

November, he stood for the position of Cornwallis Island, as laid down by Arrowsmith in longitude $169^{\circ} 31' W.$, latitude $16^{\circ} 50' N.$, without seeing any indication of land. Twenty-two miles to the south-by-east of this position, he discovered a reef, which surrounded an extensive lagoon, extending northeast and southwest ten miles, and in the opposite direction five miles. On the northwest side of this reef there are two low islets: the one to the westward was covered with bushes, but no trees; the other was no more than a sand-bank. This reef lies deep. The longitude of the westernmost islet was found to be $169^{\circ} 45' 36'' W.$, and latitude $16^{\circ} 48' N.$ He then bore away for San Pedro of Arrowsmith, in longitude $179^{\circ} 00' W.$, and latitude $11^{\circ} 17' N.$, and on the 7th of December sailed over it and on its parallel forty miles both east and west, but saw no indications of land whatever.

The Mulgrave Islands were steered for, and two small islands made on the 16th, in the position of longitude $172^{\circ} 02' 33'' E.$, and latitude $5^{\circ} 59' 15'' N.$, which corresponds with the chart of Arrowsmith. They are low islets, extending two miles from north to south, and one and a half from east to west. They are connected by a reef, which surrounds a lagoon. Natives were seen upon them, but no communication was had with them.

Bapham's, a lagoon island, was made on the 17th: it was found to be correctly located; it is also inhabited.

Hunter's Island was made the same evening, and was examined the next day: it is one and three quarters of a mile long, north and south, and two-thirds of a mile east and west; it is elevated in the centre, and has no lagoon; its position was ascertained to be in longitude $169^{\circ} 05' 46'' E.$, and latitude $5^{\circ} 42' N.$

Baring's Island was next passed in $168^{\circ} 26' 24'' E.$, latitude $5^{\circ} 34' 42'' N.$ The current experienced off these islands was from fifteen to twenty-five miles easterly.

It having been strongly enjoined upon Mr. Knox not to be behind the time designated for his arrival at Manilla, he found, on his reaching the equator, that but twenty-two days of his time remained: having already experienced light winds and calms, he saw that it would be impossible to range through the Caroline Group and visit Ascension and Strong's Islands; he therefore determined to haul again to the northward, and passed several of the groups in a higher latitude,

On the 26th, he passed over the situation ascribed to Faroilip Island, in latitude $10^{\circ} 45' N.$, longitude $146^{\circ} 27' E.$, without any indications of land. He then sought Feis Island, whose position was crossed on the 27th, but saw no land.