

SIR,

I Find, by Captain *Middleton*, who is returned safe from *Churchill* in *Hudson's Bay*, that the Accounts he has had there this Year confirm there being a safe Passage at the *Welcome*.

*Here I recited the last Paragraph of the above Letter.*

Since these Facts confirm the former Accounts, and demonstrate a Passage, I am humbly of Opinion, that if we have a War with *Spain*, it would be highly advantageous to attempt it next Summer. If we discover it, and the War should continue the following Year, we might intercept their *Acapulco* Ships, and make many Prizes from *California* to *Panama*, before they would suspect our being upon their Coasts; and when they should know that we had found the Passage, our being capable of attacking them in the South Sea in so easy a Manner, would soon humble them, and make them value our Friendship.

I therefore beg leave to recommend Captain *Middleton* to you, as a Person capable, from his Knowledge of Sea-Affairs, particularly in *Hudson's Bay*, of being of great Service to *Great-Britain*; and even if it should not be judged proper to attempt it this Season, hope you will think him worthy of a Command under his Majesty, that he may be ready to attempt it whenever it may be thought proper. I am told several Twenty-Gun Ships are now fitting, and I believe all the old Captains who can serve are employed; as he is an experienced Captain, and served in Ships of Force in *Queen Anne's War*, I hope you will think it doing the Nation