

of rum, which was dealt to the men with a liberal hand ; but this, altho' it might lessen or abate its malignant effects in some measure, was still far from rendering it wholesome.

The Indian traders who frequented this Creek, on their route to Oswego, &c. usually took a keg of water in each of their batteaus, at the springs rising from the high grounds near the head of it, which they used with such oeconomy, as to make it last, till they reach'd the Oneida river, where fresh supplies could be had.

But to proceed : from the Spack Bergh, we embark'd at sun rise on the 17th ; and after encountering the difficulties of the preceding day, without making a single halt, arrived in the evening, at the mouth of Wood Creek, at the Oneida Lake. The distance of this days march, being by estimation twenty miles ; about half a mile from the Lake, a creek call'd the Fish Kill empties itself into Wood Creek. It is by the route of this creek, the Indians