

lets to the southward, but found no inhabitants or habitations, and returned. This harbour which is situated in 56 deg. 35 min. north latitude, and 135 deg. west longitude, was named Port Banks, in honour of Sir Joseph Banks.

Unwilling to continue in a place, which afforded no prospect of traffic, we weighed anchor early in the morning of the 26th. Having no wind, the ship was towed out of the bay, and about noon we got clear of the land.

About noon, on the 27th, we saw land which had the appearance of two rocky islands; on our nearer approach, there was the appearance of a fine bay, but, upon examination, no convenient anchorage could be found in it. In the morning of the 28th, we had a fresh breeze from the west, but the weather was thick and hazy. We saw land, but, in such weather, did not choose to stand close in with it. About four in the afternoon, it ceased to be hazy, and we had a good view of the land; and observed an opening, like a deep bay, at the distance of about three leagues. We steered for this bay, but were disappointed in our expectations of finding an harbour.

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