

sensibly for this in particular, as it was committed on a set of harmless creatures, who were almost secluded from all other human society.

It appeared that for upwards of a generation, one family only, as it may be called, had taken up their winter abode in those woods; which are so much out of the usual track of the other Indians, as to be very seldom visited by them. The situation, however, was most favourable for game of every kind, at the different seasons; but the general dependence was on fish and partridges. These advantages had tempted this simple race to take up their abode here; several hundred miles from the rest of their tribe.

By the 1st of March they began to leave the level country of the Athapuscas, and to approach the stony mountains, which bound the northern Indian country. On the 14th, they discovered the tracks of more strangers, and next day came up with them. Among them was a person who had carried a letter from Mr. Hearne to Prince of