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the Albion, Leslie, and the Isabella, Simpson. This day we were favoured with a fine north-west breeze, so America soon began to disappear in the distance, and, the east coast of New Brunswick being low land, in a few hours' time it was lost to us in the dim tracery. Towards night, the Albion and Isabella both got a-head of us, but all the rest were far astern. On Saturday, the three Aberdeen vessels were much in the same position with respect to each other as on the day before, but we required to go aloft to see the rest, they were left so far behind. On Sunday, the 16th, we drew near the Island of Cape Breton, the coast of which has a bold appearance, being very high land, and by ten at night we passed the north-east cape, which was the last of the land we saw on the west side of the Atlantic.

Tuesday, 18th.—Not a single vessel in sight, and no vessel appeared till near the middle of the night on Saturday, the 5th November, when we passed within call of a ship from the Baltic, bound for the Mediterranean. On the day following, a brig stood about six miles south of us, and in the afternoon a flag was hoisted, which was presently answered on the brig, when we found it was the Albion of Aberdeen.

Monday, 7th.—This day, at noon, the Islands of Barra and Rona appeared, h was the first land we saw on the east side of the _____antic; but at night we encountered a heavy north-east gale, which drove past the Butt of Lewis. On Tuesday morning, the wind shifted to the north; so with difficulty the vessel crawled past the Butt of Lewis about noon, and by twelve at night steered safely past Cape Wrath. On Wednesday, not a vessel was to be seen. The most conspicuous object was the high mountains along the north coast of Scotland, which showed their high and towering tops covere dark, Head and, a breeze near n throug day n and it by day Castle Fri we an had ar only a all th hour. after a . Not and fr more a been i Halifa in the but no and h lines a

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