

feit all the wages that may be due to them, but are to pay to the Governor and Company two years pay, or the amount thereof; though all this may be done quite unknowingly by the most faithful servant, unless forwarned of it by having a copy of his agreement.

When a servant's time is expired, and he is returning home; before he be permitted to go on board the ship, the Governor in person sees that every thing is taken out of his chest, and even his bed examined, for fear it should contain any private trade. The same circumspection is used when a person writes to his friends in England for a few necessaries which he cannot well do without. In this case the box, or package, in which his things are inclosed must first be sent to the Hudson's Bay House, and undergo a careful examination, for fear it should contain any thing used in private trade; and I have known more instances than one or two, where a servant has been refused a few shirts and stockings, for fear they should be converted to this use.