

men, women and children were looking up for advice and protection. Between hope and fear, and in conclusion, a dance commenced. While in this situation fresh runners arrive, declaring it to be a house of various colours and crowded with living creatures. It now appears to be certain that it is the great Mannitto bringing them some kind of game such as they had not seen before; but other runners soon after arriving declare it a large house of various colors, full of people of a different color than they (the Indians) are of; that they were also dressed in a different manner from them, and that one in particular was dressed altogether in red, which must be the Mannitto himself.<sup>1</sup>

"They are soon hailed from the vessel, though in a language they do not understand; yet they shout (or yell) in their way. Many are for running off to the woods, but are pressed by the others to stay, in order not to give offense to their visitors, who could find them out and might destroy them. The house (or large canoe, as some will have it) stops, and a smaller canoe comes ashore with the red man and some others in it; some stay by this canoe to guard it. The chiefs and wise men (or councillors) had composed a large circle, unto which the red-clothed man with two others approach. He salutes them with friendly countenance, and they return the salute after their manner. They are lost in admiration, both as to the color of the skin (of these whites) as also their manner of dress, yet most as to the habit of him who wore the red clothes, which shone with something they could not account for.<sup>2</sup> He *must* be the great Mannitto, they think, but why should he have a *white skin*?<sup>3</sup> A large hockhack<sup>4</sup> is brought forward by one of the (supposed) Mannitto's servants, and from this a substance is poured into a small cup (or glass) and handed to the Mannitto. The (expected) Mannitto drinks; has the glass filled again, and hands it to the chief next to him to drink. The chief receives the glass but only smelleth at it, and passes it to the next chief, who does the same. The glass thus passes through the circle without the contents being tasted by any one; and is upon the point of being returned again to the red-clothed man, when one of their number, a spirited man and great warrior, jumps up, harangues the assembly on the impropriety of returning the glass with the contents in it; that the same was handed them by the Mannitto in order that they should drink it, as he himself had done before them; that this would please him; but to return what he had given to them might provoke him, and be the cause of their being destroyed by

<sup>1</sup> Hudson must have had on a suit of red clothes, as red suits were given to two of the natives.

<sup>2</sup> Lace.

<sup>3</sup> Their own expression.

<sup>4</sup> Their word for gourd, bottle, decanter.