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REMARKABLE OCCURRENCES AT GEORGES ISLAND

Note. The way of reckoning the Day in Sea Journals is from Noon to Noon, but as the Most material transactions at this Island must happen in the Day time this method will be attended with inconveniences in inserting the transactions of each Day; for this reason I shall during our stay at this Island but no longer reckon the day according to the civil account, that is to begin and end at midnight.

We had no sooner come to an Anchor in Royal Bay as before Mentioned than a great number of the natives in their Canoes came off to the Ship and brought with them Cocoa-nuts &c^a and these they seem'd to set a great Value upon. Amongst those that came off to the Ship was an elderly Man whose name is *Owhaa*, him the Gentlemen that had been here before in the *Dolphin* knew and had often spoke of him as one that had been of service to them, this man (together with some others) I took on board, and made much of him thinking that he might on some occasion be of use to us. As our stay at this place was not likly to be very Short, I thought it very necessary that some order Should be Observed in Trafficing with the Natives: that such Merchantdize as we had on board for that purpose might continue to bear a proper value, and not leave it to every ones own particular fancy which could not fail to bring on confution and quarels between us and the Natives, and would infallible lesen the Value of such Articles as we had to Traffic with: in order to prevent this the following Rules were orderd to be observed, viz.

RULES to be observe'd by every person in or belonging to His Majestys Bark the Endeavour, for the better establishing a regular and uniform Trade for Provisions &c^a with the Inhabitants of Georges Island.

¹²: Cook first wrote 'a damn'd honest fellow'.

1st *To endeavour by every fair means to cultivate a friendship with the Natives and to treat them with all imaginable humanity.*

2^d *A proper person or persons will be appointed to trade with the Natives for all manner of Provisions, Fruit, and other productions of the earth; and no officer or Seaman, or other person belonging to the Ship, excepting such as are so appointed, shall Trade or offer to Trade for any sort of Provisions, Fruit, or other productions of the earth unless they have my leave so to do.*

3^d *Every person employ'd a Shore on any duty what soever is strictly to attend to the same, and if by neglect he looseth any of his Arms or working tools, or suffers them to be stole, the full Value thereof will be charge'd against his pay according to the Custom of the Navy in such cases, and he shall recive such farther punishment as the nature of the offence may deserve.*

4th *The same penalty will be inflicted on every person who is found to imbezzele, trade or offer to trade with any part of the Ships Stores of what nature soever.*

5th *No Sort of Iron, or any thing that is made of Iron, or any sort of Cloth or other usefull or necessary articles are to be given in exchange for any thing but provisions.*

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As soon as the Ship was properly secure'd I went on Shore accompanied by M^r Banks and the other gentlemen, with a party of Men under arms, we took along with us Owhaa who conducted us to the place where the Dolphin water'd, and made signs to us as well as we could understand that we might occupy that ground but it happen'd not to be fit for our purpose. No one of the Natives made the least opposition at our landing but came to us with all imaginable marks of friendship and submission. We afterwards made a circuit through the Woods, and then came on board. We did not find the Inhabitants to be numerous and therefore at first imagined that several of them had fled from their habitations upon our arrival in the Bay but M^r Gore & some others who had been here before observ'd that a very great revolution must have happen'd – not near the number of inhabitants a great number of houses rais'd, hardly a vestage of some to be seen particularly what was call'd the Queens and not so much as a Hog or Fowl was to be seen – no very agreeable discovery to us whose Ideas

of plenty upon our arrival at the Bay was carried to the very height.

FRIDAY Apl. 14th. This morning I went on Shore with the Ship, the Most of them were gone to the Bay nothing with them but a few Natives. We had on board two Chiefs we had on board a hard matter to keep them out but it was still harder to keep them from coming within their reach, in the end we got the two Chiefs a present of a few Presents of our own to Value. As soon as we had got two Boats and went to the Bay with me, my design was to see the Harbour and to try the disposition of the two Chiefs above mentioned in Great Canoe Harbour (so call'd) Flock'd about us in great Numbers. I could wish, only that they had pockets. We were conducted to a place call'd *Hercules*,¹³ after staying a few presents about us, we proceeded. I shall call *Lycurgus*, this Man who brought me fruit Cocoa-nuts &c^a with great care to tell us to take care of our selves had crowded about us. Not long after M^r and D^r Munkhouse had each his spy glass and the other of them made acquainted with the method he made use of and the method he made use of came in his way and therefore could get first out of his way had happend and by way of that was in his House, but he made signs to him that

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of plenty upon our arrival at this Island (from the report of the Dolphin) was carried to the very highest pitch.

