

the Jefferson Whaler had come in and was anchored in the cove near Ferras Village and that there has been a serious difference between the people on board and the chief Terra whom they had threatened to shoot, they further stated, that if any injury happened to Terra the Jefferson would be cut off and her people killed, and entreated me to go down and know the cause of the quarrel, I was much concerned to hear this account and told them I would repair on board the Jefferson, and if any injury had befallen Terra the person who had done it should be brought on board the active and taken to port Jackson where he should be punished by Governor McQuarrie. Took the largest carpenters axe we had in the Vessel as a present to Terra knowing that nothing would be more acceptable to him, and sat off in a canoe for his Village. Found him at home, and on presenting the axe told him what I had heard. He stated he had been on board the Jefferson, and that a pistol was pointed at his Breast threatening to shoot him. Desired him to accompany me and point out the person who had insulted him. He ordered his canoe and went followed by his brother and another chief. When he arrived on board he marked out the person that threatened to shoot him, and stated the cause of their differing, but as the matter was at length settled to the satisfaction of the chief and his friends, it is not necessary to say more, only, that it appeared to me, that the Europeans were utterly to blame. Remained on board the Jefferson all night, and in the morning while walking the quarter Deck in company with the second Mate, I saw one of the chief in a dreadful rage, and I see Ferras Brother pointing up to the mast head, at the same time making signs to some of the natives as if he wanted them to hang some person up; I immediately went with the Mate and enquired the cause of the uproar. The chief who was so angry pointed to a young man with a sword in his hand, and said he had struck his Wife several times with it, and when he forbid him, he made several stabs at him. Urged him to be composed, and the