

communication between the waters, but its frozen state formed an impenetrable barrier to any intercourse by human efforts.

They were soon greeted by a number of Esquimaux, who shouted and jumped with all their might. A crowd of them met the party who landed and manifested every demonstration of joy. When told that the English purposed to spend the winter among them, they manifested the greatest satisfaction. They made daily visits to the ships, bringing their wives and children in great numbers on sledges. They appeared gladly to assist in any duties which the people of the ships were employed in; as pulling the ropes, sawing the ice, heaving the windlass, and other labour; always accompanying their efforts with the tone of voice which the crew used on such occasions, in the imitation of which they seemed to particularly pride themselves.

Some of the Esquimaux with whom the ships' companies had spent the preceding winter at Winter Island also had now arrived at Igloodik, and copying the manners of the English, shook their friends heartily by the hand, as expressing their pleasure at meeting them again. One of them, who had obtained the name of John Bull, accosted almost every individual of the ship's company, with a how do ye do; and desirous of manifesting his knowledge and familiarity with the uses of the machinery to his companions, he instructed them in the various uses to which they were applied.

Being now fairly fixed in their second winter-quarters, they set about making such arrangements as experience had taught them would add considerably to their comforts. Instructed by the Esquimaux, Captain Parry caused a wall of snow twelve feet high to be thrown up round the Fury, at the distance of twenty yards from her, forming a large square like that of a farm-yard, by which the snow-drift was kept out, and a good sheltered walk afforded against every wind; and by it was also prevented, in some measure, the abstrac-