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FROM  
THE SEA**

## EXPLORATION OBJECTS



### A GROUP OF INUIT WITH SOME CREW MEMBERS POSING OFF THE PORT BOW OF *DISCOVERY*

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1875

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#### Description

This photograph was taken in front of *Discovery* on 25 July 1875. The local inhabitants, the Inuit, spoke to men of the expedition through interpreters. In his diary Lt Parr described the clothes worn by the Inuit women as 'a sealskin jumper, trousers & long coloured boots [which] were embroidered with different colours... the boots being almost as long as our fishermen's and none of their garments (clothes) overlap each other so that if it is blowing they must find it rather chilly.'

#### Questions

Can you see the sailor's hand holding the child's head still? Why do you think he is doing this?

Describe what you think might have happened before this photograph was taken.

Look at the expressions on the Inuits' faces. What do you think they are thinking and feeling?



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