

on board his Majesty's Ship Furnace, &c. 87

Gales and hazy. Sounded 36 to 40 Fathoms || keeping as near the North Shore as we could to see if there was any Opening or Passage in the Land. Sounded 24 to 29 Fathoms stony Ground. At Noon out first Reef of both the Top-sails, sounded 25 to 35 Fathoms.

August 11, 1742.

Moderate Gales and hazy, continue sailing in sight of the Main-Land of the North Shore quite from Cape Hope, hauled off to deepen Water, sounded 34 to 28 Fathoms. At 8 ditto sounded 29 to 40 Fathoms, ditto double Reef both Top-sails, ditto brought too, up S. and by E off S. S. W. sounded 52 Fathoms. At 4 A. M. sounded 42 to 65. ditto made sail: At 6 stood in with the Head-land distance 9 or 10 Leagues to the East of Brook Cobham. Bore N. W. by N. Distance 6 Leagues. Sounded 60 to 49 Fathoms. At 7 ditto set Foresail, sounded 60 to 50 Fathoms standing in for this Head-land 2 Leagues Distance, saw several black Whales in the shoal Water, a playing. At Noon hauld off from the Head-land to deepen our Water, sounded 20 Fathoms; ditto saw the Island of Brook Cobham. Bore W. by S. Distance 8 or 9 Leagues, 4 Leagues Distance off Shore we kept along Shore all the way from the Frozen Straits, and find it to be a Main. So many small Islands and deep Bays, this Head-land and the other in 64° makes a deep Bay. In the Passage out, we did not see the Bottom of it, as we now have by keeping close in Shore.

|| This contradicts his Answer to Query 12 (in p. 179 of my *Vindication*) to the Lords of the Admiralty, in which he says, he acknowledges that he could never properly distinguish the Head-lands in our Return from Cape Frigid to Brook Cobham, and did not come nearer to the West Shore than 5 or 6 Leagues, neither searched Inlets nor Bays, nor came near enough any Land to the Westward to distinguish it till we came to Brook Cobham.

§ Here again he contradicts the 12th Query before the Lords of the Admiralty.