

ice watering for their prey, and drawing near the edge, they found cracks in the ice in several places. Suddenly the part on which they stood was dislodged by the wind and broke away from the land. Conrad turned his sledge into a kind of raft by tying skins and seals' bladders to it, and contrived to paddle to the firm ice, using a seal javelin as a rudder. It was agreed that he should procure a kayak or boat and come to their assistance; to procure which he hastened with all possible speed, but when he returned to the spot a south-west wind had carried them so far into the open sea that they could hardly be discerned, and to follow them was impossible.

Conrad now proceeded to the families of the two unfortunate men to make known unto them the afflicting circumstance; and the distress which it gave them may perhaps be better imagined than described, when to their inexpressible joy and satisfaction, on the ninth day after they had been driven out, they arrived in a sledge. The account they gave was, that the size and strength of the field of ice was such as to afford them the means of building a snow-house upon it, about six feet in height, in which they took shelter during the night and when it rained. They had caught eight seals on the day of their departure, which afforded them nourishment, and they drank the blood. During five days there was so thick a fog that they could not see which way they were driven, but at length they saw land through the fog, and coming among the drift ice they examined it to enable them to judge of the possibility of escaping over it. At this time the field ice on which they were sustained a violent shock, and a large portion of it broke off. Upon this they left it, passing over the drift ice, and notwithstanding the hazardous situation both of them got safely to land.

On the 24th of June Captain Parry with Mr. Crozier and two seamen, accompanied by Toolemak, one of the Esquimaux, and his wife, set out on a journey to the fishing place