

tions to your Governor of *Churchill*, to fit out a Sloop to attempt the Passage at *Ne Ultra*; and that you would continue your Instructions to the same Purpose next Spring by the Ships you send into the Bay. The Hurry I have been in of late prevented my making my proper Acknowledgments to you and the Company, for your so readily promoting a farther Attempt of that Passage after your former Disappointments, upon the Reasons I laid before you, which were the Foundation of my firm Belief that there must be an easy Passage from *Ne Ultra*.

Since you were pleased to approve of the Reasons I offered, why a fresh Attempt should be made to discover that Passage, I shall beg leave to offer my Thoughts of the manner in which the Attempt may be made, with most Certainty and least Expence, and what Observations the Masters of the Sloops ought to make and send you, in order to your forming your Judgment, whether they have taken the proper Method and Course to find the Passage; in order to your prosecuting it, in case their Accounts be satisfactory, with Advantage to your Company, and Benefit of *England*.

I think two Sloops would be necessary; and they ought to be no larger than is requisite to protect them from the Natives (in case any should appear) in the Creeks, into which they put from time to time, as they coast along the Shore; and they ought not to draw above four Feet Water. They ought each to keep a particular Journal of their Course, in case they at any Time separate from each other, which (if possible) they ought to avoid. The earlier in Summer they sail from *Churchill* the better, before the Ice breaks up in the Bay; for since they draw little Water, they may sail along the Shore within the Ice. They ought to make the best of their Way, until they come to the Latitude 64°.

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