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WHEN we are blessed with a Peace, our Seamen will be too numerous to be all employed in the Trade *Britain* at present possesses : By thinking on this Matter, it appears to be the Duty of every *Briton* to publish any Plan he conceives carries a Probability of encreasing our Trade, and employing more Seamen. These Thoughts led me to re-consider the Nature and Trade of *Hudson's Bay*; and the twenty Thousand Pounds allotted by Parliament, as Part of the Reward for discovering the Northwest-Passage from *Hudson's Bay* to the Pacific Ocean, and great South Sea ; upon a thorough Recollection it appeared something more considerable might be done in that Part of the World, for which Purpose I formed the following Plan :

In the first Place, an Application must be made to Parliament, for an Act to enable his Majesty's Subjects to settle, and people Places in the Countries adjoining to *Hudson's Bay*, in order to carry on a Fishery all round the Bay, and in every River, Inlet, Creek, or Bay, without being obstructed by the *Hudson's Bay Company* ; giving proper Security not to interfere in the Fur-Trade.

Powers being obtained to people and cultivate any Part of the Countries adjoining *Hudson's Bay*, at a proper Distance from the Company's Factories, in order to carry on a Fishery. Places must be erected where Seamen may dwell, in a proper Part for Cultivation, near a navigable River, where Families when they could not fish, might find it worth their Trouble to cultivate the Land ; first for Greens and Roots, and after for Corn : There being already Plenty of Grass for Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Goats, &c, which cannot fail to increase, and yield Profit in

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