

Adultery is punished with the death of both the offenders. If the husband expires before his wife, she is choked to death by putting a bark around her neck, and twisting it with a stick until she is dead, and they are buried together in the same grave; but if the woman dies first, the man is suffered to live unmolested. And, if the chief dies, having ten wives, they must all be choked to death and buried with him.

It is an abomination among them to sneeze or break wind; and if one of the lower class happens to do either, the cry is, *armattee*, *armattee*, that is, that he might die; but if one of the chiefs, or their wives, should thus happen to do, they say *ambuller*, *ambuller*, that is, that he might be well. But, one morning a wife of a chief being about to sneeze, she violently seized her nose to prevent it; but as humorous nature was not to be baffled in this way, there was in a different direction not a little disturbance; at this comical affair, Steere and myself could not well keep from laughing a little; but the chief was greatly offended, and was about to kill us immediately for our impudence, but a young chief interceded for us and we escaped his fury.

The men of these islands have no other dress but a strip of cloth about six inches