

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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Disputes after our Return agreed together with ^{August} the Council that the Surgeon and Draughtsman ^{1747.} should have the Scooner to attend them, to give them Satisfaction. (G)

It was proposed in this Council that one Ship should go to the Northward, into *Repulse Bay*, while the Scooner was on the Search; but this could be by no Means agreed to; the Captains having no Authority to separate the Ships, especially to go into Parts which were out of the Limit of their Instructions: But further the Committee had been asked before the Ships set out, whether the Ships should go into *Repulse Bay*; the Answer was no. The Committee were satisfied as to that Place, had the Inclinations of the Captains, or either of them, been to have gone into this Bay; the People were weak and sick, and all the Officers of both Ships, gave it as their Opinions, that should they meet with a North-West Gale in such Bay, for which was now the Season as we experienced, and got on a Lee Shore, that they had not Hands sufficient to keep the Ship from going ashore. But Argu-

(G) Mr. *Ellis* before Ship presided, and his the Copy he gives of this Name was accordingly Council, he puts Captain entered first but it is in *Moor's* Name first, whereas order to keep up the affected Superiority which he in the Original it is second, pretends Capt. *Moor* had for in which ever of the over Capt. *Smith* Ships the Council was held tho' Capt. of that