

THE
VOYAGE
OF
Captain THOMAS JAMES,
FOR THE
DISCOVERY of a NORTH-WEST
PASSAGE to the SOUTH-SEAS.

CHAPTER I.

Captain James sets sail from Bristol, and arrives on the Coast of Greenland, where he is in great Danger from the Ice. He lands in several Places; the Crew undergo dreadful Distresses, and the Ship being at length covered with Ice, and the Sails froze, the Crew prepare for spending the Winter near Charlton Island.

ABOUT the year 1630, several of the merchants of *Bristol* formed themselves into a company, for discovering a passage by the west to the *South-Sea*, and thence to *Japan*.