by all this Ice, drifting to the
Southward either from the
setting of currents, attraction
of the Sun or some other un-
accountable cause. And the
object is to get through this
Ice to get into a higher latitude,
where the fish chiefly are to be
found. Perhaps this wind
may open the Ice.

At Noon got very sick, but
got better in the evening as the
wind and swell abated. Saw
several large Fish, but the boats
could not go off. Ship plying
amongst streams of heavy ice.
The Heptane and 6 snow Ships
in Company. -

Monday, May 18th. The Ship
plying amongst heavy Ice with
under great attention necessary
to keep clear of it - for these pieces
of Ice are almost as dangerous
as rocks, if the Ship comes with
force against them. - got several
blows in course of the day.

Towards Noon it began to blow
hard - and in the evening a
complete hurricane. - About
11 Sail in sight.

Tuesday, May 19th. Blowing
hard all night - not quite so
boisterous in the forenoon.

The weather cold - but as the
wind is northerly, the cold
is trifling indeed I have never
yet worn a Great Coat, - so
much for the temperature of
Greenland. The weather
towards evening very thick and
squally continuing so all

sight which together with
the wind and being surrounded
very heavy Ice renders the
Navigation of the Ship extror-
dinarily dangerous. - The Captain
remained all night in the
Crown Nest - till 8 in the morn-
ing.

Wednesday, May 20th
The Gale has completely
abated and has opened the
Ice considerably - the wind
still being North is all in
our favour. - Ship plying
in lanes between large streams
of Ice. - In the Countenance
of many of the people I saw
change very visibly depicted.
The Season being advancing
affording no prospect of doing
anything. - About 20 Ships
in sight - The *Clara Swan*
of Montrose in Company

Thursday, May 21st The
forenoon snowy and cold weather.
A great many Ships in sight.
About 10 A.M. saw a Whale and
lowered down a boat, but she
did not appear again. Ship
plying to the Northward and being
through streams of Ice as required.
At night came in company
with the *Covetta* with 2 Fish -
Blowing very hard.

Friday, May 22nd The Sun
being clear this morning, we
found it to be Noon at our 8 o'clock.
At 4 P.M. spoke the *Demotoc* and
Capt. Potts went aboard of her & returned
at 6. - it seems that Mr. Moffat master
of the *Hercules*, has met with an
accident by the bursting of a Powder
Horn. - The Surgeon of the *Demotoc*
had amputated the *Hummer*, & from
the bungling account I have of it,
I think it likely the poor man may
lose his arm. - Lat. by Obs. 46^o 47' 48"

Saturday May 23rd. A fine
clear day - blowing hard and
pretty cold - Seen 3 or 4 Fish
in the course of the day but with-
out being able to strike any of
them. - In the after part of the
day got into plenty of water, ap-
proaching a fair prospect of getting
to the Northward - The Gale is
now pretty well abated. The
Dundas in Company and
a great many ships in sight.

Lat: by Obs. 74th 10' 18"

Sunday, May 24th. This
forenoon the Neptune in
company - had the pleasure
of exchanging signals and
words with D^r Coulter. -

The Vigilant in sight
fast to a Fish, which stove
one of the boats and knocked
her broadside in but no one
was hurt.

In the afternoon several

Fish seen at different times to
the number of 9 or 10, and had
boats pulling after them, they
were often very near, but never
near enough. At 1 P.M. saw
several Seals and 3 or 4 unicorns
near the Ship. - Have had a
pretty free passage to the North
these last 24 hours - plenty of
water - The Ice in very heavy
pieces - The weather very fine
and mild - A great many
ships in company.

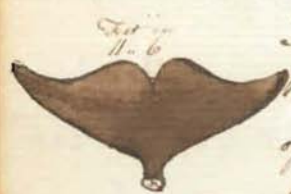
Monday, May 25th. This
morning about 11 A.M. Mr
Allan the Mate struck a fish,



which was got
killed in about
4 hours after hav-
ing struck, four
more he spoons into her. - And
afterwards towed to the Ship.
Did not get her all taken in till
near 5 P.M. the Com. measured 10 feet.

About Noon. Capt Kingston
and his Surgeon were on board who
informed me that the Captain of the
Hercules had had his arm ampu-
tated. through the ignorance of them
about him, who applied the Tom-
squint and allowed it to remain
on for many hours till Gangrene
had taken place. - About 3 P.M.
saw two Whales - a boat went off
but could not get near them.

Tuesday, May 26. At 2 P.M.
Jas Henderson struck a fish,
in about 2 hours got her killed.



Threw the Ship
a large piece
of Ice - and by 6
got the fish along
side - At 7 I went ashore on the
Ice and walked over to the boat
which was getting on their lines,
I came aboard with the boat.

The process of killing Whales
is at once hazardous and useless
and success very precarious. Every
Ship has boy Boats - in each of which
is coiled 5 or 6 lines spliced together

of good strong rope - a boats line is
about 700 Fathoms in length. To the
end of the line is fixed a Harpoon,
an instrument made of very pliable
iron. it is of a triangular shape some-
thing resembling a Spade or Card,
sharp round the edge and barbed at
the broad part, to prevent its drawing
out again. the shank is about 2 1/2 feet
or a yard in length, about the thickness
of ones finger, becoming thicker at the
end with a socket for a wooden shank
to go in. ← This somewhat resembles
a Harpoon - it is placed in the boats
line when the Harpooner sets - when
a Fish is seen - a boat is sent away
and pulls to where she was up - she
comes up again at some distance -
pull away again in that direction
and lays - she comes up again - again
perhaps till at last they are fortunate
enough to get near her, and she lays
till they get close upon her without
harming them. As soon as they are
within reach the Harpooner gets up
and strikes the Harpoon into his back
as deep as he can. - The whale im-
mediately sets down to the bottom

taking the line out very fast - as soon as the fish is struck the person who is looking out from the Mast head cries out - a full - a fall - a fall as loud as he can, and this immediately surrounds from all parts of the ship making a dreadful noise, which alarms those on deck, and all make haste upon deck carrying their clothes ready tied into a bundle and lower away all the boats as fast as possible. - A tack is also hoisted at the Mizzen Mast head.

The Fish generally stays down from half an hour to $3\frac{1}{4}$ or more till worn out with struggling and want of breath she comes up again - the nearest boat gets to her and strikes in another harpoon and so on till there are 4 or 5 fast to her - she then becomes so exhausted that she do not leave the surface, the spare boats now get to her and begin lancing and in a short time she dies. The ship all this time is sailing about near to the boats or is getting made fast to a piece of ice

The boats then take the Fish in tow and pull to the ship. - The process of taking off the blubber and getting it in is called flensing. - What is used for making oil is the adipose substance called blubber, that covers the whole body - about from 9 inches to 15 or 16 - according to the size of the Whale. - The Whale is an enormous animal, but I must say it did not equal the ideas I had formed of it - Its colour is a jet black except when grey with age - and notwithstanding its considerable size it is upon the whole a handsome fish - They have only 2 Fins but moved with muscles of such power that their strength is amazing. - The Whale bone is situated in the Mouth, having two rows in the upper jaw, one on each side - there are an immense number of blades, and beautifully arranged very much resembling Venetian blinds. To return to the business of the day. - I amused myself most of the forenoon in the Crow Nest. Finished flensing about noon

A large fish got up close to the ship, while they were busy; the noise that was going on frightened her away. - Went to Bed at 2 P.M. and slept 20 hours.

Wednesday May 27th

Between 1 and 6 this morning several fish astor - had away 3 boats but without success.

At 9 P.M. chased a Fish for some time - but without success.

At Midnight the Indenting being close alongside Capt Kingston came aboard to Supper.

The people employed gunning were busy.

Thursday, May 28

Capt. H. went away at 4 A.M. - at 5 went to Bed and got up to Breakfast at 2 P.M. - afterwards went up to the Crow Nest till dinner time. - 33 Sail in sight all kinds together apparently getting through some narrow - The Curvetta made fast to a Flaw to repair having

got stove. - The Manchester, Vigilant, and Volunteer also made fast to make off. - At 6 P.M. the Indenting and ourselves also made fast to the Flaw for the same purpose. -

Note - A Flaw is a large solid piece of Ice some Miles in circumference - formed by an accumulation of pieces of all kinds being frozen together - in many places the surface is consequently rugged. The eminences or hills are called Hummocks. - A Field of Ice is a much larger body of more extent that water cannot be seen over it, from the Mast Head, this is generally flat and even. These are covered with snow half a yard or more deep.

