

Both Long-Boats being ready, they set off; but, it falling calm, they returned each alongside their respective Ships. At twelve, there being a small Breeze of Wind, they set off again, steering N. E. for the Island, being five Leagues off; from the Smallness of the Wind, we were obliged sometimes to use our Oars. Seeing a great Number of Seals, and of a larger Size than any we had seen before, remarkably grey with large Whiskers; they came very near to the Boat, and were very sportive; nor did we interrupt their Diversion, not knowing how necessary our Powder might be.

This Island which is about seven Leagues long, and three over in the broadest Part, lying E. by S. and W. by N. the true bearing Variation allowed, was first discovered by Captain Fox to be an Island; and by him called a *White Island*, and named *Brook Cobham*, then thinking of the many Furtherances this Voyage received from that honourable Knight Sir *John Brook*, who, together with Mr. *Henry Briggs*, the Mathematical Professor at *Oxford*, were the first that countenanced him in this Undertaking. It is now called *Marble Island*, from being mostly Marble, and appearing at a Distance, as well as near, of a greyish white Colour. This Island is low to the Eastward, so answering to the Description which Captain Fox gives it, as to the East Part where his Boat went Ashore, and where his Ship lay off of, but by the South-East Point