

*Surgeon's Answer to Query 17.*

The two *Indians* gave us an Account of a River or Straits, salt Water and deep, a great Number of large black Fish spouting up the Water, and that they were five Days in crossing it, and that there was a Copper-mine on the Side of the River or Straits; and that from the best Account I could gather from them, it was somewhere thereabouts.

*Master's Answer to Query 17.*

We had no manner of Account from the *Indians* of any Passage on the Coast where we went, neither did I hear so much as one word mentioned about it, either whilst they were with us or since till now, nor concerning black Fish near the Copper-Mine.

*Master's Answer to Query 18.*

The Captain told us, that he had promised both the Governor and the Friends of the northern *Indians* to put them safe on Shore, so that they might get to their own home, or to *Churchill*.

*Clerk's Answer to Query 18.*

The Reasons Capt. *Middleton* gave for putting them ashore were, as he said, lest those *Indians*, when they came to *England*, should, by their Chattering of the Copper-Mine, and Straits thereabouts, put the Government to the Expence of fitting out Ships again, to make trial of a Passage that way once more.

*Surgeon's Answer to Query 18.*

The Captain ordered them into an old leaky Boat, with two Oars, Mast and Sails, which neither of them knew well how to manage, in a strange Place they did not know, and in the midst of their mortal Enemies. But all this would not prevail on

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