

NAME: OMAN, Mitchell **PARISH:** Stromness, Orkney
[OMEN, Mitchel or Michal]

ENTERED SERVICE: 1771

DATES: b. ca. 1753

Appointments & Service

Outfit Year*	Position	Post	District	HBCA Reference
1771-1782	Labourer+		York Factory	A.16/32; A.30/1 & 2
1783	Had been one of those who "Escaped the Enemy York Fort and are supposed to be gone to Severn"+			A.30/2, fo. 71
1784-1785	Labourer		York Factory	A.30/3, fo. 15 & 38
1786-1791	Canoeman		York Inland	A.30/3 & 4
1791-1792	Sailed home and returned on <i>Sea Horse</i>			C.1/1054, fo. 1; C.1/1055, fo. 1d.
1793	Master	Buskacoggan House	York Inland	A.30/5, fo. 80
1794	Pilot conducting Canoes, &c.		York Inland	A.30/6, fo. 31
1795-1798	Pilot, &c.*		York Inland	A.30/6, 7 & 8
1799	Sailed home on <i>King George</i>			A.30/9, fo. 37; C.1/406, fo. 2

+For his journies inland, see *Cumberland House Journals and Inland Journals, 1775-1782*, Hudson's Bay Record Society, Vol. XIV & XV. Spent the winter of 1782/83 in Hudson House area.

B.49/a/13, fo. 24,25,44d.

*On the contract signed on 24 August 1796 he is also described as "Inland Trader"

A.32/8, fo. 63

He signed with a 'x'. Despite his apparent illiteracy, he is credited as an author of the following journals, presumably because he was responsible for the posts: South Branch House, 1786/87 & 1789/90 (B.205/a/1& 4)
Cumberland House, 1790/91 (B.49/a/22)

B.205/a/1 ends with note "This journal kept by David Thompson"; Philip Turnor is given as co-author of Cumberland House journal.

Comments on: 1777, "Stout and rough" (A.30/1, fo. 46), 1778, "very deserving" (A.30/1, fo. 62), 1781, "a very good Canoe Man & Sawyer", (A.30/2, fo. 33), 1785, "retained inland these 2 yrs...a good canoe man" (A.30/3, fo. 38), 1794, "A Steady Man and an Excellent Servant" (A.30/6, fo. 31), 1795, "Declares he will not visit Cumberland House after this season - has no objection to be pilot between the Rock and Buskacoggan House [note in red: to continue going where sent]" (A.30/6, fo. 76).

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