Friday, May 29. At 6 o'clock this morning Capt Kingston and Mr Young the Surgeon came on board to Supper and went away at 5. - Went to bed at 6 and got up again at 11 P.M. & amused myself

all afternoon. Shooting and
nodding about in the boat.

The people employed in getting
the blubber put into casks. One
set are forking it up out of the
Hold - some are cutting of the
blubber or lean. The Harpooners
cutting off the Skin of the Boat -
others chopping it into small
pieces - it is then conveyed through
a canvas bag or tube called the
Lull down into the Hold where
it is received into Tubs, and
another party are then employ'd
putting it into the Casks piece by
piece with the hand, and packing
it well with a pitch fork till the
Cask will hold no more -

This is a very nasty process
& is called Making Off.

At 6 P.M. the Capt and I went
aboard the Industry - the Capt
returned directly and I stand
to Sea - A favourable breeze
springing up, and some prospect

being in view all the Ships got
under way. - The Industry sailing
fast the Sworness would not come
up with her altho' she was laying
to for her - the Capt was vexed at
being delayed, and I was in a Peck
of troubles - I begged to be put upon
a piece of ice till the Sworness
up - he would not consent to this
but sent a boat aboard with me.

Nearly 60 Sail of Ships were now
running to the Northward with
all the Canvas they could set,
the Ice having opened a passage
out of the hole where we are.

Remained for some time in
the Crews Nest.

Saturday May 30th Finished
making off at 4 this morning the
People very much fatigued and
the features of some of them so
much changed that I could not
have known them. - from want
of rest. - for when this job is begun
it is never left off till all is done

if it should last 3 days. At 6
this morning I supped and went
to bed. - About 8 o'clock a Boat from
the Hercules came on Board for
what Master, Tow, Scurt & I could
spare. - I got up, and gave them
some.

At 3 P.M. I went up to the
Crow's nest. till 5, - Several
Ships beginning to tow through
between two flaws of Ice with all
their boats a board. - Called all
hands and lowered down 5 boats &
began to tow. - At 6 we got through
with the Latona made fast to our
Stem. with her boats. Those of the
Hercules and our own in all 4
boats towing us. - There was just
room for us to get through, as soon
as we were clear the ice closed,
sucked several boats quite out
of the water and burst the Crews
Middleton. Lane and two or three
more Ships - they got clear in course
of the evening.

We are now in a hole of water
surrounded in on all sides. The
Men towing to the end, all sleeping

and now hearted.

Sunday, May 31, From 12 till
4 in the morning up in the bows
rest reading. - Then I went to bed.
About 9 Capt. Ellison came on
Board. - on coming along side one
of the men attempting to ward the
boat of ours got his thumb squeezed
between the two boats, and so much
lacerated, that I found it necessary
to amputate it. - Capt Ellison
went away about 8 o'clock, leaving
the Man here as their own Surgeon
was staying on board the Hercules.

At 6 P.M. the Surgeons of the Latona
and Hercules came and took him
aboard the Hercules. - They told me
the M'Courtner had been there three
days ago. - he was very well but
the Deception had but one fish.

All day several Ships in the
hole with us bows kept playing &
boozing about, there being no
passage out, nothing but flaws
all round us. - At 11 we made
Sail towards the South and was
followed by the others.

Monday, June 1st At 12 P.M.
made fast to a place to wait for the
Ice opening - At 4 A.M. cut
from the Flow and bore through
a thick of Bay Ice, the other Ships
followed -

At 5 P.M. saw a Fish and heard
away two boats, as they were
coming aboard they had a start
after another - There were
2 Boats from almost every Ship
after her but none successful,
and there is very little chance
when there are so many for one
Ship's boat pulls against another
and if the coast get her, they take
care to frighten her. -

Between 8 P.M. and 12 a great
many whales seen. 5 or 6 by other
boats from every Ship after them
but none successful. At 12 P.M.
several fish aster - 3 Boats away.

The weather continues very
mild and pleasant. Since morning
we have mostly sailing before
the wind in plenty of water.

Tuesday, June 2. The boats re-
sumed at 1 A.M. - chased another
fish but unable to come near any
of them. - Went to bed at 5 when
awoke got up at noon - found the
Ship's hampers amongst Ice and
floating about in a hole - The
Industry in company with Whiting
and Liverpool Ships - Towards the
after part of the day bore away to
the N.W. and soon got into plenty of
water. - About 10 P.M. the Lion
got fast to a fish and got her. -
A white fox seen on the Ice near
the Ship. - At 11 P.M. a fine
fresh breeze ship running briskly
to the Southward.

Wednesday, June 3. At 2 A.M. the
Industry and Laurel of Hull both
fast, the Industry lost her - at
4 another Ship fast - At 5 A.M.
blowing hard. Ship running to the
Eastward - Went to bed at 5 and rose
at noon. - Ship running still to the
East and N.E. amongst fine sailing
Ice - apparently we have now got

through into the North water.

From the immense masses of Birds principally Boobies, it seems likely we are not far from land. - At 1 P.M. the weather became so very foggy that it was impossible to see the length of the Ship, hardly - and we rose to, at 2 P.M. it cleared a little and the Land of Spitzbergen was in sight high and bold - that part now in sight is the South Hook of Prince Christian Sound.

Kept sailing along the land till 12 P.M. when it was quite clear - The Land appears to the eye to be no more than 30 or 40 miles off - altho' it is really 30.

It exhibits only a Mass of high inaccessible Mountains, their tops black and bare and the valleys full of Snow. - Very little may be known of this Country, it is a large tract of land - or rather a Cluster of islands, the Russians had Colonies along the Coast, and here they transported

their convicts, but whether there be any there still, and whether there be any Aboriginal Inhabitants don't seem to have been ascertained.

Today the weather has been very cold. - Several Ships in sight
Lat. by Obs. 78° 15' N.

Thursday, June 4 The beginning of these 24 hours blowing very hard - Ship layings too in with the Land, and no fish to be seen - Till 1 P.M. very foggy, when it cleared we discovered that several large Icebergs got between us and the Land, and since last night when there was no ice to be seen. - So rapid does the Ice drift.

Ship moving to the Westward, the Neptune in sight. - At 8 P.M. saw a Whale & Rown boat, but did not see it again. - At 9 it came on a thick fog with showers of rain continuing till the end.

Friday June 5. Between 12 and 2 P.M. busy reading &c. at 1 P.M. went away in the Boat a shooting.

got some Loons and Noachis.
Returned on board at 5. Still
continuing heavy with rain.

Went to Bed at 6 A.M. - About
noon - J. Coulter himself came
me up - he had also been shooting
and discovered the Inooanps near
to the capture, so he and Capt
Robertson came aboard, - At
4 they went away, and I with
them to get some Medicines, but
I did not dare to stop for fear
the Ships should lose each other
in the Fog -

The weather continued the
same to the end - the latter part
calm.

Saturday, June 6. At three
2 1/2 hours the weather the same
the fog so thick it is impossible
to see above 200 yards.

Sunday June 7th The whole
of the forenoon the weather the
same - At 10 A.M. saw a whale
about 2 Ships lengths off, and heard

down two boats - which pulled after
her and were so near as to touch at
her as she was going down, but
they were obliged to return on ac-
count of the Mist. - At 2 P.M. a
brandy sprang up and the fog began
to disperse - and when clear 22
Ships in sight. - At 4 P.M. saw
a whale and lowered down two boats
they had several starts but never
could get near - they came aboard
at 11 -

All afternoon blowing to the West
ward amongst Snow, Streams and
Heavy loose Ice - got several blows
in different parts of the Ship.

At 12 P.M. near 40 Ships in sight
all making towards a Field of Ice
where several are made fast and
are fast to Fish.

Monday, June 8. At 7/8 past
1 A.M. saw two fish, & sent away 2
Boats but without success. At 4
A.M. got up to the Field or rather
Snow - and made the Ship fast.
Went to Bed & got up at 4 P.M.

