

in allowing their servants to come on board, who could not all be trusted; and assured me, that if ever they found out the thief at any period however distant, he should be put to death. — They also presented me with a very valuable mat — one of the finest I had seen, as a compensation for my loss, observing that while I remained in their districts I should not suffer any loss which they could remedy. — They were all much concerned about these thefts. — One of them sat upon deck two days and nights, and would not come into the cabin to eat, from vexation — saying he was so much ashamed of such conduct. — (Theft & adultery they punish with death)

On passing up the river Kouakoua I observed upon the summit of a very high hill a Roman cross; and asked the natives what it was for; they told me it was to hang thieves on whom they first killed, and then hung up their dead bodies till time or the vultures destroyed. — During our stay at Kouakoua, I had many interesting conversations with the Chiefs relative to the nature of crimes and punishments, and I pointed out to them, that there was no comparison between a man who would steal a potatoe and another who committed murder — and yet ^{their}