

concluded with a dance of ten boys, dressed in every respect like the girls in the first scene, with their hair flowing in ringlets down their shoulders, and their heads ornamented in a very beautiful style.

The next morning being the 3d, we proceeded to Matavai, leaving Otoo at Oparree; but his mother, sisters, in short all the royal family, and many women, attended us on board, and Otoo followed a short time after. During our absence from the ships, the supply of fruit had been scanty, nor had they many visitors; but after our return we had plenty both of company and provisions. On the 4th a party of us, among whom was Otoo, dined ashore with Omiah, who had provided excellent fare, consisting of fish, fowls, pork, and puddings. Dinner being over, the captain accompanied Otoo to his house, where he found all his servants very busy in getting a quantity of provisions ready. Among other articles was a large hog, which they killed in his presence. There was also a large pudding, the whole process of which the captain saw. It was composed of bread-fruit, plantains, taro, and pandanus nuts, each rasped, scraped, or beat up very fine, and baked by itself. A quantity of the juice of cocoa-nut-kernels was put into a large tray, or wooden vessel; in which the other articles from the oven were put, together with some hot stones, in order to make the contents simmer. Three or four persons were employed in stirring up the several ingredients, till they were perfectly incorporated, and the juice of the cocoa-nut was turned to oil; and, at last, the whole mass was nearly of the consistency of a hasty pudding. Some of these puddings are excellent, and few that we make in England equal them. This being made, and the hog baked, they, together with two living hogs, some bread-fruit, and cocoa-nuts, were sent on board the Resolution, followed by Otoo, and all the royal family.

Friday the 5th, in the evening, a young ram of
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