

they joined jumping about on the deck for several minutes together; the old man himself exercising his powers as much as his weakness permitted. When asked to go down to the cabin, the young men seemed unwilling till they saw the old man descend without hesitation. It was remarked, by some gentlemen of the Hecla, that these poor people behaved much better than those Esquimaux who had been seen in the former voyage of 1818, on the north-east coast of Baffin's Bay. With some difficulty the old man was made to understand that it was wished to take his picture: he, in consequence, sat with tolerable patience for an hour on a stool near the fire, until the drawing was finished. Yet all this time exchanges were going on near him, by furnishing articles to his companions for their dresses, spears, &c. This trade was conducted with great honesty on the part of the Esquimaux, at the same time that they seemed to be not unacquainted with the trade. When any thing was offered to them in exchange, if they thought it not of sufficient value, they remained silent until they found that nothing more was presented, and then agreed to the barter. When any thing was accepted by them, either in exchange or as a present, they licked it twice in token of their satisfaction. When night was coming on they expressed a desire to go on shore, a boat from the ship carrying one of them who had sold his canoe: for these frail barks hold one person only. While going to shore, the canoes could beat the boat, when the Esquimaux chose to exert themselves, and would imitate the sounds of the boatmen in rowing.

*Thursday, the 7th of September*, being the day of the remarkable eclipse, which was to be central and annular across the middle of Europe; Captain Parry and Captain Sabine landed on an island near the north shore of the inlet. But the clouds did not disperse till about half after 7 A. M., when the eclipse had already begun. Soon after 8 the sun was again clouded: nor did he again appear till twenty minutes past 9, when the eclipse was found to be over.

Soon after the boat landed on the island the old Esquimaux, and one of the younger ones passed over, carrying with them some whale-bone, and dresses of seal-skin. A boat from our ship also landed, and one of the officers drew the picture of the young man; but it was no easy matter to get him to sit still for any time, so strong is their inclination to jump about when much pleased or surprised. The old one seemed very inquisitive, observing chiefly things that seemed to be useful, in preference of others that were merely curious or amusing. Thus he was soon contented with beholding his own droll figure in a looking-glass, but seemed most anxious to obtain the mallet which he saw used to open a capister of preserved meat for the dinner of the party