

our quadrants, and the confinement of Tootabah. By this time our forge was set up and at work, which afforded a new subject of admiration to the Indians, and to Capt. Cook an additional opportunity of conferring obligations on them, by permitting the smith, in his leisure hours, to convert the old iron, which they were supposed to have procured from the Dolphin, into different kinds of tools. Obeera produced as much old iron as would have made for her another axe; this he requested to have done; however the lady could not be gratified in this particular, upon which she brought a broken axe, desiring it might be mended. The axe was mended, and to all appearance she was content. On their return home, the Indians took with them the canoe which had lain some time at the point.

On the 10th we sowed, in ground properly prepared, seeds of melons and other plants, but none of them came up, except mustard. Mr. Banks thought the seeds were spoiled by a total exclusion of fresh air, they

having all been put into small bottles, and sealed up with rosin. We learnt this day, that the Indians called the island Otabeite, the name by which we have distinguished it; but we were not so fortunate in our endeavours to teach them our names; and, after repeated attempts to pronounce them, which proved fruitless, they had recourse to new ones, the productions of their own invention. Capt. Cook they named Toote; Mr. Hicks, Hete. The matter they called Boba, from his christian name Robert; Mr. Gore, Toarto; Dr. Solander, Torano; Mr. Banks, Tapane; Mr. Green, Eteete; Mr. Parkinson, Patani; Mr. Sporing, Polini; and so on for the greatest part, of the ship's crew. These perhaps, were significant words in their own language; and we are inclined to this opinion, because Mr. Monkhouse, who commanded the party, that shot the man for stealing a mulket, they named Maute, which was not merely an arbitrary sound, but in their language it signified dead.

C H A P. IV.

An extraordinary visit—Divine service attended by the natives of Otabeite—An uncommon fight—Tubourai Tamaide found guilty of theft—A visit paid to Tootabah—Various adventures at that time, and an extraordinary amusement of the Indians—A violation of taboo happened at the fort, subtle preparations were making to observe the Transit of Venus—The observations made with great success—A particular account and description of an Indian funeral—An unusual character among the Indians—A robbery at the fort—Specimen of Indian cookery—A narrative of various incidents—A circumnavigation of the island, and occurrences during this expedition—A burying-place, and a Marai, or place of worship discovered—An inland expedition of Mr. Banks—Preparations made by the crew of the Endeavour, to leave the island of Otabeite—An account of the departure of the Endeavour, and the behaviour of the natives, particularly of Tupod, on this occasion.

ON the 12th of this month (May) an uncommon ceremony was performed by some of the natives. As Mr. Banks was sitting in his boat, trading with them as usual, some ladies, who were strangers, advanced in procession towards him. The rest of the Indians on each side gave way and formed a lane for the visitors to pass, who coming up to Mr. Banks, presented him with some parrots feathers, and various kinds of plants. Tupid, who stood by Mr. Banks, acted as his master of the ceremonies, and receiving the branches, which were brought at six different times, laid them down in the boat. After this some large bundles of cloth were brought, consisting of nine pieces, which being divided into three parcels, one of the women, called Oorattooa, who appeared to be the principal, stepping upon one of them, pulled up her cloaths as high as her waist, and then, with an air of unaffected simplicity, turned round three times. This ceremony she repeated, with similar circumstances, on the other two parcels of cloth; and the whole being then presented to Mr. Banks, the ladies went and saluted him; in return for which extraordinary favours, he made them such presents as he thought would best please them. In the evening the gentlemen of the fort were visited by Obeera, and Othoorea, her favourite female attendant, who was a very agreeable girl, and whom we were the more pleased to see, because it had been reported that she was either sick or dead.

On the 13th Tubourai Tamaide offended Mr. Banks, by snatching his gun out of his hand, and firing it in the air; an action which also much surprized that gentleman, as he imagined him totally ignorant of the use of it. And as the ignorance of the people of those countries in regard to this particular, must always cause them to fear their guests, Mr. Banks therefore made a serious matter of what, probably, the other meant only as a joke, and, not without threats, gave him to understand, that for him but to touch the piece was a high insult. The offender made no reply, but set out immediately, with his family, for Eparre. Great inconvenience being apprehended from this man, and as in many instances he had been particularly useful, Mr. Banks determined to follow him. He set out the same evening from the fort, accompanied by Mr. Molineux, and found him in the middle of a large circle of people,

the picture of extreme grief, which was also visible in the countenances of his attendants. One of the women expressed her trouble in the same manner as Terapo had done, upon another occasion. Mr. Banks lost no time in endeavouring to put an end to all animosity. The chief was soothed into confidence, and, a double canoe being got ready, they all returned together to the fort before supper; and as a pledge of sincere reconciliation, both he and his wife passed the night in the tent of Mr. Banks. That very night, notwithstanding their presence, one of the natives attempted to scale the barricadoes of the fort; but, being discovered by one of our centinels, he ran away much faster than any of our people could follow him. The temptation which caused him to attempt what might have cost him his life, was, doubtless the iron and iron tools which were in use at the armourer's forge; incitements to theft which none of the Indians could resist.

On Sunday the 14th, in the morning divine service was performed at the fort. We hoped to have had the presence of some of the Indians, but before the time fixed on for beginning the service, most of them were gone home. Tubourai Tamaide and his wife were present, but though they behaved with much decency, they made no enquiries with respect to the ceremonies, and their brethren were as little inquisitive upon their return. The day thus begun with acts of devotion, was concluded with those of lewdness exhibited among the natives by way of entertainment. Among the rest a young fellow lay publicly with a girl about twelve years of age, in the presence of many of our people, and a great number of the Indians, without the least sense of impropriety or indecency. Obeera, and some women of the first rank in the country were spectators, who even gave instructions to the girl how to perform her part, which, young as she was, seemed unnecessary.

On Monday the 15th, Tubourai Tamaide was detected in having committed a theft. Mr. Banks had a good opinion of this chief, but, when his honesty was put to the test, a basket of nails, left in the corner of the tent proved irresistible. He confessed the fact of having stolen four nails, but when restitution was demanded, Tamaide said the nails were at Eparre. High words passed on the occasion, and, in the end, the Indian produced one of the nails, and was to be forgiven on retorting the rest; but his virtue was not equal