

the ships by hawsers to the rocks, and then immediately commenced our work. In the mean time, the observatory and instruments were landed on a small island, called by the Danes Boat Island, where Lieutenant Foster and myself carried on the magnetic and other observations, during the stay of the Expedition at this anchorage, of which a survey was also made.

Early on the morning of the 3d of July, the whole of our stores being removed, and Lieutenant Pritchard having received his orders, together with our despatches and letters for England, the *William Harris* weighed with a light wind from the northward, and was towed out to sea by our boats. The day proving calm, we employed it in swinging the *Hecla*, in order to obtain the amount of the deviation of the magnetic needle, and to fix afresh the iron-plate for correcting it. On the following morning, the wind being southerly, the pilots came on board, and the *Hecla* weighed to run through the north passage; in doing which, she grounded on a rock lying directly