

the Plover had sailed two days previous. The ship left Camden Bay on the 20th, reached Point Barrow on the 8th August, but being detained by southerly winds, only arrived here last night, when I found the Plover had returned to Point Barrow; where it is my intention to follow her immediately, so as to ensure her withdrawal this season. I have directed Commander Trollope to embark the stores and provisions deposited on shore here with all despatch, and then proceed to San Francisco, where I hope he will arrive in time to save the September mail.

I have great satisfaction in reporting that the conduct of the ship's company merits my warm commendation, and that they have cheerfully undergone the privations to which these voyages are liable.

I have to regret the death of two seamen and one marine, whose decease cannot be ascribed solely to the effect of climate: on the contrary the health of the ship's company, as will be seen by the accompanying Tables, has been remarkably good, the average number per cent. on the sick list being six; nor have we been seriously afflicted by the scurvy, which, under the favour of God, I attribute in a great measure to the good quality and abundance of provisions their Lordships caused us to be supplied with.

Having communicated with the Plover, it is my intention to make the best of my way to England by Hong Kong and the Cape of Good Hope.

I have, &c.

(Signed) RICHARD COLLINSON, Captain.

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NARRATIVE of the PROCEEDINGS of Her Majesty's Ship ENTERPRIZE.

July and August, 1851.

Meet the ice.

Round Point Barrow in the pack.

Progress along the American coast.

Leaving Port Clarence on the 10th of July 1851, we reached Hope Point on the 15th, Icy Cape the 18th, and Wainwright Inlet the 19th, where our progress was stopped by the ice, there not being a navigable channel between it and the Seahorse Islands. While waiting at the edge of the pack for it to open, we were caught in it, and thus carried by the current to Point Barrow, which was doubled on the 26th; the ice then slackening, by dint of considerable labour, we reached open water on the American Coast, near Tangent Point, on the 31st. Here we found the land water, varying from two to eight miles in width, the water gradually deepening to 9 fathoms at that distance, the mainland being fronted by low sandbanks, to which in some cases the depth of water admitted of our approach within half-a-mile.

On the 1st of August we were visited by two Oomiaks, bringing venison and geese, which they readily exchanged for tobacco, and upon the 2d two more came off; the latter had in their possession a doll, which, in my opinion, was received by the same people from me at Point Hope last year, or else has been transferred along the coast (a distance of 400 miles) by barter.

On our arrival off Manning Point on the 8th of August, the effect of the Mackenzie River became visible, the channel between the pack and the land increasing to 50 miles, at which distance from the shore no bottom was obtained at 150 fathoms. Here we experienced considerable difficulty in steering the ship; even the boats ahead being unable to prevent her being turned round frequently.