

*Hudson's Bay or Strait.* All along this Coast from Lat. 62°. to 65°. a very beneficial Fishery of Whales may be carried on with these *Eskimaux Indians*, who even without the Use of Iron, can harpoon and kill Whales, and if they were supplied with Iron Harpoons, and with proper Cordage, might be brought to kill great Numbers of them ; at present all their Nets, Lines and Snares are made of Whale-bone, and most of their Boats and other Necessaries of that, Seal Skins, Fish Bones, and Sea-Horse Teeth, and in making all Things necessary for them they are very neat and ingenious.

From these several Journals, and from the Accounts taken from Monsieur *Jeremie* and *De la Poterie*, and from *Joseph la France* and Mr. *Frost*, we may frame a tolerable Judgment of the Climate, Soil, Rivers, and Lakes adjoining to the Bay, and the great Advantage to be made by improving our Trade there, by making Factories or Settlements upon several of these fine Rivers and Inland Lakes ; for tho' the Names, Situation and Distances of these Lakes are not the same, being taken from *Indians* perhaps of different Nations and Languages, and by People who had no Opportunity, or perhaps were not capable of fixing the proper Latitudes or Longitudes of these Lakes, yet they all concur that there are many noble and great Rivers and Lakes extending to the Southward, South-westward, and Westward of the Bay, in fine Countries and temperate Climates, the Lands and Countries being capable of great Improvement, and to afford a Trade of great Extent, and in Time, of an immense Profit. I shall therefore, from these Accounts make some Observations upon the Climate, Soil and Improvements which may be made by Trade in the several Parts of the Bay already known, and then shew the Probability of extending it by a new Passage to the Western Countries of *America*, and through that great Western Ocean.

The Soil and Climates are vastly different in the several Countries adjoining to the Bay. The East Main, from *Slude* River to *Hudson's* Streight, is least known, there being no Factories fixed there for Trade, altho' the best Sable and black Fox Skins are got there. Here the *Nodway* or *Eskimaux Indians* live, who are in a manner hunted and destroyed by the more Southerly *Indians*, being perpetually at war with each other. They seem not to be Natives of *America*, but rather *Europeans* from *Greenland*. The