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proved; though they said, they must first go Southward, and they would soon return; and if they met any of their Friends, as they probably might, they would bring them with them to hunt. They were also desired to bring Venison, which they promised, on such Terms as was great for them, a Buck for two Bottles of Brandy. They had Pipes and Tobacco given them, with Liquor, and whatever was thought would please, they behaving very civilly on their Part; staid all Night, lying on the Deck, and until the Afternoon of the next Day, feeding on Grout, which is Oatmeal, boiled to a Thickness, sweetened with Molossus. They were three young Fellows, one much superior to the other two, and better habited, the others very meanly. In the Afternoon they went ashore in the Boats, as there was a small Sea, the Canoe towing after, all the Boats going in Search of a Harbour in *Harp* River, or on the Shore to Eastward; what had been done the three Days before with so much Fatigue, and the Night the Captains were out at Port *Nelson*, spending it on the Ground, with only a Fire before them, to protect them from the Cold, and Musketoes, turning out to no Effect, by the obstinate Resolution of Capt. *Moor*, that his Ship should not go through the Channel which they had found, though Capt. *Smith* offered to carry his Ship first, and fetch the *Dobbs* afterwards. Capt. *Moor* was also determined that his Ship should not return over the Shoals the Way she had come in until next Year, to proceed upon the Discovery, and