

“ Year, being resolved to return Home; I understand, Sir, some Persons will not give credit the two Indians are alive that you put ashore; yes, Sir, I can assure such, that they are both alive, and I have seen them, and Southward Indians have talked to them, when I understood they were well used, and that they saw nothing of any great River, not going in Land far, keeping more to the Southward along Shore, ’till they arrived at that Part where their Families lay, &c. &c.

“ *James Iskam.*”

“ *Prince of Wales’s Fort,*
“ *Churchill River, dated*
“ *Aug. 15. 1744.*”

“ *To Capt. Christopher Middleton.*”

Mr. *Smith*, Master of the Company’s Sloop, last Summer, at *Churchill River*, where he has been some Years in that Employ, is now in *England*, and in Town. He has seen and spoken with both the *Indian* Linguists, so that here is irrefragable Proof, that the Charge of Cruelty brought against me, was, could be, with no other Design, than to blacken my Character, and make me odious in the Eyes of every humane Man --- Mr. *Smith* may be found at Capt. *Spurrel’s* on *Stepney Causeway* near *Ratcliff*.