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not been down more than 2 hours when the ~~the~~ collar was up to the peak. for us to come aboard. On the 27 of May, we sighted the diamese and farewell Rock right ahead at 2 o'clock. we passed through the straits bound due north I shall give you a representation of the straits of ~~the~~ diamese formerly called Rhining Straits.

view of
Rhining Straits
Diamese Great and
Small and farewell
Rock.
Cape Prince of Wales
and E Cape.

On the Right is little diamese and Cape Prince of Wales on your left is Big diamese and E Cape. We arrived in the Arctic Ocean at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 27 of May. There was a great deal of ice as far as we could see all around, which prevented us from going any farther to the Northward than Cape Prince

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of Wales. on the 10 of June we saw a large whale breach in the air called all hands but did not lower. Kept a sharp lookout for two hours but did not see him again on the 18th June being most time for walrusing we saw a large and heavy body of walrus on several cakes of ice there being about 5000. all together called all hands and lowered down and brought aboard 19 walrus. On the 19th 13 walrus 20th & 21st blowing a heavy gale of ~~and~~ wind which compelled us to heave to under lower topsails under the lee of the ice there being a very large flow of ice to windward of us. On the 22nd of June caught 45 walrus. On the 23rd we had the delightful pleasure of seeing large numbers of walrus on the ice. the Captain came forward and told us all to be quick and lower the boats as there was 4000 of walrus in sight from 3 o'clock in the morning till 10 o'clock in the evening we fetched aboard 107 walrus. Turns us out again after having only 2 hours sleep but did not get only 8. 24th 25th and 26th took aboard 62 walrus. On the 27th 90 walrus. On the 28th 72 walrus. On the 29th 40 walrus. On the 30th 82 walrus. On the 1st of July 28 walrus. On the 2nd of July 37 walrus. On the 3rd 10 walrus. On the 4th of July in the morn-