

SCOUTS OF EMPIRE

This was written in December, 1810, from the Athabaska River, in the course of his exceedingly difficult and dangerous trip through the mountains by way of the Athabaska Pass.

Thompson finally left the Columbia River country in May, 1812, crossing the mountains by the Athabaska Pass, and arriving at Fort William, on Lake Superior, in August. Here he finally took leave of the west and the fur-trade, and settled at Terrebonne, where for two years he was engaged in the preparation of his great map. He died in February, 1857, at the ripe age of eighty-seven.