

“ near so beneficial as is now represented; the Answer may be easily drawn from their while Conduct for many Years past.” As I was six Years in *Hudson’s Bay*, I am acquainted with their Policy and Manner of Acting there, and the Reasons why the Company have not made any considerable Progress in the Fisheries and other Improvements.

Before I dismiss this Head, it may be proper to give it as my Opinion, that Methods may be taken, whereby six or seven Men cannot fail (if they use their utmost Endeavours) to kill as many Whales in a Week, as will yield seven Tons of Oil, and perhaps a great deal more; and if an Act could be obtained to settle a Colony in the southern Parts of the Bay, in order to carry on the Fishery or other Trade, and make Discoveries that the Company doth not look after; and if a proper Number of Merchants or Gentlemen, form themselves into a Company for that Purpose, I will not only be glad to forward the Affair with all the Information I can give; but to prove I have the greatest Hopes of Success, I will subscribe above one Hundred Pound out of my small Fortune.

*Of a Copper Mine near Hudson’s Bay.*

In the Course of carrying on the Fishery and other Affairs, perhaps better Information may be got, for this Copper Mine for the Space of forty or fifty Years last past, has been much talked of in the Bay; and those who understand the Country Language best, have long ago been thoroughly convinced of the Existence of this Mine, and also of the Practicability of getting at it. I have seen of the Copper (that the *Indians* said that they brought from the Mine) about the *Indians* Wrists for Ornament, and also some Pieces, some of which I brought to *England*;