

Bomb-ketches, with an additional deck, almost flush with the gunwale, would be the properest vessels to convert to the use of this expedition.

Fourthly, The voyage ought to be attempted directly from England, in the month of April; that the ships might be in their highest latitude of about 80 to 82, and in the midst of the Icy Sea or Northern Ocean, by the middle of the summer, when the sun is in his greatest power in the polar regions. Whatever embarrassments they should meet with, they would probably be early enough in passing the straits into the Northern archipelago, and in getting to the Southward, from their rendezvous at Kampschatka, as autumn advanced.

Further particulars I shall reserve for the treatise I have written on the North-East Passage; which I intend to publish, or, at least, to communicate to such philosophical gentlemen as may be anxious for
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