

Nation Service to employ him, and have him ready in the King's Service for this Discovery; and two Sloops may be prepared, fitting for the Navigation to *Hudson's Streights*, under his Direction, Time enough before next Season. His Character you may have from Sir *John Norris*, and Sir *Jacob Ackworth*, who personally know him.

I hope, Sir, you will pardon the Earnestness of my Solicitation in his Favour; but as you know I have the Discovery much at Heart, you will the more easily forgive me. I have wrote to Sir *Robert Walpole* upon the same Subject, and if other more important Affairs don't take up his Thoughts, he may probably speak to you upon this Subject.

I wish you Happiness and Success in all your Undertakings, and am, with the most sincere Respect, Sir, &c.

To these I had the following Answer from Captain Middleton:

N^o. XVIII.

SIR,

London, Novem. 29, 1739.

I Received the Favour of your obliging Letter of the 30th of *October*, with the inclosed to Sir *R. Walpole*, Sir *Charles Wager*, and Lord *Conway*. I did myself the Honour to wait of these Gentlemen immediately, and was received with great Civility and Respect by Sir *C. Wager*, not finding any Opportunity to be introduced to Sir *Robert*, by my Lord *Conway's* happening to be out of Town, for several Days after the Receipt of your Letter. Sir *Charles* assured me that he was very desirous of having the Discovery undertaken, and would do all that was in his Power to promote it. Accordingly he ordered me to wait upon him a second Time in an Evening with a Chart of *Hudson's Bay*;