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THERE having been no specific object of hydrographical discovery either projected or attempted in this adventure, I would not have thought necessary to record the circumstances, were it not that Mr. Brisbane, following my instructions, in the prosecution of his voyage, revisited those peculiar people the Fuegians.

The progressive improvement of a friendly tribe of men, originally found in a rude state, cannot be a matter of unconcern to the generally benevolent part of mankind; and under that impression I have ventured to bring forward some further observations on the condition of these uncultivated Australians.

Although little as yet can be said of their advancement in knowledge, they have decidedly evinced a mild and pacific disposition, and also an anxious desire for the assistance of strangers.