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The Land the Captains were upon was high mountainous rocky Land, interspersed with a Number of Vales, covered with short Grass and Moss, affording plenty of Sorrell and Scurvy Grass; about three the Captains returned aboard, the Weather delightfully pleasant; soon after three Canoes of *Eskemaux* came along-side; they had nothing to trade when they came along-side, except some of their Cloathing, and Fishing Tackle; but after Presents given them, and being sent away for Venison, they returned with dried Buffalo's Flesh, a Piece or two raw, a single Piece of raw Venison, and a Buffalo's Main just fled off.

Some of the Boats People who had been hunting, saw one Deer, and afterwards three Buffalos, a Bull Buffalo with two Cows; they said that they were much lower than a Deer, but larger bodied as to the Belly and Quarters, had short Legs, Tails like Hogs, and very long Hair; the Bull's Horns resembled an *English* Rams; they run a good pace, and climbed nimbly up the Rocks. It is remarkable that the Flesh of the Buffalo tasted of Musk, and the Heart especially so very strong, that few could eat it. It was observable after our return to the Ship, we having carried a considerable Parcel of this Buffalo Flesh to the Ships with us, that on eating the Flesh of the Bull Buffalo, our Men were surprizingly recovered.

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