as I could judge; it appeared nearly in the same state as last year at this season.

" Leaving Neerlonakton at half-past eleven on the 30th, we reached Igloolik at two in the afternoon. The ice between the two islands was almost impassable for a sledge in some places, but the pools were all frozen over, for the first time, during the night. We found great difficulty in landing on Igloolik, the ice having broken up into detached pieces along its shores. In getting the sledge across from one end to the other, we were frequently near losing it, the dogs having to swim across several of the spaces between the broken pieces of ice. Having crossed the isthmus, we got sight of the ships and arrived on board about four in the afternoon."

They had now entered upon the month of August, yet the ships were so completely surrounded with ice as to preclude all approaches to the open water, excepting that around the ships to a small distance there was an open space of water. Captain Parry therefore resolved, arduous as was the attempt, to endeavour to saw a passage through the ice to the sea, a distance of nearly five miles, and with this view a tent was pitched for the ships' company to take their meals in. On the third of the month, however, the ice opened to within a mile of the ship, so that the sawing might be proceeded on with a greater prospect of success, and the following day near four hundred yards of ice were cut through. In effecting this the crew endured much fatigue, and the ice often breaking several of the men fell into the water. One of them very narrowly escaped drowning, being at such a distance as that help could not be readily afforded him.

The prospect of being liberated from the ice being probable, the parties which had been appointed to fish and obtain provisions were called in. The boats had a narrow escape one day in attacking a herd of walrusses, the