

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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possible that this could happen sooner, and were ^{May} doubtful even then, whether there would be Water ^{1747.} enough; and as I have before said, whether we must not stay until *July*. But on that Night, the Wind came round to the North-West, blowing hard, and continued the next Morning, causing a ^{June} raging Tide; but of no further service than that ^{1747.} the *Dobbs* heaved her Head off a small Way: The same Wind continued, and a great Tide succeeded in the Night, but the *Dobbs* did not move. The Wind was still the same on the Morning of *June* the second, the Tide was augmented, proving both high and fortunate to us, the *Dobbs* then getting clear, and the *California* immediately following off into the River; which banished our disconsolate Thoughts, and caused Captain *Moor* to alter his Thoughts of going away in his Scooner upon the Discovery, and leaving his own Ship to be got out when she could; and us to make the best of our unhappy Situation, which he had been the occasion of.

The next Day we made what use of the Tide we could, and proceeded in the River.

On that Day one of the Factory Servants who had a Tent upon the North-Shore, opposite to where we winter'd, (in order to speak to the *Indians* who were now hourly expected down, not to come nigh us, and to hinder our Trading) and to which Shore the Ships were now coming, killed a small hungry Bear which came to his Tent.