

and found that he was an enterprising man, and very accurate in his remarks and charts; that his grand son had his journals and other papers in his possession; and his grand daughter, who was married to an officer of Walig's ship, (who had formerly been a commander) had his charts, some of which that officer generally took with him, in order to correct them. I begged hard to have them, if only for twenty four hours, and next morning, Mr. Walig put into my hands, the original draughts of all the discoveries Mr. Gillis ever made, with regard to Spitzbergen, excepting some particular drawings of Bays and views of land, with permission to keep them in my possession, till Mr. Walig's return from Greenland; copies of which are here annexed, (e) and Mr. Walig promised to procure me, if possible, all the papers of that old commander before he left the Texel, which I hope to receive in a few days, and shall not fail in sending over every thing I find material. Asking what particulars Mr. Walig and others remembered out of those papers, they gave the following short account. That Mr. Gillis passed more than a degree to the Northward of the Seven Islands, without any hinderance from ice, that he proceeded East, for some leagues with an open sea, then bent his course S. E. and afterwards South, saw in the latitude of 80 deg. to the East, very high land, run through the East coast of the North East land, and entered the Waygats Streights,

(e) These were copies of the draughts of the different coasts of Spitzbergen, of which Captain Gillis hath taken accurate surveys. Mr. Heydinger, the publisher of these sheets, intends to make use of them for a new and accurate map of Spitzbergen, for which he has collected many valuable materials, and which he proposes to add to a new edition of his translation of Professor Le Roy's Narrative of four Russian sailors, who lived six years and three months on the desert Island of East-Spitzbergen, &c.