

land; and in the Year 1718, when the Company first settled a Factory at *Churchill* River, and before the northern *Indians* had any Iron Utensils from the *English*, some *Indians* that came from the Northward (called Copper *Indians*) had Ice Chisels and other Things of Copper, which the *Indians* said they got at the Side of the Sea, a Creek or Streight; and these Accounts have not been contradicted, at least not as I have heard of. See my Account of *Hudson's Bay*, Page 69.

As I do not believe every Thing I hear as true, so I do not wholly rely upon every Information I have had by the Linguists; for in the first Place, the *Indians* Accounts are not always to be depended on as true, for when they find you are so pleased with their Story, as to give them something, and desire they will inform themselves better, and give you an Account the next Time they come; whether they get any better Information or not, they'll prepare a Tale they think will please you: And in the second Place, the Linguists in the Bay are not so understanding in the *Indian* Languages, especially the northern *Indians* Language, as to be able to cross examine them, and consequently may not rightly understand the Meaning of every Word the *Indian* speaks; and also the Linguist thinking thereby to please his Superior, may be suspected of saying at one Time or other more in favour of a Discovery, than he has sufficient Grounds or Authority from the *Indians* for.

After giving proper Allowances for the false Accounts, and the Difficulty of coming at the Truth as abovementioned, I am, from many corroborating Accounts, as well assured there is a Copper Mine at the Place the *Indians* speak of, as I am assured of the being a Place called *Siberia* in *Russia*, or the being