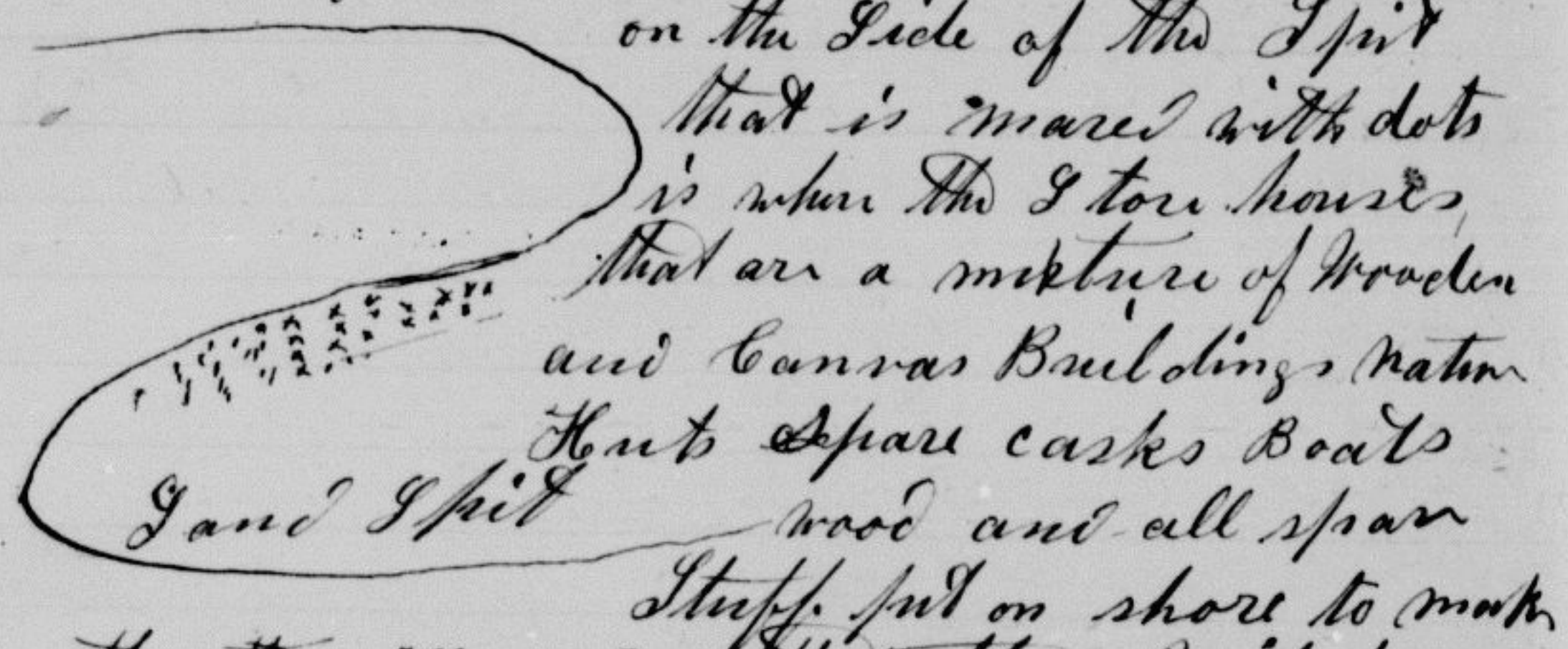


Herschel Island October 26th 1894

Herschel Island situated in the Arctic Ocean in Lat 69.30 Lon 158.50 W it belongs to Canada and is about 40 miles East of the United States Boundary Line and about one Hundred miles West of the mouth of the Mackenzie River and separated by a short distance from the main Land ^{it being} separated by a narrow strip of water full of sand spits its is 500 feet high and its length from the N.W. Point to the S.W. Point is 8 miles and its extreme width is 4 miles the Harbour is on the South side of the N.E. Point of the Island it is named Parline Cove and there is an area of Fifteen Square yards where vessels can lay that don't draw over 15 feet of water this is the shape of the Harbour as near as I can draw it



Because for the other House & C that they build on the Ships to keep the Snow off and to loaf in there are Fifteen Ships and I have frozen in now the last of us was frozen in on the 14th of October the weather was not very severe the coldest we have had it yet is 5 below zero very little Snow has fallen up to date the Ships have mostly got their Ice but we see Ice water for cooking and drinking purposes as Snow water is apt to give people the Gervys we have had 4 our Dances three of them quite well affare music Dancing Card playing and a Supper one was on the Beluga one on the Alexander and one in the Companys House on Shore some Deer have been brought in by the hunters that are killed out by the Ship Masters

On Board of Brk Wm Baylies October 29. This Day begins with fine clear weather Wind N.E. Thermometer 2 below engaged in drawing Ice from the Pond a distance of Two miles it is Dragged by men and Dogs and about 1500 to 2000 a Ton is brought at a load and Ten bound of Ice make about one Gallon of Water. The Sun at Noon was about 5 Degree High. Latter part weather the same went on Shore and went into the Companys House some were playing Cards and some Billiards I stay a little while and went back aboard of my Ship after Supper was invited by Capt Green to go on Board of the Steamer Alexander where they had a Card Party got Home at Eleven O'clock so ends This Day.

Oct 30

This Day begins with a Snow Storm with a moderate Southerly Wind Thermometer at Sea above zero men employed a sledging down Ice. This morning took a stroll around the Fleet went on Board of the Thrasher and took Lunch with Mrs Parks she is complaining of Rheumatism. Capt Parks Fetter out two Indian Hunters to go on the main Land after Deer. several men went from the other Ships they use Dogs to drag their sleds it is quite busy getting Ice Building sleds making Platforms to put it on to keep out of the way of the Dogs I came on Board at Twelve O'clock and after Supper stayed to play on the Violin but did not make much of it so ends This Day

October 31

This Day began with fine weather Wind S.W. Thermometer 5 above and 8 Chmi crew engaged in bringing down Ice engaged another Hunter to go out tomorrow went on Board of Brk Beluga Capt & Mrs Shearman and Capt Mackemra were day there the latter and middle part of the day very fine Thermometer standing at 22 above so ends This Day