

August.

discovered a Cove S. W. of this Island, which, receiving its Appellation from him, is called *Rankin's Cove*, and the Island is promiscuously called *Marble Island*, or *Brook Cobham*, which Cove appeared to be a very good Harbour, he also discovered that there was a strong Tide of Flood suddenly from W. N. W. round the N. W. End of the Island, and an Opening to the Westward of the Island.

About half an Hour after nine, pursuant to the Result of the Council, the *California's* Long-Boat was ready, the fine Weather which had been all Day continuing, but the less acceptable by Reason of there being so little Wind: In the Long-Boat were the Lieutenant, the Clerk, six Hands and a Boy; the Long-Boat about seven Tun, rigged with Sloop Mast and Sails, well provided with Provision and all Necessaries, and those in her well armed; their Arms were a Defence for them against the *Eskimaux*, who also are in those Parts at this Season, though somewhat different from those on the *Labrador Coast*, neither do they come from thence. They in the Boat also, by the Means of their Fire-Arms, could procure an additional Supply of fresh Provisions to those which they already had, and of which there was a Sufficiency should the Boats be separated from the Ships, to last them as long a Time as it would take them to get to *Churchill Factory*, if they should be able to attain there.

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