

EXTRACT,

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REFERRED TO IN PAGES:—12, 15, 16, 17, 33 & 34.

“ **W**E think that the Hudson’s Bay Company and their
“ Grantee Lord Selkirk, have extended their Territorial
“ claims much further than the Charter will warrant, sup-
“ posing it even free from all the objections to which we
“ apprehend it is in other respects liable ; the words of the
“ grant pursuing the recital of the Petition of the Grantees,
“ with a very trifling variation that cannot affect the con-
“ struction of the instrument, are, of the sole trade and com-
“ merce of all these ‘ Seas, Streights, Bays, Rivers, Lakes,
“ ‘ Creeks and Sounds, in whatever Latitude they shall be
“ ‘ within the entrance of the Streights commonly called, Hud-
“ ‘ son’s Streights ; together with all the Lands and Terri-
“ ‘ tories upon the (countries *) Coasts and Confines of the
“ ‘ Seas, Bays, Lakes, Rivers, Creeks and Sounds aforesaid ;’
“ that is, within the Streights, and those limits are frequent-
“ ly referred to throughout the Charter as the limits afore-
“ said.

“ Within the streights, must mean such a proximity to the
“ streights

* The word Countries by accidental transposition in the Charter, has become nonsense, and ought to have been inserted between the words ‘ Lands’ and ‘ and.’