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

Cbristopher Middleton, John Rankin, Wm. Moor, Robert Wilfon.

VII.

A T a Council held on board his Majesty's Ship Furnace, in Sir Thomas Roe's Welcome, the 12th Day of July, 1742.

PRESENT,

Capt. Christopher Middleton,

Lieutenant John Rankin,

Wm. Moor, Master and Commander of the Discovery,

Robert Wilfon, Matter of the Furnace.

The manifest Hazard of his Majesty's Ships Farnace and Discovery, from the vast Quantities of Ice that furrounded 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 Neceffity of turning back or feeking fome Harbour, as foon as might be, to fecure the Ships, was taken feriously into Confideration, and it was unanimously Refolv'd, that it would be the most eligible and fafeft Method for the Prefervation of his Majefty's faid 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 feek out fome convenient Place to fecure the Ships, till fuch time as the Welcome should be clear'd of Ice, and then use our utmost Endeavours for proceeding on our P 2 Difcc-