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pany on his way to Fort Vancouver came to these Dalles in a Canoe with eleven men ; M<sup>r</sup> Ogden put ashore and walked down, he advised the Men to carry the Canoe with the Baggage over the carrying place, the road of which is near the bank ; the water being low, they preferred running the Dalles, they had not gone far, when to avoid the ridge of waves, which they ought to have kept, they took the apparent smooth water, were drawn into a whirlpool, which wheeled them round into it's Vortex, the Canoe with the Men clinging to it, went down end foremost, and [they] were all drowned : at the foot of the Dalles search was made for their bodies, but only one Man was found, his body much mangled by the Rocks). Last evening when the old Men quitted us, they promised to send us Men and Horses to take everything over the carrying place, but after waiting for them some time, we set to work and crossed everything over a tolerable good path to a small sandy bay ; here we had the pleasure of seeing many grey colored Seals,<sup>1</sup> they were apparently in chase of the Salmon, we fired several shots at them to no purpose. About one mile more of Rapids, of which we carried two hundred yards, finished the Falls and Rapids of this River :<sup>2</sup> the Country in appearance has improved, the grass somewhat green, and a few Trees in places, my Interpreter with his Wife left us at the great village, but his own people are higher up the River. I paid him as well as I could for his services, which were of great service to us. but he said he would accompany us to the sea, if he understood the language of the Natives. He was a fine steady manly character, cheerful often smiling but never laughing ; he once remarked to me, when he saw my men laughing heartily, that Men ought not to laugh, it was allowed only to Women.

<sup>1</sup> Probably *Phoca richardi* Gray. [E. A. P.]

<sup>2</sup> Thompson's description of the famous Dalles or troughs of the Columbia is brief, but accurate and realistic. When the water is very low, steamboats have been successfully run down through these Dalles, but at great risk. [T. C. E.]