

at the same time, a thick mist, and a very heavy fall of snow, it was requisite that we should proceed with particular caution: we therefore brought to for a few hours in the night. Early the next morning, which was the 30th of August, we steered such a course as we judged most likely to bring us in with the land, being guided, in a great measure, by the land; for the weather was extremely thick and gloomy, with incessant showers of snow. At ten o'clock we obtained a sight of the coast, which was at the distance of four miles, bearing southwest. Soon afterwards, our depth of water having decreased to seven fathoms, we hauled off. A very low point now bore south-southwest, distant two or three miles; to the eastward of which there seemed to be a narrow channel, that led into some water which we saw over the point. It is not improbable, that the lake above mentioned communicates here with the sea.

About twelve o'clock the mist dispersing, we had a view of the coast, which extended from south-east to northwest by west. Some parts of it were apparently higher than others; but the greatest part of it was rather low, with high land further up the country. It was almost entirely covered with snow which had fallen very lately. We ranged along the coast, at the distance of about two leagues, till ten o'clock in the evening, when we hauled off; but resumed our course early on the following morning, when we had another view of the coast, extending from west to southeast by south. At eight o'clock the eastern part bore south, and was found to be an island, which, at twelve, was four or five miles distant, bearing southwest half south.