

well tyed, it came to its former strength. After a while I came to me selfe. There comes a great company of new wildmen to seeke a nation in that land for a weighty buisnesse. They desired me to goe a long, so I prepare my selfe to goe wth them. I marched well 2 dayes; the 3rd day the sore begins to breake out againe, in so much that I could goe no further. Those left me, albeit I came for their sake. You will see the cruelties of those beasts, and I may think that those y^t liveth on fish uses more inhumanities than those that feed upon flesh; neverthelesse I proceeded forwards the best I could, but knewed [not] where for y^e most part, y^e sun being my only guide.

There was some snow as yet on the ground, w^{ch} was so hard in the mornings that I could not percave any tracks. The worst was that I had not a hattchett nor other arme, and not above the weight of ten pounds of victualls, wthout any drink. I was obliged to proceed five days for my good fortune. I indured much in the morning, but a little warmed, I went wth more ease. I looked betimes for some old cabbans where I found wood to make fire wherwth. I melted the snow in my cappe that was so greasy. One night I finding a cottage covered it wth boughs of trees that I found ready cutt. The fire came to it as I began to slumber, w^{ch} soone awaked me in hast, lame as I was, to save meselfe from the fire. My racketts, shoos, and stokens kept me my life; I must needs save them. I tooke them and flung them as farr as I could in the snow. The fire being out, I was forced to looke for them, as dark as it was, in y^e said snow, all naked & very lame, and almost starved both for hunger and cold. But what is that a man cannot doe when he seeth that it concerns his life, that one day he must lose. Yett we are to prolong it as much as we can, & the very feare maketh us to invent new wayes.

The fifth day I heard a noyse and thought it of a wolfe. I stood still, and soone perceived that it was of a man. Many wild men weare up and downe looking for me, fearing least the Bears should have devoured me. That man came neere and saluts me, and demands whether it was I. We both satt downe; he looks in my sacke to see if I had vict-