

the beams upon the supporters are so closely fitted that it may be taken for the same piece of wood; the roof is very high and has a great slope; the thatching ingeniously done with the coca-nut leaf; the inside is curiously carved in various figures, and the gable ends have the appearance of Gentoo temples, decorated with figures of men and women.

Every Ruffack or chief, has a square piece of stone causeway before his house, and a small detached place, like a pigeon-house, where they keep store of yams for present use; this little place was at first taken for a house of worship, but it was found they have not any notion of a Deity, though they have many superstitious prejudices.

The party left Coroora, where they had been on a visit in great state, and arrived at Arrakappalang at sun set, when the English Union was hoisted upon a point of the land, and the foundation stone laid of Fort Abercrombie, in honour of the Governor of Bombay, and by Abby Thulle's permission, possession of it was taken in the name of the English.

The Island is about four miles in circumference, and well watered by springs and rivulets; the soil rich, and fit to produce any thing by cultivation; it was resolved by Captain M'Cluer to leave the Endeavour there while he went in the Panther to Canton, in order to shew the natives the use of the tools sent them by the Company, and to forward the cultivation of the grounds, which had been sown with rice and garden seeds. The Master of the Endeavour, who had a ship's company of about 50 men, was directed to secure the provisions and stores left with him by a bamboo stockade work at Fort Abercrombie, but on no account to assist the natives, in their wars.

Before the Panther sailed Abba Thulle went on a fishing party, accompanied by Mr. White, his favourite, who is perfectly conversant in the language; they returned in the evening with a good cargo, and gave two-thirds to the English, who immediately salted it for store.

The next morning two Chiefs, from the island of Medez, were introduced to Captain M'Cluer, as friends to Abba Thulle; a large looking-glass in the cabin perfectly astonished them; they did what monkies have been seen to do, put their hands to the back of the glass and feel it. "These people (said Abba Thulle) whilst I was alone, and had not the English for my friends, did not associate with, or give me the least assistance in my wars against the Pellews, but now they wish to be friends, and get what they can from me."

The Captain observed that while the English were his friends his Majesty had no body to fear, and that even the Artingalls, his greatest enemies would come and beg his friendship; this pleased him so much, that he made for answer that "these islands no longer belonged to him, but to the English, and if they would assist him to conquer the Artingalls they should have those islands too."

Shortly after two canoes arrived from Artingall, on an embassy of peace and alliance with Abba Thulle, bringing a large bead as a present of reconciliation, which was but coldly received, nor were the Ambassadors permitted to approach the English vessels.

Since Captain Wilson's time another Malay Prow had been cast away upon the Pellow islands, the crew of which, shewing a spirit of resistance, were mostly cut off by the natives, excepting a few who were saved by the people of Coroora, and by them conducted to Abba Thulle, who treated them with his accustomed humanity.