

markable objects on the coast. If he should be prevented by the ice, or any other obstacle, from getting round by sea to Tchukotskoi Nofs, he must disembark; and endeavour to proceed by land or over the ice, surveying the coast and district of the Tchutski, and obtaining an accurate knowledge of their manners, population, and country. In both cases, and in all instances, he is enjoined to abstain from the least degree of violence; is directed to use every effort towards conciliating the affection of the natives; to obtain information and assistance by the gentlest treatment, and a proper distribution of presents; and to confirm them in their dependence and favourable opinion of the Russian government, to which they have recently submitted.

While he continues in these parts, he will not neglect an opportunity of exploring the islands and coasts of America, that may be situated in the Frozen Ocean, or to the north of Beering's straits.

Having attempted to execute these designs, he is to return to Okotsk, where two ships, of a proper burden for a voyage of discovery, will be prepared for his further embarkation.

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