

August. their Enemies Coast. Nor would the *Governor*, had he not been well satisfied who we were, before they came with their Boat to have a plain View of the Ship, to inform them, have sent them on such an Expedition as the Cutting down a Beacon within Pistol-Shot of an Enemy's Ship of Force.

It was, as we then supposed, and afterwards learned, the Effect of Passion. The Indians who first saw us said there were four Ships, two great ones and two little ones. The little ones were the Long-Boats, which loomed by their Fears and the Weather to be no less than Bombketches, the Ships two Men of War. The Discoverers were known to be two Ships only; here were four, so it could not be them. The Alarm was sent into the Country for all the Factory People to come Home, every thing prepared for Defence, when in the Interim the *Governor* had certain Intelligence of our being Friends, and angry at the Surprize we had put him into, to vent his Spleen, issued these Orders for taking up the Buoys, and cutting down the Beacon; and at this those in the Factory Boat seemed to hint, when they asked the People in Capt. *Smith's* Boat (who were desiring them not to cut down the Beacon) why then, say the Factory People, had there not been a Boat sent up to the *Governor*? Which was excused by saying, that the Long-Boat was sent to Capt. *Moor's* Assistance, and there was but the Pinnace besides; but in the

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