

our Missions. But I cannot conclude this part of my letter without mentioning our present attempts to form a Mission on the Coast of Labrador among the savage Esquimaux.

In the year 1752, some merchants in London fitted out a ship for that Coast, and they had the good Intention of assisting the Brethren to form a Mission among the Indians there. Accordingly four Missionaries went with this ship, and took the frame of, and materials for a house with them, intending to stay in that Country, and to dwell among the Indians. They arrived safely upon the Coast, and the Missionaries erected their house on a convenient spot. The ship sailing farther northwards, with a view to trade, some Esquimaux came on board, and appeared very kind and loving; but at length enticed the mate, who was a Brother, and some others away from the ship, under the pretence of trade, and then murdered them. After those on board had waited some days in vain for the return of their companions, they sailed back to the place where the four Brethren had built their house, and from thence to Europe. The four Missionaries were obliged to return with the ship, to help to work her; though some of them left Labrador with great reluctance, notwithstanding the imminent danger to which they would be exposed by their staying alone among the cruel Savages. The same vessel sailed thither again next year, and the bodies of those who had been murdered were found; but that was all they obtained by this voyage.

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