

Mr. *Dobbs's* Letter to me,

Dear S I R,

I HAD the Favour of yours from *Churchill* by Capt. *Spurrel*, and also your last from the *Orkneys*, and the Duplicate from *London*, and congratulate you upon your safe Arrival with the Ships after so dangerous a Voyage; but 'tis with Concern I find we have been disappointed of our Hopes of an easy Passage from the *Welcome* or *Whalebone Point*, as we had Reason to have expected, had the Account been true, which *Fox* laid down in his Journal, and which had been in some Measure confirmed by *Scroggs*, from his Manuscript Journal; but as your Observation of the Height and Direction of the Tides there, and Quantity of Ice, is directly contrary to their Account; all the fine Hopes formed from their Accounts are quite vanished, nothing being agreeable to their Journals, but the black Whales you observed near *Brook Cobham*, and that the Time of the Tides flowing at the *Welcome* from the N. E. agrees pretty much with *Fox's* Account; since you found a W. or W. by N. Moon made High Water in  $63^{\circ} 20'$ . and in  $66^{\circ} 40'$ . an E. by S. Moon made High Water, which proves that the Tide of Flood proceeds from  $66^{\circ} 40'$ . to the *Welcome* and *Brook Cobham*, and not the Tide from the Southward of *Carey's Swan's Nest*.

Until I see your Journal at large, and your Draught, I cannot fix with myself, whether the Lands on your Starbord or Eastward from the *Welcome* to *Cape Hope*, were contiguous or broke into Islands; nor do I know whether the great Tide which flowed up *Wager River* between *Cape Dobbs* and *Whalebone Point* came from the Eastward thro' such Broken Lands, or from the North-Eastward from