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Mr Theodore Walker being at the Society Islands in the Endeavour at the latter end of the year 1810, shipped on board a Native called Tanuhee commonly known among Europeans by the name of Big Jack. On Walker's return to the Island of Bola Bola where I had been put ashore & left, I saw Tanuhee on board the Endeavour. On my return to Port Jackson in 1812 Tanuhee came on board the Trial to see me. I ask^d him how he came to leave Walker? He answer^d because he would give him but little for his services— he ~~had~~ [sic] made a demand for his services & being refused left the ship for which he was put in jail. After remaining in jail some time where he subsisted on the jail allowance of bread & water, he was taken on board the Endeavour. Not being inclined to work he asked to be allowed to go ashore. Walker said he might but he should not go in the boat. Tanuhee then jumped [f] overboard & swam ashore.

Tanuhee then went a voyage in Mr Thornby's Vessel. On his return to Sydney he worked on board the Mary-Anne belonging Captⁿ Birnie [sic]. Finally he went with Mr John Walker in in [sic] the Governor-Macquarie & was left among the Islands.

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It is well known that Tanuhee was the man that struck the first blow in the massacre on board the Queen Charlotte Captⁿ Shelly & killed Mr Leslie the chief mate. He had been shipped on board as a Diver.

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NB

Peter Dillon now commands the Active Brig which I purchased, and is gone with Messrs Kendall and Hall to New Zealand

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Sam^l Marsden