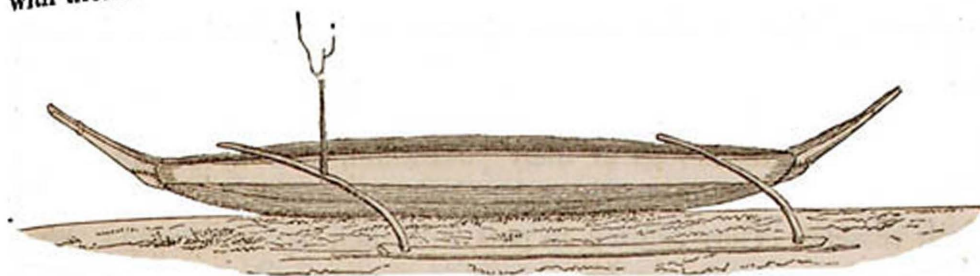


get some of their paddles, but they rather ridiculed the idea of parting with them.



CANOE OF WYTOOHEE.

The canoes were quite small, being only from twelve to fifteen feet long. They generally contained two and sometimes three natives. Each canoe had an out-rigger, and a projecting point, both before and behind, by which they get into them from the water. They are formed of strips of cocoa-nut wood sewed together. Two persons can carry them. Their paddles were curved backwards.

In order to dispel their fears, articles were given them gratuitously, and by way of showing their gratitude, they began a monotonous song or chaunt. They would occasionally stop, look up, and return the laugh of the crew by a grin; apparently enjoying the sport as much as any of them.



NATIVE OF WYTOOHEE.

These natives are peculiar, and appeared totally distinct from any others we met with in this group, having strong wiry beards and mustaches, and a different physiognomy. The portrait by Mr. Drayton, gives a very correct idea of them.

I sent one of the boats to the shore, with the interpreter, under Lieutenant Case, but they refused to allow them to land. No actual