

consequently conclude, that the Whales came into that Corner of the Bay, from the Upper End of that Strait you were in; and that you happened into the most northerly and narrow Entrance, into that Strait, and consequently most pester'd with Ice, and that the most easy and largest Inlet is to the southward of *Whalebone-Point*, betwixt that and the Head Land near *Brook Cobham* in $63^{\circ} 20'$.

My Reasoning upon your Journal I would have you consider of; for I really think you have prov'd the Passage, tho' you were not at once able to perfect it ——— what is only necessary to fix or alter my Judgment, would be an Account of the Lieutenant's and Master's Observations, the last time they went up the Strait; what Depths they had upon sounding, what Breadth the Channel continued, which Way it was directed, what Sounds went off from it on either Side; a great deal depends upon their Recollection of these things, as well as whether they met with more or less Ice, whether Snow upon the Land or not, for as to the Tides following them in a Strait it is no Objection.

If their Accounts confirm the others I have taken from the Journal, I think I may congratulate you upon your having found the so-much-wish'd-for Passage; and if it be one, am convinc'd the more southerly Entrance, thro' which the Whales come into the Bay, will be free from Ice. ——— I beg to have your Sentiment upon this, as soon as you can consider it, and have an Answer from your Officers, for the Presumption will be a great Inducement to open the Trade to the Bay; and in a further Discovery, there needs no Wintering in the Bay, only getting there in the Middle of *July*, and pushing as far in the Strait as can be done in the Month of *August*, and then returning in *September* home, which is better than wintering at *Churchill*, until the Passage