

Letter by Order of the Company to Mr. *Dobbs*, magnifies this as a great and dangerous Attempt, and Voyage, saying, the Sloop had gone out early in the Summer, and stay'd out until the latter End of *August*, and in all that Time could make no Discovery, nor saw any Sign of a Passage ; that they had lost a Governor (*Nappier*) in the Voyage, and the boldest of their North Westers were afraid of sailing to the Northward ; but they carefully avoided sending a Copy of the Journal, which they were at last obliged to produce, by Order of the Committee of the House of Commons.

May not then the Account they give in their Journal, of so much Ice seen in their Passage to *Whale Cove*, which was no more than shatter'd sailing Ice, not capable of obstructing their Passage, so contrary to Captain *Smith's* four Journals, to *Scrog's* Journal, and *Fox's*, and *Button's*, upon their first Discovery of that Coast ; and contrary to *Middleton's* Journal, who saw no Ice but a very little to Eastward when he left *Churchil*, upon his going out, until he got to $64^{\circ} 20'$ in the *Welcome* ; may not this Account from *Crow* and *Napier*, be much magnified by them, to please the Company, by intimidating others from attempting to find the Passage. From this Abstract of their Journal, it is evident, that under a meer Shew of sending them upon the Discovery, they ordered them to sail only to *Whale Cove*, and trade with the *Indians*, and to return in three Weeks ; so that every intimidating Account, they knew, would please the Company.

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