FRIDAY Apl. 14th. This morning we had a great many Canoes about the Ship, the Most of them came from the westward but brought nothing with them but a few Cocoa-nuts &c^a. Two that appear'd to be Chiefs we had on board together with several others for it was a hard matter to keep them out of the Ship as they clime like Munkeys, but it was still harder to keep them from Stealing but every thing that came within their reach, in this they are prodiges expert. I made each of the two Chiefs a present of a Hatchet things that they seem'd mostly to Value. As soon as we had partly got clear of these people, I took two Boats and went to the Westward all the Gentlemen being along with me, my design was to see if there was not a more comm[o]dious Harbour and to try the disposission of the Natives having along with us the two Chiefs above mentioned: the first place we landed at was in Great Canoe Harbour (so call'd by Cap' Wallis) here the Natives Flock'd about us in great Numbers and in as friendly a Manner as we could wish, only that they shew'd a great inclination to pick our pockets. We were conducted to a Chief who for distinction sake we call'd *Hercules*,¹³ after staying a Short time with him and distributing a few presents about us, we proceeded further and came to a Chief who I shall call *Lycurgus*, this Man entertain'd us with Broil'd fish Bread fruit Cocoa-nuts &c^a with great hospitality, and all the time took great care to tell us to take care of our pockets, as a great number of people had crowded about us. Notwithstanding the care we took D' Solander and D' Munkhouse had each of them their pockets pick'd the one of his spy glass and the other of his snuff Box, as soon as Lycurgus was made acquainted with the theft he disperse'd the people in a Moment and the method he made use of was to lay hold of the first thing that came in his way and throw it at them and happy was he or she that could get first out of his way; he seem'd very much concern'd for what had happend and by way of recompence offer'd us but every thing that was in his House, but we refuse'd to except of any thing and made signs to him that we only wanted the things again. He had

13. These classical names were supplied by Banks.

a Fort. Punished Rich^d Hutchins Seaman with 12 lashes for disobaying command. Several of the Natives came down to y^e Shore of the Bay but not one of them came off to the Ship during the whole day; in the evening I went a Shore with only a Boats crew and some of the Gentlemen, the natives gather'd about us to the number of about 30 or 40 and b[r]ought us Cocoa nuts &c^a and seem'd as friendly as ever.

MONDAY 17th. At 2 oClock this Morning departed this Life M^r Alex Buchan Landscip Draftsman to M^r Banks, a Gentlemen well skill'd in his profession and one that will be greatly miss'd in the course of this Voyage, he had long been subject to a disorder in his Bowels which had more than once brought him to the Very point of death and was at the same time subject to fits of one of which he was taken on Saturday morning, this brought on his former disorder which put a period to his life. M^r Banks thought it not so adviseable to Enterr the Body a shore in a place where we was utter strangers to the Customs of the Natives on such Occations, it was therefore set out to Sea and committed to that Element with all the decency the circumstance of the place would admit of. This morning several Chiefs from the Westward made us a visit, they brought with them Emblems of Peace which are young Plantain Trees, these they put on board the Ship before they would venture themselves; they brought us a present of two Hogs (an Article we find here very scarce) and some bread fruit, for these they had Hatchets and other things. In the afternoon we set up one of the Ships Tents a Shore and M^r Green and myself stay'd a Shore the night to Observe an Eclipse of Jupiters fi[r]st setilite which we was hinder'd from seeing by clowds.

TUESDAY 18th. Clowdy weather with some Showers of rain. This morning took as many people out of the Ship as could possibly be spar'd and set about Erecting a Fort, some were employ'd in trouging up intrenchments while others was cutting faccines Pickets &c^a. The natives were so far from hindering us that several of them assisted in bring[ing] the Pickets and Faccines out of the woods and seem'd quite unconcern'd at what we were about, the wood we made use on for this occation we purchased of them and we cut no tree down before

we had first obtain'd the unbent and the Armour Serve'd Fresh Pork to this is like to be a very Cocoa-nuts and Plantain can distroy.

