

preserved, as the spoils of war, with respect — as a standard, when taken from a Regiment, is respected by the victor.

It is gratifying to the vanquished, to know that the heads of their Chiefs are preserved by the enemy; for when the conqueror wishes to make peace, he takes the Heads of the Chiefs along with him, and exhibits them to their tribe. If the tribe are desirous of putting an end to the contest, they cry aloud at the <sup>sight of the</sup> Heads of their Chiefs, and all hostilities terminate: this is the signal that the Conqueror will grant them any terms which they may require. But if the tribe are determined to renew the contest and risk the issue of another battle, they do not cry.

Thus the Head of a Chief may be considered as the Standard of the Tribe to which