

killed some geese, but barely sufficient to keep them from starving.

On the 8th, however, they were fortunate enough to kill five deer, which put them all in high spirits; and from the numbers they saw, they began to indulge the hopes that more plentiful times awaited them, during the remainder of their journey.

On the 9th, as they were continuing their course in the direction of the factory, they saw several smokes, and spoke with different parties of northern Indians; but anxious to get on, they did not lose much time in conversation.

For many days after, they found plenty of provisions; and as the weather was remarkably fine and pleasant, their circumstances were vastly altered for the better; and they almost forgot their former sufferings. The thoughts too of approaching the fort gave them new resolution, and moderate difficulties were overlooked.

On the 18th, they arrived at Egg River, from whence Mr. Hearne dispatched a letter to the chief at Fort