

which they employ to strike terror into their enemies. Dr. Helmcken explained his mission to them from the canoe. The chief answered him that they would not and could not give up the murderers, but were willing to pay for the murdered men as many blankets, furs and other articles as might reasonably be demanded, this being their law and custom in such cases. Of course this was declined, and they were told that they were bringing great misery on themselves by not acceding to the demand of King George's law. When Dr. Helmcken returned and made known to Governor Blanchard and Captain Wellesley the decision of the Newittees chiefs, it was decided to send boats and men to seize the murderers or to punish the tribes. The boats arrived only to find a deserted village. The crew partly destroyed the village and returned without having seen a member of the tribe. Shortly after this the *Dædalus* left Fort Rupert and, when near Cape Scott, she was fired at, and a sailor slightly wounded. This may not, however, have been the work of the Newittees, but of some other Indians, who simply intended saluting the ship. The year following *H. M. S. Daphne* went up to punish the tribe, if they still refused to give up the murderers. On this occasion they were found in a new camp. They peremptorily refused the demands of the captain and accordingly the crew prepared to attack them. The Indians fired and wounded several of the sailors, who thereupon went at them. The Indians, however, fled to the thick woods in the rear, where they could not be followed. Only two Indians were killed in this skirmish. The village huts were then destroyed and the *Daphne* left. Governor Blanchard now ordered rewards to be offered for the delivery of the murderers. The Newittees by this time had quite enough, and fearing another attack they determined to make their peace by handing over the malefactors. They made an attempt to seize these men, but it was so clumsily done that in the scuffle a young chief was killed and another wounded. So the murderers were shot and their dead bodies brought to Mr. Blenkinsop at Fort Rupert, where they were buried. It is believed however, that one of the murderers escaped, and to make up the full number a slave was substituted. The reward offered by Governor Blanchard was asked for, but Mr. Blenkinsop declined to pay it. He gave the Indians, who had a right to the money, a letter to Governor Blanchard at Victoria. Whether it was ever delivered is unknown.