

ning the risk of loosing an anchor and cable. In consideration of these circumstances it was deemed the most proper measure to put back to Yarmouth Roads, which was the nearest port, and there to remain until we should be favoured with wind that would enable us to resume our voyage with some prospect of success. Our stay here was agreeably to our wishes of very short duration, for we only arrived there at half past one o'clock, and, about midnight, we were again under weigh. During the time we lay in the Roads, we were visited by Captain Wells and some of the officers of His Majesty's ship Wye, which lay at anchor here.

*Saturday, 15th.* — We have been employed all day working to the northward, and in the evening it fell calm, so that we were as usual obliged to anchor, to prevent our being carried by the tide amongst the sands that lay off this part of the coast.

*Sunday, 16th.* — We got under weigh again early this morning, and made all sail, the wind having at length sprung up right in our favour; this being the Griper's worst point of sailing, she was again taken in tow. In the course of the forenoon, divine service was performed, which almost the whole of the officers and ship's company were able to attend, the weather being so fine that their service was not required on deck. During the day, we passed several flocks of that species of diver called by Linnæus *Colymbus Traile*, and commonly known to seamen, by the name of Loon, or Willock. These birds must be very widely scattered over the northern seas; for we found them last year in great numbers in Davis's Straits, and Baffin's Bay, and occasionally in different parts of the Atlantic during our passage across it.