

One very faire evening we went to finde what we hide before, w<sup>ch</sup> we finde in a good condition.<sup>1</sup> We went about to execut our resolution, fforseeing that we must stay that yeare there, ffor w<sup>ch</sup> wee weare not very sorry, being resolved to know what we heard before. We waited untill the Ice should vanish, but received [news] that the Octanaks [had] built a fort on the point that forms that Bay, w<sup>ch</sup> resembles a small lake. We went towards it w<sup>th</sup> all speede. We had a great store of booty w<sup>ch</sup> we would not trust to ye wildmen, ffor the occasion makes y<sup>e</sup> thiefe. We overloaded our slide [sled] on that rotten ice, and the further we went the Sun was stronger, w<sup>ch</sup> made our Trainage have more difficultie. I seeing my brother so strained, I tooke y<sup>e</sup> slide w<sup>ch</sup> was heavier than mine, and he mine. Being in that extent above foure leagues from y<sup>e</sup> ground, we sunke downe above the one halfe of y<sup>e</sup> legge in the Ice, and must advance in spight of our teeth. To leave our booty was to undoe us. We strived so that I hurted myselfe in so much that I could not stand up right, nor [go] any further. This putt us in great trouble. Uppon this I advised my brother to leave me w<sup>th</sup> his slide. We putt the two sleds one by another. I tooke some cloathes to cover mee. After I stripped myself from my wett cloathes, I layed myselfe downe on the slide; my brother leaves me to the keeping of that good God. We had not above two leagues more to goe. He makes hast and came there in time, and sends wildmen for me and the slids. There we found the perfidiousnesse of the Octanaks. Seeing us in Extremitie, [they] would prescribe us laws. We promised them whatever they asked. They came to fetch me.

For eight dayes I was so tormented I thought never to recover. I rested neither day nor night; at last by means that God and my brother did use, w<sup>ch</sup> was by rubbing my leggs w<sup>th</sup> hott oyle of bears and keeping my thigh and leggs

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It will be remembered that (*ante*, p. 72) Radisson says, when speaking of portaging over Oak point, the fall before: "That point should be very fitt to build & advantgeous for the building of a fort, as we did the spring following."—ED.

<sup>1</sup> See *ante*, p. 75.—ED.