

so round to some Inlet, he supposes may be to North-West of *Wager Strait*. But how Whales from our Ocean, which have little enough Time to get up into *Baffin's Bay*, to the Latitude of 78° , by the Middle of *July*, and afterwards to return to the Southward in Autumn, could take so long a Route as to go round again to the North-West of *Wager Strait*, and down to *Whale-Cove* in 62° . from 78° . through a Sea full of Ice, as is the West Side of *Baffin's Bay*, and yet be there so early as *June*, (for in the Beginning of *July* they trade with the *Indians* for Whale-Fin taken fresh the same Summer,) is not to be conceived; and if only such a Passage should communicate with the North-West of the Bay, and no Passage from a Southerly Ocean, would not such a Passage from such Northerly cold Latitudes, as to 78° . cause a vast Quantity of Ice to be thrown that Way into the Bay; but since no Ice is seen there at that Season, it is a corroborating Proof that the Communication there is between the Bay and a Southerly Ocean, and not with a Northerly Ocean; and the Current from this, setting, the Ice constantly South-Easterly, from that Coast, adds to all the other Proofs, and confirms the Whole. The *Esquimaux* *Indians* not daring to go to the Continent, yet frequenting all this Coast to Westward, shews that the Whole is Islands; and all the Northern *Indians* coming to *Churchil*, who have been any way to the Westward, give an Account of a Sea West of *Churchil* in the same Latitude, where they have seen Vessels, and traded with them there, having brought Copper to *Churchil*, and other Things they had barter'd