

time; for although the Ships are dispatched from China, in turn, according to their arrival, and therefore a Ship arriving in June, would be dispatched home before February, yet other Ships must remain till that month, and if one be dispatched early, another must come late; and v. v. if this comes from China early, that will be dispatched late: However, although Ships, remaining in India, usually arrive at Canton in June, it may be alledged, that direct Ships from England, would not arrive before August, and therefore it may be proper to state a charge of two months demorage to this account. <sup>b</sup>

To what Port it would be the fittest for a Ship to proceed, may admit a question; perhaps *Bucarelli* in  $55^{\circ} 19' N$  as being the most central; Capt. Portlock is inclined to prefer some Port to the Northward; in the *Sounds* from *Mount Edgumbe* to *Cross Sound*, or between  $57^{\circ}$  and  $58^{\circ} N$ . Latitude, from the abundance of *Sea Otter-Skins*, and the many excellent *Harbours*: He learnt from the Natives, of *Portlocks Harbour*, that there was *Water* behind them, to the *Eastward* of the *Hills*, which he conceived to refer to *Sounds*, making *Islands*, on that part of the *Coast*: However, this is a matter which to authorise a determination, would require a more exact knowledge, not only of the *Coast*, but of the interior *Lakes* and *Rivers*, than we at present have. But the Election should be made of that Port, where the communication can be most conveniently kept up, by Posts or Factories, at regular and expedient distances from *Hudson's-Bay*.

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<sup>b</sup> In time of Peace the demorage is £20. 16. 8.  $\frac{3}{4}$  day to the common sized Indiamen; to small ships less; It commences at the expiration of four Months after the Ship's arrival at her first-contrived Port; Two months demorage will therefore be about £1200.