

In Obedience to that Order, the Deponent proceeded with his Division with all the Sail they could carry, to get in, and make, what Land it was; he judges it was about 9 o'Clock, when they were got within about two Miles of the Land, in 11 Fathoms Water, very hazy thick Weather, so as his Pilot desired, the Ship might be tacked and laid with the Head off till it cleared, so as he could see his Marks. Whilst he was laying to, he made a Signal for the Captains of his Division, and ordered them to send for their Pilots, no two of whom agreed, what Land it was; their several Examinations he took down, and immediately sent them to Sir *Edward Hawke*, who by that Time was advanced nearer to him by two or three Miles than he was before, as he the Deponent laid with his Head off Shore. In his Letter to Sir *Edward* he acquainted him, that not one of the Pilots would even take Charge to lead in with a twenty Gun Ship; if they would, his Division should have followed her. Soon after his Boat went away, he made a Signal for speaking with the Admiral, seeing he continued under Sail, and did not stop to take up his Boat. At the same time he made sail with his Division towards him, and by about 12 joined him; when the Deponent got on board him, he was surprized to see Mr. *Keppel* on Board, and also to find the *Magnanime* and *Royal William* had joined him again, which the thick weather had prevented the Deponent's knowing. Sir *Edward Hawke*, upon the Deponent's acquainting him with what had happened, (for he thinks he got on board, before his Letter) immediately sent for the Pilot of the *Magnanime*, at the same time telling the Deponent, he judged, what was the Matter when he saw him bring to, for his Pilot had refused carrying his Ship in: When the Pilot of the *Magnanime* came on board, he immediately told them, what Land it was; and after offering to carry the Fleet in, returned on board his own Ship, and led the Deponent's Division in, the Admiral and the rest of the Fleet following.

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