

approached the floe to the S^d of Cape York about 4 miles and made fast with single anchor. The "Bear" stood in about a mile closer through a narrow lead and sent a party on shore to communicate on shore. Signaled to her as follows. "Send party on shore at once and then come out here." She came out at once and was directed by Captain Schley to proceed toward Littleton Id. leaving a record at Comial Rock and Cape Parry. The Steam Whaler "Wolf" and "Aurora" after looking at the floe stood away to the W. Captain Fannweather commanding the "Aurora" came on board and tendered his best wishes to Commander Schley for the success of the expedition. Steamed through the lead towards Cape York and at 7.30 AM picked up St. Colwell with three men. Eskimo guide - dinghy and McElmitch sledge. A native Esquimaux with a team and sledge had visited St. Colwell after he landed. No rumors of white men or any information whatever answering the inquiry party was obtained from him. At 8.35 AM, cast off lines and started ahead for Comial Rock. At 11.00 stopped engine to replace broken bolt of link. Set fore and aft sail. At 11.50 started ahead again hauling down sail at same time at 12. M in Lat. 75.52 N. Long. 67° 42' W. Bar. 29.50 Therm. 39° Standing to W and Eth through ice pack. Commanding officer coming ship from "Crows Nest" at 3 PM, rounded to to Nth about about Comial Rock. making fast at 3.40 PM. to a small grounded berg. Keeping a sharp lookout for men or boats as the "Durnig" First Dog Watch built a cairn over a record for "Alert" and "Bear" on the top of the S^d end of Comial Rock and floated Black Flag over it. Several gunning parties left the ship soundings in 55 f. about 2 miles from noon position E. S. E. (true)

June 19, 1884, Making passage from Comial Rock to Cape Parry Greenland. Clear and pleasant. quite a moderate breeze from S. S. W. and West. at 12 got underway and stood down for Wostenholme Id. returning to morning off west end of Comial Rock at 12.45 AM, having found the ice too thick and heavy for passage. Soundings in 22 f. Current setting by the island N. W. (true) about 1 knot per hour. Shifted 10 tons of coal from Main hold to Starboard bunker. At 12 M. Lat. 76° 04' N. Long. 68° 34' W. Bar. 29.64. Therm. 31° at 1 PM, left Comial Rock and proceeded through soft, floe ice toward Wostenholme Id. under direction of commanding officer. A Labrador dog which had been thrown on the ice in a fit this morning was left at Comial Rock, a search was made for him without success. At 6.00 PM, standing up for Wostenholme Id. through loose pack ice. Commander coming from "Crows Nest" at 7.00 PM, struck in the pack. running and boring Easted ship with torpedoes placed two on Starboard bow and four in line ahead one of which failed to explode. Exploded 3 gun powder and one gun cotton torpedo. Loaded and fused one gun powder torpedo. at 12 Midnight N. W. end of Wostenholme Id bore abeam distant 250 yards. Dalayuple Rock E & E. Ships head S. S. E.

June 20th 1884, Making passage to Littleton Id. Smiths Sound. Clear and pleasant. Light variable air. Evening generally overcast and cool. At 12.15 AM sent Lieut. Colwell and party on shore to establish a cairn with a record on a point. about the middle of the west side of Wostenholme Id. cairn marked by pole with white flag. at 1.45 AM started ahead and stood up for Fannweather Id.