

## P R E F A C E.

*the succeeding Attempters might avoid the Hazards and Dangers they had met with, and benefit by their Observations. For the very same Reasons I think myself obliged to publish a true and plain Narrative of this Voyage, which deserves not less, if not more, than any of the preceding ones to be communicated to the Publick.*

*Those Gentlemen who subscribed to this Undertaking will here receive an impartial Account, and, I hope, will be satisfied by the Reasons given for their particular Expectations not being answered, and will receive a greater Information of those almost unknown Parts of the World, than they could possibly have gathered from any Treatise before this; and from this, and the succeeding Volume, will be able to judge what may be expected from another Expedition.*

*The Account of the Weather from the Time the Ships went from the Orkneys, to their Arrival on the Western Side of Hudson's Bay, may be thought tedious, but I hope it will meet with the Excuse of those who shall think it so; when they consider that nothing is more inquired after in a Voyage of this kind, than the Temperature of the Climates which are passed, and that there is no other Way of giving*