

There being also neither Trees nor Woods in this New Inlet, shews it to be a Salt Water Passage, and no Snow on the Ground and very little Ice in the Inlet; for had it been a large Continent with so great a fresh River, there must have been great Woods in the Latitude of  $64^{\circ}$ , since there are great Woods at *Archangel* in that Latitude, and in *Lapland* in  $70^{\circ}$  in the South of *Nova Zembla* and among the *Samoyeids* at the *Oby Jenesea & Lena* in that Latitude.

Add to this the Whales seen at the East Entrance of all these Inlets and the *Welcome*, and the Quantity of Whale Fin traded with the Natives near *Whalecove*, which had been taken that Season early in *June*, which could only be there from the Western Ocean; so that from so many Accounts coinciding to prove this to be a Streight, and not an Inland Lake or River, I may rationally conclude, that through these Openings the so much desir'd Passage may be found.

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