

other times to other places of the same description, with which the river abounds. The latitude of this station is $70^{\circ} 0' 13''$ N. ; longitude, by chronometer, $0^{\circ} 5' 40''$ W. of the ships. We left our friends about one in the afternoon ; they continued civil to the last, although the temptation to rob us was too great to resist. This, however, they did in a sly sort of way, removing things from where we had placed them, with the idea, perhaps, that we should not miss them until we had taken our departure. On tasting the water at this station, which is not more than seven or eight miles from the mouth of the opening, it proved nearly fresh. We kept close along the north shore, passing over very bad ice, with cracks extending across to the eastern part of the strait. It appeared only to want a strong breeze from the westward to drive it out, as it was quite detached from the land. At nine in the evening we landed on a small rocky island, the easternmost of a group about fifteen miles from the spot where we left the Esquimaux on our former journey. From this point I could see that the land was connected ; as the only part which had been doubtful was in a bay formed by the north-eastern point of the river, and another about five miles westward from our present station, where (the land being rather low) there was an appearance of an opening ; this day's journey, however, proved the continuity of the coast. Our time being limited, I did not think it worth while going any farther to the eastward ; but as the dogs would require a day's rest previously to carrying us over to Igloodik, I determined to remain here until the 29th for that purpose.

“ The weather was so thick, that it was not until past ten on the 29th that we left the north land, and at seven arrived on the west end of Neerlonaktoo, where we stopped for the night, our dogs being too much tired to proceed. We found the ice in coming over far better than I expected. It was however separated from both lands by wide cracks, and did not average more than two feet in thickness as far