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ny at *Charlton* Fort there, and were alfo built from the Face Reception of Company always fave the great upplies of Prohere. But alas! e Sun fhould be Naturalifts will kills aimoft all own there; and the Company, Orders Orders were also given to diffuis Capt. Gillam their Service for his Son's Offences, and Capt. Sandford had the fame Ufage, on Account of his Relation to the Gillams; for there's nothing fo terrible to a Monopolizer, as an Interloper. Capt. William Bond, who had been under Mr. Baily, was fent for Home, and other Regulations made in the Management of Affairs: But all could not hinder the Ruin of them all by the Enemy.

The Company, by their Governors and Agents, made fuch Compacts with the Captains or Kings of the Rivers and Territories where they had Settlements, for the Freedom of Trade there, exclusive of all others, that the *Indians* could not pretend they had encroached upon them. These Compacts were as firm as the *Indians* could make them, by fuch Ceremonies as were most facred and obligatory among them.

Now were the Company in Possession of five Settlements. viz. Albany River, Hayes Island, Rupert River, Port Nelfon, and New Severn. Their Trade at each of them was confiderable. From Albany River they had generally 3500 Beavers a Year, and by Mr. Sergeant's great Care and Fidelity, their Commerce encreased fo much, that the French began to be afraid all the Upland Indians might be drawn down to the Bay. They knew they could do any Thing with King James II. who then reigned in England, and that no Affront would make that Prince break with Lewis the XIVth. Wherefore they refolved to drive the English out of all their Places in the Bottom of the Bay. First they took Hayes Island, and then the Fort on Rupert's River. The French Company at Canada procured a Detachment of Soldiers to be fent under the Chevalier de Troyes, who came over Land from Quebec, and in a Time of profound Peace committed these Acts of Hostility.

Tis worth observing that the French have so good an Opinion of their American Colonies, as to take not only all lawful, but even unlawful Means to preserve and enlarge them, as contemptible as they are in themselves; whereas the English, who next the Spaniards have the richest Plantations in that Part of the World, have been as negligent of them as if they were not worth keeping.

The 8th of July 1686, the Chevalier de Troyes came before the Fort at Albany River, where the Governor Mr. Sergeant then refided. Two Indians had informed him of their having furprized the Forts at Hayes Island and Rupert River, and had brought with them the great Guns from those Places.

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