

Remarks on the West Coast of America in the South Seas.

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Saturday March 7th 1788. At day Break we discovered the Coast of America, Bearing N E  $\frac{1}{2}$  E the Land appearing High and Hilly covered with Trees Saw an opening in the Land which has greatly the Appearance of being a Harbour or some kind of Shelter for Shipping the Wind being in the N W Quarter stood in for it, we struck Soundings about 8 or 9 Leagues off Shore 95 Fathom Sandy Bottom, we fell in with this Land in the Latitude of  $44^{\circ}33' 09''$  N Longitude in  $235^{\circ} 55'$  East of Greenwich, in the Evening the wind Shifting to the S W the weather proving Squally with Snow & Sleet Night coming on, both Ships haul'd on a Wind & endeavour 'd to stand off Shore till Day Light, the Direction in which this Part of the Coast runs is nearly North & South the Thermometer at  $47^{\circ}$

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Sunday 8th Stood in for the Land which was covered with Snow, and had a very Cold & dismal Appearance the wind Blowing hard at West with heavy Squalls of Snow & Hail & a hollow Sea running, oblig'd us to stand to the Southward

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Monday & Tuesday, the Weather Still continuing very bad & the Wind blowing hard on Shore, prevented our coming near it

Wednesday