

a tempestuous voyage arrived at Baals river on the west coast of Greenland, and founded the Danish colony of Godhaab in N. lat. 64° . After vainly endeavouring to discover the long-lost Norman colony on the east of Greenland, he, with his companion Albert Top, commenced in good earnest to learn the language and attempt the conversion of the Esquimaux. This work was however very slow, being constantly interrupted and thwarted by the determined opposition of the Auegekoks, or Esquimaux priests. These mortifications, added to famine, disease, and the rigour of the seasons, would have reduced a weaker mind to despair; but Hans Egede was not so easily overcome, and in spite of the horrors and misery that met his sight on every side, he, like Pizarro on the Isle of Gorgona, formed the resolution of remaining among the sterile rocks of Greenland, with his ten surviving companions, rather than forsake the duties he had undertaken. This noble endurance soon met with its reward; and it occasioned no slight joy in the colony to hear that the Moravian brethren, on being informed of the exertions of Hans Egede, had sent out missionaries to assist him in his holy work. These men were Christian David, Matthew Stack, and Christian Stack; and it is difficult to conceive the sacrifices these devoted Moravians must have made, in relinquishing the comforts of a happy German home, to minister to the wretched Esquimaux.

Their ordinary difficulties were of course no less