

August 27. The *Dobbs* got off in the Night, but did not join us. Next Morning Capt. *Smith* went down to bring her up, and about twelve the *Dobbs* came to an Anchor, just astern of the *California*; then saluted the Factory with seven Guns, which were not answered by the Factory; but in the Morning the Factory had fired three single Guns, and at a Distance of Time the one from the other, though on what Account we could not tell.

In the Afternoon a Boat arriving from the Factory, those in her bringing a Letter from the *Governor*, a Council was called on Board of the *Dobbs*, to consider of such Letter; wherein the *Governor* tells the Commanders, not to come higher with the Ships at their Peril, unless shewing a proper Authority from the Government, or the Company trading in those Parts. As to the *Hudson's Bay Company*, the Captains had no Authority from them; what they had from the Act of Parliament made in Favour of this Expedition no one could tell, not having it with them; and as to any other Authority, no one of the Council knew where to seek it, until shewn by Capt. *Smith*, in a Clause of the Commissions which both Ships had as Privateers, and by which they had a Right to any Assistance that that Port could supply them with, and by Consequence, could not be opposed in going to harbour where the Commanders pleased; though it was not the Intention that the Ships should go higher up, being

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