Appendix II

natives, we learned that they knew of this hunter and his sister, and one old woman in the village had, when a girl, seen him, but she said that he had gone north years ago, and then disappeared, no one knew where. They expressed the liveliest interest in hear-

ing about him, and from them we learned that as a young man this same hunter had lived at various times all the way from Cumberland Gulf to the shores of Ellesmere Land. north of Iones Sound. There seemed to be no possible chance for this to be a case of mistaken identity, as the sister of this hunter was a deaf-mute, and these people spoke of this in describing her.

The study of this tribe, and the collection of accurate information in regard to it, have been among the objects of my various expeditions, and the opportunities for such



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study, owing to the smallness of the tribe, and its solitary imprisonment among the great Arctic glaciers, together with its especially kindly and tractable disposition, have made it possible to obtain many valuable data in regard to its customs and habits, and in par-

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