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they had other artifices equally difhonourable. The following is one inftance, in which we discovered, with regret, that our good friend Koah was a party principally concerned. The chiefs who made us prefents of hogs, were always generoufly rewarded; in confequence of which, we-were fupplied with more than we could confume. On these occasions, Koah, who attended us conftantly, petitioned ufually for those that we did not absolutely want, and they were given him of course. A pig was one day prefented to us by a man, whom Koah introduced as a chief. The pig we knew to be one of those that had a fhort time before been given to Koah. Sufpecting an impolition, we found upon enquiry, that the pretended chief was one of the common people; and from other concurrent circumstances, we were perfectly convinced, that this was not the first time of our having been made the dupes of Koah's low cunning.

Sunday, the 24th, we were not a little furprized to find, that not any canoes were permitted to put off, and that the natives were confined to their houfes. At length we were informed, that the bay was tabooed, and that intercourfe with us was interdicted. on account of the arrival of Terrecoboo, their king. On the 25th, we endeavoured by threats and promifes, to induce the inhabitants to revisit the fhips. Some of them were venturing to put off, when we perceived a chief very active in driving them away : to make him defilt, a mulquet was fired over his head, which produced the defired effect; for refreshments were foon after to be had as usual. In the afternoon, the thips were privately vifited by Terrecoboo, attended only by one canoe, containing his wife and family. When he entered the ship, he fell on his face, as a mark of submisfion to the commodore, as did all his attendants' and after having made an oration, which none of us understood, he prefented the captain with three barbicued

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