

the *South-Sea* directly, or to repair with his Majesty's Sloop *Furnace* and *Discovery* Pink to *Churchill* River in *Hudson's-Bay*, as the Season of the Year is too far advanced to proceed to the *Ne Ultra*, and there being a Necessity of securing the Vessels, and providing Necessaries for Wintering as soon as possible : And it was unanimously

Resolv'd, That considering the Rigour of the Winter in these Parts of the World, the want of every thing necessary for building Lodgings for the Men, and a convenient Place for securing the Vessels from the Danger of the Ice ; the Necessity of digging Store-rooms for the Provisions, no Brandy, Spirits, or Strong Beer being Proof against the Severity of the Winter above Ground ; the Uncertainty of securing the Vessels after the Frost comes on, which usually happens in the Beginning of *September* : and the Obstructions we may possibly meet with in our Passage, by Fogs, Calms, Ice and contrary Winds :

That it would be the best and surest Method for the Service in general to proceed directly for *Churchill* River in *Hudson's-Bay*, there to secure his Majesty's Vessels *Furnace* and *Discovery*, with their Provisions, Stores and Ammunition, and to provide convenient Winter-Quarters, Firing, and necessary Cloathing for their respective Companies, and to wait for the breaking up of the Ice the next Year, and then to attempt the Discovery of a Passage from *Hudson's-Bay* to the *South-Sea*.

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