

from that Strait you passed, where there was a strong Tide before you doubled *Cape Hope*.

I apprehended from the Abstract sent me, that that Strait lay East and West, on the North of which was *Cape Hope* to the North-Westward of which you were embayed, and over shot the Tide. I also apprehend that the Mountain you ascended was opposite to the Strait you observed the Tide to come in at, at its West End, and so you saw along the Length of the Strait from End to End, and the farther End was towards Lord *Weston's Portland*, which according to *Fox* was in  $66^{\circ}. 47'$ . and you were then in  $66^{\circ}. 40'$ . so that the East End of that Strait was to the Northward of *Cape Comfort*: Whether the Strait you passed going to *Cape Hope* extended to the Westward of your Course as well as to the Eastward, does not appear from the Abstract you sent me. You also apprehended that the other Strait you saw from the Mountain, thro' which the Tide came, was frozen fast from Side to Side, tho' 6 or 7 Leagues broad; but had it been fast I should imagine it would have obstructed the Tides flowing so rapidly to *Wager River* and to the *Welcome* as you observed it.

Upon the Whole, you have ascertain'd that there can be no Passage from the *Welcome* to  $67^{\circ}$ —and if there is any to the Northward, it must be attended with more Danger than we apprehended would have been, had it been found at *Whalebone Point*. But there are two Things, I yet can't easily account for; that is, how the black Whales get to *Brook Cobham*, if they don't pass and repass by *Hudson's Strait*, which I think has not been observed by any Journal extant, nor have I heard you mention any seen by you in the Straits, at any Time; the other is from whence that Tide can come which flows from *Cape Hope* to the *Welcome*, since a W. by S. Moon made high Water there, and a W. by N. at the *Welcome*:  
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