

ce, which has not his domination. so far to leeward, a considerable risk in an attempt it, as a miscarried with total of the difficulty far to windward. I assured me that could be satisfied Atooi's acknowledgment of his sovereign, and annual tribute. I say he, he, like all is determined to make great the invasion of the ship, when repaired, will give great his naval force. I had an uncultivated mind by the same thing the same spectacle to justify his his brother kings of the world, planning of a rival empire! imperial Corsican tyrant and tawny dealer, there seems difference than the difference which each other views are the result of their crimes, not very different: a degree of human nature not mean by these insinuate any thing of Tamaihamaiha; I have the greatest virtues and human canis, that manations, is swayed passions, and by am- lar. This prince, intuitive in courts, gassy, about twelve his period, to Tamaihamaiha, proposing Atooi, proposing oned conditions of

peace. The latter, not trusting implicitly to the declarations of his adversary, had detained his ambassadors on frivolous pretexts. One of them had found means, with two of the suite, to evade the vigilance of Tamoree, and, escaping in a small canoe, arrived at Whahoo about the time I was leaving the island. He brought information that Tamoree was preparing to come up to the windward islands in a brig, lately built at Atooi; his plan was to come off the port as a foreign vessel, expecting that Tamaihamaiha would come off on board, as is his custom, when he intended to secure him or put him to death. This plan might have succeeded; but the knowledge of it not only destroyed its effect, but has served to give a show of justice to Tamaihamaiha's determination of invading the island.

The king was desirous to have my opinion of the intended expedition, and to show me the means by which he expected to succeed; he wished also to put it in my power to inform Tamoree of them, hoping through my means to induce him to submit to his (Tamaihamaiha's) terms. He accordingly ordered a review before my departure. On the day appointed, the troops arrived by divisions, under their respective chiefs, and formed, with a mixture of native and foreign discipline, on a fine parade that had been previously cleared for the purpose. They were dressed in their best apparel, and armed with muskets, and lances of from three to five fathoms long. They formed in a column of twelve abreast, the musketry in front. After going through their exercises with much precision, they formed in a close

column, and the oath to support their sovereign in the war was administered by the high priest with great solemnity.

On this occasion there was, I believe, about 700 men under arms, 400 of which were musketeers. Many of the young chiefs and their attendants were gaily dressed in their feather cloaks and helmets; the king in particular made a very noble appearance: he looked and behaved like a general. Tamaihamaiha apologized for the small number of men on parade, which, he said, were only his guards and those immediately in the neighbourhood, and added, that, if I would agree to wait a few days, he would assemble ten times the number.

After the parade, Tamaihamaiha assembled his principal chiefs, and in their presence asked my opinion on what he ought to do in the war of Atooi. I advised him to use every means to terminate it in an honourable manner by negotiation, and, if that should fail, to take every possible precaution to secure the tranquillity of the windward islands; to collect stores of provisions; and to go down with only a sufficient number of men to conquer Atooi, leaving some of his vessels to windward to bring him reinforcements of men and provisions, if he required them. My advice was approved of; and I was again requested to use my influence with Tamoree, to have it settled on honourable terms. After this cabinet council, the king ordered a sham fight, with their native weapons blunted, in which the Indians displayed great address. This kind of sport is of the roughest kind, and often terminates in bloodshed: on this occasion, no other accident happened