

Letter from

ob. 18, 1739.
 e first Oppor-
 r safe Arrival,
 or the Respect
 my Departure.
 have seen you
 find our Pre-
 than ever, and
 ation about the
 convenient Sea-
 f Men of War
 take almost all
 on, and several
 ng, I should not
 mand of one of
 Behalf, if you
 great a Favour,
 agements. I am
 vigation on the
 ain, having been
 I engaged with
 as in several Let-
 me's War at my

Jacob Ackworth,
 r Brothers of the
 e of them would
 ded I should have
 d think it proper
 o' I have the Ho-
 nce with yourself,
 dom of this Ad-
 to happen oppor-
 tunely

unely to my Advantage ; and if I should have the
 good Fortune to succeed, might facilitate my be-
 ing employed hereafter when it may be thought pro-
 per to undertake the Discovery. If you should
 think fit to do me the Honour of your Recom-
 mendation to any of the Lords of the Admiralty,
 or others, on this Occasion, my future Behaviour
 (I hope) will shew me not altogether unworthy of
 so high a Trust, nor ungrateful to my Benefactor.

I was this Voyage at *Churchill* Factory, where
 Mr. *Norton* is Governor. He was along with *Scroggs*
 in 1722, and remembers very well that when they
 came to an Anchor in the *Welcome*, near the La-
 titude 65°. they had twelve Fathoms at High-water,
 and but seven at Low-water ; and he seems confi-
 dent, from a View that he took from a Promon-
 tary ashore, that there must be a clear Passage ; the
 Land is very high, and falls off to the Southward
 of the West. This Year some of the Natives, who
 came down to trade at *Churchill*, and had never
 been before at any of our *English* Settlements, in-
 formed him they frequently traded with *Europeans*
 on the West Side of *America*, near the Latitude
 of *Churchill* by their Account, which seems to con-
 firm that the two Seas must unite. I remain

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Christ. Middleton.

*I answered this the 30th, and inclosed to him Let-
 ters of Recommendation to Sir Robert Walpole, Lord
 Conway, and Sir Charles Wager, of which I need
 only give a Copy of what I wrote to Sir Charles
 Wager, viz.*

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