

and Haven in his Journal¹ thus described their momentous meeting:

"I called out to him in Greenlandish that he should come to me, that I had words to say to him, and that I was his good friend. He was astonished at my speech, and answered in broken French; but I begged him to speak his own language, which I understood, and to bring his countrymen, as I wished to speak to them also; on which he went to them, and cried with a loud voice, 'Our friend has come.'

"I had hardly put on my Greenland clothes, when five of them arrived in their own boats. I went to meet them, and said, 'I have long desired to see you!' They replied, 'Here is an innuit.' I answered, 'I am your countryman and friend!' They rejoined, 'Thou art indeed our countryman.'"

This successful beginning resulted in Governor Palliser sending Haven to England with a recommendation to the Board of Trade for assistance. Aid was readily granted, and the next year Haven, with three other Moravian missionaries, including Christian Drachardt, were returned to continue the work. The Eskimo were again met and gave further evidence of their pleasure at meeting white men who were their friends, and could speak their language. This work made possible the peace which Palliser was enabled to make with the Eskimo at Chateau the following year.

Seven years delay ensued before the work of settlement was taken up, principally due to the Moravians' demand for 100,000 acres of land for each settlement, which appeared excessive to Palliser. The reason given by the Moravians for this request was not the value of the land, which was practically worthless, but the establishment of a reservation which would keep the Eskimo away from the contaminating influences of dissolute whites.

In 1770, Haven, Drachardt, and Jensen were placed in charge of an expedition, which made a settlement at Nain. The grant and purpose of the station were explained to the Eskimo, who appeared well pleased that the Brethren had come to dwell permanently among them. An old acquaintance, Segulliak, and a noted Eskimo woman who had been taken to

¹ Given to Sir Hugh Palliser and preserved at the Record Office, St. John, Nfld.