

their spirits again sunk within them, and they moved on with heavy hearts.

But on the evening of the twenty-second, having kindled a small fire upon an eminence, they were discovered, and kindly relieved by two hunters—Jonathan Crosby and Luke Sawyer.

It was now the tenth day since they left Mrs. Forbes and the children. And during this time they had eaten up all the moose meat which they had taken with them (it being only two or three ounces) and their moggafons—having had nothing else to subsist upon.

The hunters supplied them with such articles of nourishment as they had with them; and then conducted them to the settlements at Seven Mile Brook, a little above Norridgewalk, where they arrived in a few hours; but so reduced, that they were scarcely able to stand alone.

Upon their arrival, Mr. Forbes procured major Hale, William Huston, and Ebenezer Hilton, three of the most suitable men that could be found, to go with all speed to the relief of his wife and children. They set out immediately, and after having been gone thirteen days, returned without having been able to find them.

It was now twenty-four days from the time Mr. Forbes left them, with only one pound and an half of moose meat, and a pound and a half of tallow, for their subsistence: It was the general opinion, therefore, that they must have been dead.

Nevertheless, Mr. Forbes' anxiety would not permit him to rest satisfied until he had procured two other persons, Messrs. James M'Donald and Jonathan Ames, to go with him, and see whether they might not be still alive. But by this time, all the low lands adjacent to the river were overflowed, which rendered the passing extremely difficult. For this