

were proceeding to Fort Prince Wales, Mr. Hearne embraced the opportunity of sending a letter by them to the chief, to acquaint him with his progress. The latitude here was calculated to be 61 deg. 30 min. north, longitude about 19 deg. 50 min. west of Churchill River.

The weather becoming fair and temperate on the 23d, they again pursued their way, and on that and the succeeding days, they fell in with several Indians, some of whom being acquaintances of the party, joined company.

Continuing to shape their course to the west-ward, on the 8th of April, they arrived at a lake called Little Fish Hill, and pitched their tents on an island in it. Here the Indians finding deer very numerous, determined to stay some time, and to lay in a stock of portable provisions; because, from the season of the year, they were aware, that their game would soon quit the the covert of the woods for the barren grounds.

At this time the party did not consist of less than seventy persons, who were lodged in seven tents. For ten days the

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