

sacrifices to our gods and fore-fathers, sometimes of slaves (which custom I have much broke), sometimes of horses, other times of oxen, and other creatures.

I very often besides love to go abroad about eight or ten miles an end, in what is call'd by the Portuguese a superentine; not but that I have many fine chaires, but do not like to trust to my people's carrying them, not being so much used to them as the other. When I am out I fix myself under some great shadey tree; where I view what number of armed people I have ready in two or three hours: by this time up comes two or three hundred of my inferior wives, the chief favourites being about my person in sundry stations, some to fan and cool me, others to keep the flies away with whisks, others holding my armes, as gun, pistols, and sabre, &c. others again holding kedyfalls or humbrel-lows, which stand on the ground and make a canopy over my chair, and another to fill and light my pipe; which being done, I order the aforesaid hands of women to be unloaded, who have each a case of brandy, though clothed in crimson, green, blue, and black velvet, and fine silks, and arrayed with great quantities of large coral (for my slaves buy me things of all nations). Besides, I have many fine things which comes over land, by a people which are called Mallays, and are in coming some months; their religion are Mahometans (and tells me that near the sea, on the other side, are a sort of white man); I have many of these people in my country, and follow there several occupations as well as trading, in which I give them great encouragement (as I do all strangers). I have appointed a governor or petty king of their owne over them; these were the people who some of them used to go down to Widah and Jacquin, and come back and give us an account of the stranger manner of ships and white man coming to trade there, which we long found to be true by their gunns, powder, and all sorts of goods being brought from market to market.

But to return:—When I have smoked my pipe, and my people have pretty well exercised themselves in activity of body, by running, leaping, and firing their arms, as if engaged, I order my brandy to be distributed, which is soone made away with, and then the sun being pretty well gon, I return home with the acclamations of my people, with my drums beating, and horns of different sortes sounding, with other sortes of my country musick, in wich I have great numbers day and night continually employed about my house.

I shall not trouble you much more on these things, but hope to hear from Your

Majesty per the aforesaid white man, who has promised me to return, and bring back with him his aforesaid linguistler, Captain Tom, who is one of the King of Jacquin's family, who I took likewise at Ardah with him; and being desirous to go and see England, I send him, that on his return, unless death prevents, he may give me a large account of Your Majesty countries and dominions; and that he may be the better qualify himselfe for the great post of Yewo Gah Als, Captain Blanco, or the white man's cabelliere, which I designe to give him on his return, and hope that he'll be more fit and capable to answer the white man's ends than any one heretofore, knowing there ways and customs.

So once more hoping Your Majesty the company or other trading subjects will not fail to send me back this white man, who is now to me as much as my son, whom I design shall succeed me, and whoever comes with him shall not want encouragement; neither shall any ship that comes by his means, and to him, pay any tribute or customs to me, as they did to the King of Ardah, for six years after his arrival at Jacquin or Dayhomay.

He can informe you more at large of my wars, conquests, greatness, and grandure, though a black; so shall take leave, and hope your God will always prosper your wars and undertakings, and commit the said white man to his and your care, for I shall not faile (as I have already done) to offer sacrifices to mine continually for his preservation and safe return, with assurances to them that on it I will give for that purpose oxen, hogs, sheep, and goats, and shall be more rejoiced at it, then at the greatest battle or conquest I ever won; so I remain, with the most profound respect, as the Gods have made us blacks to serve you.

Great Prince,
Your Majesty's most faithful and
obedient friend humble servant,
Tredo Andato Porelaw Daujererjon suve-
veto Enc. Motte Adde Pow,
a Poiew Cow Hallow, Necerely,
Emperer of Dawhomays.

THE ANCIENT DRESS OF AN IRISH LADY.

[From Walker's Essay on the Dress of the ancient and modern Irish.]

OF the dresses of the turbulent reign of James II. I cannot speak with certainty; for little is certainly known.