

A verie late and great probabilitie
of a passage, by the Northwest
part of America in 58,degrees
of Northerly latitude.



An excellent learned man of
portingale, of singuler grauity,
authoritie and experience tolde
mee very lately, that one *Anus*
Cortereal, captayne of the ple
of *Tercera* about the yere
1574, which is not aboue eight
yeres past, sent a Shippe to dis-
couer the Northwest passage of
America, & that the same Shippe

arriuing on the coast of the saide America in fiftie epghte
degrees of latitude, founde a great entrance exceeding deepe
and broade, without all impediment of ice, into whiche they
passed aboue twentie leagues, and found it alwaies to trende
sowarbe the South, the lande lying lowe and plaine on ey-
ther side: And that they perswaded them selues verely, that
there was a way open into the South sea. But their victailles
fayling them, and being but one Shippe, they returned backe
agayne with ioy. This place seemeth to lie in equal degrees
of latitude, with the first entrance of the sounde of Denmark
betweene Norway and the head land, called in latin *Cimbros*
rum promontorium, and therefore like to bee open and nauig-
able a great part of the yere. And this report may bee well
annexed vnto the other eidge reasons mentioned in my epi-
tle dedicatorie, for prooffe of the likelihood of this passage by
the Northwest.



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