

The *Indians* do not express so much Art in June any thing, as they do in the Make of these ¹⁷⁴⁷ Canoes; and tho' but slightly made, yet will carry a great many Goods, and go at a great Rate. There are different Sizes, with two, four, to ten Places, separated by Bars across: Each Place will contain in the larger Canoes two Persons, but in the lesser, and such as are generally used about *York Fort Factory*, only one. The Extremes, or the two Places nearest the Ends, in the larger Canoes contain only one. The Outside of the Canoe is made either with one or two Pieces of the Bark of a Birch-Tree, which they thus procure. An *Indian* gets up into a Tree fit for this Purpose, then cutting the Bark around, is supplied by his Companions with hot Water, which he pours between the Bark and the Tree; this Operation loosens the Bark from the Body of the Tree, he then with a Knife cuts the Bark perpendicularly down, and it separates from the Tree entire, excepting the Line of Incision. When the Canoe is made with two Pieces, then one Piece is sewed to the other with the Rind; the Inside and Outside of both which Pieces they dress with Gum, in such a Manner as to make them appear to be one Piece. As the Bark which is on the Outside of the Canoe is but thin, not the Thickness of a Crown-piece, they strengthen it with thin Slips of Cedar or Pine, which they put length Ways; and by Ribs or Bends of the same Wood, but thicker, which are