

To Mr. Richard Norton, and Council, at Prince of Wales's Fort.

6th May, 1736.

WE do hereby order, upon the Arrival of Capt. Spurrell and Capt. Coats at *Cchurchill* River this Year, which may probably be in July 1736, that you fit out the *Cchurchill Sloop*, *James Napper* Master, and the *Musquash Sloop*, with all Expedition, for the Sea; the *Cchurchill Sloop* to carry Twelve Sailors, and the *Musquash* Six Sailors; also to take with you Three or Four Home Indians; and to sail directly as far as Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome* to find out a proper Bay or Harbour to lie secure in, and trade with the Indians; also to pitch a Tent on the Land, and make Observations how far distant from Trees, and what the Soil is; and to endeavour to promote a Trade by persuading the Indians to kill Whales, Sea-horses, and Seals, for Whale Fins, Ivory, Seal Skins, and Oil, in the best manner they can, using them very civilly; and to acquaint them that the said Sloops will return the next opening of the Ice to the same Bay or Harbour, &c.— We likewise order, that the said Two Sloops shall be fitted out with all proper Necessaries, and the same Number of Men, early the next Spring, as soon as the Ice is broke up (which may be the Beginning of July 1737, or sooner); and that they be directed to sail close along the Western Shore, trading with the Indians as far as the Bay or Harbour near Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome*; and pitch a Tent on said Land and stay there trading with the Indians, and digging in several Places in the Earth in Search of Mines; and to take a particular Observation and View of the Land, &c. until the

Ship shall call on you which goes out of *England* next Year; which we purpose to give Direction to the Commanders so to do, and may possibly arrive with you about the 24th July 1737.—And in case the said Ship shall arrive with you by that time, you are, in Company with the said Ship, to sail as far to the Northward as possible, and endeavour to make what Discoveries you can; and keep an exact and particular Account of every Transaction that shall happen: But in case the said Ship from *England* do not come to you before the 20th August 1737, then you are to return to *Cchurchill* River.—It is our Order, that the Masters of the Sloops appointed to go on the aforesaid Discovery be directed to be very particular and exact in sounding the Depth of the Water, taking Account of the Current of the Tide, the Rise and Fall at Ebb and High Water, and the Distance of the time of Flood; and enter the same in proper Journals, which are to be delivered to the Chief at the Factory in order to be transmitted to us. We have entertained one *Robert Crow*, Mariner, for Two Years; and we hereby appoint that he have the Command of the *Musquash* Sloop as Master; and to proceed on the Discovery in Company with the *Cchurchill Sloop*, Mr. *James Napper* Master: But in case that Mr. *Napper* should be dead (which God forbid!), or do not proceed on the Expedition to the Northward, then we do appoint, that *Mr. Light* be Master of the *Cchurchill Sloop* in his room, and to proceed on the Voyage.

N U M B E R XVII.

An ACCOUNT of the Value of the Annual Exports made by the *Hudson's Bay Company* for Ten Years last Past.

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