

The expense of these Expeditions, and the assistance rendered to Sir John Ross in 1850, have cost the Company very large sums of money. The whole of the North Coast of the American Continent, with the exception of a small portion of one hundred and fifty miles not yet accurately surveyed, has been carefully examined by the Officers of the Company. Indeed, but for the Fur Trade and its Adventurers, the greater part of the vast district north of the Canadas would still be a profitless and unknown region.

