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to work as a charm upon this Monstrous sea-creature. I was greatly interested in this procedure. Miner kept up his peculiar noise which was a mixture of [^][[Innuit]] singing & bellying. Every few moments he would relax his hold of his gun & make a few careful stokes with the oar then perhaps Ook-guke would make a movement as if to depart - then Sealer would seize his gun aim it - at the same time increasing in vehemence of executing his Seal Song! Ook-guke charmed would desist its movements. Sealer again plies oar - again brings the steel to bear - again & again exchanges one for the other. It appeared that he wished to [^][[be]] sure of his game by having distance between him & it small - very small. At last Seal bu[^][[r]]st the ~~thr~~ silvery Charm [^][[wh. had been around it -]] raised itself quick as thought & made a plunge ere Sealer could bring his gun to bear again. The response that came to our ears [^][[from over the waters]] ~~from the~~ was the peculiar ejaculation of an Innuit on a sudden disappointment - E-e-e-uk! A loss of ~~2~~ ^{1/2 to 2/3} of a ton of fresh provision! Not this alone I [^][[almost]] lost a good opportunity for taking a Meridional observation of the Sun. I was so interestingly engaged in this scene that I forgot my more important duty. As it was, I hastened to the sea ice with my pocket sextant & was just in time (within a minute) of catching the Sun on its turning point -

Sun's Altitude 39[°] - 42[°] - 00^{''}

[[symbol: Sun]]'s Semi-diam & Px. +16-8

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39-58.08

[[^]][^][[(Small sex)]]

Refractive --- -1-08

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5 feet Dip (Sea Horizon) -2-12

Dec. n 12[°] - 37 - 14^{''} 39-54-48

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Cord Decr n. 12[°] - 41^{''} - 21^{''}

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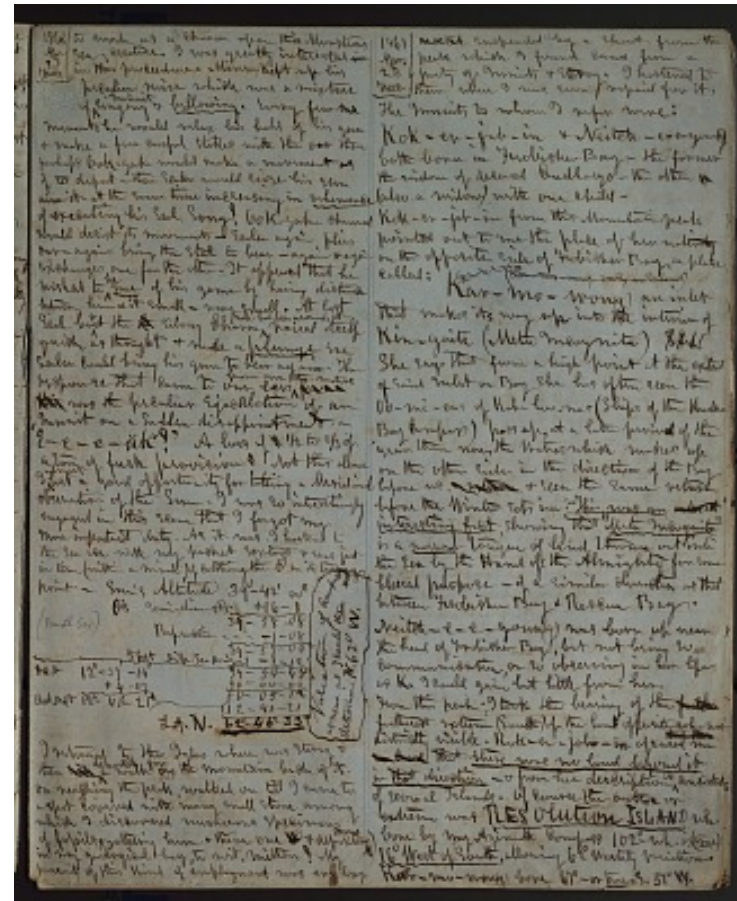
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Lat. N. 62[°] - 46^{''} - 33^{''}

[[right margin encircled and written vertically]] Variation of Compass was a near as I could then determine N. 62° W.

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I returned to the Igloo where was Sterry & then ~~took~~ ^{[[departed for]]} a walk on the mountain back of it. On reaching the peak, walked on till I came to a spot covered with many small stone among which I discovered numerous specimens of fossils, gathering here & there one ~~[[?]]~~ & depositing [^][[them]] in my geological bag, to wit, mitten! My pursuit of



this kind of employment was ere long

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[[strikethrough]] [[?]]ted [[/strikethrough]] suspended by a shout from the peak which I found came from a party of Innuits & Sterry. I hastened to them where I was soon repaid for it. The Innuits to whom I refer were: Kok-er-jab-in & Neitch-e-e-youn(g) both born in Frobisher Bay - the former the widow of deceased Cudlargo - the other [[strikethrough]] a [[/strikethrough]] (also a widow) with one child.

Kok-er-jab-in from this Mountain peak pointed out to me the place of her nativity on the opposite side of Frobisher Bay, a place called:

[[strikethrough]] *..... (Kar-mo-wong really an Island) [[/strikethrough]]

Kar-mo-won(g) an inlet that makes its way up into the interior of Kingaita (Meta Incognita). [[strikethrough]] She [[/strikethrough]] She says that from a high point at the extent of said Inlet or Bay she has often seen the Oo-mi-ens of Kab-loo-nas (Ships of the Hudson Bay Company) pass up, at a later period of the year than now, the Waters which makes up on the other side in the direction of the Bay before us,

[[strikethrough]] & return [[/strikethrough]] & seen the same return before the Winter sets in. [[underlined]] This was an [[strikethrough]] interest [[/strikethrough]] interesting fact, [[/underlined]] showing that

[[underlined]] "Meta Incognita" [[/underlined]] is a [[underlined]] narrow [[/underlined]] tongue of land thrown out into the Sea by the Hand of the Almighty for some blessed purpose - of a similar character as that between Frobisher Bay & Rescue Bay.

Neitch-e-e-youn(g) was born up near the head of Frobisher Bay, but not being so communicative, or so observing in her life as K. I could gain but little from her.

From this peak, I took the bearing of the [[strikethrough]] further [[/strikethrough]] furtherest extreme (South) of the land opposite wh. was distinctly visible. Kok-er-jab-in assured me [[strikethrough]] [[?]] [[?]] [[?]] land [[/strikethrough]] that [[underlined]] there was no land beyond it in that direction [[/underlined]] - & from her description ^[[it]] consisted of several Islands. Of course the outer or extreme was [[underlined]] RESOLUTION ISLAND [[/underlined]] wh. bore by my Aizmuth Compass 102[[degree symbol]] - wh. is [[underlined]] (true) 16[[degree symbol]] West of South, [[/underlined]] allowing 62[[degree symbol]] Westerly variation.

Kar-mo-won(g) bore 67[[degree symbol]] - or [[underlined]] true [[/underlined]] = S. 51[[degree symbol]] W.

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