

day; we therefore prepared to move immediately after breakfast. The latitude of this station by one meridian altitude was  $69^{\circ} 46' 12''$  N., the longitude, by means of two sets of sights for the chronometer, was  $00^{\circ} 34' 42''$  east of the ships. The Esquimaux seemed sorry to depart from us, a feeling rendered reciprocal by the kindness which they had uniformly shewn us. It is but justice to say that I never experienced more attention in my life, and that their whole conduct towards us seemed expressive of a grateful feeling for the advantages which they had derived from their intercourse with the ships. Our party was increased to six by two of the natives joining us just as we were starting. The ice was tolerably smooth and had but little water on it, so that my men, who walked more than two-thirds of the way, did it without fatigue, and at half an hour past six in the evening we landed on Neerlonaktoo. Our companions, who had volunteered to carry us to the ships, were anxious to proceed, but compassion for our poor dogs would not suffer me to hear of it. Although these people were kind and attentive to us, they did not think it necessary to extend this feeling to our dogs, which were become very lame, nor would they even supply us with a piece of skin to make boots for them, without demanding an exorbitant price. Whilst on Neerlonaktoo we saw three deer and great numbers of geese and other water fowl, but they were so shy that all our attempts to get near them were ineffectual.

" Leaving the island at forty-five minutes past eleven, on the 16th. we arrived on Igloodik at twenty minutes past one. Having loaded our own dogs, the Esquimaux left theirs moored to a stone, where they were to remain without food until their return; and walking across the island we reached the ships at four in the afternoon."

The ice continued daily, though slowly, to dissolve, and there still was a distance of nearly five miles from the ships to the open sea. The hope of extricating the ships there-