

and the other by Mr. King. A second procession of natives at this time arrived with a baked hog, a pudding, some cocoa-nuts, bread-fruit, and other vegetables. As they drew near, Kaireekeea placed himself before them, and presented the hog to the commodore in the usual manner, chanting as before; and his companions making regular responses; but we observed their speeches and responses grew gradually shorter, and, towards the conclusion, Kaireekeea's did not exceed three or four words, which was answered by the word Orono. This was a common appellation among the natives. Sometimes it was applied by them to an invisible being, inhabiting heaven; at others it was used as a title of high rank in the island. At the conclusion of this offering, the natives seated themselves fronting us, and began to cut up the baked hog, to break the cocoa-nuts, and to peel the vegetables. Others were employed in chewing the ava, and making the liquor in the same manner as it is extracted and done at the Friendly Isles. Kaireekeea then chewed part of the kernel of a cocoa-nut, and wrapped it in a piece of cloth, with which he rubbed the captain's head, face, hands, arms and shoulders. The ava was afterwards handed round, and when we had all tasted it, Koah and Pareea pulled the flesh of the hog in pieces, and proceeded to put some of it in our mouths. Mr. King had no particular objection to being fed by Pareea, who was remarkably cleanly in his person; but Captain Cook, to whom a piece was presented by Koah, could not swallow a morsel, the putrid hog being strong in his recollection; and as the old man, from motives of civility, had chewed it for him, his reluctance was much increased. This ceremony being concluded, we quitted the morai, after distributing among the populace some pieces of iron, and other articles, with which they were much delighted. We were then conducted, in procession,