

them from such a design; but so far were his entreaties from being regarded, they apprehended he was actuated by cowardice and with many marks of derision, told him, he was afraid of the Esquimaux. Knowing his personal safety depended on the ideas his attendants formed of his courage, he was obliged to change his tone, and affected the hero. He found it in vain, indeed, to attempt to stem the torrent of savage prejudice, or to inspire more humane or just principles, and therefore he in future left them to their own discretion.

Being now exonerated from every useless encumbrance or cause of delay, they pursued their journey to the northward with great speed; but, owing to the badness of the weather, it was the middle of June before they reached the latitude of 67 deg. 30 min.

In their way thither, they crossed several lakes on the ice: and in some creeks and rivers they caught a few fish. Deer were so plentiful, that the Indians killed numbers merely for the fat, marrow and tongues; nor was it possible to

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