

with what difficulty you obtained admision and that was only by
 special permission after it had been settled upon that neither you
 nor the Missionary should by our presence occasion the
 displeasure of Atua. Every thing was also tabooed which he touched
 or out of which he eat. One day ordered him some Rice water,
 of which when I had given him some spoonfully and was desirous
 to have the Decanter emptied in order that it might be replenished
 he immediately took the alarm, and his feelings were very much
 hurt indeed. He said to me you are very angry and unkind Mr. Penrose
 "If the Decanter is taken away I shall die this very day." Atua would
 kill him. I told him the Atua must be very cruel, and commended
 him of the God whom we worshipped who was infinitely kind
 and as he had often heard, had given his own Son who had suffered
 and died for the sin of Man in order that man might live
 and die happy. He made no reply to my observation, and when
 I recommended him to taste some provisions as of ten as
 possible he said "when breath comes I shall eat." In certain
 diseases upon the Lungs such as a violent cold, which I believe was the
 case with Quatera the natives believe something enters into
 the sick in the form of a voracious reptile and though uncer-
 tain upon the vital parts the breath is gone. They believe also
 that as the Atua descends like a falling star so in time the sun
^{of the soul} ~~part~~, becomes a star in the firmament. This takes place when the
 Eyes are wasted away. The left Eyes of Quatera and Dukoo are
 to be seen shining amongst those bright luminaries in a little time