

with them provisions, and whatever necessaries they had been able to procure. The King's Son also approached with the usual emblems of Peace, he gave the Sailors full permission to rest, in any situation they might find convenient, and granted a limited piece of land for the debarkation of their stores, and the pitching of their tents. Nay more, Cook was conducted to the sacred spot where the Barbarians exercised their religious ceremonies, and there by the King's express orders, he was respected, and worshipped as a God. After such an appearance of friendship, which had also been repaid by every mark of gratitude, and affection; it is difficult to conceive, that a short absence could have produced any very material alteration in the behaviour of that people. But when Cook was driven back upon the coast, by the violence of the winds, he found those perfidious friends, where changed to avowed enemies. He saw on every side dark suspicion, brutal rage, and wild tumult. How could he account for such effects? how could he divine the fatal cause? The veneration of the Natives was turned into contempt, their late worship into a desire for plunder. Now indeed the most serious consideration was necessary, the utmost caution was required, the frantic fury of the savages might have justified severity, yet pity, and humanity subdued the anger of the Britons.