

Two poor Laplanders, who accompanied these men in the capacity of servants, had no other food than the heads of the fish which their masters threw to them ; but the gratitude of the poor creatures for this miserable fare, so contemptuously bestowed on them, might shame thousands of Christians, who every day of their lives, without prayer or thanksgiving, abuse God's good gifts.

These men, from whom Hemskerk experienced more kindness than he had met with during his whole voyage, set before the Dutchmen the best food they had to give, dried their dripping clothes, and brought them into well-warmed rooms.

