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Discovery. He told me, as before, that the Company had been at confiderable Expence in attempting it under Barlow, when they loft two Ships; but he would look over my Manuscript, and then judge of it. Upon this we parted; and upon waiting upon him fome Time after, he told me he had confidered it, and found I had been at a good deal of Trouble in it; that he had mentioned it to the Company, but they having lost 7 or 8000 l. in their Ship and Cargoes under Barlow, they were unwilling again to be at the Expence. I told him I was not defirous to put them to any great Expence: I only defired that they would order one or two small Sloops from Churchill to go to Ne Ultra, and try the Height and Direction of the Tides; that this being not above 140 Leagues from Churchill, which might be fail'd to in four or five Days with a fair Wind, would be done for a small Expence; and if they found there any Passage or Sea going Westward, and a free Passage from Ice, they might go fifty or fixty Leagues farther; and if they met a Tide of Flood, they might immediately return, and fend a Duplicate of their Journal to the Company, for that would determine the Passage. This he said was fo trifling an Expence, that he believed the Company would do it, if it were only to fatisfy my Curiofity; but at the fame Time faid, he hop'd I would not take it amis if they delay'd it for some Time; for at present they apprehended a French War, (France being then at War with the Emperor) and they were making use of all their Men and Money they could spare in erecting a strong Stone Fort at Churchil; for they were fure that the French would attack their Settlements the Moment a War was declared. I told him I thought it was very reasonable that they should secure their present Factories before they made the Attempt; but hoped when the Fort was built, or the Apprehen-