

Discovery of a North-West Passage.

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The Factory People killed by a Gun-Trap a *Queequeebatch* about three Feet in Length, and in the Make of the Body much resembling a Badger, remarkably strong jointed, the Feet large, Legs short, Mouse Ears, with long and sharp Teeth; the Skin of a dark Brown Colour, with a Strip of lightish Yellow encircling the Body, running from over the Shoulders along both the Sides, and crossing the Loins. This Skin was of a very little Value, the Animal being an old one. These Skins in the *Hudson's Bay Company* Sales, are called *Wolverins*, and they are so named at the *Factories*.

The *Queequeebatch* is a Terror both to the Bear and Wolf; the Bear and Wolf avoid meeting the *Queequeebatch* when alive, nor will they prey on him when dead, though they will prey on their own Species when such Species are Dead, and on all other Animals either alive or dead.

These Gun Traps are usually set under some Bank Side, or in a Hollow Way, (where they observe the Tracks of Bears, Wolves, Foxes, or other Animals) are made of three small Poles set up Triangular, and meeting at the Top; to two of them about two Feet from the Ground, they tie a Gun; to the third they tie a Stick in such a manner that one End of this Stick comes before the Trigger of the Gun, and at the other End there