

His Head is immediately cut off; and a proclamation made for all the Chiefs to attend, who belong to the victorious party, to assist in performing the accustomed religious Ceremony, in order to ascertain, by augury, whether their God will prosper them in the present battle. If the priest, after the performance of the ceremony, says that their God is propitious, they are inspired with fresh courage to attack the enemy; but if the Priest returns answer, that their God will not be propitious, they quit the field of battle in sullen silence. The Head already in possession, is preserved for the Chief on whose account the war was undertaken, as satisfaction for the injury which he, or some one of his Tribe, had received.