

I told them I could not steal nor take by force any thing from the inhabitants but I was willing to purchase, but would take nothing unless what was legally bought and paid for. They urged me much to stop and get my supplies, which I would have done, if I had been sensible, they could be procured without giving offence to the natives; but I was convinced they could not, from what I had been told on shore, unless the male proprietors had been there. As soon as we had dined, I desired the master to prepare for sea, immediately. - The anchor was soon weighed and the vessel put under sail dash, The Chiefs and their Ladies still remaining, unwilling to leave us they had several dances on deck; - at length I got the Ladies into the Canoes, but the Chiefs shewed no inclination to part, and again had another dance, when the Ladies once more leapt on board and joined them in the dance and song, which continued till we had sailed a considerable distance, when they were compelled either to leave us, or go to sea.

When they had got into the canoes, the 28 natives I had on board, began to sing and dance in their turn, to amuse <sup>the</sup>