The Hudson's-Bay Company have already Eſtabliſhments very far inland; *Hudſon's Houſe* in 53.° 0.′ 32″ N.°Lat. and in 106.° 27.′ 20″ WLong. [a] is above 530 Geographic Miles ftom their neareſt Settlement in the *Bay:* the diſtance remaining to compleat the Communication is about 800 Geographic Miles: Mr. Turnor, by whoſe Obſervations the poſition of *Hudſon's Houſe,* has been determined, informs me that the Indians report the River continues navigable as far *above* Hudſon's Houſe as *below* it: and he ſays It is of as eaſy navigation as the Thames, there not being *one fall* or *rapid,* after paſſing that near the *Winipeg Lake,* in a courſe of more than 200 miles. But it is probable that the Communication between *Hudſon's-Bay* and the *Weſt Coaſt* of AMERICA would, with more facility, be made in a higher Latitude, by means of the *Cheſterfield Inlet,* or ſome of the *Inlets* and *Rivers* from *Hudſon's Bay,* connecting with the *Arathapeſcow, Dobaunt,* [b] and other *Lakes.*

In the Voyages hitherto made to the NW Coaſt of America, the principal Object has been the Sea-Otter

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[a] I am indebted for this and other Obſervations to Mr. Phillip Turnor, who was employed, by the Hudſon's-Bay Company, in 1778 and the following years, in making *Surveys;* and determining the Latitude and Longitude of their ſeveral Forts and Factories; this he ſeems to have executed with great credit to himſelf; and to The Company who employed him.

[b] I cannot find any particular deſcription of *Dobaunt Lake,* it is, by Lieut. Roberts's Map, repreſented to be of great magnitude; its exiſtence is proven by *Hearne's* Map, which marks a River *running into it:* Hearne's Journal, 1770, mentions a *Lake* " in 62.° 31′ N, called *Magnus* by the Natives, beeauſe of its having " communication with a River, which joins to Knap's Bay, which is where " they always ſee the *Churchill Sloop, Magnus Johnſton* Commander." He alſo mentions another *very large Lake,* called *Tath ked Whoie* " on different " parts of which all the Eſquimauxs winter that the Churchill Sloop ſees in " the Summer."