

caused some little delay, the Smith not being able to make what was wanted fast enough; several chiefs engaged to supply a given number of Spars. They required me to go with them and point out such Trees as I required to be cut down, which I did; and in little more than a fortnight we had our Cargo on board, found them all act with the strictest honesty in their dealing, and some of them trusted me till the Smith made the Acs for payment. We had no differences during the whole time we lay at the River, nor means of protecting ourselves against such numbers as are in these districts, but were wholly in the power of the Natives. I put no restraint upon them, but suffered them to come at any time, and in any number to the Vessel, Sabbath days excepted when we had divine service. A number of chiefs lived constantly on board, and many of their Servants. We had only 2 small chiefs committed while the Vessel lay in the Harbour, one of the chiefs detected a common man with about 2 pounds of Iron, and brought him to me. The chief was in a violent rage with him, I ordered the man to be confined in the hold till Terra the Head chief came on board, when he arrived he was informed what the man had done, Terra desired the thief might be brought upon Deck. Upon his approaching, he made a blow at him with a billet of wood, and would have put him to death immediately, if I had not interfered to save his life, by getting him out of the Actue into a Canoe. He ordered him to quit his dominions and return no more. Afterwards got 2 Razors. The chiefs on my mentioning this circumstance were much concerned, and told me, they hoped I did not suspect either of them guilty of such a crime. as certainly no chief wd. steal. They observed I had been too indulgent in allowing their servants to come on board, who could not be trusted; they assured me that if ever ^{they} found out the thief at any distant period, he sho. suffer death. They also presented me with a very valuable Matt, one of the finest I had seen as a compensation for my my loss, observing while I remained in their districts, I should not suffer any loss, that they could remedy. They were all very much hurt at this theft, and one of them sat upon Deck two Day and nights and would not come into the Cabin to eat from

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