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with what difficulty you obtained admittance, and that
was only by Special Permission after it had been settled
upon that an European would not by his presence
occasion the displeasure of the Deity. Everything was also
taboo'd which he touched or out of which he eat. I
on this took up with me some Tea water, of which
when I had given him a few Spoonfuls and was
desirous to empty the Decanter in order that it
might be replenish'd, his feelings were very much hurt.
He said to me, You are very unkind Mr. Kendale,
"if the Decanter is taken away Tea will kill
me this very day." I told him the Tea must be
very cruel, and recommended him of the God whom
we worshipp'd who was infinitely kind, and as
he had heard, had given his own Son, who had
suffered, bled 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 take some nourishment as often as possible
he said "when breath comes I shall eat." In certain