

*tal's* Boat, when he was at the Place where he made his Observation, was clear and very salt; the Spirings from the Head of the Boat at Anchor being dry'd into a white Salt upon their Shoes in the Morning, and the Streight there was six Leagues wide. Five Leagues higher, where *Wesball* anchor'd and try'd the Tide by a Pole, about 200 Yards from the Shore, the depth was three Fathom, and five Fathom in the Channel; it seem'd muddy; and he reported that the Water upon the Surface was brackish at High Water, and almost fresh at Low Water; the Tide there rose nine feet, but nearer the Bay as he went up, it flow'd 14 Feet; it was there four Leagues wide, 30 Leagues from the East Entrance, and continu'd at least that breadth for six or seven Leagues farther, as far as he could see in a clear Day. The Tide there ebb'd to the eastward eight Hours each Tide, at the rate of six Miles an Hour, then for about two Hours only stem'd the Current, and for the last two Hours set up westerly at the rate of half a Mile an Hour; and therefore, from its being brackish on the Surface, and from the great Current to eastward during the Ebb, he apprehended it to come from a River or fresh Inland Lake. The whole Coast was ragged and stony, no Snow upon the Land, and little or no Ice in the Inlet.

If these Observations are true, it is neither a River nor fresh Inland Lake, for these Reasons; the Entrance of the Inlet being only four Leagues Wide, and not wider than six in the Middle, and four Leagues wide at the farthest they went up, continuing still the same breadth, at least for six or seven Leagues farther, where it ebb'd eight Hours, at the rate of six Miles an Hour; then for two Hours only swell'd and stopt the Current; and for the last two Hours flow'd westward at the rate of half a Mile an Hour; the Tide rising there nine Feet; yet the

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