

P R E F A C E.

as to the Eskemaux Indians who frequent Hudson's Streights, and the Western Part of the Bay, I have mentioned what I could attain by my own Observation, and that which I could rely on as Faët, from the Relations which were made me by others. There being a great Similitude in the Manners of the Indians frequenting the South Part of Hudson' Bay, with the Manners of the People in the earliest Times; I thought an Inquiry of that kind might not be dissatisfactory to the Curious. Father Laffitau, a Jesuit, hath done this with respect to the Hurons and Iroquois Indians, and where these Indians agree in their Manners with the Hurons and Iroquois, I have principally followed the Father, but where they do not agree in Manners with the Iroquois and Hurons, I have there shewn the Similitude of their Manners with the Antients upon Researches of my own.

The many Quotations taken from the Accounts of the former Discoverers, not only make this Account more intelligible, but also make it rather to be a compleat History of all the Undertakings for the Discovery of a North-West Passage, than of one particular Voyage. I was also in Part induced to this, as the former Accounts are scarce, seldom taken in Hand, and are in a fair Way

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