

February, several successive Nights, and at various Time in the Winter over *Hay's* Island, a broad settled gleam of Light, much resembling the Milky Way, (only of a brighter Colour, and somewhat Broader) that reached from the Northward of our Zenith, and seemingly joined almost with the Horizon. The *Aurora Boreales*, were something more frequent in the Winter than in the Summer Months, but were not in Winter, always apparent on every clear or Star light Night.

Most of the People, were now ill of the Scurvy; and in the beginning of this Month, there was little Prospect of their growing better, or indeed little hopes of the Recovery of many of them; most of the Remedies that were tried proved ineffectual, until the Tar-Water was made use of; which soon made a considerable Alteration for the better.

What added to their Misfortune, was their not having fresh Provision, (except in a small Quantity, which was supplied them by their Ships-Mates, who generously spared it from their own use, to give it them. The Officers also of the *California* abstained from all fresh Meat, that it might be given to the Men) Which Misfortune of wanting fresh and suitable Diet was attributable to the sending away the *Indians*, on our first Arrival as mentioned. Neither had the Governor at that Time a supply of fresh Provi-
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