

EXTRACT FROM JOURNAL.

"At 6^h 30^m P. M. I went aloft to take a look, the weather being clear, horizon good, and clouds lofty. I heard the noise of a penguin; soon after, one was seen very near the brig, with a large seal to windward. After reaching masthead, I saw over the field of ice, an object, large, dark, and rounding, resembling a mountain in the distance. The icebergs all were bright and brilliant, and in great contrast.

"I watched for an hour to see if the sun in his decline would change the colour of the object by a difference of rays: it remained the same, with a white cloud above, similar to those generally hovering over high land; at sunset it remained the same. I took the bearing accurately, intending to examine it closely as soon as I got a breeze. I am strongly of the opinion it is an island, surrounded by immense fields of ice now in sight."

EXTRACT FROM LOG.

"At 7 P. M. discovered what was supposed to be an island, bearing south-by-east,—a great deal of field-ice in sight.

(Signed) "J. H. NORTH."

17th, the indications were again noticed, corroborating those of the day preceding. From the 19th to the 21st, I was not in sight of the barrier, owing to adverse winds and thick weather. On the afternoon of the last date, I closed in again. On the 22d, 4 A. M., appearances of land again to the southward and eastward, at the time passing an iceberg with dark veins and dusty appearances, exciting again confident hopes of soon making positive discoveries.

On the 23d, I attained the parallel of 66° 49' S., 151° 24' E., by observation, having reached the southern extreme of an extensive gulf, studded with islands of ice, and far in the distance to the southward high and lofty bergs were identified and entangled in the main barrier, rendering our advancement one step further impossible. I put about, tried dip, and retraced my steps, exchanging colours with Peacock at 2^h 30^m P. M., then on her way in.

After separating from you on the 27th, I proceeded westward, keeping the barrier close to, reluctantly meeting insuperable obstacles in every effort to pass the Antarctic Circle.

On the 28th, I experienced a heavy gale from southeast of thirty-six hours, with snow and dense fog, rendering my situation dangerous in