

*a Large Country in America.* 3

Land; nothing being able to withstand the Valour and Courage that prompts 'em to attempt any thing. Therefore is it, that we oft-times see 'em succeed in obtaining their Designs, and compassing their most difficult Enterprizes. Yet it's to be acknowledg'd, that if they took a serious View of the Perils they're about to encounter, and consider'd 'em in cold Blood, they might perhaps find Difficulty to persuade themselves into such resolute Thoughts; at least, they wou'd not form their Designs after such a daring and fearless manner. But generally they do not survey their Dangers beforehand, but in the Bulk, and with a passing View; and having once set their Hands to the Work, Occasion engages 'em insensibly, and entices 'em further on than they cou'd have believ'd at first. Insomuch that many of the great Discoveries owing to Voyages are rather the Result of Chance, than any well form'd Design.

Something of the same Nature has happen'd to my self in the Discovery I now bring to Light. I was from my Infancy very fond of Travelling; and my natural Curiosity induc'd me to visit many Parts of *Europe* successively. But not being satisfied with that, I bended my Inclinations yet further, and was eager upon seeing remoter Countries and Nations not yet heard of; and in gratifying this natural Itch, was I led upon this Discovery of a vast and large Country, where no *European* ever was before my self.