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Of the PELLEW ISLANDS.

Captain M'Cluer's reception there, and extraordinary resolution of remaining upon them.

BY the last accounts, dated January, 1793, it appears that a total change had taken place in the government of these Islands.

The old King died, as did the next in succession, and the reigning Monarch is now Abba Thule—the throne was disputed by the younger branch of the family, who were strongly opposed by the elder brothers, two of the former fell in the contest, and the remaining other was obliged to fly with all his adherents to the northward; their fate can be little regretted, as it was they who assassinated the amiable Raa Kook.

Abba Thule is absolutely adored by his subjects; and he himself remains as strongly attached as ever to the English.

Captain M'Cluer, of the Company's snow, Panther, has resolved to pass the remainder of his days on these Islands, at the early age of thirty-one.

This gentleman who was employed by the Government of Bombay in a voyage of discovery, thus writes to his employers from Bencoolen, the 14th of July, 1792.

“ We have failed in the main object of our pursuit, that of discovering a strait through New Guinea, in the position supposed—it turned out a deep gulph’ at the head of which runs a chain of high mountains, from which I apprehend the ocean is to be seen from the opposite or Eastern side; but the number and ferocity of the savages prevented me from solving this conjecture. In exploring this gulph, we lost our surgeon by a misplaced confidence in the natives, by whom he was cut to pieces.”

“ Being in great distress for water and provisions, we touched at Amboy-na’ where we were amply supplied by the Dutch, who treated us in all respects with great civility and attention. We are the only English vessels that have been there since the horrid massacre.”

“ We also touched at Timor where we unfortunately lost Lieutenant Hafwell, of a dysenteric complaint.