

where they might go free from the Ice and the Spring Deluge, which sometimes happens, occasioned by the Suddenness of the Thaw, and the Stoppage of the Ice, with terrible Accounts of which Deluges the People at the Factory had entertained our Men, who went with the Captains to the Factory the Day before; telling them, as though it was certainly consequent, should the Ships winter above the Factory, of their having a Deluge, as there was one annually above the Factory, no Spring without. The Captains were Abroad all that Night, but the next Afternoon, ^{30th.} about four, we saw the Boats coming. Soon after Sun-set a Canoe came and lay off a small Distance from the Ship, those in her haling us in *English*, with, *What Cbear?* They were answered, and three *Indians* came, with their Canoe, Alongside, telling us, they had Geese, and when Aboard, brought thre out of a large greasy Leather Satchel, picked and dressed; for which they had a Bottle of *Indian* Brandy, the Name given for two Thirds of Brandy, and one of Water. Said, that they were at *Albany*, did not like the People there, so were come here, and now they were going from hence Southward, in Pursuit of Winter-Quarters, with their Families; for they had been employed by the Governor to shoot Geese, but the Geese not coming in Plenty, and there not being a sufficient Employ, he had discharged them. Capt. *Smith* hearing this when he came Aboard, agreed with them to come and shoot all Winter, on such Terms as they approved;