

that we had overshot the Streights on the N. E. Shore from whence the Flood came, and as there was no proceeding above three or four Leagues farther, it was agreed upon by all to return back, and search narrowly for a Streight or Opening where we found the strong Tides. On the 7th, after we were confirm'd the Flood came in on the N. E. Side from the E. by S. I went on Shore in the Boat, and found it flow'd 15 Foot three Days after the Full, and a W. by S. Moon made High Water. I travelled 12 or 15 Miles from Hill to Hill in-land, till I came to a very high Mountain, from whence I saw a Streight or Opening the Flood came in at, and the Mountain I stood upon being pretty near the Middle of this Streight, I could plainly see both Ends of it, the whole being 18 or 20 Leagues long, and 6 or 7 broad, and very high Land on both Sides of it; but it was all froze fast from Side to Side, and no Appearance of its clearing this Year, and near the 67th Degree of Latitude, and no anchoring the Ships, being very deep Water close to the Shore, and much large Ice driving with the Ebb and Flood, and but little Room if thick Weather should happen, which we continually expect in these Parts, it was agreed upon in Council to make the best of our Way out of this dangerous narrow Streight, and make Observations between the 64th and 62d Degree of Latitude. The frozen Streight I take to run towards that Land which *Bylot* nam'd *Cape Comfort*, and the Bay where *Fox* has nam'd a Place *Lord Weston's Portland*. It is in the Latitude of 66°. 40'. and Longitude 12°. 19'. East from *Churchill*.

Pursuant to the Resolution we bore away, and tried the Tides on the other Side of the *Welcome*, sounding and observing close in Shore, but met with very little Encouragement. On the 11th of *August* I once more saw the Island of *Brook Cobham*, and continued trying the Tide, still finding the Flood came from the Eastward, and by coasting along the *Welcome*, was certain of its being the Main-land, tho' there are several small Islands and deep Bays, and saw several black Whales of the Whale-bone Kind. I work'd off and on by *Brook Cobham*, sent the two Northern *Indians* on Shore upon the Island, who, at their Return, gave me to understand it was not far from their Country, and desired I would let them go home, being tir'd of the Sea. I kept them with Assurances that I would act according to my Promise; and finding