

At 2.25 stopped and soon after a number of natives came alongside with sledges and dogs. Sent Lieut. Colwell and Lieut. pilot Norman on shore in search for information or news of the Greely party. At 4.40 AM started ahead search party having come back unsuccessful. Stood out to W<sup>est</sup> through loose pack ice working way to open water about 7 miles distance. At 7.20 stopped about 20 minutes to buy up supplies. Saw a number of walrus. Gavey Isls in sight on Port Beam. Fritz Clarence Rock. Cape Parry and Northumberland Id. in sight to W<sup>est</sup> - at 1.20 made fast to floe off Cape Parry. sent party on shore to establish a cairn with records for "Alert" and "Bear". Cairn marked by white flag and placed on a small near western point of Cape. At 2.00 PM. party returned reporting fresh sledge tracks, runder manure and plenty of hairs. At 2.25 hauled in lines and started ahead for Northumberland land Ids. Ship touched lightly on leaving island. Heavy fog overcasting the mountains. At 6.00 PM Northumberland end of Hahly Id in sight (P.C.) N.E. & E. Got a cast of lead at 4.20 PM. in 80 fathoms standing up for Cape Alexander Lat. 76° 49' N. Long. 116° 30' W.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1884. Making passage for and at Littleton Ids Smith Sound. Cloudy and cool. overcast with light snow during forenoon and afternoon. Fresh breezes from N.W. and W.W. moderate sea. at 1.05 AM. made out Littleton Id beyond Cape Alexander. at 1.30 Cape Alexander being abeam hauled up for the Id and thereafter course various. at 2.35 AM ship grounded between Littleton Ids and Mt Parry Id engines backing at the time but ship still forging ahead. hoisted jibs and at 3.30 ship swung clear. Stood around to N.E. of Id and made fast to a

grounded berg. Keeping a sharp lookout for Lieut. Greely party. Turned flood tide at 2.10 AM. Commanding officers with party visited cairn on South side of Id. finding some provisions in excellent condition. Brought off to ship our tent with poles and pegs complete one cask of N.E. Rum and one cask of Alcohol each marked as follows: "Lt A.W. Greely Fort Longue Point Land via St. Johns Newfoundland St. Colwell found and brought off to ship records of Commander Meade and Mr. Ruben. During forenoon strong winds in squalls from the N.E. and W.E. locked both anchors and ran in 20 f of chain on each ready for letting go. Got on deck ready for landing 760 rations as follows. 1160 lbs of pemmican

650 lbs of Bread

22 lbs of Tea.

190 lbs of Sugar.

Sighted through fog bank high land to W<sup>est</sup> and E<sup>ast</sup>

At 12.25 set mizzen top g't stay sail to keep ship's stern from swinging towards Mt Parry Ids Bar. 29.74, Throm. 310