

ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS to Mr. *James Napper*, on his Voyage upon Discovery to the Northward in *Hudson's Bay*, on board the *Churchill Sloop*.

Mr. *James Napper*,

YOU are hereby ordered to embrace the first Opportunity of Wind and Weather to sail with the *Churchill Sloop* under your Command to the Northward in *Hudson's Bay*, upon Discovery, in Company with the *Musquash Sloop*, Mr. *Robert Crow* Master, whose Company you are to keep, if possible you can with Safety: The said *Musquash Sloop*, being of little Draught of Water, is therefore the fittest Vessel to make free with the Shore, among Islands, or in Bays, &c. in order to discover Harbours of Safety for Vessels or Shipping, or any thing else that may tend to the Interest of the Company.

You are to sail close along the Western Shore, making Discovery into Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome*, for a proper Bay or Harbour of Safety for Vessels or Shipping to lie in, in or as near the said *Welcome* as can be found. And you are to pitch a Tent on the Land, making Observations, how far Distance from Trees, and what the Soil is, digging in several Places in the Earth in Search of Mines: And you are to take careful Observations of the Bearings and Distance of each remarkable Head-land, as you sail along the Shore, particularly in and near Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome*; and to be very exact in sounding the Depth of Water; taking particular Account of the Current of the Tide, the Rise and Fall at Ebb and High Water, and the Distance of the Time of Flood: These, and all other Transactions that shall happen, you are to enter in proper Journals, which are to be delivered to me, or the Chief of this Factory, in order to be transmitted to the Company, the Original being properly signed; and the Copies are to be kept here; which Copies you are to make before you arrive to the Factory.

You are to trade with all the Natives you meet with in your Voyage; and to endeavour to promote a Trade, by persuading them to kill Whales, Sea Horses, and Seals, for Whale Fins, Ivory, Seal Skins, and Oil, in the best Manner they can, using them very civilly; and to acquaint the Indians, that the said Sloops will return at the next Opening of the Ice, and will bring with them all manner of Trading-Goods, to trade with them for Whale Fins, Ivory, Seal Skins, and Oil, as is before-mentioned. You are to continue upon Discovery, in or near Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome*, until the 24th of July; then you are to make the best of your Way to *Whale Cove* in *Pistol-Bay*, there to lie in wait for a Ship's Arrival from *England*; there also making due Search for

Mines in the Earth, informing yourself of the Nature of the Soil, and how far Distance from Trees, and trading with the Natives, until the 12th August.

And if a Ship from *England* doth not arrive with you by the 12th of August, then you are to consult with Mr. *Crow* and Mr. *Light*, and such other as you shall think meet; being left to your own Discretion, as you find the Weather offer, either to return for *Churchill River* on that Day, or to tarry until the 20th of August, pursuant to the Company's Instructions: But in case a Ship arrives with you within the said limited Time, and she doth not bring you fresh Orders from the Company, that then you sail in Company with the said Ship from *England* as far to the Northward as possible, and endeavour to make what Discovery you can; and enter in your Journal a particular Account of every Transaction that shall happen, as is before-mentioned.

I having shipped on board your Sloop Thirteen Weeks Provisions for Eleven Men, whose Names and Officers, besides yourself, are as follow:

Mr. *Alexander Light*, Mate.

*John Butler*, Trading with the Natives; who I have ordered to keep the Account of the Trade, and Expence of such Trading-goods as I have shipped on board your Sloop.

*Robert Hunter*, Sailor.

*Thomas Purviss*, ditto.

*James Clark*, ditto.

*John Johnson*, ditto.

*George Platt*, ditto,

*John Hunt*, ditto.

*Richard Lovegrove*, ditto.

*John Thomas*, ditto.

So God send the good Ship a successful Discovery, and to return in Safety. *Amen.*

By the Order of the Honourable the Governor, the Deputy-Governor, and Committee of the *Hudson's Bay Company*.

*Prince Wales Fort*, July the 4th, Anno 1737.

Vera Copia.