WEDNESDAY 19th. This morning a ratomita came with his we could understand to of a house with several requite the conf[i]dence with all imaginable kind we place'd in a double breast work on that side

THURSDAY 20th. Wind a a Shore, and nothing 90 pounds was brought brought it would not put but a carpenters broad they carried it away; they ago perfer'd a spike Natives the use of them that the weight for any thing or small sort are in no as 10^d 20^d or any under 4 white cut glass Beeds and

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we had first obtain'd their consent. By this time all the Ships sails were unbent and the Armourers Forge set up to repair the Iron work &c^a Serve'd Fresh Pork to the Ships Compney to day for the first time, this is like to be a very scarce Article with us but as to Bread fruit Cocoa-nuts and Plantains the Natives supply us with as much as we can distroy.

WEDNESDAY 19th. This morning Lycurgus, whose real name is Toobou-
ratomita came with his Family from the westward in order from what we could understand to live near us, he brought with him the covering of a house with several other Materials for building one; we intend to requite the conf[i]dence this man seems to put in us by treating him with all imaginable kindness. Got on Shore some empty casks which we place'd in a double row along the bank of the River by way of a breast work on that side.

THURSDAY 20th. Wind at SE and Squally with rain; all hands employ'd a Shore, and nothing remarkable excepting that a Hog weighing about 90 pounds was brought along side the Ship for sale, but those who brought it would not part with it for any thing we could offer them but a carpenters broad ax and as this was what we could not part with they carried it away; thus we see those very People who but two years ago perfer'd a spike Nail to an Axe of any sort, have now so far learnt the use of them that they will not part with a Pig of 10 or 12 pounds weight for any thing under a Hatchet and even those of an inferior or small sort are in no great esteem with them, and small Nails such as 10^d 20^d or any under 40^d are of no Value attall; but Beeds particularly white cut glass Beeds are much Value'd by them.

M^r Banks and D^r Solander lay ashore tonight for the first time, their Markee's being set up within the walls of the Fort and fit for their riceptoin.

FRIDAY 21st. Got the Copper Oven aShore and fix'd it in the Bank of the breast works.

Yesterday as M^r Green and D^r Munkhouse were taking a Walk they happen'd to meet with the Body of the Man we had Shot, as the Natives by signs made them fully understand, the manner in which

the body was enterr'd being a little extraordinary I went to day with some others to see it. Close by the House wherein he resided when living was built a small Shade, but whether for the purpose or no I cannot say for it was in all respects like some of the Shades or house's they live in. This Shade was about 14 or 16 feet long, 10 or 12 broad and of a proportional height, one end was wholly open the other end [and] the two sides were partly inclosed with a kind of wicker'd work. In this shade lay the Corps upon a Bier or frame of wood with a Matted bottom like a Cot frame use'd at sea, and supported by 4 posts about 5 feet from the Ground, the Body was cover'd with a Mat and over that a white Cloth, along side of the Body lay a wooden Club, one of their weaphons of warr. The head of the Corps lay next the close end of the Shad[e], and at this end lay 2 Cocoa-nut Shells such as they some times use to carry water in. At the other end of the Shade was a bunch of Green leaves with some dry'd twigs tied all together and stuck in the ground and a stone lying by them about as big as a Cocoa-nut, near to these lay a young Plantain tree, such as they use as Emblems of Peace, and by it lay a stone Axe; at the open end of the Shade was hung in several Strings a great number of Palm nuts. Without the Shad[e] was Stuck upright in the ground the Stem of a Plantain tree about 5 feet high on the Top of which stud a Cocoa-nut shell full of fresh water, and on the side of the Post hung a small Bag wherein were a few peices of Bread fruit roasted ready for eating, some of the peices were fresh and others stale. The Natives did not seem to like that we should go near the Body and stud at a little distance themselves while we examine'd these matters and appear'd to be please'd when we came away. It certainly was no very agreeable place for it Stunk intollerably and yet it was not above 10 yards from the Huts wherein several of the Living resided. The first day we landed we saw the Skeleton of a human being laying in this manner under a Shade that was just big enough to cover it, and some days after that when some of the gentlemen went with a design to examine it more narrowly it was gone.

It was at this time thought that this manner of enterring their Dead was not common to all ranks of people as this was the first we had seen except the Skeleton just mentioned, but various were the opinions

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concerning the Provisions &c^a laid about the dead; upon the whole it should seem that these people not only beleive in a Supream being but on a futerue state also, and that this must be meant either as an offering to some Deitie, or for the use of the dead in the other world, but this last is not very probable as there appear'd to be no Priest craft in the thing, for what ever provisions were put there, it appear'd very plain to us that there it remaind untill it consum'd away of it self. It is most likely that we shall see more of this before we leave the Island, but if it is a Religious ceremoney we may not be able to understand it, for the Misteries of most Religions are very dark and not easily understud even by those who profess them.

