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AT a Council held at the New Fort, *Churchill* River, *March* the 21st, 1741-2.

P R E S E N T,

Capt. Christopher Middleton,

John Rankin, Lieutenant,

William Moor, Master and Commander of the *Discovery.*

Robert Wilson, Master of the *Furnace.*

It is taken into Consideration, Whether it would be necessary for the Service his Majesty's Sloop *Furnace* is ordered upon to make the following Alterations, which were mentioned by a Letter from *Capt. Middleton* to *Sir Jacob Ackworth*, and for want of time could not be effected, *viz.* the Quarter-Deck to be made flush with the present main Deck, by having a slight one laid over the former, and a Companion Way thereupon made to go down into the Steerage; the former Passage thereto being not only inconvenient, but very dangerous for Persons coming from below to go forwards, when the Capston is in use, as *Capt. Middleton* by sad Experience found, being jamm'd between the End of a Capston Bar and the Companion.

And it was Resolved, That considering the high and traverse Seas in this Part of the World, and the Probability of shipping large Quantities of Water, it is absolutely necessary to have the Quarter-Deck made flush with the Main-Deck, the Sloop to be steer'd with a Wheel, dead Lights hung with Hinges to be fixed to the great Cabbin Windows, which will make more room for the Capston than is at present, and which we shall be obliged to use very frequently upon our entering or coming out of Harbours, warping among Ice, and upon Account