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To the Commander in Chief, and Consul, of the *Dobbs Galley* and *California*, These.

GENTLEMEN,

ACCORDING to his present Majesty's printed Act of Parliament 1744, we observe that it is therein specified, that no Ship or Ships that are or should be fitted out to go upon Discoveries through *Hudson's Bay* into *Wager River*, and so into the *South Seas*, or otherwise, are not to molest or disturb the *Hudson's Bay* Company's Rights and Privileges in *Hudson's Bay*, so far as the said Company's Charter extends in the said Bay, upon any Account whatsoever. And the said Act also specifies that no Person or Persons belonging to such Discovery Ships are to traffick or trade, directly or indirectly, with any Natives, or any other Person or Persons, within the Limits of the said Company's Charter. And we observe, that in his Majesty's said printed Act of Parliament, it is our Duty to hinder any Ship or Ships from entering in or near any of the Company's Territories in *Hudson's Bay*, so far as their said Charter extends: Therefore, according to the

aforesaid Act of Parliament, we desire that you would not offer to bring your Ships any higher up this River: but to lay them below what we call *Robison's Cully*, where you may expect what Assistance we are able to give you, so far as our Orders are from the *Hudson's Bay* Company; and desire your Answer to this before you proceed any further.

Though, at the same time, would advise you, as before, to make the best of your Way to *Churchill* River, where you are sensible the Ships may winter without any Damage; and rest

Your very humble Servants,

York Fort, dated
Sept. 2, 1746.

James Isbam,
Charles Brady,
Richard Ford.

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To the Right Honourable the Lords of a Committee of His Majesty's most Honourable PRIVY COUNCIL.

May it please Your LORDSHIPS,

IN humble Obedience to your Lordships Order in Council of the 4th of February last, representing that, by an Order in Council, bearing Date the 26th Day of January last, there was referred to your Lordships the humble Petition of *Arthur Dobbs*, Esq; and the rest of the Committee, appointed by the Subscribers for finding out a Passage to the Western and Southern Ocean of *America*, for themselves and the other Adventurers; and that your Lordships, having taken the said Petition into Consideration, were pleased to refer the same to us, to consider thereof, and report our Opinion thereupon to your Lordships.

Which Petition sets forth, That the Petitioners, in the Year 1746, did at their own Costs and Charges, fit out Two Ships upon an Expedition in Search of the North-west Passage to the Western and Southern Ocean of *America*, in order to extend the Trade, and increase the Wealth and Power of *Great Britain*, by finding out

new Countries and Nations to trade with, as well in the great North-western Continent of *America*, beyond *Hudson's Bay*, as in Countries still farther distant, and hitherto unknown to the *Europeans*; and also to many large and populous Islands in that great Western Ocean.

That the Petitioners, by means of the said Expedition, have made several Discoveries of Bays, Inlets, and Coasts, before unknown; and have a reasonable Prospect of finding a Passage to the Southern Ocean, by Sea, although the Discovery may not be perfected without repeated Trials, upon Account of the Difficulties and Danger of searching different unknown Inlets and Streights, and sailing through new Seas, and of procuring Men of Resolution, Capacity, and Integrity, to pursue it effectually.

That the Petitioners find, that the Reward of 20,000*l.* given by Parliament, is not adequate to the
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