

Cook that he was Jakanee to the sovereign of the island, who was then on a military expedition at Mowee; from whence he was expected to return in a few days. Some presents from the commodore attached him to our interest, and we found him extremely useful. Before we had been long at anchor, the Discovery had so many people hanging on one side, that she was seen to heel considerably; and our people found it impossible to prevent the crowds from pressing into her. Apprehensive that she might receive some injury, Captain Cook communicated his sentiments to Pareea, who instantly cleared the ship of her incumbrances, and dispersed the canoes with which she was surrounded. From this circumstance it appeared to us, that the chiefs of this island exercise a most despotic power over the commonalty. An instance similar to this happened on board the Resolution; where the crowd so far impeded the ordinary business of the ship, that we found it necessary to apply to Kaneena, another chief, who had also attached himself particularly to Captain Cook. The inconvenience we suffered was no sooner mentioned, than he ordered the natives to quit the vessel immediately; when, without a moment's hesitation, we saw them all jump overboard, except one person who loitered behind, and by his manner expressed some degree of unwillingness to obey. Kaneena observing this contempt of his authority, took hold of him immediately, and threw him headlong into the sea. These two chiefs were exceedingly well proportioned, and had countenances remarkably pleasing. Kaneena was as fine a figure as we had ever seen. His height was about six feet, his features were regular and expressive, his deportment was easy, firm, and graceful, and he had lively dark eyes. Mention has already been made, that while we were cruising off this island, the inhabitants had acted fairly and honestly, without manifesting the least propensity to theft; which

