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factory, if one may judge from their factories up-
on other rivers; and the trees all the way were of
full size and growing near the edge on both sides,
without a single stump among them, or the least
token of any having ever been cut down: but
where there is a settlement, a great quantity of wood
is cut down in one year's time, and that is taken
which is nearest and to be got with least labour.
Indeed, when I was up this river in the winter, I
found in a creek on the north side, a little way a-
bove Gillam's island, two or three stumps of large
trees; but I immediately conjectured, that they
must have been cut down many years ago by per-
sons who had accidentally tented in that creek;
for the stumps were very old and decayed, and
they do not decay fast in this country. Besides, if
any of the Company's ships had ever gone up this
river, the entrance of it could not have been un-
known in 1745: neither would they have left it to
settle upon Hayes's-river, where they had a settle-
ment above sixty years ago when the French took
possession of it, and gave the name of Fort Bourbon
to what the Company at first called Port Nelson
from the master of Sir Thomas Button's ship, but
afterwards York-fort in compliment to the duke
of York; nor would they have had two factories
so near each other. Indeed, either thro' ignorance
or design, the old name of Port Nelson has been
since restored: the Company's letters in 1688,
1690, and 1691 being addressed to governor Geyer
and council at Port Nelson; yet the answers to these
very letters are all of them dated from York-fort.
From the whole therefore it is evident, that no
settlement has ever been made upon the branch
called Nelson-river, since the date of the Company's
charter.

As we walked along the river side we saw many stones
in shape and colour like a cannon ball; and upon
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