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The 30th, latitude $9^{\circ} 48'$, longitude $187^{\circ} 9'$. We had a fresh wind from N., and extremely high waves from N.W. The current had carried us since yesterday 27 miles to W. : we saw more birds than usual.

The 31st, latitude $9^{\circ} 49' 57''$, longitude, according to the ship's reckoning, deduced from the chronometers, $188^{\circ} 33'$. During the whole day we had gloomy weather with drizzling rain, which is not usual in the tropics; the wind varied from N. to N.N.E. and N.N.W. This changeable weather gave me great hopes that land was near; I however looked for it in vain. At three o'clock in the afternoon, we were exactly N., 15 miles distant from our course in the preceding year, and had now sailed, for the second time, through the chain of the Mulgrave islands, without having seen them. I now directed my course as much north as the wind permitted, to sail to Kutusof's islands, which I have promised to examine more closely; and we tacked during the night under few sails, that we might neither run aground, nor pass the islands.

The 1st of January, 1817, latitude $10^{\circ} 10'$, longitude, calculated according to the chronometers on the 2d of January, $189^{\circ} 54'$. A faint wind, which changed from N.N.W. to N.N.E., with drizzling