

no danger - I endeavored to persuade myself that my fears were groundless - and therefore entered the canoe which soon passed over the raging surf and reached the Active in safety.

Some of this Canoes are 80 feet long and it is astonishing to see with what skill these people manage them in a rough sea. - Previous to leaving the shore, I informed Sem that the Brig would be by all night - if not driven off by the wind, and in the morning we should stand in for the land, in order that I may see his father in law before I left, and get the fias he had prepared on board. -

As the wind continued the same all night we could not make near the land in the morning than in the evening before. Sem came off however pretty early with a message from the chief requesting me to go on shore.

I desired him to return and tell the chief, the sea was so high, and not being accustomed to their Canoes I was afraid to venture, and that if