

CHAP. resided at the Cove, he gave a boar, a young  
IV. sow, two cocks, and two hens, which had  
1773. been brought from the Society Islands. At the  
bottom of the West Bay, he ordered to be  
landed, without the knowledge of the Indians,  
four hogs, being three sows and one boar,  
together, with two cocks and two hens. They  
were carried a little way into the woods, and as  
much food was left them as would serve them  
for ten or twelve days; which was done to  
prevent their coming down to the shore in search  
of sustenance, and by that means being discovered  
by the natives. The Captain was desirous of  
replacing the two goats which Goubiah was  
understood to have killed, by leaving behind him  
the only two that yet remained in his possession.  
But he had the misfortune, soon after his arrival  
at Queen Charlotte's Sound, to lose the ram;  
and this in a manner for which it was not easy  
to assign the cause. Whether it was owing to  
any thing he had eaten, or to his being stung  
with nettles, which were very plentiful in the  
place, he was seized with fits that bordered upon  
madness. In one of these fits, he was supposed  
to have run into the sea, and to have been  
drowned: and thus every method, which our  
Commander had taken to stock the country with  
sheep and goats, proved ineffectual. He hoped  
to be more successful with respect to the boars  
and sows, and the cocks and hens, which he left  
in the island.