

where I should have 1400 l. in the Time that I have acquired but 160 l. in the Government's. I remain, with great Sincerity and Respect,

SIR, Your most obedient humble Servant,

CHRISTOPHER MIDDLETON

P. S. The *Eskimaux*, and the Northern Indians I had with me, were utter Strangers to each other; in Manners and Language; neither could I make these *Eskimaux* understand me by the Vocabulary I had of the Language of those in *Hudson's Straits*.

DEAR SIR,

I Have your last Favour of the 27th of *October*, in Answer to the Difficulties I started, which you have fully answered; so that I am fully convinced there can be no Passage N. W. by Sea; as we seemed to have had Reason to expect; and therefore it would be very wrong to think of attempting it for the future. But I am still of Opinion, that the Publick may have a great Advantage by the *Hudson's Bay Trade*; if it be laid open, and the Country settled higher up upon these great Rivers, which run into the Bay, by *Moose*, *Albony*, the *Severn*, the *Nelson River*; and these Settlements; as the Rivers come from great Lakes to the South-west-ward of the Bay, would be in a much more temperate Climate, than at the Mouths of the Rivers, among the Swamps, where they and the Bay continue a much longer Time frozen, than farther into the Country; so that whoever would settle higher up, might have very comfortable and beneficial Settlements, and not only secure all the Country and Trade Westward of *Moose River* from the *French of Canada*, but also by making a Settlement near the Lake *Errice*, Westward of *Pensilvania*, above the great Fall of

Magara,