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**I**T is obvious, at first View, that the Northern *American* Continent is more extensive, and far exceeds the whole Continent of *Europe*; as it extends from the Northward of the Polar Circle, to 8° of Northern Latitude, and *Europe* is bounded by the 35°th of North Latitude; and in Breadth, from *Newfoundland* to *California*, is above 70° of Longitude. It is also obvious, that the *Spanish*, *French*, and *British* Colonies, do not occupy the third Part of that Continent. But the *Hudson's Bay* Company, by their unlimited Grant, pretend to all the Remainder of it, much greater than the Half of *Europe*, as they claim all the Countries and Seas beyond the Entrance of the Streights commonly call'd

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