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In the preceding Year, Mr. *Nixon* Governor of *Rupert's* River was recalled, and *Henry Sergeant*, Esq; made Governor. By whose Instructions we find the chief Factory was removed from *Rupert's* to *Moose-Sebee*, or *Chickewan* River, which has ever since been called *Albany* River; where a Fort was built, a Factory settled, and the Governor made it the Place of his Residence. 'Tis at the Bottom of the Bay below *Rupert's* River. He was ordered to come every Spring as soon as the Trade was over to *Charlton* Island, and bring what Goods he had with him, to wait for the Arrival of the Company's Ships: From thence he was to visit the other Factories, and see that their Merchandize was sent in due Time to *Charlton* Island, to attend the Ships Arrival.

The Governor of *Canada* having given the *Hudson's-Bay* Company to understand, the *French* were very much offended at their Discoveries in these Parts, Mr. *Sergeant* was ordered to be careful that he was not surprized by them.

There is an Island in the Bottom of the Bay called *Hay's* Island, where a Factory had been settled. This Isle and *Rupert's* were near the *French*, *Albany* being more to the Southward, and of these Factories the Company were most apprehensive that their Enemies would endeavour to dispossess them.

We perceive by these Instructions, that their Servants in the Bay had been very unfaithful to them, and Interlopers invaded their Privileges. They appointed Mr. *Hugh Verner* to be Chief at *Rupert's* River, and Mr. *George Geyer* and Mr. *Thomas Savage* to be chief Managers at the *Isinglass* River, which had been lately discovered; and there were great Expectations of a mighty Advantage to the Company by that Discovery, but it came to nothing though there was a Factory settled there in order to promote it.

The Company intended to plant a Colony at *Charlton* Island, and ordered Mr. *Sergeant* to build a Fort there, and always keep some Men upon it. Warehouses were also built to receive the Furs that were brought thither from the Factories, and Conveniencies were made for the Reception of such as were obliged to winter there. The Company always enjoined their Governors to endeavour to save the great Charge they were at in sending constant Supplies of Provisions, by planting Corn and other Grain there. But alas! Though the Climate by its Distance from the Sun should be as warm as ours, yet for Reasons which the Naturalists will easily give us, it is so cold and frosty that it kills almost all Sorts of Roots in the Ground which are sown there; and those Plantations so often recommended by the Company, were chimerical and impracticable.

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