

bodies of Ice came
 igned to steer the
 hands upon their
 the Ice; notwith-
 anchor home, and
 ns of the Anchor

nant in the Boat
 the Ships, it being
 were. Some *Uki-*
 had nothing to
 them some Pre-
 soon as I got the
 officers and Boats,
 the Labour, in
 the Course and
 repeated Trials
 and the Flood con-
 and that it was
 out so full of Ice,
 h any probability
 ng up and down
 y not a little im-
 times in my Boat
 and from a Hill
 e, saw that Place
 was no time lost
 ver, I sent my
 at-oar'd Boat to
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 it was a small
 for they were so
 ing, the strong
 e Boat to-pieces,
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 nto which they
 t of the River's
 the Ice open'd

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as usual, and they row'd over to the north Shore,
 so got in with the Flood. I several times sent the
Indians on Shore, to see if they knew any thing of
 the Land, but they were quite ignorant of it. In
 this vexatious Condition I continued for 3 Weeks,
 resolving to get out the first Opportunity the Ri-
 ver was any thing clear of Ice, and make what Dis-
 coveries I could by meeting the Flood-Tide. This
 River, which, by frequent Trials of the Lands,
 Soundings, Tides, &c. I was able to take a Draught
 of, I nam'd the River *Wager*, after the Right Ho-
 nourable Sir *Charles Wager*, &c.

On the third of *August*, the River for the first
 time was a little clear of Ice, and accordingly in
 pursuit of our Discovery, and on the fifth by Noon
 got into the Latitude of $66^{\circ} 14'$. We had then
 got into a new Strait, much pester'd with Ice, and
 on the north Side of which we saw a Cape or Head
 Land bearing north; we had deep Water, and very
 strong Tides within four or five Leagues of it. I
 nam'd this Head Land *Cape Hope*, as it gave us all
 great Joy and Hopes of its being the extreme north
 Part of *America*, seeing little or no Land to the
 northward of it. We turned or worked round it
 the same Night, and got five or six Leagues to the
 N. b. W. before we could perceive any otherwise
 than a fair and wide Opening; but about Noon the
 sixth Day, after having got into the Latitude of
 $66^{\circ} 40'$, found we were imbay'd, and by two in
 the Afternoon could not go above three Leagues
 farther, and having tried the Tides, all the Fore-
 noon, every two Hours till two o'Clock in the Af-
 ternoon, found neither Ebb nor Flood, yet deep
 Waters. From this it was concluded, that we had
 over-shot the Straits on the north-east Shore, from
 whence the Flood came; and as there was no pro-
 ceeding above 3 or 4 Leagues further, it was agreed
 upon by all to return back and search narrowly for

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