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The bounding nettles 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
while making up the masts on the quarter
deck with the other chief Marrooro. I by
chance escaped the second blow by making my
way down the fore-castle hatch. At this time
they had got command of the upper deck as
also a few had got between decks which were
soon despatched by the people having their
muskets in readiness 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 hatch with muskets
by that means we cleared every part of the
main deck and drove them aft. Finding them
so numerous on the quarter deck I gave directions
to fire through the skylight with two muskets
at one which did so much execution and
put them to so much alarm that it drove
them forward and gave us another excellent
chance at the main hatchway. It was at this
time they were put to their greatest stand, but
on the arrival of Jacky Waddie a native