

of sleep. Its return seemed to be prevented by a certain degree of cold, and a deficiency of covering. The silence of the night was disturbed by the howlings of savage wolves, that prowled around the cottages. Nor was the ear less impressed by the loud winds in the forest, and the incessant noise of an impetuous river. The road at times emerging from the woods, ran for a considerable distance along the edge of the river. Huge sheets of ice were then seen piled to an amazing height along the rocky margin of the stream. The accumulated mass, obtruding from the shore, appeared to alter the direction of the current. Rivulets descending from abrupt precipices, seemed from afar, frozen to the eye. The grandeur of the scene was heightened by a variety of all those sublime objects which can engage the mind amid the general wildness of nature. Infants at their mothers' breasts supported with impunity the severity of winter.

When the shores of the lakes were sufficiently frozen, so as to support the men and