

*Magara*, secure all the Navigation of the Lakes, and cut off their Communication with the *Mississippi*, and also secure a great deal of the Trade to the North Eastward of these Lakes, to *Ruperts*'s River, and the East Main. To shew this to more Advantage, I should want a better Description of the Rivers and Lakes to the Westward of the Bay: I have extracted from Monsieur *Jeremie*, all the Knowledge the *French* acquired, whilst they possessed *Fort Bourbon* upon *Nelson* River, who was himself some hundred Leagues up among the great Lakes which fall into *Nelson* River, which are in a temperate Climate, and run thro' rich Countries. Now if you concur in this Scheme, we might, by joining in this Scheme, and adding what further you have observed, or have collected from such of the Companies Factors or Servants, who may have been curious to search into these Rivers, give a much greater Light in the Description of those Countries and Rivers, as well as Charts of the Bay, and Account of the several Climates, as may fully convince the Publick of the Benefit to be made of these Countries, by opening the Trade, and settling upon the Rivers. I have already sketched out from what I have read, and the Journals you gave me from *Albany*, and the Nature of their Trade, what may shew the Advantage may be made of that Trade, but it will be much more compleat, from what you are capable to furnish; and if you have no Thoughts of publishing something of this Nature from yourself, I shall be glad of your joining with me in this Attempt. I know Lord *Carteret*, *Winchelsea*, and several others, who will support it, if a proper Plan be laid before them; and probably, by the Heads of these Rivers we might gain a Communication with the Nations upon the Western Sea, which may be of Advantage, tho' nothing so great, as if the Discovery had been made by Sea.

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