

short, till the 16th, when the Indians killed no fewer than twelve deer. This supply induced them to halt a few days, in order to dry and pound some meat, to render it lighter of carriage.

Having, by the 22d, prepared a sufficient stock of portable provisions, and repaired their sledges and snow shoes, they resumed their journey. In the afternoon of that day, they fell in with a stranger who had one of Matonabee's wives under his care. This was the first person they had seen, in travelling some hundred miles, who was not connected with their own party: a proof how thinly this part of the country was peopled.

Next day they found deer still more numerous; and contragulated themselves on the prospect of suffering no more want during the winter.

On the 3d of February, they were so near the edge of the woods, that the barren land was in sight to the southward; and as the woods terminated to the west, they were obliged to be cautious in their direction, for the sake of keeping among them, and consequently a