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derable as to freeze the Creek over with a thin Ice; the fifteenth was a pleasant Day with Sunshine. In the Afternoon, three of the Seamen went out a Hunting, and got upon an Island in the River, the Water (of which was there was but little on the River before) increased so suddenly that they could not get off again, without the Assistance of the little Boat, which was got with Difficulty to them.

The sixteenth was a pleasant Day. Some Pieces of Ice swam down the Channels of Water which were on the Ice. At the Factory a Gun was fired, and a Flag hoisted, as a Signal to their People who were Abroad in Tents, that the River was breaking up, and therefore not to attempt to come over. The Water in the Creek fell very considerably which shewed that the Water had more vent; and about four in the Afternoon a Mile above the Creek the River was quite open, no Ice being to be seen. Next Morning (*May* the seventeenth, pleasant Sunshiney Weather) the whole River was clear of Ice, excepting some few Pieces upon the Shoals. The Lieutenant who went the same Morning with the Jollyboat down to the Factory, found no Ice at the Bottom of the River, but all gone; nor no Ice quite into the Bay, excepting some Pieces stopped upon a Fall or Ridge of Stone about two Miles below the Factory.