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They never at any Time are offensive, or seize upon any Person without being first wounded, but in the Spring, they being then just come out of their Winter's Retirement, which is in a Hollow which they make in the Snow, the Entrance to which is cover'd over by the Snow which falls after they are retired: When these Houses are broke into, as they are sometimes by the *Indians* in the Winter, no Manner of Subsistence is found within them. The *Indians* and the Factory Servants eat the Flesh; the Heart particularly they esteem as exceeding good.

There was seen about one a Clock on *June* the third a great Smoak upon the South-Shore, higher up the River, than where the Ships were; and in the Afternoon there came down eighteen Canoes of *Indians* under two several Captains, each of whom had a Flag hoisted on a Stick in the Middle of his Canoe. These Flags are presented to them by the Factory, that they may know, when they are coming down, what *Indians* they are. One Captain and his Company came along-side the Ships, the other and his Company proceeded for the Factory, being spoke to by one of the *Hudson's* Bay Servants. The Captain who came along-side had a very large Canoe, broad enough in the Middle for two Women to set a-breast. The Captain set in the Stern, and another *Indian* Man in the Head. In each of the other Canoes there were but two *Indians*.

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