

note escape them. Sometimes they would make a sudden transition from the high to the low tones, with such melancholy turns in their variations, that we could not reconcile to ourselves the manner in which they acquired or contrived this more than untaught melody of nature.— There was also something for the eye as well as the ear; and the action which accompanied their voices, added very much to the impression which the chaunting made upon us all. Every one beat time with undeviating regularity, against the gunwale of the boat, with their paddles; and at the end of every verse or stanza, they pointed with extended arms to the North and the South, gradually sinking their voices in such a solemn manner, as to produce an effect not often attained by the orchestras in our quarter of the globe.

They paddled round our ship twice in this manner, uniformly rising up when they came to the stern, and calling out the word *wacush*, *wacush*, or friends. They then brought their canoes along-side, when Maquilla and Callicum came on board. The former appeared to be about thirty years, of a middle size, but extremely well made, and possessing a countenance that was formed to interest all who saw him. The latter seemed to be ten years older, of an athletic make, and a fine open arrangement of features, that united regard and confidence. The inferior people were proper and very personable men. A seal-skin filled with oil was immediately handed on board, of which the chiefs took a small quantity, and then ordered it to be returned to the people in the canoes, who soon emptied the vessel of this luxurious liquor.

A present, consisting of copper, iron, and other gratifying articles, was made to Maquilla and Callicum, who, on receiving it, took off their sea-otter garments, threw them, in the most graceful manner, at

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