

of any other Place I have not seen. That *Englishmen* may go to this Mine is evident by the *Indians* being able to go to it, who have their subsistence to procure Day by Day upon the Spot, which need not be the Case of the *Englishmen*; and if it is not a tolerable Place, and something to be got there to subsist on, I think the *Indians* would not go there: But if they go to this Mine only for the Sake of getting Copper to make Ornaments for their Wrists, &c. when they can have the same Sort of Ornaments (and more beautiful) for a Trifle at the *English* Factory, where they also visit every Year; and as the *Indians* are more sparing of Labour than *Englishmen* are, it is not unreasonable to conclude, that the *Indians* would not go to the Copper Mine if it is far out of their Hunting Grounds, and in a desolate Country; nor will they take much Trouble to procure what they can procure readily with little Trouble, from all which I think it is not unnatural to infer that the Copper Mine is in or near the *Indians* Hunting Ground: And as it is found by Experience, that *Englishmen* can travel in those Countries as well as the *Indians*, there cannot be in the discovering this Mine any Difficulty equal to the Importance of the Discovery.

Of the North-West Passage.

In order to discover the Existence and Situation of the North-West Passage (supposed to be from *Hudson's Bay* to the *Pacific Ocean* and *South Sea*) I would build five Boats with Bend-leather in the Place of Plank, light and well constructed for Defence against the *Esquimaux*, and seven Men in each Boat, each Man armed with a short Gun, Pistols and Sword, each Boat to have two Swivel Blunderbusses; two of these Boats ought to sail from the Bottom of the