

ceived him; but he seemed to leave us with regret; he lifted up both his hands, and turned his eyes towards the island, and began to pray with great violence, uttering these words, *Odorroga! Odorroga!* there was difficulty to prevail on him to get into his canoe; and he gave us to understand that he wished to be left in our ship, and to be disembarked afterwards at his island. It appeared that in making these exclamations he was imploring his god, for we observed many idols placed on the coast. We remained in the road all night, and next day, [8th April] at day-break, we entered to the S E into a gulph to anchor there*. Many thousand of these islanders came thither; some brought us fowls, with plenty of roots, others remained on the shore, running to and fro, from one place to another, like wild beasts. They also came in crowds to see our ships nearer, surpris'd at the novelty of the sight, or desirous to know what we came for. They also lighted fires at the feet of their idols, to make offerings there and to implore them.

" We could not get ashore this day. Next day, [9th April] in the morning early, we observed that they were prostrated with their faces towards the sun-rising, and that they had lighted many fires, obviously intended as morning burnt-offerings to their idols. We immediately prepared every thing for landing; but before we did so, the Indian who had been aboard two days before, came a second time, accompanied with several others, and brought us plenty of fowls and roots, dressed and prepared according to their manner.

" There was amongst them one man *quite white* †; he wore pendants in his ears, white and round, of the size of one's fist;

* " Nous entrames a S E dans un golfe pour y mouiller." I do not understand whether it is meant that this gulph is on the S E part of the island, or that they stood S E into it.

† Tout-a-fait blanc.