

August. when we came near to the Land to the Southward, seeing a Number of white Whales, concluded Winter would not yet begin there. It was very cold all our Way down the Bay, but on our Approach to the Land we had it temperate. The Sea in our Passage down was of various Colours.

The Place of our Anchoring was in a Bay, into which there fell two great Rivers (Port Nelson River, and, to the Southward of that, *Hays's* River) which Rivers are parted from each other by a low Slip of Land, on which is *York Fort* Factory; and this Land, being an Island, is called *Hays's* Island. The Channels of these Rivers, after they are passed *Hays's* Island, are kept separate, until they have run some Distance into this Bay by Shoals, one of which begins at the Foot of *Hays's* Island, and is dry at Low-Water; other Shoals join that, which are covered at all Times with Water. These Shoals run to the Northward more than three Leagues. The N. of *Hays's* Island is Lat. $57^{\circ} 30''$. The N. E. Point of this Bay, where it empties into *Hudson's* Bay, which is Cape *Tatnam*, is in Lat. $57^{\circ} 48''$ Long. $91^{\circ} 30''$. The other Point to N. W. of this Bay, which is Port *Nelson* Shoals, is in Lat. $58^{\circ} 00$. Long. $92^{\circ} 40''$. Those Channels, while divided, are not two Leagues distant from each other in the widest Parts of the Shoals, with Cuts through as would admit Ships to pass from one River to the other.

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