

with whose chiefs he was well acquainted ; and from whom he said he had always met with more civility than from his own people. Had this resolution been carried into effect, there would have been an end of the expedition to the Copper-Mine River ; for the Athapusco country lies in a different direction.

Alarmed with the prospect of a third failure, though under no apprehension of personal safety, Mr. Hearne waited with anxiety till he thought the passion of the chief had a little abated ; and then by soothing language, by the arguments of duty, interest and fidelity to the Hudson's Bay Company, he urged him not to abandon an expedition which could not be carried on without him, and for conducting which to a fortunate issue, he might expect not only favour, but reward.

Rage at last subsided ; and the chief, though late in the afternoon, ordered his crew to advance, and after walking some miles they put up on another island in Pelshew Lake.