

above one hundred yards before the captain, when two of the Indians that had seated themselves rose up, and threw away the small sticks they held in their hands, as a token of amity. They afterwards returned to their companions, who had remained at some distance behind them, and made signs to their guests to advance, whom they received in a friendly, though uncouth manner. In return for their civility, some ribbands and beads were distributed among them. Thus a sort of mutual confidence was established, and the rest of the English joined the party, the Indians conversing with them in their way, in an amicable manner. Capt. Cook and his friends took three of them to the ship, dressed them in jackets, and gave them bread and other provisions, part of which they carried on shore with them; but they refused to drink rum or brandy, making signs that it burned their throats, as their proper drink was water. One of these people made long and loud speeches, but no part of them was intelligible to any of us. Another stole the covering of a globe, which he concealed under his garment that was made of skin. After having remained on board about two hours, they returned on shore, Mr. Banks accompanying them. He conducted them to their companions, who seemed no ways curious to know what their friends had seen, and the latter were as little disposed to relate, as the former were to enquire. None of these people exceeded five feet ten inches in height, but their bodies appeared large and robust, though their limbs were small. They had broad flat faces, high cheeks, noses inclining to flatness, wide nostrills, small black eyes, large mouths, small, but indifferent teeth, and straight black hair, falling down over their ears and foreheads, the latter being generally besmeared with brown and red paints, and like all the original natives of America, they were beardless, their garments were the skins of seals and guanicoes, which they wrapped