

expences of the proposed establishment, funds must be procured from some other source.

If that support can be obtained, there is no other difficulty to be apprehended, except those which may arise from the irregular habits of the Fur-traders, and the unprincipled manner in which they frequently encourage the Indians in the immoderate use of spirituous liquors. It is, however, a satisfactory circumstance that on this point also, the Hudson's Bay Company entertain the most liberal views, and have instructed their servants to abstain from selling spirits to the Indians, in all cases where they are not under the necessity of following the example of other traders.—It has been found by long experience, that wherever there is an active competition among the traders, the Indians never fail to give the preference to those who are most profuse in the distribution of ardent spirits. There is, therefore, little or no probability, that an effectual check can be opposed to this bane of improvement among the Indians, except through the interference of the legislature. The American government have, on this point, shown us an example worthy of imitation, by prohibiting altogether the carrying of spirits into the Indian country. Several years ago, when it was in contemplation to propose a restriction of the same nature in the British American Dominions, the Hud-