

guide us. In this manner we travelled for two hours, when the weather clearing we saw the hills turning to the southward, to which direction we altered our course; and having gone forward for two hours more, tented on the snow for a short time as two of the dogs were so fatigued as to be scarcely able to walk. In fact the whole of them were much distressed, for they were not accustomed to land travelling, and the depth of the snow always caused the sledge to hang as a dead weight. At nine in the evening, having rested, we proceeded and travelled until one in the morning on the 16th, when we tented on some flat rocks on which we procured abundance of water, which luxury we had hitherto enjoyed but sparingly. We here saw some small plants of saxifrage in blossom.

"The morning of the 16th was mild and fine, but towards noon wind and sleet came strong from the westward: as our snow-shoes required repair and our feet were much blistered, I took advantage of our being on a good dry rock to refresh ourselves and dogs. We saw a fox, two plovers, and several buntings. Deer tracks were numerous and recent, but the howling and fighting of our wild and restless dogs quite drove the animals away from us.

"In the evening we advanced, and following the direction of the mountains on our right, made a south-easterly course over a large lake of about ten miles in length by one to four in breadth, on the shores of which in some places the ice was pushed up in high transparent hummocks: we saw some wolf tracks, and a few plovers, knots, and sandlings. One deer passed at a distance. At this place there was not an eminence in any direction which was without some piles of stones placed by the Esquimaux hunters. Turning the hills to the S. S. W. we passed over low but exceedingly rocky ground, amongst which the snow was continually knee deep, and the poor dogs were so exhausted that we were obliged to stop on a little rock in a lake at the foot of the mountains. The whole day had been so cloudy and thick