

Bolcheretsk, would be indelible in our hearts, we were too much affected not to hasten into the boats. At putting off we received three cheers, which we immediately returned; and, on doubling a point, where we last beheld our friendly entertainers, they still added to our feelings by a farewell cheer.

On our return, the stream was so exceedingly rapid, that, notwithstanding the utmost exertions of our conductors, we did not arrive at the first village, Opatchin, till the 17th in the evening, which did not exceed the rate of twenty miles a day. On the 19th we reached Natchekin, and crossed the plain to Karatchin on the 20th. The road was in much better order than when we passed it before, as it froze smartly in the night of the 19th. We proceeded down the Awatska river on the 21st, and passed over the shoals, at the entrance of the bay, before it was dark. During the whole of our journey we were highly pleased with the willingness and alacrity with which the *Toions* and their Kamtschadales assisted us at the different *ostrogs*. On seeing the Major, joy appeared in every countenance; and they were much affected upon being informed that he would shortly leave them.

A messenger had been dispatched from Bolcheretsk to captain Clerke, acquainting him with the nature of our reception; and that the Major intended to accompany us on our return; apprizing him, at the same time, of the day he might expect us. We observed, with pleasure, as we approached the harbour, all our boats coming towards us. The men were all clean, and the officers as well arrayed as their wardrobes would then permit them to be. The Major was struck at the healthy appearance of

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