

eyes, and being well dressed with ornaments of beads and shells, had a fine appearance, both were in the prime of life ; she had a fine boy of about nine months old, in their kind of cradle, a flat board at the head of which a narrow board projected, under which was a soft but firm compress against which the head of the child was firmly placed so as to flatten the skull, and throw the brain backwards, leaving the forehead only about an inch in height above the eye brows ; all the infants I saw were not treated this way, only those families that aspired to some distinction ; another Tribe to the northward, on the contrary, apply a thin board to each side of the head, and thereby compress the forehead to be as high as possible above the eyebrows, and form a long narrow face : the latter appeared like so many Don-Quixote's with a melancholy cast of the countenance ; the broad faces of the former, had either an air of ferocity, or a broad grin, both sufficiently distorted to be the ideal of ugliness. A short time before my arrival, the Gentlemen of Astoria informed [me] the Chief Komkomle had met a War Party in their war canoes, and after a long conference had induced them to retire to their Village ; when he saw them advancing he left his Village in a small Canoe with three Slaves, and proceeded towards them, then going ashore, he called to them, and they came to him, he squatted down on the ground and made a long speech to them which pacified them ; this war party of about a dozen of large Canoes was to revenge an insult one of their young men had received at Komkomle's Village, from another young man in a quarrel at gambling ; such, or the affair of a Woman is the cause of their feuds, which too often terminate in loss of life.

In a Bay near the sea, on the left side of the River is the Village of the Klatsups, of the same race as the opposite Village ; and as far as I could see Komkomle appeared to act as their Chief, at all conferences squatting down on the ground, an attitude very different from that of the Chiefs of