

August.

the Woods and Shore a low Marsh. About Six Capt. *Smith* went off in his Pinnace, attended by Capt. *Moor's* Mate in the *Dobbs's* Pinnace, to search for the Spot where the Ships were to anchor, while a Harbour was searched for; being to be followed by the Ships, with the Long-boats a-head to sound, when the Tide should make; the Channel being shallow and difficult, not to be attempted by those who do not know it, as a Mistake may be the Loss of a Ship, and a Knowledge of the Channel some Years before will not do for a Time after, by reason that the Channel so often alters from the Shifting of the Shoals; which Altering of the Channel greatly contributes to the Security of the Factory against the Enemy.

The Pinnaces lay upon the Spot where the Ships were to anchor, and at Four in the Afternoon the *California* arrived there. The *Dobbs*, touching the Ground about Three, struck; and the Tide being on the Turn, could not, in Spite of all Endeavours, both Long-Boats being sent to assist her, get off that Tide. We came into this Road with our Ensign out; and on our Anchoring, saluted the Factory at about seven Miles off, with seven Guns; which was taken no Notice off; but while we were in our Passage up, the Factory fired a single Gun, which we supposed to be, as it was, an Alarm-Gun for their People to come in. About Five we discerned their Boat busy in sinking or taking up a couple of Buoys; and when that was done, they came