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account for the bam, if they do aits : Now, tis cagues up Hudwith Indians off bone just fresh not think these Neft but thro or we law many Latitude, and 's Straits, but to ide of Hudson's nd Islands; and traits Davis may w Frozen Straits, thence.

for the Difficulflows E. S. E. at gs, which makes s; yet it is but and *Moofe* River, e Distance 250 Coast (as I mentioned formerly) is but 14 Leagues, and at one Place it flows W. b. S. at the other N. W. Likewise from the Frozen Straits to Churchill is but two Points difference, or one Hour and half of tiend, in the Distance of 200 Leagues; so that I think no Rule can be fixed, where Tides flow into deep Bays, obstructed by Islands or Counter Tides.

The Ice I met within the Welcome, was most of it to the northward of all the Parts before discovered; so that none who went before me could have seen it; for most of it lay to the north of Whalebone-Point; and every Year is not alike, with respect to Wind bringing it to the southward; and it is entirely directed by the Winds here, as well as in all other Ports of the Bay. In our way to Churchill, there was less Ice than usually happens; and it was also sooner clear in the Spring, by 15 Days than common.

Undoubtedly there is no Hope of a Passage to encourage any further Trial between Churchill and so far as we have gone; and if there be any further to the northward, it must be impossible for the Ice, and the Narrowness of any such Outlet, in 67° or 68° of Latitude, it cannot be clear of Ice one Week in a Year, and many Years, as I apprehend, not clear at all.

In any other Attempts, I shall be glad to give you all the Assistance I can, and furnish you with any other Informations that you may think needful to promote your Design; but I hope never to venture myself that way again.

My Friends being out of the Admiralty, I find there will be a great deal of Difficulty to get any thing done for me in the Navy at present; or to procure any other Recompence for my Loss these two Summers in leaving the Hudson's-Bay Service,

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