

*Discovery of a North-West Passage.*

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The fourth, fifth, and sixth of May, were May 1747. Dark cloudy Days, cold with hard Gales of Wind between the East and North-West, with Sleet at Times. On the seventh of May, the Morning was close and warm, the Wind changed to the South, at eight it began to Rain, raining until two in the Afternoon, when a great Fog or Mist rose as high as the Banks of Hay's River, and then vanish'd: Many Flocks of Geese, Swans &c. passed us to Day. At four in the Afternoon it hailed, the Wind blowing hard, and as the Hail fell it froze, and the Decks were covered with Ice.

Between the eighth and the eleventh the same Weather, a great many Geese and Fowls passing. But the eleventh was a pleasanter Day, as there were only two Showers of Rain, and the Day not very cold. The Morning of the twelfth was close, a hard Frost with Wind at East, very cold; at Noon there was Sleet with hard Squalls of Wind at South-East, but it thawed on the Shore at Noon, as it had done most of the Days before. In the Evening there was Rain, which continued for that Night, all the Morning of the thirteenth and until five in the Afternoon, then Snow, and after that Sleet succeeded, the Sleet freezing as it fell; the Wind blow'd hard all Day.

The fourteenth of May was a cloudy Day, and cold; the Frost in the Evening was so considerable

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