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t obedient, Humble Servant, London, 4Feb. 27, 1737.

Am honoured with your Letter of the 22d Inflant, wherein you are fo good as to communicate to me Sir Bibye Lake's Letter and your Anfwer, for which Favour I am very much obliged to you. The Remarks you make on the Proceedings and Conduct of the Perfons fent last Year to make the Difcovery are exceedingly juft and proper; and had they been really in carneft, as well as duly qualified to undertake it, they had certainly a fine Opportunity of furnifhing better Obfervations and profecuting their Voyage farther and to more Advantage than any that went before them.

What the Company intend to do hereafter I am entirely a Stranger to, as they keep every Thing a Secret; and from fome Queflions I have been lately afked, I found they feemed fufpicious of my corresponding with you. To remove which Jealoufy, I returned fuch Anfwers as perhaps I should not have done had I been independant of them. I return you many Thanks for the good Coinion you are pleafed to entertain of me, and hall be glad of all Opportunities to testify with how much Respect I am, Sir,

> Your most obedient, And obliged humble Servant,

> > Chrift. Middleton.

On the 20th of February I wrote Letters to Sir C. Wager, Mr. W. and Colonel Bladen, acquainting them with the Ufage I had received from the Company, notwithstanding the Prospect there was of Succefs, had they projecuted it in earnest, letting Sir Charles know that now I had no other Resource but O 2 to