

bable, if Capt. Clerke, by coveting to make the land to the Southward, should have fallen into the like error, which Barentz acknowledges *he fell into*; namely, approaching too near the land of Nova Zembla. By this means, Barentz was so hemmed in between the main body of ice and the land, that he could never afterwards disengage himself from it; nor could he keep his desired Northerly course. This mistake was the oversetting of the voyage of the boldest and bravest seaman that ever combatted the icy regions or the Northern blasts: for, though he did not succeed in three expeditions, which he undertook for the accomplishment of his long-sought voyage; yet, as Grotius observes, he is worthy to be ranked with Vesputius and Columbus, and, I will venture to add, with all other great discoverers and navigators.—But to proceed in my conjectures.

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