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XVIII. *An Account of some curious Fishes, sent from Hudson's Bay; by Mr. John Reinhold Forster, F. R. S. in a Letter to Thomas Pennant, Esq; F. R. S.*

DEAR SIR,

Read Jan. 28, 1773. **T**HE Governor and Committee of the Hudson's Bay Company presented the Royal Society with a choice collection of skins of quadrupeds, many fine birds, and some fish, collected by their servants at the several ports in Hudson's Bay; the Committee of the Royal Society, for examining and describing these curiosities, did me the honour to refer them to me for examination. I wish the following observations on the fish, which I take the liberty to address to you, as a lover of Natural History, and my remarks on the birds and quadrupeds, may convey such informations concerning the zoology of North America, in the study of which you have made such vast progress; and so particularize the animals of the *Arctic* part of that vast continent, that nothing further may prevent
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