

NARRATIVE OF A SECOND EXPEDITION
TO THE SHORES OF
THE POLAR SEA,

IN THE YEARS
1825, 1826, AND 1827,

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INCLUDING AN ACCOUNT OF THE PROGRESS OF A DETACHMENT
TO THE EASTWARD,

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amongst some small pines. The day was fine, and a fresh easterly wind rendered it agreeable for walking; but the men were much annoyed by their burdens, and appeared jaded when we halted for the night. Their loads could not have exceeded fifty-two pounds each, but the frequent ascent and descent in crossing the small hills that lay in our way, and the occasional sponginess of the ground, and insecurity of footing, rendered marching much more laborious than it would have been on a hard English highway. The direct distance travelled this day was about twelve miles. We saw many gray Arctic marmots (*Arctomys Parryi*), sporting near their burrows, and a little terrier dog, which had been our fellow voyager from England, showed much dexterity in cutting off their retreat, and succeeded in catching several of them. The dog's long confinement in the boat rendered the exercise he now took very fatiguing, and when we halted for the night he was the most tired of the party. Many young rein-deer were also seen, and after we encamped Ooligbuck killed one. The temperature in the evening was 50°, but the night was cold.

1826.
August.
11th.

Our march on the 12th was rendered pleasant by a cool northerly breeze, and the men being now familiar with their loads, which had also suffered some diminution by the preceding evening's repast, we made a more rapid progress. The length of the march was seventeen miles, being, exclusive of the half hourly halts and the time occupied by breakfast, at the rate of two miles and a half an hour. In the course of the day we crossed several ridges of the Copper Mountains to avoid a bend of the river. The Whisky-John (*corvus Canadensis*) visited our encampment in the evening for the first time since we left the Mackenzie.

Saturday,
12th.

On the 13th, commencing the day's march at five A.M., we

Sunday,
13th.

