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At three we made sail, and stood out of the bay. In the morning of the 3d, several canoes approached us; but finding the Indians who were aboard them, were some of those we had dealt with the preceding day, and knowing that they had nothing worth purchasing, we gave up the thoughts of getting into our proposed harbour; thinking it probable we might procure fresh supplies of furs to the eastward. At three o'clock we stretched to the south-west.

During the afternoon of the 4th, we had a fresh northerly breeze. Seeing a bay to the eastward at three o'clock, we stood towards it: but not seeing a harbour, nor any inhabitants, we bore away to the south.

At noon on the 5th, we were about three miles distant from shore. In the afternoon we were visited by several canoes, full of Indians, who eagerly sold us a great number of good cloaks: tin kettles and brass pans were most coveted by those people, in exchange for the goods they supplied us with.

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