

side of us, containing a Russian hunter and eight rowers, who had been rowing about in search of the drifted wood for fuel. The Russians told us they came from the ships Bartholomew and Barnabas, belonging to the merchants Panow and Company, which were at present lying at anchor in the strait of Issanozk; but that he himself was left at Unalashka as the master of a baidar, for the purpose of catching wild animals.

In the afternoon, as we were nearly becalmed, we hoisted out our boat, and towed the ship into the strait between Spirkin and Kigalga. Near the entrance of the strait are two rocks, which tower out of the water; they lie close to each other, and are about 2 miles and a half distant from the island Kigalga, towards 180, $\frac{1}{2}$. These are the rocks between which Captain Cook lost himself during a fog, and to which, owing to his providential escape, he gave the name of *Cape Providence*.

In the evening, with the help of towing, and a good tide, we got round the northern promontory of Spirkin, anchoring, near the shore at a little distance from an Aleutian village, in the joyful expectation of meeting with some fresh provisions for the recovery of our sick.

From our anchoring station, a large bay extended south-west into the interior of the island Unalashka, which is called Beaver-bay. Agreeable to the desire of our commander, we went on the following day with Doctor Merk, in a baidar, to examine the bay, and took with us provisions for seven days. We bent our course to the south-west, by the shore of the island Spirkin, within the bay, which is not so steep as on the south-eastern side; for here the extremities only of the cape terminate in rocky acclivities, whereas, on the contrary side, the declivities are excessively steep. The internal part of the island affords four tolerable lakes, at no great distance from and nearly opposite to each other. The water, which in the middle is 50 fathoms, becomes gradually more shallow towards the shore. We chose one of these bays for our night's station, and found, when the water retired in the evening, a number of muscles on the strand, containing several small pearls. The next morning we were obliged to remain till nine, in order to repair our baidars, the leather of which had been considerably injured by the sharp stones jutting out from the shore.

Mr. Merk having landed to collect plants, I proceeded onward by myself in my examination, taking a minute survey of the strait before-mentioned, which separates Spirkin from Unalashka. It is a mile in breadth, and about 50 fathoms in depth; extending to the south-east, for $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles, to the side of Ilmudichtchit, which penetrates, for three miles, into