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Transactions at Clowey, and on our Journey, till our
Arrival at the Copper-mine River.

Several strange Indians join us.—Indians employed building canoes; description and use of them.—More Indians join us, to the amount of some hundreds.—Leave Clowey.—Receive intelligence that Keelsbies was near us.—Two young men dispatched for my letters and goods.—Arrive at Pesbew Lake; cross part of it, and make a large smoke.—One of Matonabee's wives chaps.—Some remarks on the natives.—Keelsbies joins us, and delivers my letters, but the goods were all expended.—A Northern Indian wishes to take one of Matonabee's wives from him; matters compromised, but had like to have proved fatal to my progress.—Cross Pesbew Lake, when I make proper arrangements for the remainder of my journey.—Many Indians join our party, in order to make war on the Esquimaux at the Copper River.—Preparations made for that purpose while at Clowey.—Proceed on our journey to the North.—Some remarks on the way.—Cross Cogead Lake on the ice.—The Sun did not set.—Arrive at Congecatbawbachaga.—Find several Copper Indians there.—Remarks and transactions during our stay at Congecatbawbachaga.—Proceed on our journey.—Weather very bad.—Arrive at the Stoney Mountains.—Some account of them.—Cross part of Buffalo Lake on the ice.—Saw many musk-oxen.—Description of them.—Went with some Indians to view Grizzle-bear Hill.—Join a strange Northern Indian Leader, called O'lye, in company with some Copper Indians.—Their behaviour to me.—Arrive at the Copper-mine River.

THE Lake Clowey is not much more than twelve miles broad in the widest part. A small river which runs into it on the West side, is said by the Indians to join the Athapuscow Lake.

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