

1894. Griper having been found too deeply laden
June. to cross the Atlantic, was to accompany us to the entrance of Hudson's Strait, whence she would afterwards proceed to Newfoundland. On the 16th Commissioner Cunningham arrived from Chatham, and the ship's company received their river pay, with three months' advance; when, having provided themselves with such a portion of warm clothing as my former experience in the Polar seas caused me to insist on their purchasing, and having sent their wives on shore, at four P.M. we weighed in company with the Snap, and made sail for the Swin. We now found that being in salt water, the ship drew sixteen feet one inch abaft, and fifteen feet ten inches forward. At night-fall his majesty's ship Brisk passed, and Captain Hope honoured us with three cheers, informing me at the same time that Captain Parry had passed through the Pentland Frith. We anchored off the buoy of the Mouse, and were detained until daylight of the 18th, by a strong north-east wind. It then moderated from the northward, and we weighed.

On the morning of the 19th the wind veered to the southward, and we had a tolerably good run until thirty minutes after seven,