

seen an Englishman before, were extremely civil and obliging; our traveller made them a present of some such articles as he had, to conciliate their affection the more. They pronounced him to be a perfect human being, except in the colour of his hair and eyes; the former they said was like the stained hair of a buffaloe's tail; and the latter like those of a gull. The whiteness of his skin they thought no ornament; and compared it to flesh sodden in water. However, he was considered as a great curiosity, and treated with much respect. When he combed his head, they asked for the hairs that came off, which they carefully wrapped up, saying, "when I see you again, you shall see this." Hence it seems, that among the civilized and uncivilized, a lock of hair is regarded as a proof of affection, or as a memorial of friendship.

Matonabee now dispatched his brother and several Copper Indians, to Copper-Mine River, to announce the arrival of the strangers, and the objects they had in view; and that they might