

they used. A quantity of the latter material was found in nearly all their wigwams, so that no doubt their color may be ascribed to the last mentioned article. Their intercourse for sometime, as indeed usually happens, was friendly, and they mixed familiarly with the strangers, aiding them in those pursuits which were congenial to their own habits; soon, however, quarrels arose, and as they were an exceedingly jealous people, there may have been cause for this passion being aroused by the incautiousness of the whites, who, in their turn, accused the red men of stealing the materials for the fishery and even its produce. The settlers, who were generally men of fierce tempers, and armed with powerful weapons, carried on the contest in a manner peculiarly ruthless, hunting and shooting the natives like deer. It is recorded that several attempts had been made to open up a friendly intercourse with these tribes, and in 1760 under Governor Wall, an attempt was made by one Scott and others, which was attended with signal failure for both were killed together with their companions. In 1827, we find that an institution called the Boethic, from a native appellation of the people, had been formed with a view of again trying the possibility of opening a friendly intercourse, should any of the tribe be found remaining. To forward the humane intentions of this body, McCormack, who on a former occasion had visited the interior, set out this year with a party of Micmac Indians, and ascending the River Exploits, crossed the country to the head of White Bay. At about half way thither, at a portage called the Indian path, he found vestiges of a family who had evidently been there in the spring or summer of the preceding year. They had possessed two canoes, had left a spear shaft 18 feet long, with fragments of boats and dresses, and had stripped a number of the birch and spruce trees of their rinds, the inner part of which they used for food. Further on he came to the remains of a village consisting of eight to ten Wigwams, each