

one as well as they could and prepare what arms there was in the cabben this was fortunately effected and they 4 musketts a blunderbuss and a pair of pistols loaded—by this time Koyah (perhaps suspecting what they were about) sprang down into the cabben which Capn. Kendrick seeing jump'd instantly on his back Koyah seeing the muskets made a precipitate retreat Capn. Kendrick and those with him follow'd shouting and firing by which the decks were soon clear'd and having again possession of their arms they made good use of them and kill'd about 30 of the natives leaving others to lament their folly—happily no person was hurt on board the Washington. It is sincerely to be hoped the termination of this affair will be of generall service to vessells trading as by convincing them that they have little less than inevitable destruction to expect from attacking people whose instruments of death are so far superior to their own it may render them peaceable & content to enjoy what they possess by fair means only. It was by no means my original intention to enlarge this work by extracts from the transactions of other vessells but the above circumstance being such as may serve to put those on their gaurd who may visit these people hereafter I tho't it merited a place from what has been said no doubt most men would have the prudence always to have a proportion of their men under arms which alone would deter the natives from any hostile proceedings."

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