

but subtil anfwers; then they gave us 2 ftrings withal, telling us, that now they had thrown water on our fire, and we were at liberty to return home when we pleased, they all took their leave, and bid us adieu by fhaking hands very kindly, and feemingly with much affection. This night the young men getting into liquor, kept fhouting and finging till morning.

3d, We prepared for fetting forward, and many of the chiefs came once more to take their farewell; fome of them brought us provision for our journey, we fhook hands again and fet out at 9.

It was greatly to my mortification, that I was forced to return for the moft part the fame way I came. We had intended to go through the *Mohawks* country to *Albany*, but our 2 *Indians* could not be perfuaded to go that way, tho' we offered to bear their charges, and the chiefs were not willing we fhould leave them to pafs through the wildernefs alone, as they came to gratify us and further our bufinefs. This day was fair, and the wind S. In the afternoon, we afcended that lovely mountain S. W. which divides the waters that render tribute to the great fstreams of *St. Lawrence* and *Sufquehanah*. We did not directly cros the mountain, but rode a fmall way on its fummit under the grateful fhade of thofe lofty trees that every way adorn it, and
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