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not only obtained such articles as they wanted,  
but have lived much better themselves, and there  
has been but little mortality. Their native  
disposition has of course been greatly revived,  
and being heathens still, they follow the customs  
and traditions of their forefathers with avidity.  
War is all their glory. They travel to  
the South, and kill great numbers. Almost  
the whole of the native men belonging to this  
bay are now gone to Battle. Although the  
natives in general shew no disposition to injure  
us, yet being so unsettled and unsteady, our  
situation, <sup>amongst them</sup> is more trying and uncomfortable.

With respect to our own conduct we have  
hitherto been strictly neutral. We have made  
it our constant practice to be kind to strangers,  
and whilst we continue to be still I am  
under no fears whatever respecting our persons