

man expressed themselves satisfied as to their being no Passage; and the Lieutenant who had the Care of the Boat, said there were only Islands lying under the Land, as was plainly perceived; and for this, which every one who had been in the Boats was satisfied as to its being so, the Ships had been detained for five Days.

In the Council it was again proposed by the Draughtsman for the Ships going to the Northward; all the Officers were unanimous that it was impracticable, the Peoples indisposition considered. The Lieutenant of the *California* asked the Draughtsman how he could propose what he knew could not be executed, his Reply was that the Execution did not belong to him, that he had nothing to do with that, and that it was to be their Care. The Council agreed to proceed with the Ships to try the Tide on the Eastern Shore, at *Cary's Swans Nest*, and other Places. Yards and Topmasts were accordingly got up that Night, with more dexterity than could have been imagined; the sick looking on it to be in their Way Home. The Sick had received a great Benefit from the dried Buffalo Flesh which had been procured from the *Eskimaux* in the Search of *Wager* Water, as mentioned. Though there was an Amendment, yet it was not so much as to enable them to go to the Northward, and their Inclinations, were quite oppo-