

no Probability of a Passage, in two or three Days after I gave them a small Boat well fitted with Sails and Oars, the Use of which they had been taught, and loaded it with Fire-arms, Powder, Shot, Hatchets, and every Thing desirable to them. They took their Leave of me, and I sent another Boat for Water, which accompanied them on Shore. The Southern *Indian*, who was Linguist for the Northern ones, returned with the Boat, being us'd to the *English* Customs at the Factory, and desirous of seeing *England*, being a willing, handy Man, I brought him with me, and the same Evening, which was the 15th of *August*, I bore away for *England*, thinking to have tried the Tides at *Carey's Swan's Nest*, but could not fetch it. On the 20th saw *Mansel's Isle*. On the 21st *Cape Diggs* was in Sight. On the 26th made *Cape Resolution*, and arrived at this Place the 15th of *September*. Most of my Men are so very much afflicted with the Scurvy, and other wise sick and distemper'd, that I must be obliged to leave Part of them behind me, and only wait to impress Hands to carry the Ship safe to *London*. For the Particulars, I must refer you to my Journal and Draught, this Sheet of Paper not being sufficient for the particular Accidents. I heartily wish you a better State of Health than I have had during the Voyage, and desire you will conclude me

*Cairston* Harbour,

Isles of *Orkney*,

Sept. 17th, 1742.

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

*Christopher Middleton*.

P. S. The greatest Height of the Tides from the Latitude of 65°. 00'. N. to the farthest we went, did not exceed 16 Foot.

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