

Design; we walked over to *Rankin's Cove*, and from thence to where the Pole stood, which had been set up the Night before for the Trial of the Tide. Finding at *Rankin's Cove* that it was about high Water, and where the Pole stood that it was Ebb, having flowed as we could conjecture from the Pole (it not being marked) much about the same as the Night before; and high Water then, *August* the 15th at twelve: So it appear'd to be one and the same Tide at where the Pole stood, and at *Rankin's Cove*.

About one (clearer Weather) returned to the Boats, we heard four Guns on the North-East Part of the Island, as we supposed, which was a peremptory Signal for our coming off, and accordingly set out with the Long-Boats. The Long-Boat of the *California* standing out much further than the *Dob's* Long-Boat, almost to the Island in the Mid-Channel, found a stronger Tide there, (hoisting to the Eastward) than was nearer to *Marble* Island. The Boat getting far Ahead of the other. What this Tide was we were incapable of judging, not being nigh enough the Shore of the Island in the Mid-Channel, to know whether it was Flood or Ebb, though we knew the Tide under *Marble* Island to be Ebb, but this seemed a distinct Tide from that; if it was but one Tide, we then supposed it flowed Tide and half Tide, and that it was the Strength of the Ebb which we were got in, by the Help of which we could have got Aboard the Ships or