

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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passing the Fall was only brackish, as it likewise ^{August} was on the other Side of the Fall, and all the ^{1747.} Way for six Leagues from below the Fall, though in some Places something saltier than in others.

At eight the Wind variable and small, we came to an Anchor in ten Fathoms; at half an Hour after ten the Wind springing up, the Boat got under weigh, run about seven Miles into the Head of this Water, there expecting the Dawn to shew a further Opening. It was a fine Night suiting with the Day, which had been agreeable and pleasant.

The Shores on the Side, and round the Head, ¹ of the Water, when Morning came, appeared flat and level, with high rising Land within, and the Water seemed entirely terminated by Land excepting a small narrow Opening to the N.W. affording us as viewed from the Boat, but little Prospect of our getting further.

At about six Captain *Smith* and Captain *Moor* went ashore to the Southward, the Shore nearest to where the Boats lay; and at about a Mile distant from the Head of the Water, perceived that between the high Lands within the North and South Shore, which had a Sweep towards each other, so as almost to join to the Westward, there was a Defile or hollow Way, not exceeding a Mile, or a Mile and a half in Breadth; one End
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