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FRIDAY 28th. This Morning a great number of the Natives came to us in their Canoes from different parts of the Island several of whome we had not seen before, one of these was the Woman called by the Dolphin the Queen of this Island. She first went to M^r Banks's Tent at the Fort where she was not known till the Master happening to go aShore who knew her and brought her on board with two men and several Women who seem'd to be all of her Family. I made them all some presents or other, but to Obariea, for such is this womans name, I gave several things, in return for which, as soon as I went a Shore with her, she gave me a Hog and several Bunches of Plantains, these she caused to be carried from her Canoe's up to the Fort in a kind of a Procession she and I bringing up the rear. This Woman is about 40 years of Age and like most of the other Women very Masculine. She is head or Chief of her own Family or Tribe but to all appearance hath no authority over the rest of the Inhabitants whatever she might have had when the Dolphin was here. Hercules, whose real name is Tootaha, is to all appearences the Chief man of the Island and hath generally Viseted us twice a Week sence we have been here, and came always attended by a number of Canoes and people, and at those times we were sure to have a supply, more or less, of every thing the Island afforded, both from himself and from those that came with him, and it is a Chance thing that we got a Hog at any other time; he was with us at this time and did not appear very well pleased at

the Notice we took of Obariea but I soon put him into a good humor by taking him on board and making him some presents.

SATURDAY 29th. This Day got the four Guns out of the Hold and mounted 2 of them on the Quarter Deck, and the other 2 in the Fort on the bank of the River. For this day or 2 past about 30 Double Canoes, in which might be between 2 & 300 people, had come into our neighbourhood this made us keep a very good lookout & a strick eye over all their motions.

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MONDAY May the 1st. This morning Tootaha came on board the Ship and was very desirous of seeing into every Chest and Drawer that was in the Cabbin. I satisfied his curiosity so far as to open most of those that belong'd to me, he saw several things that he took a fancy to and collected them together, but at last he cast his eye upon the Adze I had from M^r Stephens that was made in imitation of one of their Stone Adzes or axes, the moment he lay his hands upon it he of his own accord put away every thing he had got before and ask'd me if I would give him that, which I very readily did and he went away without asking for any one thing more, which I by experience knew was a sure sign that he was well pleased with what he had got.

This day one of the Natives who appear'd to be a Chief dined with us as he had done some days before, but than there were always some Women present and one or a nother of them put the Victuals into his mouth but this day there happen'd to be none to perform that office; when he was helpt to Victuals and desired to eat he sat in the chair like a Stattute without once attempting to put one morsel to his mouth and would certainly have gone without his dinner if one of the Servants had not fed him. We have often found the Women very officious in feeding of us, from which it would seem that it is a Custom upon some occations for them to feed the Chiefs, however this is the only instance of that kind we have seen, or that they could not help themselves as well as any of us.

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TUESDAY 2nd. This morning about 9 oClock when M^r Green and I went to set up the Quad' it was not to be found, it had never been taken out of the Packing case (which was ab' 18 Inches square), sence it came from M^r Bird the Maker, and the whole was pretty heavy, so that it was a matter of astonishment to us all how it could be taken away, as a Centinal stood the whole night within 5 yards of the door of the Tent where it was put together with several other Instruments but none of them was missing but this. However it was not long before we got information that one of the natives had taken it away and carried it to the Eastward. Immidiatly a resolution was taken to detain all the large Canoes that were in the Bay, and to seize upon Tootaha and some others of the Principle people and keep them in Custody untill the Quad' was produce'd, but this last we did not think proper immidiatly to put in execution as we had only Obaria in our power and the detaining of her by force would have alarm'd all the rest. In the meantime M^r Banks (who is always very alert upon all occations wherein the Natives are concern'd) and M^r Green went into the woods to enquire of Toobouratomita which way and where the Quadrant was gone; I very soon was inform'd that these Three were gone to the Eastward in quest of it and some time after I follow'd my self with a small party of Men, but before I went away I gave orders that if

