Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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bour two Ships ; the one in Hays's River by York- August. Fort, in Hudson's Bay, which the French call St. Terefa; and to harbour the other Ship in Port Nelfon River, by the French, called Bourbon River. This was upon an Expedition of the French to take York Fort, in the Year 1694, he fays (the Ship he was Aboard of having entered Hays's River) the thirtieth of September, " We " could not poffibly advance, on the first of " Oftober we continued in the fame Condition, " the Wind being still contrary, our Vessel " aground at low Water, and there being no " Poffibility of Tacking; in the mean Time, " the Wind, the Cold, and Ice increased every " Day; we were within a League of the Place " where we were to land, and in Danger of " not being able to reach it. On the fecond of " Ottober (they having passed the Factory, and " advanced higher up the Night before) our " Ship, fays the Father, had like to have pe-" rifhed. As we were making ready, and "were in Hopes to be very foon in the Port, " which we could almost reach, a great Cloud " of Snow took away from us the Sight of the " Land, and a ftrong Guft of Wind at N. W. " caft us on a Shoal where we fluck at high "Water, there we had a difmal Night; about " ten the faid Night, the Ice carried by the " Stream, and pushed on by the Wind, began " to beat against our Ship with such a dreadful " Force and Noife, that it might have been " heard a League off, which Battery lasted four or P 2

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