

ever able to arrive at
 of *August*, above liv-
 enty Voyages, when
 which set out later by
Hudson's Bay Ships ever
 ninth of *August*, and
 sooner, had she not
 ny with the Tender,
 And it was winter-
 s of the Men. They
 most miserable slave
 ged to repair three
 rmourer and his Mate
 the Joiners employe
 ne did under the Co-
 from their Lordships
 g him, *Whenever any*
iceable to the Company
 Yet, at his Return to
 e necessitated to take
 the Company's Factor
 the same out of their
per Cent. and the Cap-
 e Company of above
 his own Overseership,
er Day. Others were
 the Woods in cutting
 their Work amounting
 f Deals, Plank, thick
 for fitting the Ships in
 other Labour done by
 the Government, and
 ut his disbursing one
 who did the Slavery
 ntirely cleared into his
 anding he affirms he
 rable Presents to the
 am very credibly in-
 formed

form'd the Returns he received from that Person
 much exceeded the Value of the Trifles he present-
 ed. Now let us see the Account he gives me in
 a Letter dated *November 27, 1742*, wherein he says,
there will be a great deal of Difficulty to procure any
Recompence for his Loss of these two Summers in
leaving the Hudson's Bay Service, where he should
*have 1400*l.* in the Time that he has acquired but*
*260*l.* in the Governments.* See his Appendix, p. 126.
 It is certain that his Pay, together with the two
 Sums before-mentioned, will amount to 600*l.* be-
 sides other very considerable Perquisites not ac-
 counted for, which, if added to the two Years Sa-
 lary promised him by the Company, will amount to
 more than 1400*l.* How he makes out that Sum
 for two Years Service in the *Hudson's Bay* Ships
 I am at a Loss to know, since his Pay there was not
 more than 120*l. per Annum.* But to return,
 When the Spring approached the Men were in-
 cessantly labouring to dig the Ships out of the Ice,
 many of them lying on their Bellies upon the Sur-
 face of the Ice for Hours together cutting them
 loose; and this Fatigue lasted from the Beginning
 of *April* to the latter End of *May*, to the great
 Pity and Amazement of the Factory's People, who
 never meddle with their Vessels till the Ice is broke
 up in the River, which always happens by the 14th
 of *June* or sooner, and then Nature does in a few
 Days all that those poor Fellows had been labouring
 at nigh three Months, which Captain *Middleton*
 confesses was of no Service in forwarding them.
 The only Reason I can give, why those People
 underwent such hard Tasks is, that it might frighten
 them from ever undertaking such a Voyage again;
 and by the dismal Stories of their Hardships, in-
 timidate others. *Scroggs*, so often mentioned, got
 loaded and sailed out of *Churchill* River by the