

composed, my native interpreter, who stood with us now spoke to him in a manly manner telling him who we were, and what we came for, to which he listened with attention, then called out oy, oy. He was now joined by a well made, short, stout old man, his hair quite white, he was on foot and came with a message. We invited him to come with his people and smoke, upon which he set off on a gallop, the old man on foot keeping near him. Having repeated to the people what we had said and to come forward and smoke, he returned at the same pace, the old man keeping close to him. To our admiration, he was naked and barefooted, and we could not help saying to each other, which of us at his age will be equally active. The Man came and smoking commenced, a present of four Salmon, and two [fish] of a small species, with berries were made, of the latter we took only part. By the interpreter I told them what I had to say, the Chief repeated the words in a loud voice, which was repeated by a man in a louder voice. The women now came forwards, singing and dancing which they continued all the time the men were smoking: The Men were well formed, but not handsome, tho' their features were regular, they were poorly clothed; and the women equally so, two of them were naked, but not abashed; they all had shells in their nostrils some had fillets round the head and bracelets of shells round the wrists, or arms, but want of clothing made them appear to disadvantage. These people are altogether distinct from those we have seen, and are of the Shawpatin, or as it is sometimes pronounced, Sararpatin nation, of which there are several tribes, and speak a Language peculiar to themselves, it appeared soft, with many vowels, and easy of pronunciation; it is the native tongue of the Interpreter. These people, as well as those of the last Village, are making use of the Seine Net, which is well made from wild Hemp, which grows on the rich low grounds. The net appeared about full six feet in breadth by about thirty fathoms in length; it was