At 11 P.M. Robt. Woodward
threw at a Fish and got fast - sent
away all the Boat. - At 12 P.M.
the Fish had not come up again.

Nearly 20 Ships or more have
been made fast to the Island, and
several have got fast, toward the
latter part - some were casting off
and we were about to do the same
when this Fish was struck.

The day very fine - the Sun
so bright and the Reflection from
the Snow so dazzling it is hardly
possible to look up.

Tuesday, Jan'y. Soon after
12 a Whale came up alongside
the Ship - apparently a loose one
to Mr. Sinclair struck into her, a
boat from the Symmetry of Hull,
was also so near they could have
struck in at the same time



The Symmetry's
Boat struck into
her next, & then
the Mate. - I went over the Ship
now onto the Ice to go to one of the

Boats, but could not get a passage
The Harpoon of the First Fish down
so that now there was only one to
attend to - He was up in a Hole
in the Ice, and I went away to
see them kill her, - as I could stand
close by without being in the way
or without being in any danger,
however I got myself well wet for
my gratification, for in going
over some Bay Ice it broke down
and as fast as I got one leg up the
Ice gave way, - till at last I threw
myself down all my length &
got crusted on sure ground.

Got the Whale alongside by 12 P.M.
& commenced flensing
got done by 5. found the bone to
measure 7 feet 9 inches.

A dispute now arose between
Sinclair and Woodward whose fish
it was, - the Capt. decided it in favour
of the latter. - At 8 P.M. cast off
from the Island, and let the Ship drive

A Fish seen and then in course
of the day. Lat. by Obs. 70° 12' 00".

Wednesday, June 10 At 8 this
Morning two Boats chased a fish,
for nearly two hours, but could
never come near her - Between
2 & 3 o'clock a great many fish
were - called all hands and made
a loose gale of 6 Boats but without
being able to get one, altho' the ships
near us are all fast or flinching.

Between 8 and 12, 3 Boats away
after different Whales but returned
unsuccessful. - Ship dodging
along the edge of a Flaw.

Thursday, June 11. Dodging
about the same Flaw as yesterday
The Lephys of Hull is made fast
to it and has got 3 Fish within
the last 3 hours - During the
forenoon saw several fish but
could get near none. - At 5 P.M.
made fast to the Flaw but saw
nothing cast off again at 9.

Several Ships in sight most of which
have had their Tacks up during the day
but ourselves. - At 12 P.M. blowing
hard with a good deal of sea.

Friday, June 12. Blowing hard
all the fore part of the day - & no fish
to be seen. The boats all hoisted up.

At 5 P.M. spoke the Middleton of Aberdeen
and the Capt went aboard. At 9 o'clock
the Depute of Aberdeen, which got
fast a few minutes after, next the
Lephys got fast, and then the Jane
while we could hardly see a fish.

At 10 P.M. sent two boats away
but did not succeed.

Saturday, June 13 At 12 A.M.
sent off two boats after a fish at
past 12, Samuel Dickson and got
fast. - at 1 A.M. soon after got
her killed and 1/4 before 2 alongside.
Made the Ship fast
to a Flaw & at 2 began
to flinch at 1/4 past 3
got her all in - did not measure
much more than 1/2 feet.

At 10 o'clock
Geo. Meek struck another -
the Ship having been just
cast off from the Flaw was
made fast again. - but at 11 when



Geo. Fleck got in his lines the
Harpoon had broken and the fish
was lost. - However it was only a small
one - Cast of the Ship again &
got all the Boats on board.

Blowing hard in the afternoon.
a few fish seen, but the boats
could get near to none.

Sunday, June 14 - Still
blowing hard. The Ocean in com-
pany both lying to. - At 9 a Breeze
more moderate, both made sail.

At 10 sent away a Boat after
a Fish. soon after came up with
the Ocean and was speaking her
when J^r. Henderson got fast
had her killed in about an
hour. - Made



the Ship fast to a
Patch of Ice, and
at 1 P.M. got the Fish
alongside - at 2 began to flinch
and finished at 5. Measured
9 ft. 9 inch. Bone.

Between 1 & 2 P.M. two large

Fish got up near the Ship, sent
away 2 Boats - but the Hope of
Peterhead got fast and killed her
close on our starboard bow - 2 more
seen in course of the afternoon.

At 6 P.M. the Capt. went aboard
the Ocean and returned at 9. - at
Supper the Mate and he had a very
serious quarrel. which had near
come to a disagreeable issue.

At 12 P.M. still lying made fast
the watch gumming down.

Monday, June 15 Blowing
hard all day with a good deal of
Sea. - A good many Whales
astir but the boats could not go
without danger on account of
the weather. - The Ocean in com-
pany.

Tuesday, June 16th. At 12 A.M.
still blowing but more moderate
at 1/4 past 12. W^m. Sinclair struck
a fish so close to the Ship that the
Yards had to be thrown aback to

Keel clear of her; got 3 more
Harpoons in her - At 1/2 past
1 killed her and began to tow
her to the Ship at 1/2 past 2 got
her alongside &
made secure and
ready for flinching
at 4 began to finish



and at 1/2 past 7 A.M. got done.
The Bone measured 11 Feet.

Dined at 8 A.M. and afterwards
went to bed. - The after part
of the day quite moderate.

The Ocean Lion of Liverpool
in company each with 8 Fish.

A great many Ships in sight.

Wednesday June 17 Between
12 & 1 A.M. saw a great many
Whales - at 4 called all hands and
made a bare fall of 5 boats for three
but without success - Only two
seen the rest of the day.

At 3 P.M. Capt. Webster the
Successor Capt. Webster came

aboard, and kept us laughing till
the time he remained. - The rest
of this gentleman is rather of the
hookish, but it is said "an ounce
is worth a pound", is better than a pound
of lead"

At 8 P.M. called all hands to make
off the 5 last Whales. -

Thursday June 18. At 1 A.M.
made the Ship fast to a Head to
make off. - Went to bed at 10 A.M.
got up at 1 P.M. to dinner & went to
bed again still to.

At 8 P.M. saw a Whale and
sent away two boats. - Went to
the Mast Head to look out till the
boats returned at 11. - At 12 P.M.
finished making off. - At three
2 hours fine mild weather in-
deivable to be taken.

Friday June 19. By 1 A.M.
the Decks clear and the people gone
to supper afterwards to bed having
been at work nearly 36 hours.

Cast off from the Flaw - No fish
seen all the morning part of the
day, but in the afternoon several
and had boats very near frequently
but not fortunate enough to catch
one or

The Industry in sight - has
been three times fast during the
last 24 hours - about 35 sail in sight

The weather rather cold with
flying showers of snow occasionally

Lat. by Obs. $77^{\circ} 57' N$

Saturday, June 20 At 1 A.M. saw
a whale and the boat was close
upon her when she went tail up.
Saw a great many in course of
the morning but could get none.

At 6 P.M. spoke the Harmony capt
M^r Bride - with 4 small fish. was
after spoke the Manchester with 3,
the Capt. of which came aboard &
whale

Blowing fresh at the end, in
company with the Manchester, Har-
mony of Hull & John of Greenwich

Lat in $77^{\circ} 48' N$

Sunday, June 21; All three
24 hours blowing strong. Ship
moving to the Westward, among
Flaws and heavy Ice but no fish
to be seen.

Lat. in $77^{\circ} 44' N$

Monday, June 22 All three
24 hours, blowing fresh and fine
weather - Seen a few whales in
course of the day, but without
being able to get any.

At 11 P.M. the Captain & I went
aboard the Hercules - found M^r Moffat
in good spirits and doing very well.
The Deputee of London has got 13
fish & shear.

Ship plying to the Eastward,
in quest of better luck.

The name of Aberdeen in company
the Deputee with 2 fish. the
Hercules with 2 & the Satona 5.

Tuesday, June 23, Returned
on board at 9 A.M. - at 1/2 past 1
saw a fish lying asleep, but un-
luckily not very sound, for she

good her vessel, when the boat
came near her. - Spoke the
Ladona. - At 5 P.M. turned in
at 5 P.M. turned out.

At 6 P.M. the Industry struck her
fish close by us - sent away 2
boats to help to kill her. - At 9
came up with the Ocean making
off with 11 fish.

Thick weather with flying
showers of snow occasionally
all day - Wind SW.


