

to be under any apprehensions of the safety of their  
 boats but allowed their people to remain outside  
 along the Boarding Nettings without taking any  
 notice but while the people were below at dinner  
 I received a very severe blow in the back of the  
 neck by a short club from one of the chiefs who  
 was making up the Mats on the Quarter deck with  
 the other chief Barrars. I by chance escaped the  
 second blow by making my way down the  
 Forecastle hatch. At this time they had got  
 command of the upper deck as also a few had  
 got between decks which were soon dispatched  
 by the people having their Muskets in reading  
 and we again had all clear below fore and  
 aft. It was then a moment of consideration  
 how to guard and protect ourselves and prevent  
 them making a rush upon us. I first placed  
 one man at each corner of the Main Watch  
 with Muskets by that means we cleared every