

ving an equitable Commerce with us, would soon be civilized and become industrious. In such rich and delightful Climates, what a Vent might be had there for our Woollen and Iron Manufactures, as well as for others, may be easily conceived ?

At present the Company have a little wooden Fort upon *Hay's* Island much decayed, in which they keep 25 Servants to manage their Trade, from whence they return annually about 50000 Beavers Skins, or other Furs to that Value, under all the Disadvantages the *Indians* trade with them at present. Northwards from this in Lat. 59°. is *Churchill* River, where the Climate, at some Distance from the Bay, is not worse than at *Stockholm* or *Petersburgh*. This River is navigable for 150 Leagues; and again, after passing some Mountains, is navigable far to the Westward, to a Country abounding in Copper. This communicates with the River of *Stags*, which falls into the great Lakes upon *Nelson* River, insomuch that the South-western and Western Part of the Bay, without including the Southern or Eastern Sides, would in some Years, if settled and improved by civilizing the Natives, afford an inexhaustible Fund for Trade. The present Situation of the Prince of *Wales's* Fort on *Churchill* River is vastly cold, and for that Reason very inconvenient, as are all the other Factories in the Bay, all the others being fixed with a View only to Profit, and this alone for Profit and Strength, without any View to other Conveniencies, and therefore they have fixed it upon an Eminence 40 Feet high, surrounded on all Sides, without any Shelter, by a frozen Sea and River, and Plains of Snow, exposed to all Storms, which causes its being colder than in proper Situations within the Polar Circle, being vastly colder than a few Leagues up the River among the Woods, where the Factory's Men lived comfortably in Huts or Tents all the Winter, without any Complaint of Cold or Sickness, hunting, shooting and fishing the whole Season.

The Trade upon this River, tho' very much short of that on *Nelson* River, yet is very much increased. Last Year, 1742, it amounted to 20000 Beavers, and all the Amount of *Moose*, *Albany* and *Slude*, don't exceed it, but rather falls short of it, which is occasioned by the Monopoly, Avarice and Weakness, of the Company, they having but 25 Men in *Albany*, as many at *Moose* River, and 7 or 8 at *Slude*, upon the East Main, and have therefore suffered the *French* to encroach upon them, and to trade and settle at  
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