

quent in large numbers. Their cry or whistle is at times very shrill, and may be heard for a great distance.

At the junction of the Feather river with the Sacramento, the latter increases in width to nearly double. It was found just below the junction to be from twelve to fifteen hundred feet broad, forming a sort of bay, but it soon again contracts. They encamped about ten miles below the confluence of these streams.

Whilst the men were employed in pitching the tents, Dr. Pickering strolled up the bank, to see what he could find in the botanical way, without arms. On his approaching the bushes, a huge grisly bear made for him, and so close was he that it was necessary for him to make all the exertion he could to effect his escape from so dangerous an adversary. He gave the alarm, and every one was running for his arms, but before these could be prepared, this inhabitant of the forest made a precipitate retreat, and was soon beyond the reach of the rifle.

On the 4th, they had returned to Captain Suter, where they found that a small Russian schooner had arrived from Bodega, bringing the governor of that establishment, who was about delivering it up to Captain Suter. The vessel was understood to have been built at Sitka, and was of only thirty tons burden, very much resembling an English vessel of the same class.

For a boat they use a skin "badaka," that is admirably adapted for the seas and weather they have to contend with. When the persons are seated, and the opening closed, with a skin dress they more resemble an aquatic animal than any thing else.

The morning after their arrival, Captain Suter paid his men their weekly wages, in cloths, calicoes, vests, shirts, and pantaloons. The whole was arranged through their chief, who spoke a little Spanish. The labourers are obtained from the different rancherias, and some from the vicinity of the mountains. It was observed that the larger portion of the labourers were young men and boys; no women were employed, and as yet their services are not needed; but it is the Captain's intention, as he informed our gentlemen, to have employment for them in a year or two.

Several Americans from the United States are beginning to settle in this part of the country, and it will not be long before it becomes in some respects, an American Colony.

Although it was late in the season, a few salmon were caught at the fishery; they were not to be distinguished from the Columbia species of the first run.