

Ans, and these bring their Finn and Oil to *Whale-Cove*, to sell to the Company's Sloop sent there, from the Westward, Southwestward, and North-Westward; and consequently these Whales are caught much farther to the Westward; and since none have been seen in any other Part of the Bay, nor in *Hudson's Strait*, except within twenty Leagues of its Entrance, they cannot possibly be supposed to come from our Ocean, to the North-West Side of the Bay.

Captain *Middleton*, to avoid the Force of this Reasoning about the Whales, and the Height and Time of the Tides there, has endeavour'd to impose a Strait upon the Publick in $66^{\circ} 40'$ in *Repulse Bay*, which runs into *Hudson's Strait*, near *Cape Comfort*; this he makes to be five or six Leagues wide, eighteen to twenty Leagues long, yet fast frozen over from Side to Side, and would not be broke up the Season he was there; yet through this frozen Strait, he would bring all the Whales seen in *Wager Strait*, *Whalebone Point*, near *Marble Island*, *Whale-Cove*, &c. and also Water sufficient to raise the whole Tides in all the North-West Side of the Bay; although he allows the Strait to be frozen over, and full of large and small Islands, besides, though he says the Tide there was three Hours earlier than it really was, from the Evidence of others aboard him; yet by his own Account, it is later here than at *Whale-Cove*, and consequently could not raise a Tide there, for then the Effect must be earlier than the Cause; he then finding it impracticable to bring them this Way, would insinuate that they came from *Davy's Strait*, and *Baffin's Bay*, and