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Tuesday, 29. LA CHINE. Yesterday, I left Montreal, for this place, in company with several other Clerks ; and am on my way to the interior, or Indian countries, there to remain, if my life should be spared, for seven years, at least. For this space of time I am under an engagement to serve as a clerk to the North West Company, otherwise denominated McTavish, Frobisher, & Co. The goods intended for the interior or upper countries, are here put on board of canoes. These canoes which are constructed of the bark of the birch tree, will carry a burden of three and an half or four tons each ; and are severally manned by eight or nine Canadians, who are said to man-