

fell several showers of small rain, attended with frequent thick fogs. At nine, our longitude being nearly 186 deg. 18 min. E. we saw land, being part of the continent of Asia, bearing from S. S. W. to S.W. our soundings at this time were twenty-three fathoms, with a sandy bottom. At noon, our latitude by account was 68 deg. 46 min. N. when the extremes of the land bore from S. 55 deg. E. five miles distant, to N. 55 deg. W. three leagues distant, the nearest part bearing S. by W. about two miles, our soundings being eight fathom. We soon after tacked, and stood to the N. N. E. the wind N. W. The land to the eastward was low and level, that behind it moderately high, with little or no snow, but the whole as barren as can well be conceived: we did not observe the least ice upon or near the shore. At two we tacked and stood W. S. W. $\frac{1}{2}$ W. At four we had showers of small rain, our soundings were fifteen, and at five twelve fathom,