

the expedition was never exposed to such imminent peril as at that dangerous spot : twice the boat was all but dashed to atoms.

In order to lighten the boat as much as possible, another *cache* of pemmican was made at this place, and we pursued our course ; but soon afterwards a violent storm drove us ashore for shelter. In the evening our journey was resumed through a range of clifty sand-hills, where the current, previously strong enough, increased so much as to form a line of heavy rapids, which carried us past rocks and other dangers with such fearful velocity, that a row of piled stones placed a few feet apart were mistaken for figures gazing at us. Of late, every hill and mountain, as well as the banks of the rivers, were dotted with marks of a similar construction, which uniformly pointed to the north-east. From that uniformity it was not improbable that they were intended to guide the Esquimaux, during the winter season, to the several *caches* they were enabled to make in the summer, when the deer were plentiful. A *cache* was discovered, containing the bones of several rein-deer and musk-oxen ;