

the ship in due time, numbering as many as ten, accompanied by the chiefs. The widow was young, and seemed in unaffected grief, which the large presents she received did not dissipate; but time and a continual course of kindness on our parts brought her to forget her loss so far that she regretted to me, and I believe in sincerity, the thoughts of the ship going away. Our intercourse from this time, as might be expected, could not be conducted with the same satisfaction it had previously been, although no trouble or inconvenience was spared to do away with their unfavourable impression. The views they entertained of the case very much assisted a reconciliation, as they had no idea of any such thing as a general control existing amongst us; the act was set down as purely an individual one, and the whole fault of it attributed to the man as an act of his own, while they seemed to consider the remainder not in any way concerned in it.

About fourteen days after the occurrence a large collection of people had assembled at Point Barrow to witness some dancing festival previous to setting out to the eastward.

A party from Cape Smyth afterwards endeavoured to get up a united force to attack the ship, without being able to succeed. However, the chief and a good many of the Point Barrow people wishing to make a merit, for which to be rewarded, of their not joining our enemies, I was obliged to tell them that I should be very sorry if the people came down with bows to the ship again, but if they did, a good many would be killed. This appears to have put an end to it, as we were next told of the departure of the hostile party, and were not troubled with any more reports of that description.

We now watched with some anxiety the preparations for the departure of the natives, as the time was approaching for the departure of our boats for Cape Lisburne, and their transit over the ice could not be effected without some risk of