

observed proud flesh rising in some parts, which had been cut almost a month before. The operation is so painful, that the whole tattooing cannot be done at one time; and it appears to be several years, before the Chiefs are perfectly tattooed.

On my return thro' the village, in company with Mr. Rendall, I observed the Heads of four Chiefs, stuck on four poles, at one of the huts. I requested Mr. Rendall to accompany me to the hut, in order to ascertain the cause of the death of these Chiefs, and from whence the heads had been brought. On making inquiries of the people, we received the following account:-

Some years ago, a vessel from Port Jackson, called the Venus, touched at the bay of Islands; from whence the crew took a woman belonging to Shunghees tribe, and afterwards landed her