

them. The principal dwellings are what we call the bone huts, of which I have so often spoken. The natives term them, as well as the whole island, Igloolik; and Igloo being a *house*, the huts may have been the means of naming the country. From Igloolik, as the summer advanced, and the Inlet became clear, as we had seen about August, all removed to a point near the Fury, and the tents were pitched within circular walls of rough stones, apparently built with some labour, and having perhaps stood for ages. This spot, which we called Pâmées Point, from its having been the residence of one of our acquaintance, a great man, who was named after Mr. Palmer, was by the natives called Oong-â-lôo-yây. In addition to the circles within which the people lived, was one entirely set apart for assemblies, when a whale was killed, or any great and joyous occasion, in which the happy savages met to sing and dance. This I considered as a piece of Eskimaux antiquity; and being the only thing of the kind I ever saw in the country, I shall mention its size: the surrounding wall was of large heavy pieces of limestone, and about three feet in height; the enclosed space about fifteen feet in diameter; and at the foot of the wall, large square blocks of lime, which three or four men would hardly lift, were very regularly placed in an exact circle as a bench; the upper surface of these stones was worn quite smooth, and in some places bore a polish, from constant use; in the centre of the place stood one large stone, also worn, which appeared as if intended as a seat for the dancer who is within the circle, to rest upon.

Round a point west of the ships, and called Arnâ-kôâ-khiak, were several small tenting-places; and at the westernmost end of the island were four huts, built of flat pieces of limestone, but I believe not intended for a summer residence: one of these was really very neatly constructed. The fourth place of established residence was a small isthmus on the northern side of the island, to which the natives moved before the snow had yet left the ground; this, about four miles