

narrow in proportion to its breadth,] in so little a time as ten hours, having a stout gale of wind and the whole ebb;" [so that it is plain the ebb ran eastward, that is towards Hudson's Bay, since it favoured him.]

"The 17th of July, he came to an Indian town, and the Indians told the interpreter Mr. Parmentiers [and who therefore must have been in those parts before, going thither from either the westward or eastward, or how could he understand their language, so as to be interpreter:] That a little way from them lay a great ship, where never had been one before. De Fonte sailed to them, and found the ship was from Boston in New England, belonging to one senior Gibbons, major-general of Massachusetts colony, who was then with the ship there; the master was one Shapely, a brave navigator: De Fonte gave a ring worth 1200 ducats, and a quarter cask of Peruvian wine to Gibbons; and also a thousand ducats more to captain Shapely for his fine charts and journals; and twenty pieces of eight to each of their ten seamen: and the 6th of August, having as much wind as they could fly before, and the current with them, [and therefore they now sailed with the tide of flood] arrived at the first fall of the river Parmentiers, the 11th of August 86 leagues; and were on the south side the lake Belle, on board their ships, August 16, before the fine town of Conosset, before-mentioned, where all things were found well. After which, September 2, he sailed from Conosset, and the 5th in the morn'g. about

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