

ROUND THE WORLD.

1770.  
May.

CAPE THREE POINTS, bore S. W. distant five leagues. Our longitude from Botany Bay was  $19^{\circ}$  E. In the afternoon, we saw smoke in several places upon the shore, and in the evening, found the variation to be  $8^{\circ} 25'$  E. At this time we were between two and three miles from the shore, in twenty-eight fathom; and at noon the next day, we had not advanced one step to the northward. We stood off shore, with the winds northerly, till twelve at night, and at the distance of about five leagues, had seventy fathom; at the distance of six leagues we had eighty fathom, which is the extent of the soundings; for at the distance of ten leagues, we had no ground with 150 fathom.

Tues. 8.

The wind continuing northerly, till the morning of the 10th, we continued to stand in and off the shore, with very little change of situation in other respects; but a gale then springing up at S. W. we made the best of our way along the shore to the northward. At sun-rise, our latitude was  $33^{\circ} 2'$  S. and the variation  $8^{\circ}$  E. At nine in the forenoon, we passed a remarkable hill, which stood a little way inland, and somewhat resembled the crown of a hat: and at noon, our latitude, by observation, was  $32^{\circ} 53'$  S. and our longitude  $208^{\circ}$  W. We were about two leagues distant from the land, which extended from N.  $41^{\circ}$  E. to S.  $41^{\circ}$  W., and a small round rock, or island, which lay close under the land, bore S.  $82^{\circ}$  W. distant between three and four leagues. At four in the afternoon, we passed, at the distance of about a mile, a low rocky point, which I called POINT STEPHENS, on the north side of which is an inlet, which I called PORT STEPHENS: this inlet appeared to me, from the mast head,

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