

Penny Strait and Flight Paths

William Penny (1809 – 1892), my 4th cousin [my great, great, great grandfather's brother's son] was a well known explorer, whaling captain and leader of the 1850/51 expedition to find Sir John Franklin (who sought to find the North West passage). The natural waterway between Bathurst Island and Devon Island was named after him.

My family connections and an insight into William's exploits are in my family website [here](#).

He pioneered over-wintering in the Arctic, contributed to the exploration and mapping of areas towards the North Pole and he, too, was in pursuit of the waterway between the northern Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Whilst he was wintering dangerously in the seas in the Arctic Circle with much interest in that time to establish a trade route that would significantly shorten the Atlantic / Pacific journey, he presumably gave no thought to any route than one on the surface of the earth (sea or land).

Nowadays aircraft fly over the areas where he and others were "sailing".

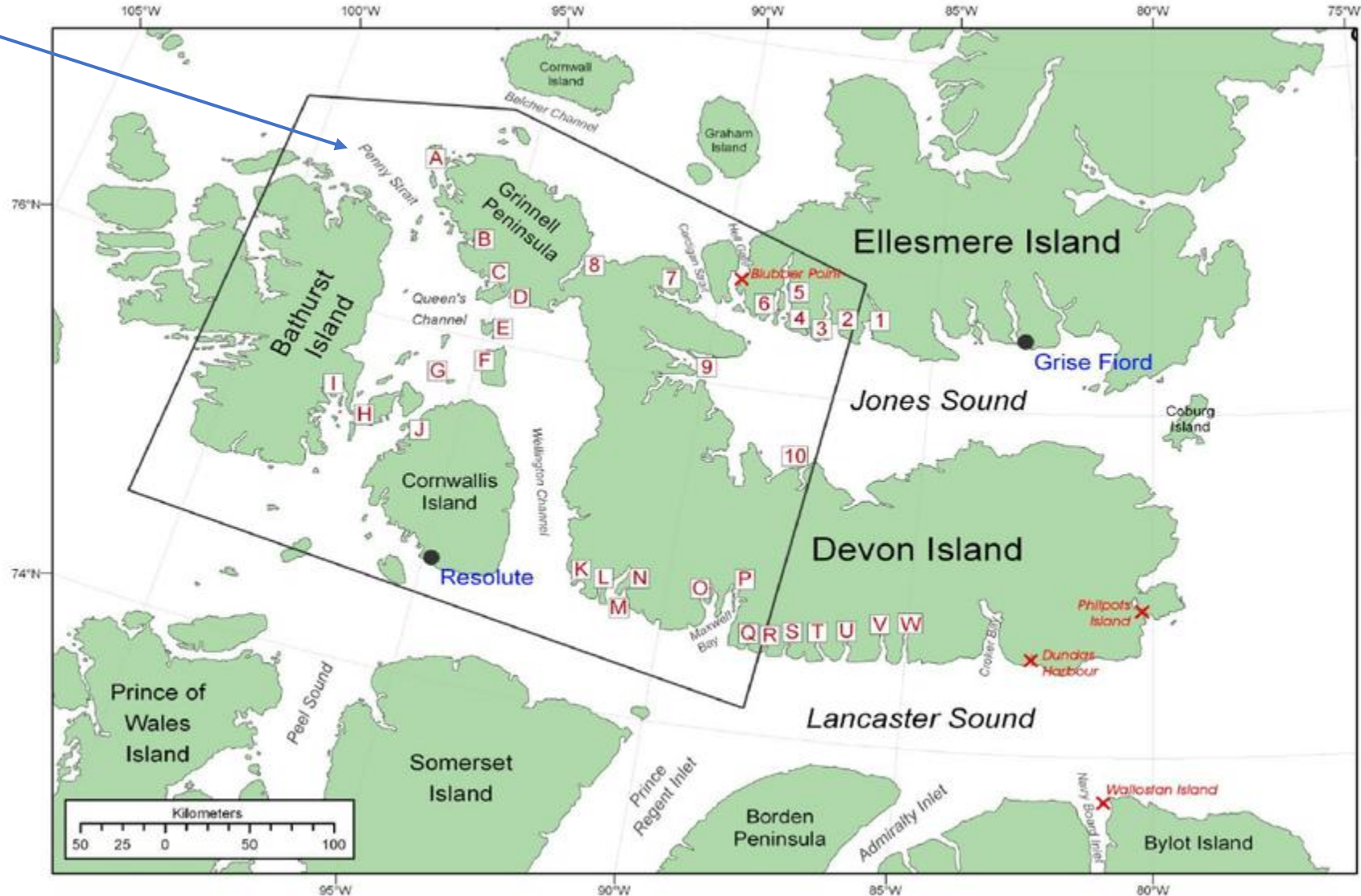
Photograph of the map in an original copy of the 1852 book by Peter Cormack Sutherland (surgeon to William Penny's expedition) in the James Caird Library, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

