

been gained only by great good Usage, and who have no Force to protect themselves, but would soon be checked and put an End to : Neither might the *French* be so effectually kept out from trading in the Bay, as they have been for a Course of Years last past ; nor, perhaps, all the Furs procured there by the *English* be brought home to *England*, as they are now by this Company, to the intire Satisfaction of all the Furriers, and to the great Inrichment of this Kingdom, but be carried to other Parts, and there manufactured, as is well known to be the Case in *New-England*, with respect to many of the most valuable Furs procured there.

It is obvious likewise, that there must be Factories maintained, or no Trade could be carried on with any Success to these Parts, where the Natives live dispersed, and where the Summer-season is so short, and the Rivers are open so little Time, that the Merchandize must be in Readiness, to dispatch them on their first coming down ; and so likewise must the Loadings be got in Readiness for the Ships to return to *Europe*, or they would be incapable of getting back that Year through the Streights, by reason of the Ice ; and Factories cannot well be maintained, but by a Society or Company of Men ; and no particular Set of Persons can pretend equal Merit to intitle them to this Trade with the present Company, who have begun and brought it to its present flourishing State ; which makes it the present Object of Envy to some, who would willingly change Hands with the Company, and get into their Places.

To settle this Country with Colonies from *England*. is conceived to be impracticable ; nor does indeed the Charter seem to have had that much in View ; for the Snow lies here Three Parts of the Year, and the Frost is never out of the Ground ; and, in the Midst of Summer, there are frequent sharp Frosts in the Nights ; and the Country is so unfertile, that the *English* at the Factories are forced to be supplied with the greatest Part of their Provisions from *England* : And, as to Corn, they cannot raise nor procure any, but what is sent them from hence. No *Indians* thereabouts were ever seen with any, nor any thing like Bread ; and they are often reduced to the greatest Distress for want of Food.

*Upon the whole, it is humbly hoped, That the Hudson's Bay Company, who were the first Discoverers of, and Adventurers in, this Trade ; and who, after great Expences and Losses, have brought the Trade to be beneficial ; will appear Deserving to be Supported therein.*