

is so frequently met with at Midsummer by those who sail to the Southward of Cape Horn.

I take this opportunity of recapitulating the years since 1746 (e), during which it appears from the instances I have stated, that the sea to the North of Spitzbergen hath been open, so as to permit attempts of approaching the Pole, which will shew that such opportunities are not uncommon, and it is hoped that they will be more frequently embraced, from a parliamentary reward of 5000*l.* being given to such of his Majesty's subjects as shall first penetrate beyond the 89th degree of Northern Latitude; the Bill for which purpose hath already passed both Houses of Parliament (f).

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(e) Viz. 1746, 1751, 1752, 1754, 1756, 1759, 1763, 1766, 1769, 1771, and 1773.

(f) By the same Bill, a reward of 20,000*l.* is given to such of his Majesty's Subjects as shall first discover a communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, in any direction whatsoever of the Northern Hemisphere.