

the *Welcome* comes from a *Western Ocean*, and all the Whales from thence according to *his own* Letters.

As to *Derwilde's* Affidavit, what does it signify? When the *Lieutenant*, *Surgeon* and *Clerk* had fully proved the *Captain's* Misbehaviour to the *Satisfaction* of the Lords of the Admiralty, I recommended them; and told them they would be taken care of until the Season offered for undertaking another Voyage, when they would be employed. These *Affidavits* are like Men, *drowning*, catching at Straws, and shew a *very bad Cause*; for he found their Evidence was *strong* against him.

The other Affidavits of *Towns*, *Van Sobriek*, and *Grant*, aboard the *Discovery*, cannot be evidence of what happened aboard the *Furnace*, and are all Hearsay as to the *Salt Water*; only *Van Sobriek's*, who was near *Deer Sound*; but the *Master*, who went farther, would not swear it, nor could he give such Evidence before the Admiralty; he only said *it was brackish*, which is a very *loose* Word; but the *Captain*, in his *written Answer*, got him to say that *it was fresher the farther they went up*. As to *Whales*, without *Wager River*, he has not got one in the *Furnace* to swear they saw any; so that if any were seen, it was from aboard the *Discovery*; but if that Fact be true, what is it to his Purpose? His *Frozen Streight* is gone, thro' which they were to have come: He believes they did not come round *Cary's Swan's Nest*; none are in other Parts of the Bay, but from thence to *Whale Cove*, nor are there any which come thro' *Hudson's Streight*; from whence must these have come? No where but from the *Westward*; and as they had little or no Ice in *Wager River* when they came out of it, the Whales might have come out much about the same Time from *Deer Sound*, or from *Whalebone Point*,
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