

A. D. 1497. John Cabot and Sebastian Cabot his Son, Venetians, were sent out of England by Henry VII. These, after their Return, gave an Account and Draught of some North West Parts of America, and brought four of the Natives back with them.

A. D. 1553. Sir Hugh Willoughby went out to discover a North East Passage, and sail'd above 160 Leagues North Easterly from Seynam, which lies in 70 deg. North Lat. 'Tis very probable he landed on Nova Zembla and Greenland, from whence the Cold and Ice forc'd him to return more Southerly, till he came to Arzina, a River in Lapland, where the next Spring that great Man with all his Company were found frozen to Death in the Ship. This Year the Russia Company began to incorporate.

A. D. 1556. Stephen Burrows searching a Passage by the North East to the Indies, sail'd to 80 deg. 7 min. and thence to Nova Zembla, having been in all likelihood upon Greenland, by the desolate Land, the blue Ice, and great number of various Fowls which he mentions.

About this time the Russia Company was establish'd, and sent Yearly Ships and Factors, and presently after Ambassadors from Queen Elizabeth.

A. D. 1576, 1577, 1578. Sir Martin Forbisher made three several Voyages to find out a North West Passage, in which he made several new Discoveries of great Streights, Bays, Islands and Capes, as well as Land on both sides, to all which he gave Names. His Men brought home great store of glittering Marchasites, which the London Gold-

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