

the discovery of it, and who would encourage the undertaking, by their subscriptions (or otherwise) to fit out two ships and a sloop for the purpose.— I have contrived, and therein laid down a plan for the construction of a vessel of 100 tons or upwards, which *cannot possibly sink or overset*; nor could she easily be squeezed to pieces in the ice. This vessel I should propose to accompany the larger ships, in order to take their crews on board, in case of fatal accidents. In my said treatise, I have laid down *the courses to be steered, as nearly as the ice may permit*; with precautions and directions in making the land of the Tchuktschi, or the Stachtan Nitada, and the island of Alaschka; and have maturely considered the whole matter. I have likewise made it plain, that no navigable North-West passage can possibly exist: and that the attempting it, either by the way of Hudson's Bay, or Baffin's Bay, or by approach-

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