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OF
VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

THE VOYAGES OF SIR HUGH WILLOUGHBY, RICHARD CHANCELOR, AND OTHERS,
TO THE NORTHERN PARTS OF RUSSIA AND SIBERIA.

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THESE interesting Voyages are introduced with a genealogy of the dukes of Moscovy, which being extraneous to the subject, and often erroneous, shall be here omitted. But the instructions of Sebastian Cabot deserve preservation on account of their curiosity, and the celebrity of the author, not to mention that the first English voyage of discovery deserves to be detailed with all its circumstances; and in a plan of this extent, the Gothic building may sometimes form an agreeable variety amidst modern edifices.

Ordinances, instructions, and advertisements of and for the direction of the intended voyage for Cathay, compiled, made, and delivered by the right worshipful M. Sebastian Cabota, esquire, governor of the mystery and company of the merchants adventurers for the discovery of regions, dominions, islands, and places unknown, the 9th day of May, in the year of our Lord God 1553, and in the 7th year of the reign of our most dread sovereign lord, Edward the Sixth, by the grace of God, king of England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, and of the church of England and Ireland, in earth supreme head.

First, The captain-general, with the pilot-major, the masters, merchants, and other officers, to be so knit and accorded in unity, love, conformity, and obedience, in every degree on all sides, that no dissention, variance or contention, may rise or spring betwixt them and the mariners of this company, to the damage or hindrance of the voyage; for that dissention, by many experiences, hath overthrown many notable intended and likely enterprises and exploits.

2. Item, for as much as every person hath given an oath to be true, faithful, and loyal subjects and liegemen to the king's most excellent majesty, his heirs and successors, and for the observation of all laws and statutes made for the preservation of his most excellent majesty, and his crown imperial of his realms of England and Ireland,

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