

and fit to produce Grain, Pulse, &c. and very good Grass and Hay for Horses and Cattle ; and if afterwards any Settlements were made upon *Pachegoia*, and Vessels built to navigate that Lake, which is not more northerly than Lat. 52°. the Trade would be still vastly more enlarged and improved, and spread the Trade not only up the Rivers and Lakes as far as the Lake *Du Bois* and *De Pluis*, but also among the *Affinibouels* and Nations beyond them, and the Nation *de vieux Hommes*, who are 200 Leagues Westward of *Pachegoia*. He says the Nations who go up that River with Presents to confirm the Peace with them, are three Months in going up, and say they live beyond a Range of Mountains beyond the *Affinibouels*, and that beyond them are Nations who have not the Use of Fire Arms, by which Means many of them are made Slaves by them, and are sold to the *Affinibouels*, *Panis Blanc*, and *Christinaux*. He saw several of them, who all wanted a Joynt of their little Finger, which they said was cut off soon after they were born, but gave no Reason for it.

Whilst he was at *York Fort* he got acquainted with an old *Indian*, who lived at some Distance from *Nelson River*, to the Westward, being one of those they call the *Home Indians*, who had, about 15 Years ago, gone at the Head of 30 Warriors to make war against the *Attimopiquais*, *Tete Plat*, or *Plascotex de Chiens*, a Nation living Northward on the Western Ocean of *America* ; he was the only one who returned, all the rest being either killed, or perished through Fatigue or want of Food, upon their Return. When they went they carried their whole Families with them, and hunted and fished from Place to Place for two Winters, and one Summer, having left their Country in Autumn, and in *April* following, came to the Sea-side, on the Western Coast, where they immediately made their Canoes. At some little Distance they saw an Island, which was about a League and a Half long when the Tide was out, or Water fell, they had no Water betwixt them and the Island, but when it rose, it covered all the Passage betwixt them and the Island as high up as the Woods upon the Shore. There they left their Wives and Children, and old Men to conduct them home, and provide them with Provisions, by hunting and shooting for them upon the Road ; and he, with 30 Warriors, went in quest of their Enemies the *Tete Plat*. After they parted with their Families, they came to a Streight, which they