Wednesday, June 24th The
beginning of three hours
blowing strong, soon after 12 P.M.
saw a whale. Lowered down boats
as they returned. - between 11
& six saw several - lowered down
two boats - at 1/2 past 5 J. H. Henderson
struck a fish which ran out of
lines - two more boats got up &
got fast, but the
harpoon of one drew
and the line of the
other broke. - At the time it was



swimming so fast that we could not
see the boats, much less the fish.

Left dragging along the edge of
the Flaw where she went under,
amongst heavy cress Ice - got several
snow blows. - At 9 A.M. made
the ship fast to the Flaw and
began to heave on the Fast Boat
lines with the Capstan - From
the weight of the lines it was
hoped the fish was still there and
dead, but they became slack all of
a sudden - and at 2 P.M. got all
the lines in but without the fish.

At 11 P.M. Wm. Sinclair struck
a Unicorn - but unluckily it
happened to be a She one and with
out a Flaw. - Had it hoisted
upon Deck & flensed by 12 P.M.

This is a very beautiful
creature, about the size of 
the body of a Bullback it is
spotted, like a leopard all over and
of various colours. The Horn in the
middle of the forehead of the Male
grows to the length of 9, 10 and 12 feet

It is Ivory. - The Unicorn is covered
with Blubber three or four inches
thick, resembles the Whale very
much in their mode of living,
bringing forth their young - the
Female has six Horns.

Thursday, June 25. The
Beginning of these Whows, being
barges with thick snowy weather.

At 4 A.M. set off from the Flan:
Being myself all morning in
cleaning the Unicorn and injun:

In the after part of the day
saw several Whales and had some
single chances but with our
usual bad success. -

The Ocean and Ice during in
company greater part of the day.

Friday, June 26th. About the
beginning of these Whows, got
out to the Southward of the Ice at
together and fell in with a sun
of Fish immediately almost -
mostly very large but all swimming

fast - called all hands and sent
away all the boats. - Notwithstand-
ing the great plenty - not one of our
Boats could get near one, till at
last Samuel Dickman got fast
to one - which proved to be very
small, almost the only little one
that was seen. - At 3 got
it alongside - and fluked
by 6; measured 3 Feet.



All forenoon kept seeing Whales
in plenty, and had boats constantly
pulling after them in various direc-
tions but without success. -

The day very fine and warm.
Ship plying and dredging in clear
water - a heavy swell on with a
fresh breeze.

Lat: in by Obs 77° 48' 00".

Saturday, June 27. - Got in amongst
the Ice again, at 6 A.M. passed
a large Flaw but no fish to be seen
at it. - In the course of the day
saw several Whales, and had

a loose fall but without success.

In the evening had the last little fish made off.

All day, mild, pleasant clear, beautiful weather.

Tuesday, June 20. Most part of the night and forenoon, thick and hazy. - 30 Sail in sight.

In the afternoon saw a few fish. The after part of the day fine and clear. Ship plying & nudging amongst Flaws and Pieces of Ice.

Monday, June 29 Greater part of the day, thick hazy weather with showers of rain and a fish to be seen.

At 8 o'clock hoisted up the Boat on the watch and bore away before the wind to the North Eastward.

At 6 P.M. saw a whale and sent away 2 Boats, at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 6. In Henderson's track a young sucking whale that had lost the mother and kept playing with



it a long time in expecting to get the Old one, had away all the boats, and they were no sooner gone than she came up near to the Ship. - 6 Boats from the Fountain of Syria were also down. she kept searching about for her offspring for some 3 or 4 hours at last she set off without any of the boats being able to get near her. - At 10 made the signal for the boats to come aboard.

Hoisted the little whale in upon Deck and flinched it. The bone measured about 1 foot. The size of this was a child, for it was not yet weaned. might be about the size of 6 or 8 Bulllocks.

At 12 P.M. very hazy.

Tuesday, June 30 snowing all day without intermission till 8 P.M. - Had boats away at different times, but without success. The weather mild. Wind S. several Ships in sight.

Wednesday July 1st At 12 past 12 A.M.
saw a Whale and sent away a Boat,
in the course of the Morning saw
several and the boats got pretty near
some of them. - At 9 A.M. had a
loose fall of 5 Boats till 11 A.M.

In the course of the afternoon saw
several, and for the most part, one
or two Boats pulling after Whales,
At 9 had 12 Boats away in different
directions but all to no purpose.
So fickle is fortune, out of all
we see we cannot get one, and day
by day other Ships are getting them
all round us. - Captain Peter
poor man is getting very down
hearted at our want of success,
even crying today at our hard luck.

The Lord's middle part of these
24 hours, very mild, fine & clear
the latter part snowing and very
thick. - Ship reaching to the
Coastward several Ships in company
- Little ice.

At 12 P.M. so thick as to lose sight
of the Boats entirely - made a signal
for them to come aboard.

Thursday, July 2 - At 1 A.M.
At 10 of the Experiment came
aboard for a few minutes. - The
weather beginning to clear up a little.

The Boats away after Whales
in course of the Morning. - At 10 A.M.
Samuel Dickson got fast, the
Fish stove the Boat with her
Tail but did not do much damage.

After running out her lines,
by hanging the Fish
too much the line
broke and she was
lost. At noon

all the boats came aboard. - In
the course of the afternoon had a
few starts after Fish but without
success, though as usual other
Ships near us are getting them.

The Land in sight about 16
or 20 leagues distant. - The weather
very warm, and clear.

Lat: by Obs. 70° 32' 30"



Friday, July 3, The beginning
of these 25 hours fine weather and
a good many whales astir - 3 boats
away and so near sometimes that
the Harpooner was up to strike, yet
could not get fast.

About 2 A.M. it began to blow
hard and continued so all the
forenoon - and nothing to be seen
Ship plying amongst heavy
cross ice, - got several severe blows.
- All the Boats hoisted up.

At Noon the weather more
moderate, and having got amongst
streams - the water became smoother.

Saw some whales and sent away
3 Boats - at 1/2 past 12, got back
yet fast - run out 7 lines stream
in 4 more harpoons and killed

her at 1/2 past 1 P.M.
at 2 P.M. alongside
at 5 down flinching

Measured 7 ft. 3 inches Bone.
Snow hard all the afternoon
till 7 P.M. - Ship plying among

heavy cross ice. got several blows.

At 1/2 past 9 P.M. came to a large
blow and kept plying near it, till
11 P.M. but saw no whales. - 7 or 8
Ships in company.

Saturday, July 4. Fine, mild
clear weather with fresh breeze till
9 P.M. between 9 and 12 heavy with
flying showers of snow.

Saw a good many whales in the
course of the day, and on... two, some-
times 3 boats away but without success.

Recovered the Golden today with 20
the Volantea with 13 fish.

The Sloop of Whitley fast and
saw all three ships in company and
in sight. - Ship sailing plying
and dodging as necessary amongst
Haw Spouts, Ice and Heavy cross
Ice.

Sunday, July 5, Blowing fresh
with a heavy swell and thick occa-
sionally in the fore part of the day.

Whales seen several times during
the morning and Boats down...
without success, this very day.



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company has got one and some two
In the afternoon the wind and
sea - are fresh to be seen - broomed
the Walker of Hull with 27th the study
of Whittly with 10 Fish.

At 2 past 6 P.M. saw a whale &
saw another and sent away at
Boat - At 7 saw more - called at
boards and lowered away 3 snoutless

At 2 past 7 Robt. Smith ^{got} put
got in 4 more harpoons and by 8
had her killed. ^{fish}
and tail lashed up
and began to tow
her on board - At 10 began to
flinch and finished at 12 past 11
measured 9 feet 4 inch. long.

Monday July 6. The beginning
of the 24 hours thick and foggy but
afterwards fine wind and clear
weather.

Ship plying and dredging
all day in clear water - but
many whales in seas. Several
ships in sight.