Tootaha came either to the Ship or the Fort he was not to be detain'd, for I found that he had no hand in taking away the Quadrant and that there was almost a certainty of getting it again. I met M^r Banks and M^r Green about 4 Miles from the Fort returning with the Quadrant, this was about Sunset and we all got back to the Fort about 8 oClock, where I found Tootaha in Custody and a Number of the Natives Crowding about the gate of the Fort. My going into the Woods with a party of arm'd men so alarm'd the Natives that in the evening they began to move off with their effects and a double Canoe puting off from the Bottom of the Bay was observ'd by the Ship and a boat sent after her, in this Canoe happen'd to be Tootaha and as soon as our boat came up with her he and all the people that were in the Canoe jump'd over board, and he only was taken up and brought on board the Ship together with the Canoe, the rest were permitted to swim ashore. From the Ship Tootaha was sent to the Fort, where M^r Hicks thought proper to detain him untill I return'd. The scene between Toobouratomita and Tootaha when the former came into the Fort and found the latter in custody, was really moveing, they wept over each other for some time, as for Tootaha he was so far prepossess'd with the thought that he was to be kill'd that he could not be made sensible to the contrary till he was carried out of the Fort to the people, many of whom express'd their joy by embraceing him; and after all he would not go away untill he had given us two Hoggs notwithstanding we did all in our power to hinder him, for it is very certain that the treatment he had met with from us did not merit such a reward. However we had it in our power to make him a present of equal Value whenever we pleased.

We had now time to consider how the quadrant was Stolen: it is very probable that the man who took it had seen the box brought into the Tent or else had been well inform'd by others and had from that moment resolved to steal it, for about sunset last night a man was seen crawling a long the bank of the River behind the Fort, but on being spoken to he went away; however it is very clear that he was watching for an opportunity to get into the Fort in the dusk of the evening before the centinals were call'd in and while the most of our people, after leaving of work, were diverting themselves with the natives.

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However my self and some others were never out of the Fort and I did not stir out of the Tent where the quad^r was till Sun set, then walk'd several times round the Inside of the Fort after which I went into M^r Banks's Markee and order'd the Drumer to beat the Tattoo, in the doing of which he went 3 times round the works yet in one of these Short intervals when either mine or the drumers back [was] turn'd the man found means to carry off the Box for immidiately upon beating the Tattoo every boddy came into the Fort, the centinals call'd and place'd in the inside when it wold have been impossible for him to have done it. Indeed we found it difficult to beleive that a naked Indian frighten'd of f[i]rearms as they are, would have made such an attemp'd at the certain risk of his life.¹⁵

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[It took time for Tuteha to become reconciled with the English visitors after the incident of the quadrant, but the reconciliation when it came (5 May) was handsome. There was a huge gathering, an exchange of gifts, and a display of public wrestling. Tuteha then provided a feast to be eaten aboard the Endeavour.]

TUESDAY 9th, WEDNESDAY 10th and THURSDAY 11th. Nothing remarkable happen'd for the three days. Obarea, the Dolphins Queen, made us a Visit for the first time sence the Quadrant was Stolen, she introduce'd her self with a small Pigg for which she had a Hatchet and as soon as She got it she lugg'd out a Broken Ax and several peices of Old Iron, these I believe she must have had from the Dolphin, the Ax she wanted to be mended and Axes made of the Old Iron. I obliged her in the first but excuse'd my self from the latter. Sence the Natives have Seen the Forge at work they have frequently brought pieces of Iron to be made into one sort of Tools or other, which hath generally been done when ever it did not hinder our own work, being willing to oblige them in every thing in my power; these peices of Old Iron the natives must have got from the Dolphin, as we know of no other Ship being here and very probably some from us; for there is no species of theft they will not commit to get this Artic[le] and I may say the same of the common seamen when in these parts.

15. Minor damage to the quadrant was put right by Spöring.

FRIDAY 12th. Cloudy weather with Showers of Rain. This Morning a Man and two young women with some others came to the Fort whome we had not seen before: and as their manner of introducing themselves was a little uncommon I shall insert it: M^r Banks was as usual at the gate of the Fort trading with the people, when he was told that some Strangers were coming and therefore stood to receive them, the compney had with them about a Dozⁿ young Plantains Trees and some other small Plants, these they laid down about 20 feet from M^r Banks, the People then made a lane between him and them, when this was done the Man (who appear'd to be only a Servant to the 2 Women) brought the young Plantains Singley, together with some of the other Plants and gave them to M^r Banks, and at the delivery of each pronounce'd a Short sentence, which we understood not, after he had thus dispose'd of all his Plantain trees he took several peices of Cloth and spread them on the ground, one of the Young Women then step'd upon the Cloth and with as much Innocency as one could possibly conceive, expose'd herself intirely naked from the waist downwards, in this manner she turn'd her Self once or twice round, I am not certain which, then step'd of the Cloth and drop'd down her clothes, more Cloth was then spread upon the Former and she again perform'd the same ceremony; the Cloth was then rowled up and given to M^r Banks and the two young women went and embraced him which ended the Ceremoney.

