

of trying the Tides ; and it is our Opinions those Alterations ought to be made before his Majesty's Sloop *Furnace* proceeds to Sea. Given under our Hands this 21st Day of *March* 1741-2.

Christopher Middleton,
John Rankin,
Wm. Moor,
Robert Wilson.

VII.

AT a Council held on board his Majesty's Ship *Furnace*, in Sir *Thomas Roe's Welcome*, the 12th Day of *July*, 1742.

P R E S E N T,

Capt. *Christopher Middleton*,
Lieutenant *John Rankin*,
Wm. Moor, Master and Commander of the
Discovery,
Robert Wilson, Master of the *Furnace*.

The manifest Hazard of his Majesty's Ships *Furnace* and *Discovery*, from the vast Quantities of Ice that surrounded them, the Sea being covered for ten Leagues to Windward, and the Ships driving every Tide nearer the Land, and at that time within two Miles of the Shore ; that there was a Necessity of turning back or seeking some Harbour, as soon as might be, to secure the Ships, was taken seriously into Consideration, and it was unanimously Resolv'd, that it would be the most eligible and safest Method for the Preservation of his Majesty's said Ships, and the Lives of the Men, to make the best of our way to an Inlet or Strait, that appear'd beyond *Whalebone-Point*, there to seek out some convenient Place to secure the Ships, till such time as the *Welcome* should be clear'd of Ice, and then use our utmost Endeavours for proceeding on our