

saying, in broken English, *By-ly--great deal Mo-se*. But they could not answer any Question that I asked them. So that knowing nothing of their Customs and way of Life; tho' I tho't it tedious to be constantly moving from Place to Place, yet it might be in some respects an Advantage: for it ran still in my Mind that we were travelling to some Settlement; and when my Burden was over heavy, and the Indians left me behind, and the still Evening came on; I fancied I could see thro' the Bushes, and hear the People of some great Town: which Hope might be some support to me in the Day, tho' I found not the Town at Night. Thus we have been Hunting three hundred Miles from the Sea and knew no Man within fifty or sixty Miles of us. We were eight or ten in Number, and had but two Indian Men with Guns, on whom we wholly depended for Food: and if any disaster had hap'ned, we must all have perished. And sometimes we had no manner of Sustenance for three or four Days: But GOD wonderfully provides for all Creatures! In one of those Fasts GOD's Providence was remarkable. Our two Indian Men, in Hunting, started a Moose*, their being a shallow-crusted Snow on the Ground; but the Moose discovered them, and ran with great force into a Swamp: The Indians went round the Swamp, and finding no Tract, return'd at Night to the Wigwam, and told what had happened. The next Morning they followed him on the Track, and soon found the Moose lying on the Snow; for crossing the Roots of a large Tree, that had been blown up by the Roots, having Ice underneath, the Moose in his furious Flight broke thro', and hitch'd one of his hind Legs in among the Roots, so fast that by striving

* A Moose is a fine lofty Creature about eight Feet high, with a long Head and Nose like a Horse: with Horns very large and strong [Some of them are above six Feet, from the Extremity of one Horn to that of the other] shaped and shed every Year like the Horns of a Deer: likewise their Feet are cloven like Deers Feet. Their hind Legs are long and fore Legs short like a Rabbit. They resemble a Rabbit also in the length of their Ears and shortness of their Tail. The Female have two Dugs like a Mare, tho' they sometimes bring three young Ones, at a Foaling: they foal but once a Year, and at one Season, viz. When the Trees put out Leaves, for them. There are a sort of Moose that have a Main like a Horse.