

The pages of the latter are full of lament at his not having succeeded in his attempts to visit them. Since his journey no new account has been received ; and the further information which I was able to collect will, therefore, not be unacceptable. Our acquaintance with the Tchutski during our stay on their shores was so interwoven with our own existence and its occupations, that it would be matter of great difficulty to describe minutely, apart from some account of ourselves, such of their manners and habits as came under our notice.

We had at first considerable doubts as to the sex of our visitants ; all were clad in loose hooded overshirts of skin, to keep them dry ; and, being destitute of beards, might well be mistaken for the tender sex ; but we concluded that the party was of a mixed nature, this opinion having its foundation, probably, in the fact that some had their heads partially shaved. Many endeavours were made to establish verbal intercourse. Parry's vocabulary, and the few words mentioned by Wrangell, were essayed, but all to no purpose ; they continually repeated " tam," afterwards found to mean " no ;" and our expressions of vexation at the ill success of our efforts sounded, in many instances, like their word of dissent. So we had recourse to signs, and succeeded admirably, and