

TWENTY-THIRD JOURNEY.

Started at 11h. 50m. P.M. Weather clear overhead, a little mist on the horizon, light breeze from the N.W.

Lunch at 4h. 20m. A.M. Started at 4h. 50m. A.M.

At 8h. A.M. encamped on a small island of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length, and 2 miles broad, situated at 2 miles from the main land.

TWENTY-FOURTH JOURNEY.

Started at 10h. P.M.; leaving on the island a small depôt for Commander M'Clintock, and a case of pemmican for my homeward journey. We found the floe good during 3 miles along a range of hummocks going from the island to the shore; but near the beach we had a very heavy drag in the snow.

Light breeze from the N.W. Weather very fine.

Lunch at 3h. 45m. A.M. Started at 4h. 15m. A.M.

The land very low, and with an aspect very different from what we had before seen; no grass, no moss.

Some traces of musk oxen and deer going east.

Encamped at 8h. A.M.

TWENTY-FIFTH JOURNEY.

Started at 10h. P.M. Clear weather, light breeze from the west; the floe very rough and covered with deep snow. A considerable refraction showed us the land extending very far to the N. by W., and more land very high to the N. and N.N.E.

Lunch at 3h. 45m. A.M. Started at 4h. 15m. A.M. The breeze freshening from the W.S.W. with a little drift.

Encamped at 7h. 40m. A.M.

Judging from what we saw, we suppose ourselves in a channel running between Melville Island and this land seen in the north, covered with an old floe, without any pressure on shore.

TWENTY-SIXTH JOURNEY.

Started at 8h. 50m. P.M., proceeding towards the point before us. This point is the extremity of a peninsula that the sledges crossed at the isthmus to avoid making a long round. I deposited a record on the extremity of this peninsula. The land appeared to surround us on all sides as if we had been in a very large and deep bay.

Commander M'Clintock to make sure of this fact took his lunch and walked towards the land to the north; I soon lost sight of him in the refraction.

Lunch at 2h. 20m. A.M. Started at 2h. 50m. A.M. making my way in the direction of the shore, keeping at 2 or 3 miles. The floe very rough.

Encamped at 6h. 50m. A.M.

Commander M'Clintock came back at this time without having been close to the land, although he walked about 10 miles.

At about 8h. A.M. we could not see any land, the refraction having disappeared.

The weather very clear all day, light breeze from the N.W. Saw three musk-oxen and 2 ptarmigan.

TWENTY-SEVENTH JOURNEY.

Started at 8h. 45m. P.M. I went on shore to examine the beach. No vegetation on the land, which is covered by a deep couch of snow.

The weather clear, light breeze from the W.S.W. The floe apparently good, but the drag very heavy.

Lunch at 2h. 45m. A.M. Started at 3h. 15m. A.M.

Before us to the S.W. the land is very high, and the hills, I suppose, are a part of the chain of mountains beginning at Cape Fisher, the appearance being exactly the same; the land of a dark colour cut by deep ravines.

The land in sight to the W.N.W. and N.W. bore the appearance of several large islands.

The refraction always very strong showed this land very high, giving sometimes three images.

Encamped at 6h. 45m. A.M.

April 25th, Monday.

April 26th Tuesday.

Course steered - N.W.
 Estim. dist. - 7 miles.
 Encmp. for rest - 12h. 50 m.
 Lunch - 30 m.
 Marching - 7 h. 40 m.
 Temp. - -11°.
 Wind - N.W. 1 to 2.
 State of ice - good floe.

April 26th, Tuesday.

Course steered - N. by W.
 Estim. dist. - 9 miles.
 Encmp. for rest - 14 h.
 Lunch - 30 m.
 Marching - 9 h. 30m.
 Wind - N.W. 1 to 2.
 Temp. - -40°.
 State of ice - rough ice.

April 27th. Wednesday.

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April 28th, Thursday.

Course steered - W.
 Estim. dist. - 9 miles.
 Encmp. for rest - 14 h.
 Lunch - 30 m.
 Marching - 9 h.
 Wind - W. 2.—W.S.W. 3 to 4.
 Temp. - -1°.
 State of ice - old and rough.

April 28th, Thursday.

April 29th, Friday.

Course steered - S.W. by E.
 Estim. dist. - 9½ miles.
 Encmp. for rest - 13 h. 10 m.
 Lunch - 30 m.
 Marching - 9 h. 30 m.
 Temp. - 0°.
 Wind - N.W. 1.
 State of ice - very rough, & deep snow.

April 29th, Friday.

April 30th, Saturday.

Course steered - S.W.
 Estim. dist. - 10 miles.
 Encmp. for rest - 13 h. 55 m.
 Lunch - 30 m.
 Marching - 9 h. 30 m.
 Temp. - 0°.
 Wind - W.S.W. 1.—S.W. 1.
 State of ice - rough.