SATURDAY 13th. Nothing worthy of note happen'd dureing the day, in the night one of the Natives attempted to get into the Fort by climbing over the Walls but being discover'd by the Centinals he made off; the Iron and Iron tools daily in use at the Armourers Forge are temptations that these people cannot possibly withstand.

SUNDAY 14th. This day we perform'd divine Service in one of the Tents in the Fort where several of the Natives attended and behaved with great decency the whole time: this day closed with an odd Scene at the Gate of the Fort where a young fellow above 6 feet high lay with a little Girl about 10 or 12 years of age publicly before several of our people and a number of the Natives. What makes me mention this, is because, it appear'd to be done more from Custom than Lewdness,

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for there were several women present particularly Obarea and several others of the better sort and these were so far from shewing the least disaprobation that they instructed the girl how she should act her part, who young as she was, did not seem to want it.

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SUNDAY 28th. Winds Southerly and clear weather. This morning, my self, M^r Banks and D^r Solander set out in the Pinnacle to pay Tootaha a Viset who had moved from Apparra to the sw part of the Isl^d. What induced us to make him this Viset was a message we had received from him some days ago importing that if we would go to him he would give us several Hogs, we had no great faith in this yet we was resolved to try, and set out accordingly, it was night before we reached the place where he was and as we had left the Boat about half way behind us we were oblige'd to take up our quarters with him for the night. The Chief received us in a very friendly manner and a Pig was order'd to be kill'd & dressed for supper, but we saved his Life for the present thinking it would do us more service in a nother place and we supp'd on fruit and what else we could get: here was along with the Chief Obarea and many more that we knowed, they all seem'd to be travellers like ourselves, for nither the Canoes they had along with them nor the houses where they were were sufficient to contain the one half of them. We were in all Six of us and after supper began to look out for lodgings. M^r Banks went to one place D^r Solander to a nother, while I and the other three went to a third, we all of us took as much care of the little we had about us as possible knowing very well what sort of people we were among, yet notwithstanding all the care we took before 12 oClock the most of us had lost something or other, for my own part I had my stockings taken from under my head and yet I am certain that I was not a Sleep the whole time, Obarea took charge of M^r Banks's things and yet they were stolen from her as she pretended, Tootaha was acquainted with what had happen'd I believe by Obarea her self and both he and her made some stir about it but this was all meer shew and ended in nothing; a little time after this Tootaha came to the Hutt where I and those with me lay and entertain'd us with a consort of Musick, consisting of three Drums

four Flutes and singing, this lasted about an hour and then they retire'd; the Musick and singing was so much of a peice that I was very glad when it was over. We stay'd with them till near noon the next day in hopes of getting some of our things again, and likewise some Hogs but we were at last obliged to come away with the one we had save'd out of the fire last night, and a promise from Tootaha that he would come to the Ship in a Day or two with more and bring with him the things that we had lost, a promise that we had no reason to expect he will fulfill. Thus ended our Viset and we got to the Fort late in the evening.

TUESDAY 30th. We are now very buisy in preparing our Instruments &c^a for the Observation and Instructing such Gentlemen in the use of them as I intend to send to other parts to Observe for fear we should fail here.

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[JUNE 1769]

THURSDAY 1st June 1769. This day I sent Lieutenant Gore in the Long-boat to York Island¹⁶ with D^r Munkhouse and M^r Sporing (a Gentleman belonging to M^r Banks) to observe the Transit of Venus, M^r Green having furnished them with Instruments for that purpose. M^r Banks and some of the Natives of this Island went along with them.

FRIDAY 2nd of June. Very early this morning Lieut^m Hicks, M^r Clerk, M^r Petersgill and M^r Saunders, went away in the Pinnace to the Eastward, with orders to fix upon some convenient situation on this Island¹⁷ and there to observe the Transit of Venus – they being likewise provided with Instruments for that purpose.

