

bottom of the river, where the banks are uncommonly low; and it frequently happens, that the people who navigate the traders canoes are obliged to sleep in them, for want of a place to put ashore.

This river has several kind of fish in it, and sturgeon in the spring of the year are in great plenty. Its distance above us is not known; but by Indian information, we learn, that it is formed from a great number of small rivers which issue from an extraordinary ridge of Rocks, called the Stony Mountain.

This mountain is the most remarkable place in the country, and appears to be the barrier between the Indians that trade with us and those who trade with strangers on the other side. I have been told that it is seven days journey before you arrive at it. We are unacquainted with its extent at present, but it seems to have a North and South direction. It is said that all the rivers on the East side of the mountain have an easterly course, and those on the West side take a west-