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Upon which he came out, and talk'd over the Af-
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 Loss they had been at; and that the Sloop sent to
 know what was become of them, found, by a Piece
 of the Ship's Stern, that they had been lost or sur-
 priz'd by the Natives, and the Ships broke up. I
 desired to see the Sloop's Journal, that I might
 judge from their Observations upon the Tides, &c.
 whether the former Journals were true, and from
 thence form a Judgment of the Passage. He told
 me they had kept no regular Journal, and could
 give me no farther Account of it. I told him from
 that Account I could not be satisfied whether there
 was a Passage or not. I could only find that they
 had a considerable Loss in losing those two Ships;
 but for any Thing they knew, the Ships might
 have made their Passage, or at least one of them,
 and by some Accident might have been afterwards
 lost; and the Wreck they saw might as well be
 after the Ship's Return, as before they got into the
 Passage: For if they had been lost in the Bay, it
 was probable some of them might have reach'd
Cchurchill Factory. All he answered to that was, he
 was sure there was no Passage, otherwise they would
 have found it out long ago. I told him, if that
 was all the Satisfaction he could give me upon it,
 I had no more to say; and thus we parted. And
 upon acquainting Sir *Charles* with what had pass'd,
 He said he believ'd the Persons sent in the Sloop
 were no ways qualified for proper Observations.

Finding no Satisfaction from this Interview, I
 considered what Step I should next take for better
 Information; and having not before heard of any
 late Attempt to discover the Passage, and not then
 apprehending that the Company were averse to the
 Discovery, I thought I might discover more of that
 Attempt of *Barlow's* from some of the Company's
 Captains trading in the Bay; but this being in
 Summer,