

night. The next day we travelled along a level country, embellished with fir-trees: but as we had seen no water, we suffered from intolerable thirst.

The natives that we now fell in with, bore a different appearance from any we had yet seen. Amongst them was a woman, who had come from the sea-coast: she was rather corpulent, of low stature, had grey eyes, and a flattish nose. She was dressed out in various finery, such as large blue beads, either hanging from her ears, braided in her hair, or encircling her neck. She also wore bracelets of brass, copper, and horn. Her under dress was a kind of tunic, covered with a robe of matted bark, fringed round the bottom with sea-otter skin. These people appear to treat age with the greatest reverence and affection; for we observed an old woman, who from extreme age was quite blind and unable to walk, whom they carried by turns on their backs. They are equally attentive to the memory of their deceased relations, as appeared from a middle-aged woman, whom we saw earnestly weeding a circular spot; and on enquiring the cause of this care, from which our approach did not in the least disturb her, the by-standers informed us, that the ashes of her husband and her son were buried there; and that she never passed that way without paying this tribute of her regard.

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