

# NARRATIVE OF A VOYAGE

THROUGH THE

## *North-West Part of America,*

PERFORMED IN 1789 AND 1793.

**M**R. Maclaurie embarked in a canoe on Wednesday the third of June 1789, at nine o'clock in the morning, at Fort Chipewyan, on the south side of the Lake of the hills, in latitude 58. 40 N. longitude 110. 30 W. the crew consisted of four Canadians, two of whom were attended by their wives and a German; they were accompanied also by an Indian, who had acquired the title of English chief, and his two wives, in a small canoe, with two young Indians, his followers, in another small canoe. These men were engaged to serve in the double capacity of interpreters and hunters.

They were also accompanied by another canoe equipped for the purpose of trade. In this, which was assigned to the care of M. L'Heureux, one of the trading company's clerks, were shipped a stock of provisions, and a proper assortment of articles of merchandize as presents to procure a friendly reception among the Indians, as well as a proper supply of arms and ammunition.

They proceeded along one of the branches of the Lake, until they arrived in the Peace River, which at this spot is upwards of a mile broad, and here assumes the name of the Slave River. At the close of the next day they came at the mouth of the Dog River, at which station the river they were proceeding in, is two leagues in breadth. In their course along the Peace or Slave River, they met with several falls, at which they were obliged to carry the canoes and goods over land, till they had passed them. On the ninth of June they entered a small branch of the river on the east bank, after a serpentine course, through which after about ten

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