

value than any present hitherto made them, was to be the recompense of his journey. An Esquimaux is of a character not to be much moved by the acquisition of property, and prefers a life of indolence to any riches which may be obtained by exertion. That part of the coast described by Iligliuk, which the English had examined, was found very correct; and other charts, which others of the Esquimaux were desired to draw, without any concert with each other, were found to agree with Iligliuk's in a surprising degree. Indeed, they received information from these people on various useful matters, which were afterwards found to be correct, when the ships came to the places described.

On the 15th Captain Lyon left the ships, a breeze of wind blowing from the northward, accompanied with snow drift. The first night after his departure was one of the most severe and inclement that any of the people had been exposed to, and excited considerable apprehension for their safety among those remaining in the ships. The wind and drift continued during the whole of the 16th, and considerably increased the solicitude for their safety, but to send a party in quest of them while the state of the weather was such, appeared impossible, as no traces could be had of the way they had taken, and under such circumstances it would add to the number of persons placed in perilous situations. A party was however held in readiness to proceed whenever the weather might moderate, when to the great joy of all on board, they arrived at the ships.

The sufferings which this party had endured during their short absence were severe in the extreme. Having ascended a hill to the northward, a strong wind blew the snow directly in their faces, and many of the party received severe frost bites. They proceeded towards a bay which had been observed, and afterwards descending suddenly arrived at the head of the bay. The extreme severity of the weather determined Captain Lyon to pitch their tents. Every one of the party smoked tobacco to promote warmth, but