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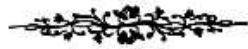
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BEING

CLEMENT ADAM'S
ANGLORUM NAVIGATIO AD
MUSCOVITAS,

TAKEN FROM

RESPUBLICA MUSCOVIÆ (1630).

TO WHICH IS ADDED A VERY RARE
AND SCARCE TRACT,

De Moneta Russica (Elzevier, 1630).

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Anglorum Navigatio ad Muscovitas.

QUAS OB CAUSAS SUSCEPTA SIT, ET
QUIBUS AUTORIBUS, &c.

AUCTORE

CLEMENTE ADAMO.



POSTQUAM merces nostras apud finitimas gentes sordere negotiatores nostri animadverterant, quæque avorum nostrorum memoria certatim à peregrinis mercatoribus expeterentur,

TRANSLATION.

(The Figures in Brackets refer to the Notes at the end of the Volume).

AFTER our traders had become aware that our goods were no longer in demand among the neighbouring nations, and that those articles which, in the memory of our forefathers, had been eagerly competed for by foreign merchants were now, even when offered at much lower prices, quite a drug in the markets to

inminuto iam pretio, etiam exportatæ fastidiosum reperirent emptorem, exoticarum vero mercium pretia, in immensum extenderentur: Londinenses quidam, viri graves, ac Reipubl. suæ imprimis amantes, hanc cogitationem susceperunt, quo huic malo mederentur. Nec quaerentibus, ut videbatur, remedium defuit, quo tantum incommodum declinarent. Nam cum Hispanorum ac Lusitanorum opes (inventis nuper novis terris) magnopere auctas viderent, eandem viam sibi insistendam rati, novam navigationem instituunt.

which they were exported; while, on the other hand, the prices of goods imported to us had risen enormously, some citizens of London, men of high character, and who had at heart above all else the welfare of their country, took under their consideration, how they could remedy this evil. Nor were they at a loss, as the result showed, in discovering the looked-for means by which they could mitigate the existing calamity, great as it was. For when they saw how greatly (soon after the discovery of the New World), the wealth of the Spaniards and the Portuguese had been increased, they thought it would be best to follow in their wake, and so they determined upon a new voyage. In pursuance of this design, their first step was to apply for advice to the

Cum eodem tempore Sebastianus Cabota, vir celeberrimus, in urbe moraretur, cœpere primum cum illo agere, ac serio consultare, et re demum inter plures iactata, tandem convenit tres naves expediri, quibus aquilonaris mundi tractus, nostris etiam pateret, atque ad ignota regna viam aperiret. Ad hanc rem tam arduam et ancipitem, cum multa consideranda, primum veluti in Senatum quemdam viros graves, ac prudentiæ spectatæ legunt, qui collatis consiliis sententias suas exponerent, et in omné eventum salubriter prospicerent. Lectus hic Senatus censuit

celebrated Sebastian Cabot⁽¹⁾, who happened just then to be staying in London. After an earnest consultation with this experienced navigator, it was finally agreed, when the project had been fully discussed by many, that three ships should be fitted out for opening up the northern section of the world, and discovering a passage to these hitherto unknown regions. The adventure being so beset with difficulty, and so full of risk, many points of detail had of course to be considered, and a Board was therefore first of all appointed, consisting of men of sober judgment and approved wisdom, who, when met in council, might compare their respective views and make adequate provision for every possible contingency. This Committee