

The latter Part of this Month the Deer began March. to cross *Hay's* River, twenty Miles above the Factory; where there were *Indians* waiting for to kill them. One Year they pass'd in four Columns or in four different Tracks, all within three Miles space, one of the Columns passing near the Factory, and the whole four Columns did not contain less in Number, than eight or ten thousand Deer. This happen'd in the Month of *April*, and the *Indians* by reason of the moist Weather that then was, not being able to keep their Powder dry, kill'd but few of them. In other Years they have kill'd Numbers for the sake of their Tongues only, which is the most delicious Part, leaving the Carcases to rot, and for the Beast to prey on. The Tongues they brought to Sell at the Factory, but were reproved by the Governor. At these Times the Does passing to the Southward to Fawn or drop their Young, the Numbers thus uselessly destroy'd before they drop their Fawns, without doubt, occasion, the Scarcity of Deer they have of late been sensible of in these Parts.

The Governor agreeable to his Promise, supplied the Ships with some Venison, both in this Month, and in the beginning of *April*, but the Quantity came far short of what was agreed for; alledging as an Excuse, that there were but very few Deer, and a great Number of *Indians* hunting of them, so that the *Indians* eat the major Part of the Venison that they got, and brought very little to the Factory.