

down with the strong Tides. Here I lay, not a little impatient to get out, went several times in my Boat towards the Mouth of the River, and upon a Hill that overlooked Part of the *Welcome*, saw that Place full of Ice; so that I found there was no Time lost by our being in Security. However I sent my Lieutenant and Master in the eight oar'd Boat to look out for a Harbour near the Mouth of the River, but they found none, and it was a small Miracle that they got on board again, for they were so jamm'd up with Ice, which, driving with the strong Tides, would inevitably have stove the Boat to Pieces, and all must have perished, had it not been for an Opening in a large Piece of Ice, into which they got the Boat, and with it drove out of the River; but when the Tide slack'd, the Ice opened as usual, and then they rowed 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 three Weeks, resolving to get out the first Opportunity the River was any thing clear of Ice, and make what Discoveries I could by meeting the Tide of Flood. This River, which by my frequent Trials of the Lands, Soundings, Tides, &c. I was able to take a Draught of, I named the River *Wager* after the right honourable Sir *Charles Wager*, &c.

On the 3d of *August*, the River for the first Time was a little clear of Ice, and accordingly sail'd out of it in Pursuit of our Discovery, and on the 5th by Noon got into the Latitude of $66^{\circ} 14'$. We had then got into a new Streight, 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 turn'd or work'd round it the same Night, and got five or six Leagues to the N. by W. before we could perceive any otherwise than a fair and wide Opening; but about Noon the 6th Day, having got into the Latitude of $66^{\circ} 40'$. found we were embay'd, and by two in the Afternoon could not go above three Leagues farther, and having tried the Tides all the Forenoon, every two Hours till 2 o'Clock in the Afternoon, found neither Ebb nor Flood, yet deep Water. From this it was concluded, that