

Anno 1680 and 1681, Capt. Sharp made many bold Adventures on several Islands and Coasts in the South Sea. In his return, he being quite out of all hopes of recovering the Streights of Magellan, or those of le Maire or Brewer, was forc'd to seek for a Passage farther South than by Cape Horn, he went to about 60 deg. S. Lat. meeting with many Islands of Ice, Snow, Frost, and Whales; departing from a small Place, named by him the Duke of York's Island, in the South Sea, he steer'd near 800 Leagues to the Eastward, and afterwards, as many to the Westward. The first Land he saw in those three Months was the Island of Barbadoes, so that Land in the Streight of le Maire and in Brewer's Passage, must be Islands, and not join'd to any great Southern Continent, as suppos'd by some.

Since these Attempts and Undertakings, several English Ships have pass'd into the South Sea both by the Streights of Magellan, and by the South of Cape Horn; but what Trade they manage in those Parts, or what Discoveries they have made, or what Articles and Treaties they are engaged in with the Spaniard, we cannot inform the Reader, being no Merchants our selves, nor having seen any Journals or Voyages of those Quarters of the World, besides those before mention'd.

In these Navigations to the Streights of Magellan, thro the South Sea, and by the East Indies home again, the common things noted in the several Voyages, (besides the Winds, Longitudes, Latitudes, Variations of the Compass, Tydes, Soundings, &c.) are Flying Fishes, Dolphins, Albacores, Bonitos, Sharks, Tropick Birds; the Sea Weeds
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