

the heads of the Chiefs are cut off
and laid by themselves, and when
this is done, the Brains, and the whole
of the inside of the Skull are taken
out, & prayers are offered up to their
God & the funeral ode is sung the
very same ode they believe which
the first man ^{ever} sung over
the dead Body of his Son. When
the sacrifices are offered up at
too great a distance for their Friends
to partake of them, the Priests
take some small splinters of
wood & pass them thro' the flesh
of the sacrifices & when they return
home bring them with them
when they are put amongst the
food, when dressed & afterwards
swallowed thro' the Mouth of the
Priest in the presence of the Chiefs
who went to war & prayers are
offered up at the time and then
the splinters of wood are taken
to their family Sepulchre and
deposited there. When the Chief
has eaten the Sacrifice at a distance
and returns home with the pieces
of wood, he is considered unholly,
having touched a dead Body, but
when the Priest has received the
pieces of wood from him & he has
been sprinkled by the Priest