

Altho' Capt. Cook, and his Successor, were obstructed by Ice; yet the Navigation may have been open above 200 years ago, if the Ice progressively accumulates: or, since it is known to be much more abundant in *Hudson's Bay* in *some* years, than in *others*, It may have happened; that the Portuguese Pilot, who is reported to have made the Passage, had a *lucky* year, although Captains Cook and Clerk, *unlucky* seasons: The existence of the *Hyperborean Sea*, nearly in the *Situation* represented in the early Maps, is established by Modern Observation, as well as by the concurrent Testimony of the Indians: This considered, a Portuguese leaving *Japan*, might, in a short time, by a SW Wind, be carried away to the *Strait of Anian*, and having got so far, might attempt his passage to Europe, by sailing Eastward through the *Hyperborean Sea*.

The Object of the English in the early attempts for the discovery of a NW Passage, was not only to facilitate the intercourse with the East, but to open a *new branch of Commerce*, in the Countries thro' which the Passage was expected to lead the *adventurous Navigator*.

The Public are well acquainted with the attempts made in *Queen Elizabeth's Reign*, as well as in those of *Her immediate Successors, James I. and Charles I.* but it is a Fact, not generally known, that the Object of *Sir John Narborough's Voyage*, in the *Reign of Charles II.* thro' the *Strait of Magalhanes*, was the *Discovery* of a *NW Passage* from the *West Coast of AMERICA*, which attempt was frustrated, by the Storeship parting company,
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