Tuesday July 7. Very fine,
warm agreeable weather all these
24 hours, sometimes inclinable to
be calm - Ship sailing all day
in clear water - Not many fish seen

About 4 in the evening we experi-
enced rather a singular Phenomenon
- which I concluded to be an
Earthquake - The Ship was felt
to shake and tremble, with a hollow
rumbling noise as if rubbing over
a Rock - The Sea seemed to be entirely
convulsed; the Men in the Crowds
thought the Masts would fall out,
and the people in the Boat a little
way astern of the Ship felt it so
much that they had to hold by the
Rigging to keep themselves on their
seat - Had the Voice we heard
been Thunder it could not have
affected the Sea - And it is not
likely that the meeting of two
great bodies of Ice, could produce
a convulsive vibration so great a
distance for there is no Ice to
be seen from the Mast Head.



We are in Latitude de 70° 22' North
 and Longitude de supposed 40° 5 East.
 distant from the Land about 60 Miles
 God shakes the Mountains for his wrath,
 And thro' old seats forsake;
 The trembling earth deserts her place,
 And all her pillars shake.

He walks upon the raging Sea,
 Flies on the Stormy wind;
 None can explore his wondrous way,
 or his dark footsteps find.

Wednesday, July 8. About 11
 came among some melting Ice, but
 it falling thick thick and stood
 into the clear water.

At 4 P.M. the Industry sailed
 us, and 4 Boats went aboard till noon.
 kept close together all day, the fog
 being so thick, it is impossible to see
 Ships length. -
 Began to clear up a little at 11 P.M.

Thursday, July 9. Between
 1 and 1 A.M. saw several whales and
 had away 3 Boats, without success.
 Several Fish astir - At 8 A.M.
 called all hands and made a loose
 trail of 5 Boats, at 12 past 0 or

Thereabouts Robt. Woodward struck
 a fish - she proved very rich, scarce
 a Boat could get near to get well fast.
 she stove one of the Boats which
 immediately filled with water and
 more boats being near the people
 got all safe out - sent away the
 Sloop Boat to their assistance, got
 her killed at last - and all the 4 Boats
 with the fish alongside by 10 A.M.
 By 3 P.M. some flenching found the
 Boats to measure



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10 feet benches.
 Cleared the Decks
 got dinner and
 sent away the Boats again, there
 being plenty Fish astir. - at 5 P.M.
 Jas: Henderson, got fast. This fish
 also struck the Boat with her tail
 knocked the Woodside in, but being
 near a stream of



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Ice the people got
 upon it - and a
 Boat belonging to
 the Prince of Brevic on the other side
 pulled round to their assistance &
 they all escaped with only a good Dushing

Got three more harpoons in, when
after lancing her, she went down
and died. At 4 she was hauled up
some finishing at 12 P.M. measured
87 ft. length.

Time could weather all their
24 hours - a little thick occasionally

Friday, July 10. At 3 A.M.
saw two whales and sent away two
boats. Afterward the weather
was very thick. In the afternoon
it cleared up - when Robt. Woodward
saw a third whale a long way off,
sent away two boats. There

were ships pretty
near her, but did
not see her and
our boats by a
little missing got past them be-
fore they discovered their object.

At 2 P.M. the boats got up to her,
and hoisted their Sails: sent away
two more boats to help them and
at 4 P.M. got the fish alongside.

She was very much swelled and
in a state of fermentation while

flinching her she bled with an
explosion almost as loud as a gun.
She measured 9 feet. length and
proved to have been struck by the
loggertown of Hull. - There was found
in her 3 harpoons and 2 lances.

Cleared the decks and set the people
to Queen Bone. - From 11 P.M. till 2
blowing fresh with a heavy sea
and flying showers of rain

Saturday July 11. At three
24 hours, blowing hard with rainy
weather in the beginning.

Saw fish in course of the day
had a boat away occasionally
but without success. - The people
busy gunning bone.


At 6 P.M. saw a whale and lowered
down a boat - at 7 Robt. Smith
got fast. - it was now snowing so
thick it was impossible to see the
boats, at 7 it cleared up - got in
15 more harpoons and at 11 got her
killed.

Ship plying all day among
flaw pieces and heavy ice.
Plenty fish, after three 24 hour hours.



Sunday July 12 - At 1 o'clock
made the Ship fast to a Star
since and got the Tusk along in
At 2 o'clock began
to flinch and
got done by 6
Measured 10 ft. 2 inches. - The ice
settling up, obliged us to cast the Ship
off directly.

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All Day blowing a strong gale,
tossing the Ship towards a Star.
She is very unmanageable from
the quantity of Icebergs and not
being properly trimmed - at 6 o'clock
got up to the Star and made the
Ship fast. The Augusta, Albatross
and Perseverance of Hull also
made fast.

Began to break out the Holes
and make ready to make off.

Monday, July 13 - The whole
of this day very fine mild
weather. - People employed
making off. - Saw one Whale
in the morning, but nothing
but unicorns all the day after

Arrived myself got part of the
day in the Crow Nest. - from where
I enjoyed a beautiful view of a
Rainbow, a half circle being ap-
peared on the water as well as in
the Heavens make it a complete
circle. -

The weather hazy at times.
All the other ships cast off from
the place in the morning.

Latitude in 74° 23' 38"

Tuesday, July 14 - All day
blowing fresh with hazy weather.
The Ice settling up towards the place
obliged us to cast the Ship off at 11 o'clock.
The Ship still unmanageable.

Wednesday, July 15 - At 1 o'clock
left off making off and set the
watch to gun time.

All these 24 hours very hazy
and in the end, threatening to
blow. - Ship veering to the
Eastward.

Thursday, July 16 - All the
fore part of the day, blowing fresh

and many showing disagreeable
weather - In the afternoon mo-
derate but foggy.

At 9 P.M. called all hands to make
off the remainder of the Blubber. -
The Providence of three with 7 and
the Elizabeth with 11 fish in company.
Several other Ships in sight -

At the end fresh breezes and clear

Friday, July 17th. All the
fore part of this 24 hours, blowing
a strong Gale with a heavy Sea
which sent me to Bed. Sea Sick. -

At 9 P.M. spoke the Corvette of
London, Capt. Mellich - who informs
us that the Ocean and several
other Ships were to leeward of us
making home. - We went down
before the wind to leeward, and of the
in the Ocean. - But there was too
much sea to lower a Boat down.

Saturday, July 18. The
weather moderate but very foggy
on greater part of this 24 hours.

At 2 P.M. the Capt went aboard
the Ocean, Capt. Wickwater, from

thence on Board the Industry and
back to the Ocean again. There
was held a Mellymouth of most of
the Captains in Company. At 9 P.M.
Mr. Potts, returned and had agreed
to go home with the other Ships -

Capt. Stevens came aboard the Encouraging
the 11th h. -

All day sailing to the South
ward with the wind light. No Sea
to be seen.

In Company with the Ocean
Industry, Boreatta & Aurora of London
Vigornometry of Hull, Wm and Ann
of Whistling, . . . Septimus and Latona
of Aberdeen.

Sunday, July 19. Still at le
clear this 24 hours with fine and
weather - but little wind.

Ship Sailing to the Southward
in company as before.

Monday, July 20. At 3 P.M.
went aboard the Latona with
the Capt. and returned at 5 P.M.
Alison and the Surgeon with us

she went away again at 4.

In the afternoon Capt. Westwater and Galloway were on Board.

Light breeze with fine weather all these 24 hours. Occasionally hazy. Ship running to the Southward along the edge of the Ice - No Whales seen.

In company nearly as before.

Tuesday, July 21, All these 24 hours, strong breeze with a good deal of Sea but tolerable clear.

Ship plying to the Southward, had to tack several times for ice.

In Company with the Ocean and Industry of London, the Symmetry, Elizabeth, Discovery of Hull, the Adventure and the Sun of Whitley of which Fleet, the Ocean, Capt. Westwater is Commodore.

Wednesday, July 22
Great part of these 24 hours strong gales and a heavy Sea from the Southward, Toward the end more moderate. In

the course of the forenoon, passed several streams and heavy pieces of ice & got a few severe blows. After 1 P.M. snows more Ice -

Ship sailing to the Southward in company as before.

Thursday, July 23 - Fine clear weather and favourable breeze all these 24 hours - Wind S by E Ship running N.W. 5 or 6 knots in the hour. -

Rather a serious spray took place today between the Capt. & one of the Men which was likely to have been attended with serious consequences - from some cause or other they quarrelled, the Capt. in a passion threaten'd to throw the Man overboard, and went to wards him as if for that purpose when the other seized a Span knife and made a thrust at the Capt. but luckily he was prevented from doing any injury (if intended) - The Capt. immediately sent word him to remain below

The rest of the voyage and to do no more work.

