

(9) An indescribable excitement was produced by the appearance of this strange being, endeavoring to hire his steps in the dance in which he was now (apparently) taking a part, with the motions of an animal under him, the women & children of the whole tribe, who were looper-on, were instructed to clap their hands & shout their approbation, as they all wanted buffaloes to supply them with food during the coming year, & which supply they attributed to this indispensable form.

The usual time of the buffaloes' leap was occupied in the curious affair, when this strange actor was down, & imitating perfectly the motions & noise of a buff. ble on such occasions, he approached & leaped 4 or 5 in succession, without in the least checking the dance, producing something like a quartet of an hour of the highest excitement & amusement of a crowd.

This scene finished (the buffaloes still dancing) O-b-hee-de appeared much fatigued & exhausted, which brought the W & C around him, they being no longer afraid of him. The