

1788. by marrying him to a woman of rank in his own district. This favour
JUNE. was immediately granted to our solicitation, and we were invited to the nuptials, which were solemnized with all possible magnificence.—Half a whale, a large quantity of other fish, with an adequate proportion of oil, formed the sumptuous part of this entertainment, which was served with a surprizing degree of regularity to near three hundred people, who conducted themselves with great order, and expressed extreme satisfaction at the splendor and hospitality of their chief.

Friday 6

On the 6th, a messenger came on board from Maquilla, with the information that he was preparing to make us a very superb present, and to desire our attendance on shore, in order to receive it.—We immediately waited on the chief, and found him dressed in an European suit of cloaths, with a ruffled shirt, and his hair queued and powdered :—these decorations of his person were part of those presents which Comekela had received from us, and were, with all their weight of copper ornaments, considered as a proud distinction of Nootka royalty. The king was surrounded with several chiefs, who were all adorned with some particular article of English dress, which appeared to afford an uncommon gratification to their vanity; and, on this occasion, they had cleansed their faces from all the oil and ochre with which they were usually bedaubed.—Indeed, the metamorphosis was of such a nature, as, on our first entering the house, to puzzle us a little in the recognition of our friends. This circumstance afforded them considerable entertainment, which was followed by their rising up and imitating our mode of salutation. The manner of taking off their hats, the curious gestures they fell into, in scraping and bowing to each other, with a few English words which they had acquired, and now repeated aloud, without connection or understanding, composed a scene with which they were delighted, and we could not be displeased. When these good-humoured ceremonies were over,