

From the beautiful tattooing on the face, the Chief must have been of high rank. I inquired whose head it was; and was told that it was the head of a chief who had been killed beyond the River Thames by Runghes. It is possible that the ~~deaths~~ <sup>death</sup> of this Chief may be revenged by his children, if the tribe to which he belonged should ever have strength to retaliate on Runghes or his posterity. Hence the foundation is continually laid for new acts of cruelty & blood, from generation to generation; as the remembrance of these injuries seems never to be forgotten by them.) I shall here men-

tion an instance of retaliation, some of the circumstances of which came within my own knowledge:—

About fifteen or sixteen years ago, a vessel belonging to Campbell Co. of Fort Jackson, called the Venus, was taken by the convicts at Fort Dalrymple. When the pirates had possession of the Venus, they sailed for New Zealand, and touched at the Bay of Islands; from whence they took the sister of a chief, named Semmarangha; and afterwards sold her at an island near East-Cape for some mats. Two of the Natives afterwards quarrelled about her, in consequence of which she was killed.

Some time after, some Natives arrived from East-Cape at the Bay of Islands, and gave information relative to the fate of Semmarangha's Sister. Semmarangha's Father was alive; and previous to his death, caused Semmarangha to swear that