

heavy weapon which he had snatched up on his entrance. She never spoke, and although streaming with blood, scarcely attempted to defend herself from his fury. Having continued to use her thus for some minutes, one of the men present held his hand, upon which he quietly seated himself and remained sulky the rest of the evening. The woman retired soon after with her child some distance from the tent, where I found her giving vent to her feelings by the most piercing cries. Two or three women stood round her, who, having satisfied their curiosity, left her without shewing the slightest symptom of pity. The only cause we could discover for this brutal transaction was, because they had not sung when their husband was dancing. He took no notice of it at the time; but appears to have meditated revenge whilst seemingly wrapt up in his amusement. In the evening we found a small party assembled in the same tent to hear the different spirits whom the Angetkok was going to send into their presence. He came in soon after, and taking his station behind the screen, descended after previously putting a few questions to the bystanders. The performance differed very little from Toolemak's. Ten torngas rose in succession, some of whom did not confine themselves to speaking alone, but scratched and thumped against the skin behind the person addressed. The Angetkok's wife sung during the ceremony, but appeared to take little interest in it, and when her duties permitted, directed all her attention to us.

"The weather was dull on the 10th, with occasional fogs. About ten in the morning there appeared a general move amongst our Esquimaux friends. On inquiry it appeared that four families were going to the eastward, whilst the party to which we were attached intended to remain another day, and then continue their journey towards Toonoonee-roochiuk. Having gone out with our guns, the Esquimaux men of our party took advantage of our absence and set off for Tern Island to collect eggs; carefully concealing their intentions