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AN *Application to Parliament by the late Adventurers and many considerable Merchants in the most considerable Trading Ports in Britain, for opening the Trade into Hudsons Bay, and extending it through the North Western Continent of America, to enable them by that means to have perfected the Discovery of the Passage to the South-Sea, without any Expence to the Publick, having been prepared, and expected by great Numbers who were willing to prosecute that Discovery, and extend the British Trade; but meeting with an unforeseen Obstruction, from whence it was least expected, the Adventurers and Merchants have thought it prudent to postpone it. The following Papers having been published to give the Lords and Commons a short View of the Trade to Hudson's Bay, as it is at present managed, and what Improvements might have been made to it, and Reasons from the late Discoveries to believe there is a Navigable Passage to the South-Sea; it has been thought advisable to lay them before the*

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