

Ceremonies and a Spear should go through their Bodies: they would not die, I told them that the Observance of those Things would have no effect in preserving their lives in Battle, they Contended warmly that it would, and one of the Chiefs Came forward, and shewed where a Spear had passed through his lungs and both his Blood and his Breath Came through the Orifice of the Wound and yet he recovered because he paid attention to the Injection of the Priests, In answer to this, I said that I had seen a large barbed Spear taken out of the Body of a White Man at Parramatta which had been thrown at him by a Native, and Wounded the intestines so much that the food which he ate, Came through the Wound which the Spear had made, for a Considerable time, yet he recovered and was alive and well when I left Parramatta, though he had never been Sabored nor his food, nor his House

They expressed their astonishment that he should recover from such a Wound without attention to Similar Ceremonies with themselves on the Observation of which, they believed the Issue of life or Death to depend, I also told them that instances had occurred of Soldiers in Battle, being shot through the Lungs with a Ball, as the Chief had been Spear'd and Nevertheless recovered, and yet they were not Sabored I asked them if the Chief had been Spear'd through the Heart or the Temples of the head whether he would have recovered or not, admitting he had been Saboring