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He would not hurt them any more. The natives addressing themselves
to Captain P. through their speaker (for one of them could speak
English tolerably well) told him how many men, women and
children had been killed: how many bullets had passed through
the legs, arms &c of others, and that seven bullets had passed through
the raiment of Tippah one of which wounded him but not
mortally. All the rest of the natives mourn for their lives and
wonder their escape, except some women who being wounded sat
upon the bush and were discovered at daylight but not killed
by the sailors. The interpreter added that the natives were now
ready to make peace, upon which several of them rose up in
order to shake Captain P. by the hand. One of them in a
peculiar manner offered to change coats with him. The speaker
accompanied him to the ship and obtained as a present some
rice and some other articles. An axe was also sent to my
house for the Chief "Gumma". The letters were very much
gratified with the above interview. The peaceable manner
in which the natives of Tippahma represented their wrongs, without
any sudden bursts of passion, and the readiness they manifested
to make peace have confirmed our good opinion in their favor.
It is truly gratifying to observe them making such rapid
progress towards civilization. It is also pleasing to see a small
number pay some attention to the Lords Day. Some of the
chiefs have declared that it is not their intention in future to
do any work upon that Day.

N.B. I write occurrences as they pass without any regard to names -
The Committee will best judge the propriety of making my observations public.