

then they can produce Charts of the Coast, and authentick Journals of such Voyages and Search; if they have none to produce, it is surely a Demonstration they have made no such Search. As to the Company's extending the *British* Trade into that North-western Continent, or settling those Countries, and making it a Colony, as intended and required by the Grant; if they have done so, it is also incumbent upon them to shew what Settlements they have established, or what Discoveries and Improvement of Trade they have made, up the Rivers and Lakes in that Continent, by authentick Journals and Charts of those Countries, with the Rivers and Lakes; which if they can't produce, it is evident they have made no Discoveries, nor have extended their Trade within Land, nor upon the Rivers, any more than they have done by Sea.

It will also appear upon Evidence, that the Company have never settled any of those Countries, or allowed any other of his Majesty's Subjects to plant or settle upon the Lands they claim by their Grant, except their menial Servants in their several Factories; which are but four large Houses, under the Name of Forts, three of which are of Wood, and two small trading Houses. That in each of these large Houses, they have from 25 to 30 Servants, in Time of Peace; and 7 or 8 in the two small Houses; in the whole not above 120; and in Time of War, not above 150 Servants in the whole; and they have not improved or cultivated above four Acres of Land about all their Factories; nor have they extended their Trade beyond those Factories; taking only what Trade the Natives bring to them, without going up the Rivers into the Country to trade with the Natives: And instead of contradicting this Account, they excuse and justify themselves for not doing it, by alleging, that the Climate is so severe,