At Noon in Lat. $74^{\circ} 24' N$ from which we take our departure, being now quite clear of Ice.

In company with the other ships in number.

Friday, July 24 A very intense fog all the morning with little wind. At 10 A.M. it cleared up - all the Ships close together.

The weather fine and beginning to get warm. -

In the afternoon five birds were seen from the Northward.

Ship running with all her Sudding sails & Royals set.

At 10 P.M. the fog came again very thick.

Saturday, July 25 The morning very foggy till 6, when it cleared. -

The rest of the day fine clear warm weather to the end, with moderate breezes from the N.E.

Ship running

to the S.W. with all Staysails, Royals and Sudding sails set. -

At 12 P.M. the Sun was discovered in the Horizon, but soon again without getting below it.

At Noon in Lat. $74^{\circ} 7' N$

Sunday, July 26. At three 24 hours five birds were seen from the S.W. with clear weather - a little rain in the morning. -

Ship running with all her Sudding sails & Royals set.

The Sun set tonight between 11 and 12 o'clock - the first time I have seen it since the beginning of the voyage.

The Moon is also visible tonight the first time I have seen her these some months.

Lat. by Obs: $69^{\circ} 12' N$

Monday, July 27. The wind still continues fair: Ship running with all her Sudding sails & Royals set.

171 Miles the last 24 hours.

Five clear weather greater part

of the day - towards the end cloudy
with a little rain. - From 10 P.M. till
past Midnight a little twilight.

Latitude in by Obs. 66. 25' N.

Tuesday, July 20. Light breeze
sometimes inclinable to be calm
and more of the day - towards the
latter part showers of rain - the
wind beginning to freshen a little
and still continuing favourable.

Between 9 & 10 P.M. it began to drizzle
a little and now regular drench
might begin - tonight we have
15 or 16 hours darkness after a day
of 2136 hours long.

In Company with the other
Ships of the Fleet -

Lat. by Obs. 66. 00' N.

Wednesday, July 21 The
whole of these 24 hours, raining
incessantly - The wind still keeps
fair. - The weather we now begin
to feel very warm. - Today
the Sun was observed, but we
reckon to be 1/2 or 1/3 of a degree from Scotland.

Thursday, July 30 The begin-
ning of these 24 hours cloudy but
cleared up in course of the morning.

The wind still continuing quite
fair. - At 10 A.M. we descried
the land of Scotland bearing S.W. of
us. - hoisted our ensign at the fore
Royal Mast head to inform the
other Ships and bore away to the
W. to go round the East side of the
Island.

About 11 P.M. got within forty
miles of West. where we discharged
the Scotchmen and gave them
a Boat to go ashore.

The weather all day very fine
and the evening extremely pleas-
ant sailing along the land, within 3
or 4 miles of some parts. - Rare as it
is, it affords a heartfelt pleasure
to behold an inhabited country &
our native country after so long
an absence. The other Ships in
company except the Am. vessel
parted to go to Orkney.

Friday, July 31. At 6 this morn-
ing I got up and found the Ship
not far from Ship-bble its appearance.

We Ask the Captain and I got in
to the Boat to go ashore - did not get
to Lewisick till Noon - having had
to pull about 10 Miles.

I now experienced a peculiar plea-
sure I had never felt before - that is
setting my foot on Terra firma after
near 5 months cruise over the water
deep - and in stepping from the
Boat to the Shore I could not help
springing up a secret ejaculation to
Heaven, to whom I was indebted, for
the privilege I then enjoyed.

We dined and drank tea at Mr. Hays
- called at several other houses -

Having nothing particular to do
at Lewisick it was not the Captain's
intention to bring the Ship into the
Harbour - but when we wished to
come off to the Ship again the
Men had got adrift and were not
to be found - I succeeded in finding
some of them, and here I was plac'd

in the agreeable situation of watching
along a few drunken Sailors through
the Street of Lewisick - however they
again made their escape - and at
3 P.M. the Captain and I went off to the
Ship in a Cobby Boat, and at 4 we
anchored in Wharfing Sound - Most
of the other Ships got in in the af-
ternoon -

The weather all day very fine
and every thing indeed appears
lively and beautiful. - The
Holland People who are great po-
liticians seem to be most full of
the Murder of Mr. Perceval, they in-
spire us, also of Peace with Russia
and America.

Saturday, Aug¹st - The wind
being southerly and nearly calm
we could not get out of the Harbour
- About 10 A.M. I went ashore to dine
and came off again at 12.

In the afternoon I went ashore on
the Island of Wharfe where I met
with Messrs. Cairn's & Young Surgeons
of the Industry and Ocean Land

with them both a time about the
Island. visited several Townes or
towns, and as usual met with
Plenty of Patients and Beggers.

Some old people seemed to want to
be made young and crooked straight,
among others I was led to an old
woman who was sitting on the ground
making a most pitiable moan,
on asking what ailed her she said
"she wanted what I might call
"but in her Country they call the
"toothache. - At another place
two old women wanted to be bled,
and during the operation the
house filled with people who
all discovered some ache or pain
that required bleeding and more-
ly out of sport we recommended
the first had undergone Phlebotomy
and we had filled out the plates in
the house. - In coming back
we were rather nicely handled,
by a Townsmen who insisted upon
taking us before the Sheriff for
ill treating his horse - this fact

was the fellow believed to extract
money by this means, but for
speaking to him a little sharply
he sneaked off - McLean in passing
one of these little creatures just got
astirre of it out of fun when it
immediately lay down, thus was
the piece.

Vegetation here is very backward
this year later than usual they say
The weather all day very warm &
fine. - At 5 P.M. we came aboard
the Swamp, and afterwards went
to Leewick. - At 10 P.M. came off to
our respective ships.

Sunday, Aug 2, The Wind
blew Southerly. In the morning
Capt. Winstons & Kingston went aboard
to breakfast, and then went ashore.
McLean came aboard to dine with
us and afterwards we took a walk
in the Country round about Leewick
and went to several Townes; at one
house which we called there lived
an old man about 80 and Home blind
after coming out we met a little

girl with the Book of Proverbs in her
hand, going she said to School, and
the Schoolmaster proved to be this old
man blind man. - The girl read
tolerably well and we entered the
house again to see the method of
this teacher. The Old man told us
that he had the Proverbs mostly off
by heart, and at any rate he always
knew whether they read sense or
nonsense. - Among other
places we went to Clickhimin to
buy a lamb of Thos Sawinsson an
uncle guide or rigidly righteous
kind's body that as he said, would
not sell a Lamb & r. p. the Sabbathday
for the price of two lambs, but
he did not scruple to take a walk
with us and as chance would have
it just led us to the spot where
he had a tether'd lamb. - Noways
I Thos Sawinsson I then in well
you a guide man and would have
the sabbathday, but suppose his
was another day what would
you take for the Lamb. - led to

cut the matter short this guide man
supposing it was another day, open
asked 3 Shillings & agreed to take half
a crown for this lamb. - At 7 we
returned on board the Ship and
11 AM came west about the Ocean.

Monday, Aug 3. In the
morning the wind still southerly
and very fine; the being in prospect
of going away. Mr Potts invited a
great concourse of Gentlemen and
Boards to dinner. - The party
consisted of Capt Westwater, Kingston
Clark. - Hunter - Popham. Miss
Spence, Kuckle, and two Morison.
Wishing to be out of the bustle
I went away aboard the Industry
and Ocean. The Surgeons of which
were gone away to Scalloway, not
long before. I regretted I did not
know, as I wanted have accompanied
them. however it happ. and better
as it was. - At 5 PM the company
dispersed, at 7 A fire broke
spring up from the hold and at
the Ships began to get under way

I hurried away ashore and brought
away my coat half made.

M^r Cain & M^r Young returning
from Scalloway on coming over
a hill saw the Ships under weigh,
to their surprise. Being mounted
- a Caval. Cap. & Coe. They pursued
their steeds but they went slower,
they whistled them and alas they
stood still. - Necessity is the Mother
of invention. our eyes & ears being
secured to this dilemma, thought
of an expedient and not a bad
thought neither. they thought
if their Palfrays would not carry
them perhaps they would draw
them - so they dismounted ~~themselves~~
hold of their long tail with one
hand while with the other they
whistled along the Dogs and in
this way they got to Lerwick before
the Ships got out of the Sound.

