

From *Richard Norton* and Council.

August 9th, 1740.

WE humbly promise to use our utmost Endeavours, annually to increase the Trade with the Natives (without taking it from *York Fort*), and hope, in time, that it will be answerable to the great Expence you have been at; in Consideration that there is at present a War with *Spain*, and very uncertain whether the *French* may not declare War also.

We think it absolutely necessary for the Company's Interest, and our Safety, to put aside the Sloops going

upon the Northern Expedition the next Year, in order that we may be the more able to expedite building the Parapet, and raising a Sand Trough round the Works, for our better Defence, and to be an Increase of Strength, to make us capable of maintaining your Fort, that hath been of so very great Charge in Building.

The Hats are well pleasing to the Natives.

We shall take care to promote your Trade as much as in our Power lies, is the faithful Promise of.

To Mr. *Richard Norton* and Council at *Prince of Wales's Fort*.

London, April 23d, 1741.

WE have received the Master of the Sloop's Journal of the Northern Expedition, with an Account of the Trade, which is but small; yet with good Management, may be improved to our Advantage; provided the Sloop is got ready to sail earlier in the Spring. We cannot approve of your laying that Expedition aside, contrary to our positive Orders to have it carried on from Year to Year, being desirous of making new Dis-

coveries, and improving our Trade with the Indians that annually frequent those Parts.

We direct, that you and the Indians do collect all the Elks and Deers Horns that can possibly be procured.

Recommending your using the utmost Endeavours to promote and increase the Company's Trade, we remain.

From *Richard Norton* and Council,

August 8th, 1741.

WE shall take care to fit out the Vessel yearly for the Northern Expedition, and use our greatest

Endeavours to improve your Trade.

N U M B E R XXVII.

A JOURNAL of *Henry Kelsey* in the Years 1691, and 1692, sent by the *Hudson's Bay* Company to make Discoveries, and increase their Trade Inland from the Bay.

*An Account of several Discoveries made by the said Company in the Inland Countries around Hudson's Bay, extracted from Orders out of their Books, and Letters transmitted from their Chief Factors.*

To Governor *Bayly*.

London, May 9th 1676.

YOU are to use your utmost Diligence to make Discoveries, both of the Coast and the Country, of Mines, and of all Sorts of Commodities which the

Country doth produce, giving us Notice thereof, and of all the Discoveries you shall make, by the first Opportunity.

From *Charles Bayly*.

September . 1678.

WILLIAM BOND, *Thomas Moor*, and *George Geyer*, have been with me now about Six Years in a constant Discovery of these Parts, yea, in very dangerous Places, where I am sure no Stranger, yet come into the Country, is capable of going to the said

Places without much Danger and Peril, notwithstanding the best Directions that I am capable of giving them; and I will assure your Honours, that any one Miscarriage in such a Case will prove very disadvantageous to your Interest.