

*Of the FACE of the COUNTRY, its SOIL,  
CLIMATE, and NATURAL PRODUC-  
TIONS.*

I passed the winters of the years 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, on a large river, which empties itself by many branches into that lake which is laid down in maps by the name of lake Bourbon. This lake was improperly so called by the French, when in possession of Canada; but its real name is the Cedar lake, and it is thus named by the Indians, on account of that kind of wood being found thereon.

In the year 1787, when the following remarks were made, I winter'd in the computed latitude of 55 deg. N. and Latitude 120. deg. W. from the meridian of London. I cannot sufficiently lament the opportunity I have lost of giving to a certainty the geographical situation of the place, for the want of necessary instruments. As this cannot be repaired, I must endeavour to compensate for it by communicating such facts