

g this, the ship was very heavy. At a sufficient distance that way before any days experience, or set of sail so much troubled last year. Now as we made the sea, the sea being made eight or nine hours.

At eight A. M. we began running. At the ship was hung, soon burst and we went adrift. We fell alongside of this, like the snow driving very fast, expecting soon to be driven from twenty fathoms, however we found ourselves at flat, and had a shoal. As we shoaled our bottom, and were in the ice was running. Now made all sail, the rudder being free. This success gradually, all seeing if we were in point. The quick pieces helped us into any opening, any very severe few moments before us in about two miles got about a mile and complained, or

cracked so much on any other occasion as on this night, but she received no injury.

By eight A. M. on the 28th we were six miles to the southward of Point Elizabeth, still close beset and driving with the ice. At noon, being twenty miles to the northward of Winter Island, we saw its highest hills from the deck. A whale came up alongside, and remained for some time. During the night we drove round the point off Adderley's Bluff into the deep bight to the northward of Winter Island, ship still beset. On the morning of the 29th Turton's Shoals lay about three miles inshore of us, and in the course of the day we neared considerably two small islands, which lay off the N. E. extremity of Winter Island. In the afternoon we observed the officers of the *Fury*, which was a mile or two north of us, on the ice, firing at a bear, but the animal made off. In the evening he came to the *Hecla*, and continued reconnoitering us for about half an hour, a little out of rifle distance. This was a small, but at the same time the heaviest animal of the kind we had ever seen, its haunches being formed like those of a very fat pig, and its belly of a great size.

During the night we were swept out of the strength of the tides, and lay not above a mile from the northernmost of the two islands. We continued all day of the 30th to drive very slowly into the opening between them; and a little before day-break on the 31st found ourselves moving quickly through the narrowest part, which is about three quarters of a mile. When it was light we had opened our view a little, having passed about 300 yards from the outer island, and 100 yards from a low rock off it. The soundings were very regular, from thirty to eighteen fathoms; but the ice had considerable motion, and heavy pieces lay aground on each side of us. When clear of the islands, the rush of tide set us about two miles into the offing, directly for a large shoal, on which heavy ice was thrown up, and past which the other ice was running at above a knot. We were carried within half a cable's length