

Fry was sooner than at *Knights Island*, though the former is much farther to the Northward: That North-west Winds make the highest Tides considerably on the West Coast of *Hudson's Bay*: That the Water rose higher to the Northwards than at the Place this Deponent had try'd it to the Southward, by several Feet: And that the Water was salt and very transparent; so that the Bottom might be seen at the Depth of 11 Fathoms, or 66 Feet: That this Deponent saw many black Whales to the Northward of 63, but none to the Southward of that Latitude upon the Western Coast of *Hudson's Bay*: That the Times of Ebbing and flowing of the Tides in the *Welcome* were as regular as all Ocean Tides usually are. And this Deponent saith, that all these Circumstances and the Consequences arising therefrom, do in this Deponent's Judgment, and as he verily believes, establish a very strong Probability of there being a Passage from *Hudson's Bay* into some other Ocean to the Westward of the said Bay. But in order to explain the Foundation of such this Deponent's Judgment and Belief, this Deponent thinks it necessary to make the following Observations relative thereto, which, to Persons concern'd in Sea-Affairs, are well known to be founded in Fact.— And first, it is generally agreed, That there are no Tide nor any Swelling of the Water upon the Shores in Inland Seas (such as the *Mediterranean*, *Baltick* and *Caspian*) except only very inconsiderable ones, and those occasion'd merely by particular Winds, and not by the Attraction or Influence of other Bodies, which is allow'd to be the chief or only Cause of Ocean Tides.— Secondly, It is well known that when the Wind blows with the Flood Tide, it accelerates its Motion, and consequently raises the Water higher upon any Coast that opposes it, and in all Streights or Inlets into

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