

bottle buried twenty feet to the magnetic north, but were compelled to abandon their search by the attacks of swarms of mosquitoes. Captain Kellett's party, of H.M.S. *Plover*, report having found here, in July 1849, the cask of flour left by Beechy twenty-three years before, and that it was quite perfect. The sand around it was frozen so hard that the cask was not extracted without much difficulty.

Detached from Chamisso is a steep, broken rock, incessantly echoing with the clang of tumultuous waves, known as Puffin Island, from the myriads of ocean-birds which find a shelter there during their period of incubation.

While lying at anchor off Chamisso, some of the voyagers made an excursion to a spot of considerable zoological interest, Elephant Point, the origin and formation of which have been the subject of conflicting statements. According to Kotzebue, it is a mass of ice covered with soil a foot thick, and containing an abundance of mammoth bones.* But Captain Beechy thinks that the appearance which induced Kotzebue to characterize it as an iceberg was produced either by the water of the thawing ice or snow

* The mammoth (*Elephas primogenius*) is now extinct, but formerly abounded in Northern Asia, and over the whole of Europe.