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Mr. J. W A L I G,

To Messrs. Nic. and Jacob Van Staphorst.

Helder, Jan. 3, 1775.

“ I N answer to your letter of the 22d of December, concern-
“ ing the question, whether we have been nearer to the
“ Pole than 80 deg. and a half, I must inform you, that we have
“ been often to 81 deg. near the Seven Islands, to the North-
“ ward of the North-East land, and some have been in 82 deg.
“ but then not clear from ice, in which they drove about. I
“ never heard of any discoveries made there, as they have
“ always been fishers, who driving with the ice, to the North-
“ ward, leave that direction upon getting room; and when now
“ and then the sea has been free from ice, that has happened
“ commonly in the months of June and July. In 1763. I spoke
“ with a Scotch Captain in Greenland, who told me he had
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