

You observed, that a W. b. N. Moon made high Water, and a W. b. S. above *Cape Hope* in $66^{\circ} 48'$; consequently the Tide at the *Welcome* must flow from the other as it is later; but you not acquainting me, whether the Lands to the Eastward, or Starboard, as you sailed north, were Continuous Islands, makes me at a loss to know whether the Tide there came from the eastward or from the north-eastward by *Cape Hope*, and the new Strait you discovered from the Mountain, through which the Tide came, from near *Cape Comfort* on *Weston's Portland*, where the Strait you saw ended. Now the Difficulty I find in accounting for this, makes me desire your Opinion upon it; you have confirm'd that a W. b. N. Moon makes high Water at the *Welcome*, and a W. b. S. above *Cape Hope*. *Bylot* and *Baffin* affirm, that a S. by E. Moon makes high Water at *Cape Comfort*; if that be fact, can the Tide, in so small a Way, from *Cape Comfort* to your Bay above *Cape Hope*, be eight Points later, and only two Points later in going from *Cape Hope* to the *Welcome*, since you were there as near *Cape Comfort* as the *Welcome*, and therefore as the Strait you saw was made up of broken Lands, or Islands to the north-eastward, whether around these Islands a northern Tide might not have set about some of these Head-lands, as well as a south-eastern Tide from *Hudson's Strait*? — I also desire your Opinion, whether the great Quantity of Ice you found near the *Welcome*, not mentioned by *Fox* or *Scroggs*, was caused by the Winter's having been more severe there than usual, or whether you imagine it was the usual Quantity which is there every Year; and since you saw black Whales at the *Welcome*, from whence do you imagine they came, since none have ever been mentioned to have been seen passing or re-passing *Hudson's Strait*? These were the chief Things I would have had your Opinion upon. But

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