

at their coming on land ; so they went up into the woods, and saw great store of very goodly oaks, and some currants.¹ For one of them came aboard and brought some dried, and gave me some, which were sweet and good. This day many of the people came aboard, some in mantles of feathers, and some in skins of divers sorts of good furs. Some women also came to us with hemp. They had red copper tobacco-pipes ; other things of copper they did wear about their necks. At night they went on land again, so we rode very quiet, but durst not trust them.

"Sunday, Sept. 6. In the morning was fair weather, and our master sent John Colman, with four other men, in our boat over to the north side to sound the other river, being four leagues from us.² They found by the way shoal water two fathoms, but at the north of the river eighteen and twenty fathoms, and very good riding for ships, and a narrow river³ to the westward between two islands. The land, they told us, were as pleasant with grass and flowers and goodly trees as ever they had seen, and very sweet smells came from them. So they went in two leagues, and saw an open sea and returned, and as they came back they were set upon by two canoes, the one having twelve, the other fourteen men. The night came on, and it began to rain, so that their match went out, and they had one man slain in the fight, which was an Englishman, named John Colman, with an arrow shot into his throat, and two more hurt. It grew so dark that they could not find the ship that night, but laboured to and fro on their oars. They had so great a stream that their grapnel would not hold them.

"Sept. 7. Was fair, and by ten o'clock they returned aboard the ship, and brought our dead man with them, whom we carried on land and buried, and named this point after his name, Colman's point.⁴ Then we hoisted in our boat, and raised her side with waste boards for defense of our men. So we rode still all night, having good regard to our watch.

"Sept. 8. Was very fair weather, we rode still very quietly. The people came aboard us, and brought tobacco and Indian wheat, to exchange for knives and beads, and offered us no violence. So we, fitting up our boat, did mark them, to see if they would make any show of the death of our man, which they did not.

"Sept. 9. Fair weather. In the morning two great canoes came aboard full of men ; the one with bows and arrows, and the other in show of buying of knives to betray us ; but we perceived their intent. We took two of them to have kept them, and put red coats on them, and would

¹ Whortleberries.

² Staten Island sound, or the Kills.

³ The Narrows.

Sandy Hook.