We, always slow in our mo-
tions were last ship in getting under
way. and these being little wind
it was Midnight before we got clear

of Bragey Head. - A M^r Henry
a young gentleman of the island
goes passenger with us.

Tuesday, Aug⁴ Very warm
fine weather all these 24 hours, dur-
ing the forenoon light mist laid
in the afternoon a fine breeze sprung
up from the Northward.

M 10 A.M. abreast of Sunbrough Head
at 6 P.M. abreast of Fair Isle. Had
some fishing boats off from the
latter place with Fools, Eggs &c &c
these differ in nothing from their
neighbouring Islandmen unless
they are still more greedy, cunning
and dishonest.

The Ocean (Commodore as he
is called) & the Industry of London
the Symmetry, Perseverance
Elizabeth, Egginton, & Manchester
all of Hull. in Company

Wednesday, Aug⁵ See
these 24 hours, fine weather and
a Fair wind. M 10 A.M.

passed a little Galliot which bore
Danish colours, but no one seems
disposed to molest them.

People busy painting the Ship.

Lat: in by Obs: $50^{\circ} 25' N$

Thursday Aug⁶ - Positions
Gales continue to waft us rap-
idly to the happy shores of
Old England - At 12 P.M. about
opposite Shields.

The weather today cloudy
and in the evening rainy.

Friday, Aug⁷. During
the Morning rainy weather,
afterward hazy - clear toward
evening. - At 4 A.M. made
the Yorkshire land - at 8 about
Scarborough - and at noon
Hamborough Head bore per
Compass $S 1/2 W$ - The Hull
Ship parted with us today and
was away for the Harbour.

The Northwesterly breezes continue.

Saturday Aug⁸ At three
Whores wedding began & varied
at 10 A.M. a Pilot came aboard
aback of Yarmouth Sands, by
2 P.M. past Lowestoffe, at 6 passed
Southwold - at 6 Holborough - at
8 byfordness & at 10 came to anchor
in the King's Channel.

Morsey, hazy weather in
course of the day - the Night
very dark and blowing fresh.

Sunday Aug⁹ At 6 A.M.
passed the Beacon of the Gullfleet
by 8 A.M. past the Dove - kept
reaching up the river with toler-
able breezes and at 3 P.M. closed
the Sea Gates - at 4 dropped
anchors in the Hope -

Having resolved to go up to
London with Henry, Capt Potter
and myself went up in the
Boat to Gosport, called at
the Ocean and Mr Cairn accompa-

ried us - After spending a little
while at Gravesend, we parted
with Potts, and embarked on
Board the Jubilee, bound to
London.

Monday, Aug¹⁰ In the
Gravesend boat we had not a
pleasant voyage at all. There
was little wind, the night was
dark - the boat got ashore - the
passengers noisy - and I did not
get a wink of sleep all night.

At last the boat could get
no higher and brought up
below Woolwich - We procured
a Sculler Boat, to take us up
to Blackwall where we landed
about ten in the morning.

First we went to Grove Road
to Mr Westwaters, then to Mr
McVilage - afterwards parted
with Mr Cain and set about
getting rid of my charge Mr Henry,
after making a great many
calls on people of all denomi-

tions informing them respecting
their husbands - Mrs &c &c.
in going to deposit Mr H into
the charge of his uncle Mr Scott
we were stopped by the Deep Gang
in Brick Yard who however allowed
us to pass on without any trouble.

After a great deal of backward
and forwarding I took up my
residence at Colleg. Street for
the night.

Tuesday, Aug¹¹ The
weather very dark, heavy and
raining great part of the day.

In the afternoon I went
down to Deptford to see after
the Ship, when I luckily found
her entering the Dock Gates.

Every thing being disagreeable
the people drunk & quarrelsome
and the Mate little better, I
left her in the evening and
went up to London.

Wednesday, Aug^r 12. Today
I had to remain in Charge of
the Ship. - The Capt. Mate and
2nd Mate being absent. The
Cutter coming on board I visited
my office. - Went and took
a walk with Mr Smith, Surgeon
of the Hope - and in the evening
staid on board the Ship.

Thursday, Aug^r 13
Today the Mustering Officers
came aboard and mustered
the Ships Company - Had
a great deal of bustle through
the day - at night staid
on board by the Capt's par-
ticular request.

Friday, Aug^r 14th
Today the Owners were on
board and paid the Ship. &
Today I end my Voyage
to Greenland.

Fish got at Greenland by
the Inverness in 1812

Date	Name	Weight
May 25	Jas ^r Henderson	10. 0
26	Geo. Allan	11. 6
June 9	Robt. Woodward	7. 9
13	Samuel Dickman	11. 6
14	Jas ^r Henderson	9. 9
16	W ^m Sinclair	11. 0
26	Sam. Dickman	3. .
29	Jas ^r Henderson	1. .
July 3	Geo. Mack	7. 3
5	Robt. Smith	9. 9
9	Robt. Woodward	11. 6
9	Jas ^r Henderson	0. 6
10	Robt. Woodward	9. 6
11	Robt. Smith	11. 2

14 Fish in all, and boiled
132 Tons of Oil

On the 26th of Aug^r the *Defiance*
returned with 28 Fish.

On Sept 20th I went to reside
at Mr. Peeps in Beccanodsey, and
during the winter attended Lectures
on Midwifery and Physiology by
Dr. Haighton and Surgical Lectures
by Mr. Cooper.

In Jan^y 1813 my friend
Shoulter went out to India a
Assistant Surgeon in the *H. B. S.*
Warrior - Capt. Carnegie, bound
to Madras and Bengal.

In November 1812 soon
after getting done with the ship
Capt. Pitts went to Shildes on a
visit, and there married a
widow Lady. Mr. Peacock with
whom he lives very happily.



On the 24th of Aug^r the *Wylliam*
returned with 20 Seal.

On Sept 26th I went to ride
at Mr. Knapp's in Messers Grey, and
during the winter attended lectures
on Philosophy and Geography by
Dr. Houghton and singed letters
by Mr. Stephen.

In Jan^r 1793 my friends
Wentworth went out to America
with Mr. Chapman in the *W. G. S.*
Returning Capt. M. Knapp, and
Mr. Hudson and St. Vincent.

In November 1792 news
after getting down with the flag
Capt Pitt's sword is shown to be a
vint, and that Mr. Knapp's
sword is by Mr. Knapp with
whom he has my property.

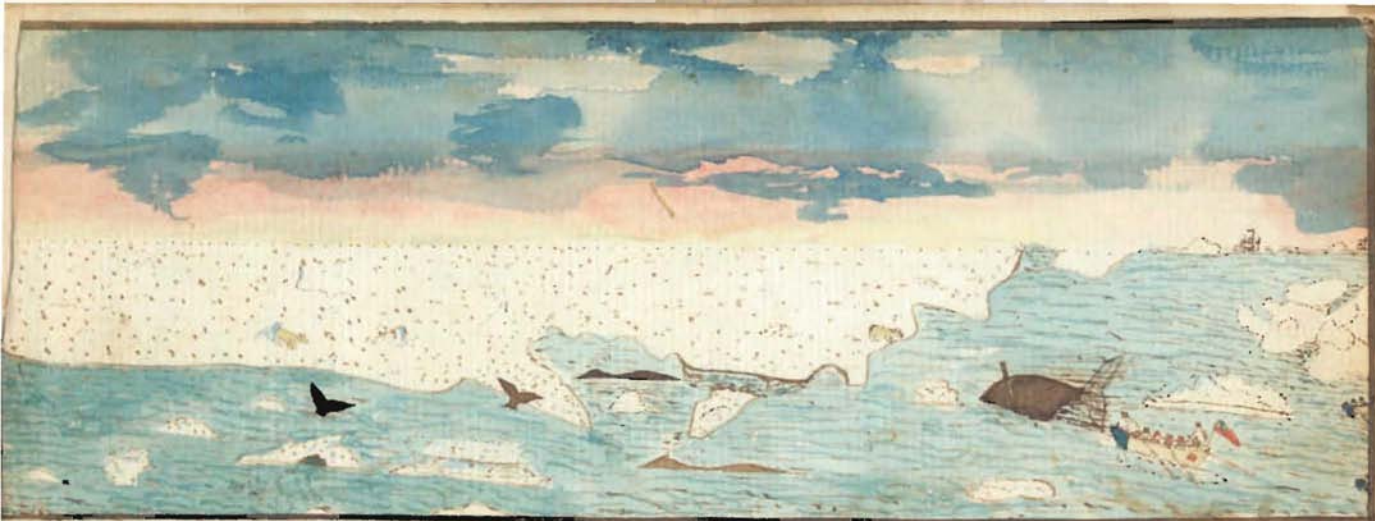


Wreck of the "Bug Horn"
20th Aug 1807

The annexed Plate will give some
idea of the dangerous situation of
the Ship amongst the Ice. But an
experienced Seaman and by skilful
management - accidents do not often
occur - when they do happen it is
not ungenerally through carelessness
or ignorance.

