

pretence of trade, and carried them all off (they having gone imprudently without arms); the Snow, after waiting sixteen days without hearing of them, went home and was obliged to take away the Moravians to help work the vessel. Part of her business this year was to inquire after these men. Capt. Swaine discovered a fine fishing bank, which lies but six leagues off the coast, and extends from latitude 57° to 54°, supposed to be the same hinted at in Captain Davis' second voyage. No bad accident happened to the vessel, and the men kept in perfect health during the whole voyage and returned all well."

In the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of November 29, 1753, we find further in relation to this voyage:—

"Several of the principal merchants and gentlemen of this city who had subscribed to fitting out Captain Swaine with the schooner *Argo* in the discovery of the Northwest Passage met at the Bull's Head, in this city, on the 23rd inst., and expressed a general satisfaction with Captain Swaine's proceedings during his voyage, though he could not accomplish his purpose, and unanimously voted him a very handsome present."

In the following spring (1754), Captain Swaine sailed again in the *Argo* on the same errand, whose return is chronicled in the *Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser* of Thursday, October 24, 1754:—

"On Thursday last arrived here the schooner *Argo*, Capt. Swaine, who was fitted out in the spring on a discovery of a Northwest Passage, but having three of his men killed by the Indians on the Labrador coast, returned without success."

This is the only notice we can find of the second voyage, except the following from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, November 14, 1754:—

"On Saturday last several habits worn by the Eskemaux Indians, who inhabit the southern parts of the Labrador,