

but in the morning I found him and his companion, to my great joy, fast asleep by the outside of the cabin.

27th, We fet out early and found our canoe safe where we left it, and it was with much satisfaction that I entered it. At half an hour after ten, we got to the first fall, above the great one, the *Indians* brought the canoe to shore and made sign for us to disembark and walk along ashore, while they stept into the river, and hawled the canoe up the fall about a quarter of a mile, by good land. We re-embarked again, and at twelve came to the *Oneido* branch, up which the *Albany* traders return, after 2 or 3 months trade at *Ofwego-Castle*. At 3 o'clock we entered the *Onondago* lake, the upper end of which we gained by five, the land about the lake is pretty good and some large marshes and rich low ground mostly on each side, but here and there the hills come close to the water: I think it must be eight miles long and above one broad, very brackish at the salt plain; very deep in some places near the middle, but shallow for 100 yards from the shore. The *Indians* paddled the canoe a little way higher up the stream and might have brought us to the town, if the fallen trees had been removed; but whatever nature has done for them (and she is no where more bountiful) they are too lazy by any trouble of their own to improve; but when compelled by the most urgent necessity. We