

king's name was Maiha Maiha : he importuned Captain Portlock very strongly to go on shore. On his declining that proposal, he told him that the king would pay him a visit the next day. Many canoes came alongside, and the people were very importunate to come on board : they behaved in a very daring insolent manner, and it was with difficulty they were prevailed on to quit the ship. They wished to suffer these inconveniences, rather than use violence, if it could possibly be helped ; yet these appearances made them fearful of doing their business at Karakakooa with ease.

As soon as they had anchored, they were immediately surrounded with amazing numbers of the natives, who grew very troublesome, constantly crawling up the cable and the ship's side. During this time, no chief who had any command of the people, made his appearance. In the course of the afternoon they purchased a number of fine hogs, and a good quantity of salt, with plantains, potatoes, and taro, which last was the best they had ever seen. Bread fruit was scarce, and what they got was not in a perfect state, which made them conclude it was not in proper season.

At night fires were lighted all round the bay, and the people on shore were in constant motion. Several canoes continued near the ship, and about midnight one of the natives brought off a lighted torch, seemingly with an intention of setting fire to the