

## P R E F A C E.

*Publick, and at the same Time what Steps had been taken by the late Adventurers, and how far they had proceeded and prepared Matters, and were ready to make good the Allegations of their intended Petition, with their Reason for postponing it; as well for their Justification, as of the Person who had proposed and promoted the Discovery, that they have done all they could towards it, and that if the Discovery and Benefits arising from extending the Trade is delayed, that neither the Adventurers nor he can be blamed for it.*

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