

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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and which we ourselves still retain from our *Saxon* June Ancestors; as did the *Numidians*, and many¹⁷⁴⁷ other People in the earliest Times: Their Months are Lunar Months, which Kind of Month was generally used amongst most Nations in the earliest Times, and particularly by the *Jews*. The particular Circumstances which generally happen in every Moon, determine the Name of that Month; thus the new Moon, which happens at the latter End of March, upon the Account of the Geese then coming to the Northward, is called the Goose Moon. Their counting by Nights, is evident by their Actions, when they would signify the Time of their Return from any Journey, which is, by reposing their Heads on their Hands to represent Sleep; and as many Nights as they propose to be absent, so many Times they will repose their Head. *Pricket* who wrote an Account of Mr. *Hudson's* Voyage, tells us (as mentioned in the first Volume) that the *Indian* whom they saw, signified that he would return to them after so many Sleeps.

These People although so utterly divided from the politer Nations, compute by Decades of Tens; which Method of reckoning being purely arbitrary, it must originally have come from the same Source; it was used by the *Jews*, *Greeks* and *Romans*, and by most of the politer Nations of Antiquity, and is still used by all the *European*, and most of the *Asiatick* Nations, except the