

about the beginning of July. In their way to the westward they crossed several other rivers, sometimes in a canoe, which they carried with them, and sometimes by fording. As their distresses multiplied, the Indians again began to shew dissatisfaction; but by an unfortunate accident, on the 11th of August, the quadrant was broke, at a time when they found themselves in latitude 63 deg. 10 min. north, longitude 10 deg. 40 min. west of Churchill river; and this laid Mr. Hearne under the disagreeable necessity of returning again to the fort. After experiencing incredible distresses, he reached the settlement on the 25th of November, and thus ended his second abortive attempt.

Still resolute to accomplish the business committed to him, and taught by experience how to provide against several ills that he had undergone in his former journeys, Mr. Hearne, with the approbation of the factory, made preparations for a third expedition, which, as it was more interesting, as well as