

The PREFACE.

ders, who had often pierc'd into and rang'd through the Heart of it, and were Persons of good Understanding and Probity, whose Relations agreeing so well together, tho' mostly Strangers to each other, it is not to be suppos'd, they could conspire to impose Fables and Falsities on the World.

THE vast Trouble and Expence (~~these~~ Two great Impediments of Publick Good) the said Proprietor has undergone to effect all this, will scarcely be credited; for he not only, at his sole Charge, for several Years, establish'd and kept up a Correspondence with the Governors and Chief Indian Traders in all the English Colonies on the Continent of America, imploy'd many People on Discoveries by Land to the West, North and South of this vast Extent of Ground, but likewise in the Year 1698. he equipp'd and fitted out Two Ships, provided with above Twenty great Guns, Sixteen Patereroes, abundance of Small Arms, Ammunition, Stores and Provisions of all Sorts, not only for the Use of those on Board, and

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