

ship has been fostered by annual presents from our Government of blankets, powder, shot, cooking utensils, and other useful articles.

The visit of the nine Ojibbeways to this country was induced by a desire, on the part of the Old Chief and his followers, to see the country of the English, and "~~to look upon the face~~" of their Great Mother." This feeling had been cherished for some time, when it was mentioned, during a hunting excursion, to Mr. Rankin, who is their companion and friend here. This gentleman is by birth a Canadian, and had been known to the Old Chief from the days of his infancy. Being brought up on the borders of the Ojibbeways' country, he early became attached to the wild life they led, learned their language, and, as he states, spent some of the happiest days of his life hunting and fishing with these rude and simple people. He has often, for weeks together, been out shooting with them, and when food has been scarce, he tells, with feelings of grateful recollection, how they kindly denied themselves their share of the scanty meal, that the pale face, who was less able to bear short rations, might not faint from hunger. With them he spent the summer months upon the shores of the lakes, and in winter, moved to their lodges—a habitation made or taken down in twenty minutes—more inland, from whence they started on their hunting the deer over the surface of the snow. On the outbreak of the late rebellion in Canada, Mr. Rankin immediately volunteered his services to the loyalists, and for six years had the honour of bearing her Majesty's commission. During this period he was in several actions; and at the battle of Windsor, on the 4th of December, 1838, took a stand of colours. His services had the compliment paid them of being mentioned by Lord Brougham in the House of Lords. But the stirring business of campaigning over, he found himself once more in the hunting-grounds of the Ojibbeways. In a conversation with the Indians, it