

August.

the Shore; and when we came at one o'Clock out of *Rankin's* Cove, in Company with the other Boat (which had before joined us) we then found at the Entrance, and the Tide only upon the Turn, no more then from thirteen to fourteen Feet Water.

Two of the People, who had been on the Heights to look out for the Ships, which had hoisted a Signal, for our coming Aboard, saw two Whales coming from the Westward. The Ships, were about three Leagues off and lying by, at two they saw us, and bore away for us; at three we were alongside after an unpleasant Voyage, the Weather being changed to cloudy, with a fresh Gale, and great Surf of the Sea, upon our first standing out from the Shore.

Upon our Return, the Lieutenant of the *California* made his Report of their being no Harbour. The Entrance to *Rankin's* Cove too shallow to admit Ships into the Cove, and the other Coves seen to Westward of the Island, fit only for anchoring small Vessels, which Report he was ordered to put in writing; together with what Observations he had made as to the Tides, to be laid before the Council, which accordingly met that Evening Aboard the *California*, when the Report was produced. But no Report on the Part of the Lieutenant of the *Dobbs*, who was appointed by Council to act as Chief in that Affair, but some Notes read by the *Draftsman* as his own, which were agreeable