

by all Means, remember my Advice on this Point, which is, not to trust the *Eskimaux* (let their Appearance be ever so friendly) when they have Reason to think themselves too strong for you; by many Accounts which I know to be true, joined to many other well attested Accounts, they are the most subtle, treacherous and cruel Savages in the known World; therefore it should be long ere I would make any Settlements among them, but visit them yearly, and encourage them to kill Whales, &c. by giving them in Trade good suitable Fishing Tackle, and other most useful Things, to enable them to encrease their Trade. By this, and such like Treatment, they would in time become tractable Fishers, without any Danger from them; for if they were assured of our coming yearly, they will procure all the Trade they can, and yearly look out for our Ships, and come off in their Canoes, as they do in the Straits to the Company's Ships. See what I say of the Fisheries, in my Account of *Hudson's Bay*, Page 63, of which the following is an Abstract:

“ The *Eskimaux*, who are the professed Fishers,
 “ used to inhabit the Country on the East Main, between the Straits and the Bottom of the Bay:
 “ But they are since driven away to the Northward,
 “ by the other Indians who are rendered much superior to them, on Account of the Supply of
 “ Arms and Ammunition, which they receive from
 “ the English: So that a Tract of Land of more
 “ than three Hundred Miles extent from North to
 “ South, lies almost waste, without Trade and
 “ without Inhabitants. *Churchil* River was much
 “ inhabited by the *Eskimaux*, before we settled
 “ there; the Point on which the Fort is built, being
 “ called *Eskimaux* Point: Upon digging for the Fort
 “ many Traces were discovered of their abode here,
 “ such as the Pit in which they secured their Provisions
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