

had sufficient resemblance to enable them to hold some communication.

Captain Ross and Lieutenant Parry now visited them, taking additional presents of looking glasses and knives, with some caps and shirts. By the time they reached them the whole party were assembled; those who had been originally left at a distance with their sledges, having driven up to join their comrades. The party now therefore consisted of eight natives, with all their sledges, and about fifty dogs, two sailors, Sacheuse, Lieutenant Parry, and Captain Ross; forming a group of no small singularity, which was not a little increased by the circumstance of the meeting taking place on a field of ice and at a considerable distance from the land.

Perceiving that the natives were considerably alarmed, Sacheuse called to them to pull their noses, as he had discovered this to be the mode of friendly salutation with these people. This ceremony was accordingly performed by each of the party; the natives also retreated, making use of the same gesture, the nature of which was now well understood. In the same way the English party imitated their shouts as well as they could, using the same expression *Heigh, yaw!* which appeared to be an expression of surprise and pleasure. Captain Ross then advanced towards them, and presented the foremost with a looking glass and a knife, repeating the same presents to the whole, as they came up in succession. Having now acquired confidence, they advanced, offering, in return for knives, glasses and beads, their knives, sea-unicorns horns and sea-horse teeth, which were accepted. One of them having enquired what was the use of a red cap which had been given him, Sacheuse put it on his head, to the great amusement of the rest, each of whom put it on in his turn. The whole party now proceeded to the ships. Their shouts, halloos and laughter were heartily joined in, and imitated by all hands, as well as the ceremony of nose pulling. That which most of all excited