
An Abstract of Captain *Middleton's* JOURNAL
sent from the *Orkneys*.

Honourable Sir,

SINCE my last, which I sent from *Churchill*, together with a Journal, by one of the *Hudson's Bay* Ships, I have proceeded on the Discovery, and shall here recapitulate only what is mentioned more largely in the Journal, which I shall send you by the first Opportunity, together with a Draught of the Parts discovered.

I sailed from *Churchill* the first Day of *July*, being the first Spurt of Wind I could get for sailing out of the Harbour, and continued sailing with a fair Wind till the third, when we saw an Island, the two Extremities bearing N. by E. and E. by N. lying in the Latitude of $63^{\circ}. 00'$. and Longitude from the Meridian of *Churchill* $3^{\circ}. 40'$. East, which I take to be the same Fox named *Brook Coblar*. On the fifth Day I saw a Head-land on the North Side of the *Welcome*, bearing N. W. by N. distant 7 or 8 Leagues, in the Latitude of $63^{\circ}. 20'$. and Longitude from *Churchill* $4^{\circ}. 00'$. East. I tried the Tides several times, and found close in with the Land the Tide to run two Miles an Hour, from the N. by E. which I take to be the Flood, and by the Slacks from several Trials I found a W. by N. Moon made High-water, having a full Moon that Day. On the eighth Day we saw the North Side of the *Welcome*, with a great deal of Ice in Shore. I tried the Tide, and found it set E. N. E. two Fathom. On the ninth, continuing my Course, and sailing through much Ice, I was at length obliged to grapple to a large Piece. The Tender did the same to keep off from the Shore, the Wind blowing us right on upon it. I tried the Tide frequently, and could not discover either Flood or Ebb by my current Logg. Here we were first jammed up with Ice, being totally surrounded