

east by north. At this time we perceived a light on shore : and two canoes, with people in them, came off towards us. We brought to, in order to give them time to approach ; but they resisted all our tokens of amity, and kept at the distance of a quarter of a mile. We therefore left them, and proceeded along the coast. The next morning, at one o'clock, observing that the water shoaled pretty fast, we anchored in ten fathoms, and remained in that situation till day-light came on. We then weighed, and pursued our course along the coast, which trended east, and east half south. At seven o'clock in the evening we were abreast of a point, situate in the longitude of 197° east, and in the latitude of $64^{\circ} 21'$ north ; beyond which the coast assumes a more northerly direction. At eight, this point, which received the appellation of Cape Darby, bore south 62° west ; the most northern land we had in view, bore north 32° east ; and the distance of the nearest part of the shore was one league. In this situation we let go our anchors in thirteen fathoms, over a muddy bottom.

On the 9th, at break of day, we weighed, and made sail along the coast. We now saw land, which we supposed to be two islands, the one bearing east, the other south 70° east. Not long afterwards, we found ourselves near a coast covered with wood ; a pleasing sight, to which we had not been lately accustomed. As we advanced northward, land was seen in the direction of northeast, half north, which proved a continuation of the coast upon which we now were ; we likewise perceived high land over the islands, apparently, at a considerable distance beyond them. This was imagin-