

of convenient Situations in the Country, in the Name of his Majesty of *Great Britain*.

But where there are no Inhabitants, you must take Possession by setting up proper Inscriptions, as first Discoverers and Possessors.

If in your Passage you meet with any Ships trading to the western Countries, eastward of *Japan*, or any *Japanese* Ships, and you apprehend any Danger from them, either from their Force or Number, you are to proceed no farther in the Discovery, but immediately to return, that Ships of sufficient Force may be sent out next Season, to begin a Trade, or make a Settlement, without any Apprehension of Disturbance from any powerful Nation on that Side, lest any Accident should prevent your Return, and discourage any further Attempts to be made for the future.

If you should arrive at *California* without any Apprehension of Danger, and chuse to winter in 42 D. (where *Caxton* is said to have found a civilized Nation and good Harbour) or more southerly, then endeavour to meet Captain *Anson* in the Month of *December*, before the Arrival of the *Manila* Ship at *Cape St. Lucas*, the southern Cape of *California*, and leave a Copy of your Journal with him, lest any Accident should happen to you upon your Return, and so the Discovery be lost, and it might prevent Ships being sent out to your Relief in case of Shipwreck.

But for as much, as in an Undertaking of this Nature, several Emergencies may arise, not to be foreseen, and therefore not so particularly to be provided for by Instructions beforehand, you are in such Case to proceed, as, upon Advice with your Officers, you shall judge may be most advantageous to the Service on which you are employed.

When you return home, you are to proceed into the River of *Thames*, and send our Secretary an Account

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