SATURDAY 3rd. This day prov'd as favourable to our purpose as we could wish, not a Clowd was to be seen the whole day and the Air was perfectly clear, so that we had every advantage we could desire in Observing the whole of the passage of the Planet Venus over the

16. Moorea, to the west.

17. The islet Taaupiri.

Suns disk: we very distinctly saw an Atmosphere or dusky shade round the body of the Planet which very much disturbed the times of the Contacts particularly the two internal ones.¹⁸ D^r Solander observed as well as M^r Green and my self, and we differ'd from one another in observing the times of the Contacts much more than could be expected. M^r Greens Telescope and mine were of the same Mag[n]ifying power but that of the D^r was greater then ours. It was ne[a]rly calm the whole day and the Thermometer expose'd to the Sun about the middle of the Day rose to a degree of heat (119) we have not before met with.

SUNDAY 4th June. Punished Arch^d Wolf with two Dozⁿ Lashes for theft, having broken into one of the Store rooms and stolen from thence a large quantity of spike Nails, some few of them were found upon him. This evening the gentlemen that were sent to observe the Transit of Venus returnd with success. Those that were sent to York Island were well received by the Natives; that Island appear'd to them not to be very fruitfull.

MONDAY 5th. Got some of the Bread a Shore out of the Bread room to dry and clean. Yesterday being His Majestys Birth Day we kept it to day, and had several of the Chiefs to dine with us.

TUESDAY 6th. This Day and for some days past we have been inform'd by several of the Natives that about 10 or 15 Months ago, Two Ships touched at this Island and stay'd 10 days in a Harbour to the Eastward call'd *Ohidea*,¹⁹ the Commanders name was *Toottera* so at least they call'd him and that one of the Natives call'd *Orette* Brother to the Chief of *Ohidea* went away with him; they likewise say that these Ship[s] brought the Venereal distemper to this Island where it is now as common as in any part of the world and which the people bear with as little concern as if they had been accustomed to it for ages past.

18. The blur which made precision about the moment of contact difficult put a question mark against the observations, but in the end made no serious difference to their value.

19. This was Bougainville, with *La Boudeuse* and *L'Étoile*, in April 1768. Cook learned about the French expedition when he reached Batavia. *Orette* (Ereti) was the name of the chief. The brother who went with the French was Ahutoru.

We had not been here many days before some of our people got this disease and as no such thing happen'd to any of the Dolphins people while she was here that I ever heard off, I had reason (notwithstanding the improbability of the thing) to think that we had brought it along with us which gave me no small uneasiness and did all in my power to prevent its progress, but all I could do was to little purpose for I may safely say that I was not assisted by any one person in y^e Ship, and was oblige'd to have the most part of the Ships Compney a Shore every day to work upon the Fort and a Strong guard every night and the Women were so very liberal with their favours, or else Nails, Shirts &c^a were temptations that they could not withstand, that this distemper very soon spread it self over the greatest part of the Ships Compney but now I have the satisfaction to find that the Natives all agree that we did not bring it here. However this is little satisfaction to them who must suffer by it in a very great degree and may in time spread it self over all the Islands in the South Seas, to the eternal reproach of those who first brought it among them. I had taken the greatest pains to discover if any of the Ships Company had the disorder upon him for above a month before our arrival here and ordered the Surgeon to examine every man the least suspected who declar'd to me that only one man in the Ship was the least affected with it and his complaint was a carious shin bone; this man has not had connection with one woman in the Island. We have several times seen Iron tools and other articles with these people that we suspected came not from the Dolphin and these they now say they had from these two Ships.

WEDNESDAY 7th, THURSDAY 8th, FRIDAY 9th. These three days we have been employ'd in careening both sides of the Ship and paying them with Pitch and Brimstone, we found her bottom in good order and that the Worm had not got into it.

SATURDAY 10th. Winds Variable with very much Rain all Day and last night.

SUNDAY 11th. Cloudy with rain last night and this Morning the remainder of the day fair weather. This Day M^r Banks and I took

Toobouratomita on board the Ship and shew'd him the Print containing the Colours worne by the Ships of different Nations and very soon made him understand that we wanted to know which of them was worne by the Ships that were at Ohidea, he at once pitched upon the Spanish Flag and would by no means admit of any other: this together with several Articles we have lately seen amongst these people Such as Jackets Shirts &c^a usually worne by Spanish Seamen, proves beyond doubt that they must have been Ships of that Nation and come from some Port on the Coast of South America.

MONDAY 12th. Yesterday complaint was made to me by some of the Natives that Jn^o Thurman and Jam^s Nicholson Seamⁿ had taken by force from them several Bows and Arrows and Plated Hair, and the fact being proved upon them they were this Day punish'd with two Dozⁿ lashes each.

