



James Knight: Not so fast! It will be a long and dangerous journey to the land of the Chipewyan. The peace mission might fail without good planning.

William Stuart: Thanadelthur has convinced the Cree here at York Factory of the importance of a peace mission. Many of them want to come along.

Thanadelthur: I know the way. I will serve as guide. When we get to the land of the Chipewyan, I will serve as interpreter between the Cree and my people.

William Stuart: I will organize this expedition.

HBC Employee #1: I would like to volunteer to go.

HBC Employee #2: I want to go too. And I will help organize the supplies.

William Stuart: Thanadelthur has gained the confidence of everyone here at York Factory.

James Knight: Very well then, Mr Stuart, I authorize you to prepare for the peace mission. Give Thanadelthur all the help you can. And good luck!

Narrator: At the end of the day, James Knight writes in his daily log book...



James Knight (reading his log entry):

June 1, 1715

Thanadelthur, the Chipewyan woman, wants to lead a peace mission to her tribe. I have authorized Mr. Stuart to proceed as soon as possible.

James Knight

Governor

York Factory

Hudson's Bay Company

Narrator: Within a few days, 150 Cree and a crew of Hudson's Bay Company employees followed Thanadelthur and William Stuart out through the front gate of York Factory.

Thanadelthur: Mr. Stuart, many months will pass before we see the fort again.

William Stuart: I hope the men are able to keep up to this fast pace.

Thanadelthur: When we are able, we walk fast. Soon, we will be slowed by dense bush.

Narrator: There were no clear trails, so progress was slow and difficult. At times, some of the crew began to think that the journey was impossible. They quit and returned to York Factory. But Thanadelthur would not give up. The seasons rapidly changed, and by mid-winter the expedition reached Chipewyan territory.