

back, beating the parts affected, singing in a loud voice to drown his cries, &c. is practised here ; but in the event of his death, his relatives generally sacrifice the quack or some one of his connexions. This summary way of punishment is admirably calculated to keep the profession free from intruders ; and their medical practitioners, I am happy to state, are becoming every day less numerous.

The affectionate regard for friends and relatives, which, more or less, characterises other tribes, appears to be unknown amongst these savages. A few instances, which came under our personal knowledge, may be sufficient to prove their total want of all the finer feelings of humanity.

In December, 1826, an elderly man, nearly related to the Talkotin chief, fell short of provisions, and although he was surrounded by numbers who had abundance of dried salmon, he was actually allowed to die of starvation in the midst of plenty. The day after his death the corpse was burned, and no one seemed to mourn his loss.

One night during the same winter a young woman nearly naked, her body covered with bruises, and dreadfully frost-bitten, came to the fort, and begged for admission. This was readily