

very ill to them, They had agreed to give 150 Baskets of Potatoes
 and 8 Hags for a Musket, The Potatoes and Hags were delivered,
 and divided between the 2 Vessels, after which the Otahetian
 and one of the chiefs went on board the King George for the Musket
 which was delivered, at the same time the Master of the
 King George demanded more potatoes and Hags, the chief
 was detained on board and the Otahetian was sent on
 shore for more Potatoes and Hags, The head chief said he had
 fulfilled the agreement for the musket by the 150 Baskets
 of Potatoes and 8 Hags and he would give no more. The
 chief that was detained a prisoner on board the King George
 was the head chief's brother, and was at this time on board
 the Active. The Otahetian was sent on board the King George
 to tell the Master that no more potatoes and Hags would
 be given, and to request him to release the chief whom
 he had unjustly detained, this the Master refused to do
 and kept the Otahetian a prisoner also. In two or 3 days they
 were both put on board the Jefferson, there they remained for 3 or
 4 days till they were ransomed at 170 Baskets of Potatoes and 5 Hags,
 The people on shore were greatly enraged all this time and alarmed
 for the safety of their chief, as the vessels were out of sight
 for some time; After the Potatoes and Hags were delivered 2
 Boats were sent on shore with the Otahetian and the chief,
 Great numbers of the natives were assembled on the shore to
 receive them, they were no sooner landed than the natives
 fired upon the Boats, and I have no doubt but what they
 wo^d have massacred them at the moment if they could
 for their fraud and cruelty. The Otahetian told me it
 was not possible to restrain the people from firing
 upon the Boats. The chief spoke with great warmth
 and indignation at the treatment he had received, I
 assured them that both King George and Governor M^r Quarrie
 wo^d punish any act of fraud or cruelty committed by the
 Europeans whenever they were informed of them. I now gave
 them Governor M^r Quarries instructions to Masters of