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ed when he was ld undoubtedly is; for at that enth Part so nutermarried with ole Country, fo te Difficulty to ions and Trade

s Miscarriage in s; that he did d of August, at returning: and h France, should e taking of Caof St. Lawrence hest; and as to lained of, from Fogs, &c. they t of conquering hey are certainly d Tides in any in a Storm of fast, and upon and then as to fons. I have felf it be tolerable Journals, Now n the River St. uch fewer Incon-

and those Coasts

where

where we have no Soundings, much Ice, great Fogs, with strong Tides, and various Currents.

This is the principal Matter that I can think of at present; had not my Indisposition prevented me, I should, before this Time, have drawn up some further Account of our Voyage, but I have nothing material worth imparting to you further, except a Chart of the whole Bay and the Straits, which will be engraved in a little Time, for you already have my Journals and Observations, as well as the Accounts of those that attempted the Discovery before me.

I am very much obliged to you for your kind Wishes, and all the Favours you have conferred on me, and am as yet quite uncertain as to what their Lordships intend to do for me; they treat me with great Respect, and such as I have the Honour to know, to wit, my Lord Winchelsea, Lord Baltimore, and Admiral Cavendish, have all promised me

their Favours. I am.

SIR,

Your most obedient

January 1743.

bumble Servant.

CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON.

To A. D-, E/q;

XVII.

DEAR SIR,

Lisburn, January 22, 1742.

TN my last to Samuel Smith, I inclosed one for Lord Carteret, open for your Perusal, upon our Scheme of opening a Trade to the Bay, to which I refer you; and in Sam's Letter hinted at what I discovered from your Journal at large; that you have made a much greater Progress in the Discovery of the Passage, than you imagined when there; and that from the Lights I have got from your