

y^e Chinas . . . of Cathaio oriental. . . . And if they will take their course after they be past the pole towarde the occident, they shall goe in the backe side of the new found lande, which of late was discovered by your Graces subiectes, untill they come to the backside and South seas of the Indies occidentall. And so continuing their viage, they may returne thorowe the Straite of Magallanos to this countrey . . . and if they goe this thirde way, and after they bee past the pole, goe right towarde the pole Antartike, and then decline toward the lands and Ilands situated betweene the Tropikes and under the Equinoctial....and may returne the same way."* Hakluyt, I. 243.

XLV.

Pension given by Edward VI to Sebastian Cabot.

Edwardus sextus Dei gratia Angliae, Franciae, et Hiberniae rex omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos praesentes hae literae nostrae pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod nos in consideratione boni et acceptabilis servitij, nobis per dilectum servientem nostrum Sebastianum Cabotam impensi atque impendendi, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia, et mero motu nostro, nec non de advisamento, et consensu praeclarissimi avunculi nostri Edwardi Ducis Somerseti personae nostrae Gubernatoris, ac Regnorum, dominiorum subditorumque nostrorum protectoris, et caeterorum consiliariorum nostrorum, dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes damus et concedimus eidem Sebastiano Cabotae, quandam annuitatem sive annalem redditum eidem Sebastiano Cabotae, durante vita sua naturali, de thesauro nostro ad receptum scacarij nostri Westmonasterij per manus thesaurariorum et Camerariorum nostrorum, ibidem pro tempore existentium, ad festa annuntiationis beatae Mariae Virginis, nativitatis sancti Joannis Baptistae,

* Robert Thorne supposed, like many others, that the polar seas were as easily navigable as our own.