

The complete survey of the coast appeared to me so easy of accomplishment, that fearing it might have emanated from too sanguine a mind, I courted every inquiry from the Indians, traders, and *voyageurs*, as to the practicability of my plan; and I was rejoiced to find that their opinions were universally favourable.

I did not hesitate, therefore, on reaching England, to forward my proposition to Government; and after estimating the expense of carrying it into effect, which amounted to one thousand pounds only, I did hope that my plan would have been favourably received. After a lapse of several months, however, I was informed that it was not the intention of Government to promote any further discoveries in the Arctic Regions.

Still unwilling to abandon an enterprise, which, if only undertaken with a proper zeal and upon economical principles, will I have no doubt eventually prove successful, I published a prospectus describing my proposed journey, with a view of obtaining the necessary funds by public subscription. As this appeal, however, was not made until within a few weeks of that period of the year when alone