

S I R,

PROFESSOR ALLAMAND being very desirous that the inclosed, might be sent to you as soon as possible, has obliged me to draw up with haste, the above account of the informations I received at Amsterdam. In reading it over, and comparing it with my notes, I find no fault as to the facts related, whatever there may be in the manner in which it is drawn up; in case the whole, or any part of it should be thought worth publishing, I hope you will be so good as to have it corrected (*).

I could have made it more circumstantial, as my notes are very full, in particular with regard to the reasons our Commanders gave, for not making the trial to the West of Spitzbergen, &c.

I am informed that Mr. De Bougainville intends to go by the way of Nova Zembla.

I am with profound respect,

S I R,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Leyden, April 11th, 1775.

WILLIAM MAY.

To

ROD. VALLTRAVERS, Esq;

&c. &c.

(*) This hath been done in some trifling particulars, relative merely to the stile, as Capt. MAY is not a native of England.

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