

which obtained the name of **POINT RETREAT**, situated in latitude  $58^{\circ} 24'$ , longitude  $225^{\circ} 12'$ . Here they stopped to take some rest, and having breakfasted, Mr. Whidbey, although in some measure departing from the scrupulous exactness with which our survey had been hitherto conducted, became satisfied that the branch he had thus quitted was but barely navigable for boats, and therefore pursued his researches about sixteen miles, to a point called by me **POINT MARSDEN**, along the eastern shore of the channel, concluding it to be the continent, taking a direction S. 9 E.; it is composed of land, very moderately elevated, covered with fine timber, chiefly of the pine kind, and terminating at the water-side with alternate steep rocky cliffs and small sandy bays, with a few detached rocks and islets lying near it. The wind was still boisterous, with thick, rainy, unpleasant weather, so that they could seldom see a mile before them; they were, however, sometimes favored by a light northerly wind, with which, on the 20th, they advanced about ten leagues further, still finding the eastern shore compact, and the country of a similar description to that they had passed the preceding day. Here, at a point in latitude  $57^{\circ} 37'$ , longitude  $205^{\circ} 29'$ , which I called **POINT PARKER**, the party took up their abode for the night, which was very rainy; but in the morning of the