The Plate represents the Bug Horn
of Newcastle, which on a voyage to
Archangel was driven by adverse winds
thus far to the Westward, and was
wrecked amongst the ice on the
30th July 1807 in latitude 79° 10' N.

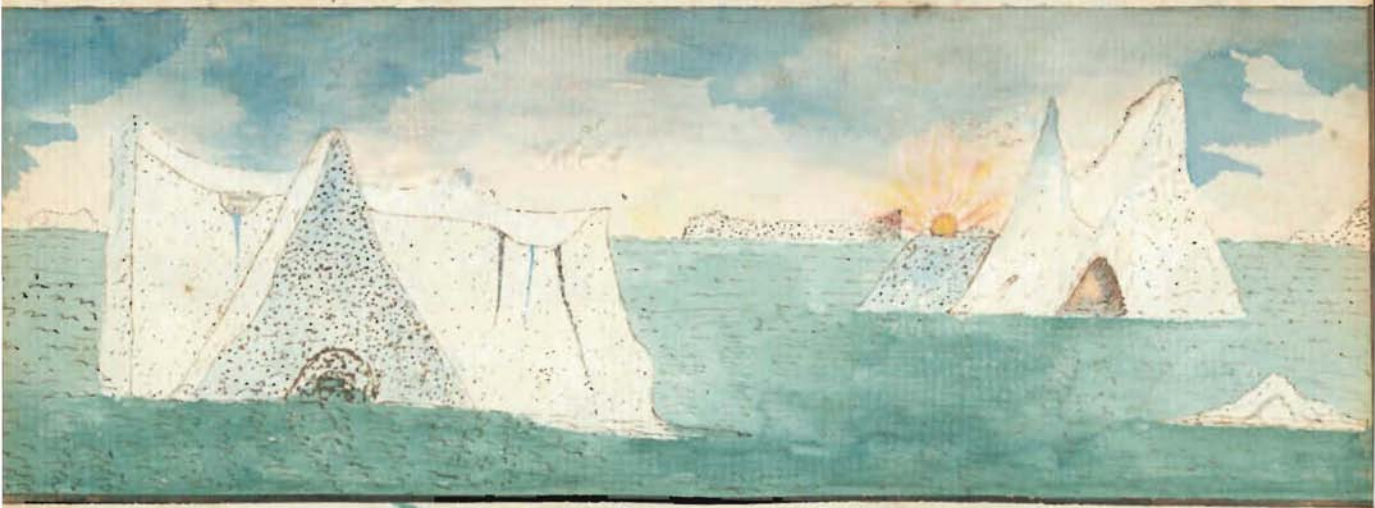
The Master and crew were miraculously
saved after being at Sea in their
frozen Chind. 22 days, in an open
Boat. - During which time they
rowed upwards of 900 Miles - upon the
scanty subsistence of half a Dinner
and a Glass of Water per day - and after
enduring every hardship that hunger
cold and fatigue could inflict they
arrived at Christiansund in Norway,
3 weeks after leaving ~~the~~



A faint Idea of Greenland



The Island of Brassa in Lolland, opposite to Serwick



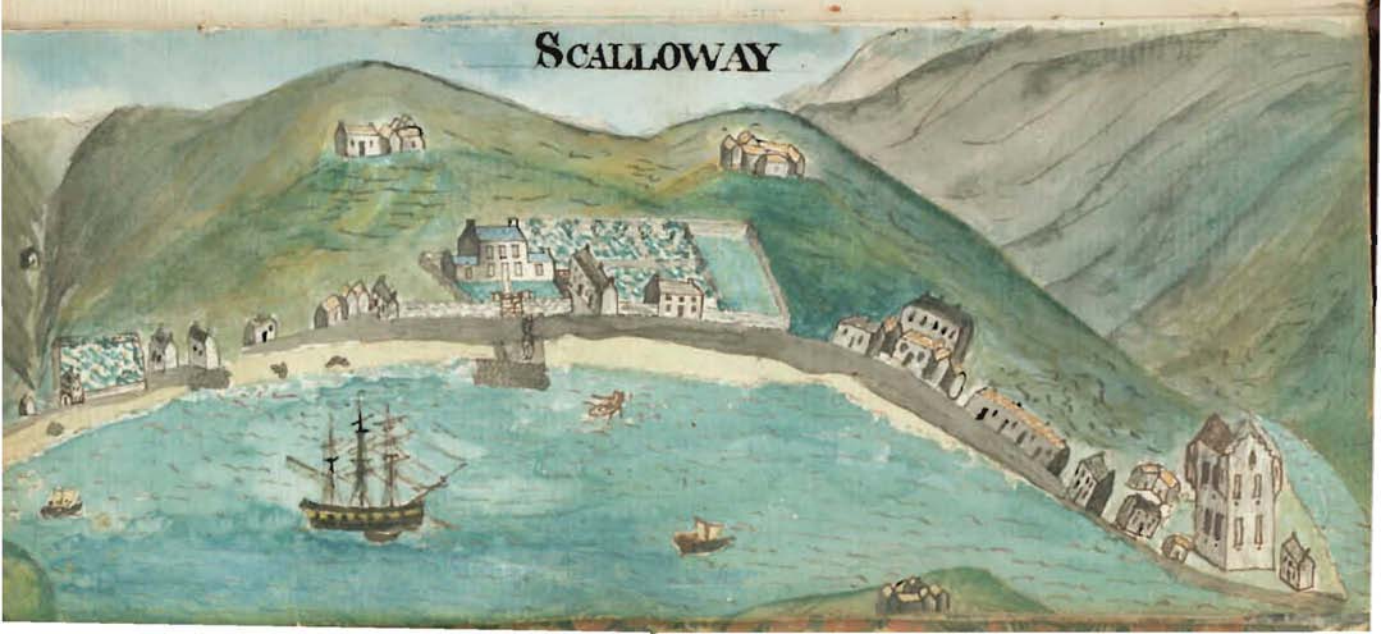
ICE BERGS



Mollyhawk Castle

The Neighbourhood of Mollyhawk Tower, Cumberland Island, N. America

SCALLOWAY



From the Edinburgh Review.

Taxes upon every article which enters into the mouth, or covers the back or is felt under the foot. Taxes upon every thing which it is pleasant to see - hear - feel - smell or taste. Taxes upon warmth, light and locomotion. Taxes on every thing on earth and the waters under the earth - on every thing that comes from abroad or is produced home - taxes on the raw material - taxes on every fresh value that is added to it by the industry of man - taxes on the sauce which prompts man's appetite and the drug that restores him to health - on the ermine which decorates the judge and

the rope which hangs the criminal on the gallows - on the poor man's salt and the rich man's spice - on the nails of the coffin and the ribbands of the bier - at bed or board - couchant or levant we must pay: - The School boy whips his taxed top - the headless youth manages his taxed horse with a taxed bridle on a taxed road: - And the dying Englishman pouring his medicine which has paid 7 per cent into a spoon that has paid 15 per cent flings himself back upon his chintz bed which has paid 22 per cent. makes his will on an 10 stamp and expires in the arms of an Apothecary who has paid a licence of an hundred Pounds

for the privilege of putting him to death. - The whole property is then immediately taxed from 2 to 10 per cent. Besides the probate, large fees are demanded for burying him in the church his virtues are lauded down to posterity or taxed over his father's - to be taxed no more.