

latter case, *viz.* that of a company, “ One succeeds another upon the same plan of “ preying upon the public, without inter- “ mission.” So that neither the death, nor exorbitant wealth of one set of proprietors, give us any prospect of being delivered from the power and oppression of the next.

But the affair of a public company (*viz.* the Hudson’s bay) was, \* last sessions, brought upon the carpet before the British parliament,—Let us see therefore, what they had to say for themselves, when called upon by their superiors,—and when, doubtless, they said all they could,—and gave every thing the best colouring.

It appears, therefore, from the papers, which the honourable committee, appointed to examine into the state of their affairs, were pleased to make public, for the general information of the kingdom, that the following particulars were proved to the satisfaction of the committee,—and even were not contradicted by the agents for the company.

1st, That the company always have discouraged the settling a colony in any part of their vast and boundless empire.

\* *Viz.* In the year 1748.

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