

Thief

The chief  
George's fear  
of being  
harmless

boat with me, in order to accompany me. when  
 we got to the wharf, we found Mr. Turner had  
 left very imprudently Mr. Hopper's box chest  
 in the boat without any person to take care  
 of it. It had been broken open, and several  
 things carried off. George threw off all his  
 moods apparently in a dreadful rage, and  
 said he would put the Thief to instant  
 death. A number of his people were about  
 him, he demanded to know who had committed  
 the Theft, and was told, that one of his brothers  
 Staves had done it. and ~~was~~ <sup>had</sup> run off with the  
 Property. He took a Spear and ran up the  
 bank of the River, and in about ten minutes  
 returned with some of the Articles and said  
 he had speared the Thief, but I do not believe he  
 did. As we went down in the boat, he  
 expressed his indignation against a Thief - and how  
 determined he was to punish all thieves with  
 death. I believe this was all a mere pretence.  
 We talked over the business of the voyage.  
 He told me how he had been despised, and insulted  
 for cutting off the voyage by the different Tribes,  
 and what trouble it had given him, as they would  
 not be recruited to him on that Account. He  
 said he should wish to visit Fort Jackson  
 again but he was afraid that he would <sup>be</sup> hanging  
 there if he went. He thought he might  
 now venture, as he had got some  
 Europeans at his Settlements, they would be