



Capt^m M^cClure, in H.M.S. Investigator, sailed Eastward from Behring Strait, examined the N. Coast of Wales, leaving wh he steered N.E., discovered the N.E. entrance closed by ice, 15 Aug. 1850. He returned & on the 23rd of August sailed along the W. & N. Coasts of Behring I. & anchored in Mercy Bay, 24 Sept. 1850 & only 23rd from Parry's furthest, in Aug. 1820. An impenetrable barrier of ice prevented Parry in 1819 & 20, & the same barrier seems to have prevented M^cClure in 1850, 51, 52 & 53, from re-

1857. The Herald, after having been on the N. of C. Barrow in Aug. 1846, returned through Behring Strait, Wintered at Herald Bay, 1857, & sailed to Port Clarence, & then to the Strait, July 1857, in prosecution of the search.