

At 3h. P.M. the breeze freshening rapidly from the S.S.W. with misty weather and thick drift. Encamped at 5h. 30m. P.M.

Several fresh deer tracks along the shore going from the westward to the eastward.

The neck of a rum can having been broken in packing the sledge, lost a pint.

ELEVENTH JOURNEY.

Breakfast, packed the sledge, started at 8h. A.M. with clear weather and a light breeze from the N.W.

Commander M'Clintock taking the lead, I went on the hills to see if I could find some game, and I had the good chance to shoot a hare.

Lunch at 1h. 30m. P.M. Started at 2h. P.M. The breeze round the compass. Encamped at 6h. P.M. at the depôt of Point Nias.

Journal of M. De Bray, of
the French Marine.

April 14th, Thursday.

Course steered - W. 6° N.
Estim. dist. - 8½ miles.
Encmp. for rest - 14 h. 30 m.
Lunch - - 30 m.
Marching - - 9 h. 30 m.
Temp. - - -13°.
Wind - - N.W. 2.—φ 1.

TWELFTH JOURNEY.

Employed the forenoon completing our provisions from the depôt of Point Nias, and in burying my homewards depôt of 11 days.

Misty and snowy weather, blowing fresh from the S.W., heavy drift.

Lunched in the tent at 0h. 30m. P.M. Packed the sledge and started at 1h. P.M. under sail.

At 4h. P.M. the wind shifted suddenly to the N.W. after a short interval of calm, and blew so strong that we were obliged to encamp at 5h. 30m. P.M.

April 15th, Friday.

Course steered - N.W.
Estim. dist. - 2 miles.
Encmp. for rest - 13 h. 30 m.
Lunch - - 30 m.
Marching - - 4 h. 30 m.
Temp. - - -15°.
Wind - S.W. 5.—N.W. 1 to 8.
State of ice - rough, and deep snow.

THIRTEENTH JOURNEY.

Confined to the tent, blowing very hard from the N.W. and the temperature being too low to proceed on our journey.

FOURTEENTH JOURNEY.

At 8h. A.M. breakfast, packed the sledge, and proceeded to the N.W. The weather cloudy, fine snow at intervals. Light breeze changing from the N.W. to the S.W. which was the evening breeze. Strong glare very bad for the eyes.

Lunch at 1h. P.M. Started at 1h. 30m. P.M. with the same weather. Encamped at 5h. 30m. P.M.

April 16th, Saturday.

Temp. - - -21°.
Wind - - N.W. 8 to 9.

April 17th, Sunday.

Course steered - N.W.
Estim. dist. - 8 miles.
Encmp. for rest - 14 h.
Lunch - - 30 m.
Marching - - 9 h.
Temp. - - -2°.
Wind - N.W. 1.—S.W. 2.
State of ice - very heavy in some parts.

FIFTEENTH JOURNEY.

Started at 7h. A.M. Cloudy weather, light breeze.

Lunch at noon. Started at 0h. 30m. P.M.

The vision very deceiving made the land before us appear very close, although we were 2 or 3 miles distant. Encamped at 5h. P.M.

Remarked two deer tracks on the floe going from Melville Island towards Sabine Land.

April 18th, Monday.

Course steered - N.W.
Estim. dist. - 7 miles.
Encmp. for rest - 13 h. 30 m.
Lunch - - 30 m.
Marching - - 9 h. 30 m.
Temp. - - -10°.
Wind - - S. to S.S.W. 1.
State of ice - good, but deep snow.

SIXTEENTH JOURNEY.

At 7h. A.M. breakfast, packed the sledge, and proceeded towards a low point before us (Cape Fisher); going round this point we found a deep bay and another point bearing N.W. Proceeded towards this point, where we lunched at noon.

Started at 0h. 30m. P.M. Previously I was sent by Commander M'Clintock in order to examine this last point, where I found some coal.

Having seen two musk oxen I gave chase immediately, but succeeded only in wounding one of them, without being able to capture him.

This point was called Middle Point, and the two bays each side of it Twin Bays. In the bottom of the bay, situated north of Middle Point, is a very high bluff that Captain Parry calls Bull Bluff, which is the commencement of a chain of high mountains stretching to the N.W.

This morning before starting we examined the sledges. Thirty-two rivets missing from the runners of "Star of the North," and the two runners split in the middle. Fourteen rivets missing from the "Hero," and a very slight crack in the starboard runner. Encamped at 4h. 30m. P.M.

April 19th, Tuesday.

Course steered - N.W.
Estim. dist. - 6½ miles.
Encmp. for rest - 14 h.
Lunch - - 30 m.
Marching - - 9 h.
Temp. - - -10°.
Wind - - S.S.E. 1.
State of ice - good along shore.

SEVENTEENTH JOURNEY.

Started at 5h. 15m. A.M. The weather very clear, light breeze from the S.E.; we took this occasion to dry our gear.

At 8h. A.M. the weather became misty and the breeze freshening we hoisted our sail. Found blue ice along the shore.

April 20th, Wednesday.

Course steered - N.W.
Estim. dist. - 9 miles.
Encmp. for rest - 12 h. 45 m.
Lunch - - - -