

of the "General Gates" brought up the
 remaining stores, in a canoe belonging to
 Gorooboo. The casks being chiefly filled
 with tools of Agriculture, we could ^{not} land them,
 without opening and exposing their contents to the
 Natives. A Miser never valued gold so much as
 *they do edge-tools. These are a temptation
 which they cannot withstand. We now ex-
 pected to be robbed, more or less; as the
 Natives could not be kept from the canoe,
 nor from the casks when opened. We were
 obliged to employ some of them, to carry the
 stores to the public store. When about half of
 them were landed, a report was spread that
 the Natives had stolen some of the axes, bill-
 hooks, &c. An immediate stop was put
 to the Natives carrying any of the articles
 from the canoe, and several of them were
 charged with theft; which created a general
 tumult and fermentation among them. We
 could not ascertain what they had stolen,
 but knew that some axes, ~~ax~~ sickles, &c were