

benefit, that depend of and upon the same, toward the common wealth of this noble realm, the advancement of you the travellers therein, your wives, and children, and so to endeavour yourselves as that you may satisfy the expectation of them, who at their great costs, charges, and expences, have so furnished you in good sort, and plenty of all necessities, as the like was never in any realm seen, used, or known, requisite and needful for such an exploit, which is most likely to be achieved and brought to good effect, if every person in his vocation shall endeavour himself, according to his charge and most bounden duty: praying the living God to give you his grace to accomplish your charge to his glory, whose merciful hand shall prosper your voyage, and preserve you from all dangers.

In witness whereof I, Sebastian Cabota, governor aforesaid, to these present ordinances have subscribed my name, and put my seal, the day and year above written.

## THE NAMES OF THE TWELVE COUNSELLORS APPOINTED IN THIS VOYAGE.

1. Sir Hugh Willoughby, knight, captain-general.
  2. Richard Chancellor, captain of the Edward Bonaventurc, and pilot-general of the fleet.
  3. George Burton, cape merchant.
  4. Master Richard Stafford, minister.
  5. Thomas Langlie, merchant.
  6. James Delahere, gentleman.
  7. William Gefferson, master of the Bona Speranza admiral.
  8. Stephen Burrough, master of the Edward Bonaventure.
  9. Cornelius Durforth, master of the Confidentialia.
  10. Roger Wilson,
  11. John Buckland,
  12. Richard Ingram,
- } masters' mates.

*The copy of the letters missive, which the right noble Prince Edward the Sixth sent to the kings, princes, and other potentates, inhabiting the north-east parts of the world, toward the mighty empire of Cathay; at such time as sir Hugh Willoughby, knight, and Richard Chancellor, with their company, attempted their voyage thither in the year of Christ 1553, and the seventh and last year of his reign.*

EDWARD the Sixth, by the grace of God, king of England, France, and Ireland, &c. To all kings, princes, rulers, judges, and governors of the earth, and all other having any excellent dignity on the same, in all places under the universal heaven: peace, tranquillity and honour, be unto you, and your lands and regions, which are under your dominions, and to every of you, as is convenient.

For as much as the great and Almighty God hath given unto mankind, above all other living creatures, such a heart and desire, that every man desireth to join friendship with other, to love and be loved, also to give and receive mutual benefits: it is therefore the duty of all men, according to their power, to maintain and increase this desire in every man, with well deserving to all men and especially to shew this good affection to such as, being moved with this desire, come unto them from far countries. For how much the longer voyage they have attempted for this intent, so much the more do they thereby declare that this desire hath been ardent in them. Furthermore, also, the examples of our fathers and predecessors do invite us hereunto,