

majority, from whence I concluded, that there were some who began to be tired of so much Labour and Hardship, and who were therefore inclined to put an End to the Voyage as soon as they could, or at least, to prevent any more such toilsome Expeditions as our last; the Discovery we then made, serving also to countenance this Design, which tho' I could not approve, it was no way in my power to prevent.

It is certainly a Thing of the utmost Consequence, in every Undertaking of this Nature, to interest, as far as it is possible, all who are any ways concerned in it's Success, and that too in Point of Profit, as well as of Character; for otherwise, a little Labour will tire, and the first appearance of Danger be apt to affright them. It is also very expedient, that those who have the Concerting and Direction of such an Affair, should confer with every Officer before he goes out; give him his Instructions, by word-of Mouth, as well as Writing, and assure him of their Favour, Countenance, and Protection, in case he performs his Duty, upon his Return. This would render the lesser Officers, not only vigilant and assiduous, but enterprizing and alert, when they knew for whom, and upon what Terms they exposed themselves; they would then not punctually only, but chearfully also, obey their Commander's Orders, in case he was active for the Discovery, and prove a great Check upon him if he was not; neither ought something of the same Kind to be omitted, with Respect even to the private Men, who should be excited to their Duty, by Discourses suited to their Capacities, and animated in the Performance of it, by Encouragements proportioned to their Way of living. This was constantly practised on board us, and I am induced to recommend such a Conduct, from the good Effects which I saw it produce. For our Men went about what they were ordered with great Alacrity and Chearfulness; underwent Hardships and Fatigues patiently, and were not afraid of looking Danger in the Face. It was very pleasant to hear them, when they had any Leisure, discoursing over all the Points that were of greatest Consequence to the Success of our Voyage; such as the Nature of Tides, the Indications that might be drawn from them, and the Circumstances requisite to be observed about them; the Figure of the Globe, the Disposition of Land and Water, the Advantages that would arise to *Great-Britain*, from a Discovery of the North West Passage, and such like. Nay, the very *Orkney* Men, who were far enough from being either good Seamen or Statesmen, could not help foreseeing, that the discovering such a Passage would be highly serviceable to their Islands, by bringing thither great Resort of Shipping. But the strangest Thing, that in this Re-

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