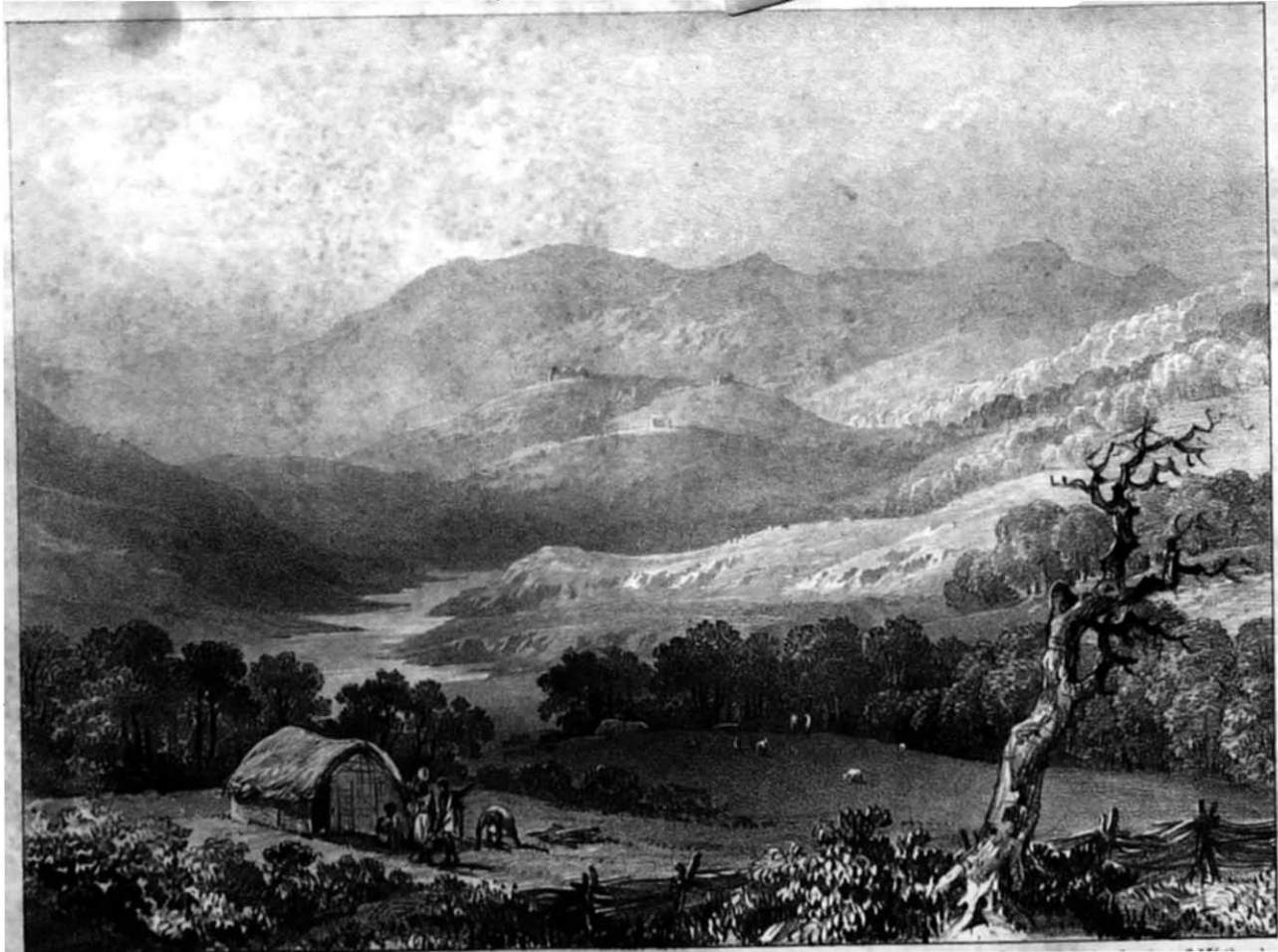


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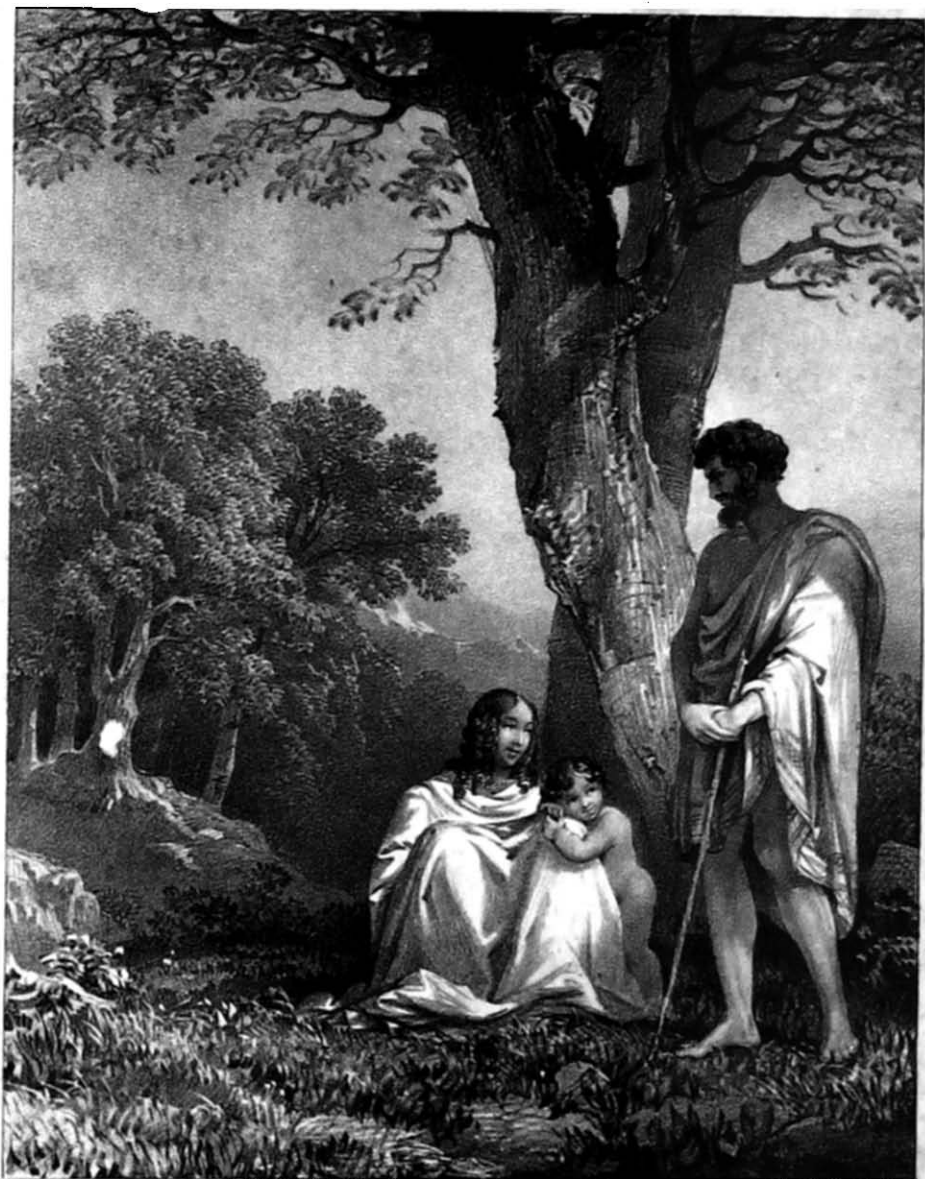
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Polzh-ti	A Temple.
Ezhu	Morning.
Kukh	A Daughter.
Mūkh	A Son.
Pūr	A River.
Pērt	Cold.
Mittūv	The Nose.
Hushk	Paddy.
Pizhakaza	To-morrow.
Ponzh	The Sky.
Modj	A Cloud.
Pirhz	The Sun.
Tiggāl	The Moon.
Oldōr	A Road.
Pōm	A Fruit.
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Tuvi	A Feather.
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Turūni	A Monkey.
Ishk	People.
Morrt	Home or Grange.
Cubbon	Iron.
Tilum	Pleasure.
Tēr	Deity.
Uhk	Fire.
Urkorn	A Servant.
Konmun	The Face.
Phultan	A Flea.
Kust	An Ass.
Ez-pom	Raspberry.
Mürp-pom	Strawberry.
Hum-a-Norr, of Om Norr	The other World.
Ath	That.
Adherz	Afterwards.
Ewas	Whether.
Kürsvür	Some.
Ettüd	Large.
Kin	Small.
Yah	And so.
Athvud	Therefore.
Dvijan	A Wife.
Put	A Fool.
Err	A Buffaloe.
Arse	A House.
Ushūs	Mid-day.

Vriltospani	We are well.
Mūkh yet vadu nūtām	{ Please to look where the Child (Son) is.
Ishkema Vukema	Shall we go or stay.
I ni at vugen pizhakazha it vosken	{ I will go there now, and come here to-morrow.
Yekalnēr at vu-i ezh pizhakazha it va	{ Go there in the morning, and come here to-morrow morning.
Tiri it voshk ēm, tezimuschūs a Marz-ut vukem-uz	{ Having come back, shall we all go to that Mountain at Mid-day.
Peki ursyoti, ne-ust urst	Speak truth, not falsehood.
Uhk, on Pēki engēn-uz	Fie, shall I tell a falsehood?
Ed vollo vishka	Why is it not good?
At-gad-iguz kultch kurtchcha	Be off, do you teach thus?
Nōsnōrr oppōm poththi udi	Nōsnōrr is far off.
Petmarz kekkuri udi	Petmarz is near.
Athvud, ini at-vugēni	Therefore I cannot go there now.
Vrilt, pērnēr at vukem-uz	{ Very well, shall we go there the day after to-morrow.

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