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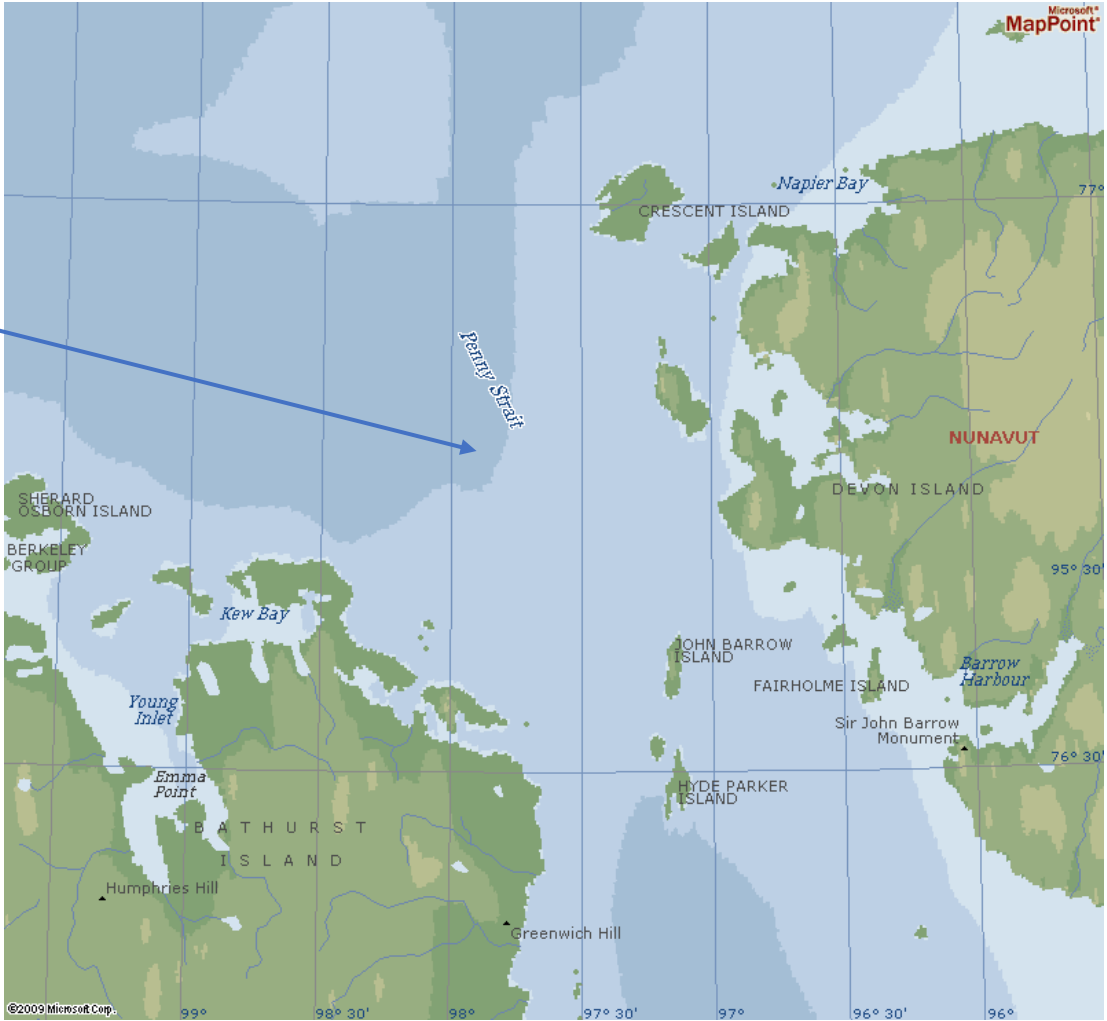


Penny Strait [co-ordinates 76°30'N 097°00'W] separates Bathurst Island (to the south-west) from Devon Island (to the east) and opens into Queens Channel. It is a natural waterway in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago in Nunavut territory.

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Flight path from Erik Nielsen airport in Yukon, Canada to Frankfurt, Germany

YXY = Erik Nielsen airport
Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.



FRA = Frankfurt, Germany
airport

Penny Strait separates Bathurst and Devon Islands and is north of Resolute Bay airport (code YRB).
Penny Ice Cap is in the north east of Baffin island

Flight paths of several Air Shipping Routes

