

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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then a fine Evening succeeded; the Weather intirely calm, having had Wind most Days before; just before Sun-set a white Fog arose on the River; such as is usually seen on Mornings in *July* and *August*, over Rivers in *England*. There also came down a Gull. The seventeenth being a pleasant Sun-shiny Day and Warm, more Gulls were seen, and several Summer-Birds, Butterflies were also seen, and large Flies began to be about. The Water down the Creek, having increased for some Days past, and the Tides now affording us ten Feet Water upon high Water, the Pieces of Ice at the Head astern, and on the Side of the Ship were cut away, we being in Expectation of the Ships rising.

Upon the eighteenth, a pleasant Morning, there was a regular Shower of Rain, the first we had had since the eighteenth of *October*. Seven wild Ducks were also seen. Three Geese the first that came down where the Day before Shot by some *Indians*, hired by the Factory.

Three *Indian* Men, a Boy, and two *Indian* Women, had came up the fifteenth and pitched their Tent near the Ship; upon an Application made sometime before to the Governor by Captain *Smith*, to have some *Indians* to shoot Geese for the Ships, as the Season was now approaching for the Geese going to the Northward. The Person also who had been in the Factory Tent, near the House all the Winter, to watch that no *Indians*