

gestures we also understood that plenty of inhabitants and furs might be found on shore.

At ten we were about a mile from shore, and saw a village consisting of six or seven huts. We steered for a bay which now opened to the east. As we advanced up this bay, we saw an appearance of an excellent harbour; but about noon the tide set so strongly against us, that we could not possibly make it; we therefore hove the main top-sail to the mast, intending to traffic with the Indians.

No less than ten canoes, in which there were about an hundred and thirty people; were almost instantly about the ship, all of whom had either beaver cloaks, or some valuable skins. They were indeed so anxious about the disposal of their commodities, that there were several quarrels and contentions among them about the priority of their coming along side the vessel, and their claims of being entitled to be served first. Perhaps they were apprehensive that we had not a sufficient quantity of toes to pay for all the articles they had brought us, for hardly any thing else was taken in barter for them, and those were eagerly demanded. About three hundred and ten
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