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graph in his last Letter to me; he has also charged me with endeavouring to intice him to quit the Hudson's Bay Service, and making him great Professions and Promises of procuring him royal Grants of such Lands as he should discover, whilst, at the same time, he says, he discouraged me all along from undertaking the Discovery, but could not prevail upon me to desist. This false and unfair Treatment obliges me to publish all our Correspondence from his original Letters to me, and the rough Draughts of all my Letters to him which I had by me. This the impartial Reader, I hope, will not only think proper, but necessary, for me to do in my own Defence, in order to shew the Falseness of his Insinuations, that I had, by artful Promises, got him to quit the Hudson's Bay Service, and that I have since treated him incandidly, in endeavouring to scrutinize into his Conduct. I am confident it won't be deemed a Breach of Promise, that I publish his Correspondence with me, he having desired me not to publish his corresponding with me, and what Informations he gave, whilst he continued in the Company's Service, to his Prejudice, which I promised him I would not, and punctually performed it, until now, that he has partially published part, and laid me under a Necessity, in my own Defence, from his Charge against me, to publish the whole,

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