

coming in. He arrived at twelve o'clock and came to anchor, but not running far enough into the cove drifted out again, and stood down the sound to look for anchorage. All the natives endeavoured to persuade our chief not to go on board, for they said that the captain would confine him until Thompson and myself were released. I appeared to be very contented being afraid that the natives would be suspicious of my anxiety to go on board. The brig gave us a salute of three guns, which we returned from the shore. Our chief then came and asked me if he had best go on board, and told me that the whole village had been endeavouring to persuade him not to go, saying that the captain would confine him. I told him to go on board, that the captain would use him well, and he accordingly went, taking with him three prime skins as a present, and a recommendation which he wished me to give him.— When he got on board the captain took him into the cabin, treated him with spiritous liquor and told him that he should not go on shore until the two white men came on board.— Two of the people stood over him with a brace of pistols and a cutlass; the brig was standing off and on shore. The captain then sent the canoe with the news that the chief was confined, and that he wished us to come off immediately.— The natives were in very great confusion, crying and running up and down the village, saying that their chief was a slave to the whites, and that I had told the captain in my letter to confine him. But I knew while the chief was kept on board, I should be safe, for that they durst not hurt me on that account. They sent me off in a canoe telling me that the chief must come ashore as soon as I got on board. And I promised them he should. When I got near the brig the natives in the canoe were in doubt about letting me go on board and called out for their chief. But the captain looked over the quarter and told them to come alongside or he would fire at them, for he was determined that I should not go back again. They then put us on board, and the captain was glad to see me, and I of course was very happy at being released. He took me into the cabin and shewed me to our old chief, who appeared to be much pleased at seeing me. There was another chief with him, a fine young man, who had no concern in the taking of our ship. He sat in the cabin to keep our chief company.— After I had acquainted the captain with every particular respecting the capture of the ship *Boston*, I gave him an account of every thing that was ashore in possession of the chief