

the Knowledge of my having any Intention of accepting such an Offer, I have too much Reason to apprehend they would immediately discard me; so that what I now write being unknown to them, I rely on your Honour will not be divulged to my Prejudice. In short, I believe the Company think it their Interest rather to prevent than forward new Discoveries in that Part of the World; and for that Reason they will not suffer any of our Journals to be made public. All the Intimation I am able to give, is, that the Tides rise more with a N. and N. W. Wind at neap Tides, than ever the Spring Tides do at *Churchill* or *Albany* with a southerly or easterly Wind; and as there is little or no Tide between *Mansfield* and *Cory's Swan's Nest*, nor any in the N. or N. N. W. of *Mill Isles* in that Bay, it must come from the *Welcome*, which cannot be far from some Western Ocean. Also in Mr. *John Scrogg's* Journal, in 1722, he mentions that in Latit. 64°. 56'. the Tide ebb'd five Fathoms, but gives no Account which Way or from whence the Flood came; and they all agree that a great many black Whales are seen in the *Welcome*, whereas I don't remember to have seen any in other Parts of *Hudson's Bay*, and I have been in all Parts of it, except the *Welcome*, all which are favourable Circumstances. I shall be glad at all Times to contribute what I can to your Information, and beg you'll believe me to be, Sir,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

Christ. Middleton.

When I sent him the Copy of Sir Bibye Lake's Letter, and my Answer, I got the following Answer from him.

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