

sage through leads them to a warmer Climate on the other Side.

I shall add no more, but that I am with great Esteem,

DEAR SIR,

*Your most obedient humble Servant,*

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*Your Answer and Lord Carteret's, will determine my going over next Month.*

XVIII.

SIR,

**Y**OURS I receiv'd of 22 *January*. And I also saw yours to Mr. *Smith*, with the inclos'd to my Lord *Carteret*, upon opening the Trade to the Bay.

You say, I have made a much greater Progress in the Discovery of the Passage, than I imagined when there; and that from the Light you have got from my Journal, you can almost prove that I was in the Passage; and that *Wager* River is properly *Wager* Strait, and not a fresh Water River; and that the Way I enter'd it was one, tho' not the greatest and easiest Way into the Strait.

You also observe, if there be a Communication between the Bay and the Western *American* Ocean, or a Passage thro' Islands and broken Land, as in the *Magellanick* Straits, the Tide will continue to rise until we have got Half-way thro', and then meet the Ocean Tide. This I thought of when there, and made several Trials of, and also ordered my Officers to observe the Course, Direction and Height of the Tides at the farthest they went up, as you will find in the inclos'd Order. Now, as it flowed