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p 88 Itemchon the head chief of Masset came in a handsome canoe, accompanied by his three wives. The face is long, a little morose and savage, and has something of the Swiss character. A zig-zag red line on his forehead was continued to part of his nose. He wore, by way of a mantle, a white blanket, with a blue stripe at the extremities, open before, and fastened by a cord: his hat was in

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the form of a truncated cone, in the Chinese fashion. He would not come on board, till we had promised that an officer should remain as a hostage in his boat. . . . We conversed by means of an Indian of Skitigats, named Intcharge.* Having asked the name

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Intcharge was well made, of fine stature; his complexion was slightly tanned, and his countenance, entirely European, except the eyes, which, in all the natives of the north-west coast that I saw, have always something savage in them. He figured himself not only on speaking English well, but also on his polished manners; of which he endeavoured to persuade us by saying frequently, "We all the same Boston gentleman." These Indians, who have no intercourse except with the vessels from Boston, conceive that city to be the capital of the civilized world.

of the chief, telling him my own, he thought I wanted to change names with him, which, among their people, is the most inviolable pledge of friendship. He eagerly acceded to this proposal, which seemed to flatter him. The exchange was made, notwithstanding the difficulty the chief found in pronouncing his new name, which,

to oblige him, I softened into Roki; we made each other some presents, and parted good friends.

(Ship ran aground trying to leave) feared attack
... I was made easy by the presence of my friend
Hemchou, who had come on board shortly after we had
run aground, without requiring a hostage. (E.
reassured him all OK. R. said all these people
and canoes get in the way

p 90 "He made no answer to this indirect solicitation,
but, a moment after, when we were going to carry
out an anchor, he took leave of us. After he had
left the ship, he spoke some words in a loud voice,
and, in about five minutes, there did not remain a
single canoe alongside, and not a single man on
board, except the caterporter. This Indian told me,
that he stayed only with the permission of his
chief....

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Left afloat by noon on 30th. [Aug]

"My friend Hemchou came back in the morning,
like a man certain of being welcome, and expressed
much joy at our success. I gave him, besides
several trifles, a double-barrelled gun. This man,
has a feeling heart, and this, perhaps, prevented all
hostile attacks from his subjects. (left).