

What they felt when they perspired freely, that we might be right in our opinion -

They then asked me how Quaterra came to die, I told them that by great Exertion and lying out in the air he got a violent Cold which brought on the burning heat that they spoke of and a violent Complaint in his bowels, the Priests then tabooed him would let him ^{have} nothing to eat or drink for five Days and would not let ~~him~~ me see him for fear their God should kill him and them, Quaterra had been accustomed to eat our Bread Rice and Sugar and to drink Tea and Wine and when he was ill the Priests would not allow him to have any of those Articles which he had been accustomed to and which might have saved him on account of the taboo and for want of proper Nourishment it was not possible for him to live and many of these Country Men like Quaterra, died in consequence of the Taboo and lying in the Wet and Cold when they felt that burning heat, -

These arguments had some weight with them and appeared to convince them that they were in Error, - We further told them Pomare King of Otaheite thought some time ago as they did he tabooed his houses and provisions and was constantly under fear lest his God should kill him and his people but since the Missionaries have lived at Otaheite and he and his people had been taught the Meaning of Gods Book