TUESDAY 13th. Some Showers of rain last night, but fair weather the most part of the Day. Tootaha whome we have not seen for some time past paid us a Viset to Day, he brought with him a Hog and some Bread fruit for which he was well paid.

WEDNESDAY 14th. Between 2 and 4 oClock this Morning one of the Natives Stole out of the Fort an Iron rake made use of for the Oven, it happend to be set up against the wall and by that means was Visible from the outside and had been seen by them in the evening as a Man had been seen lurking about the Fort some hours before the thing was miss'd. I was inform'd by some others of the Natives that he watched an oppertunity when the Centinal back was turn'd and hooked it with a long crooked stick and haled it over the wall; when I came to be inform'd of this theft in the Morning, I resolved to recover it by some means or other and accordingly went and took possession of all the Canoes of any Value I could meet with and brought them into the River behind the Fort to the number of 22, and told the Natives then present (most of them being the owners of the Canoes) that unless the Principal things they had stolen from us were restored, I would burn them every one, not that I ever intend to put this in execution, and yet I was very much displeas'd with them as they were daily either

committing or attempting to commit one theft or other, when at the same time (contrary to the opinion of every body) I would not suffer them to be fired upon, for this would have been putting it in the power of the Centinals to have fired upon them upon the most slight occasions as I had before experienced, and I have a great objection to firing with powder only amongst people who know not the difference; for by this they would learn to despise fire arms and think their own arms superior and if ever such an Opinion prevail'd they would certainly attack you the event of which might prove as unfavourable to you as them.

About Noon the rake was restore'd us, when they wanted to have their Canoes again: but now as I had them in my possession I was resolved to try if they would not redeem them by restoring what they had stolen from us before; the principal things which we had lost were the Marine Musquet, a pair of Pistols belonging to M' Banks, a sword belonging one of the Petty officers and a Water Cask with some other articles not worth mentioning: some said that these things were not in the Island, others that Tootaha had them and those of Tootaha's friends laid the whole to Obarea and I believe the whole was between these two persons.

THURSDAY 15th. We have been employ'd for some days past in overhauling all the Sea provisions, and stowing such as we found in a state of decay to hand in order to be first expended but having the people divided between the Ship and the Shore this work as well as the refitting the Ship goes but slowly on.

FRIDAY 16th and SATURDAY 17th. Variable winds with Showers of rain and Cloudy weather.

SUNDAY 18th. Variable winds and clear weather. This night we observe'd the Moon totally eclipse'd.

MONDAY 19th. Punished James Tunley with 12 lashes for takeing Rum out of the Cask on the quarter deck.

TUESDAY 20th. Got the Powder a Shore to air all of which we found in a bad condition and the Gunner inform's me that it was very little

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better when it came first on board. Last night Obarea made us a Viset who we have not seen for some time: we were told of her coming and that she would bring with her some of the Stolen things, which we gave credit to because we knew several of them were in her possession, but we were surprised to find this woman put her self wholly in our power and not bring with her one article of what we had lost. The excuse she made was that her gallant, a Man that used to be along with her, did steal them and she had beat him and turn'd him away; but she was so sensible of her own guilt that she was ready to drop down through fear – and yet she had resolution enough to insist upon sleeping in M^r Bank's Tent all night and was with diffuculty prevaild upon to go to her Canoe altho no one took the least notice of her. In the Morning she brought her Canoe with every thing she had to the Gate of the Fort, after which we could not help admiring her for her Courage and the confidence she seem'd to place in us and thought that we could do no less than to receive her into favour and accept the presents she had brought us which Consisted of a Hog a Dog Some Bread fruit & Plantains. We refused to except of the Dog as being an animal we had no use for, at which she seem'd a little surprised and told us that it was very good eating and we very soon had an opportunity to find that it was so, for M^r Banks having bought a basket of fruit in which happend to be the thigh of a Dog ready dress'd, of this several of us taisted and found that it was meat not to be dispise'd and therefore took Obarea's dog and had him immediatly dress'd by some of the Natives in the following manner. They first made a hole in the ground about a foot deep in which they made a fire and heated some small Stones, while this was doing the Dog was Strangle'd and the hair got off by laying him frequently upon the fire, and as clean as if it had been scalded off with hot water, his intrails were taken out and the whole washed clean, and as soon as the stones and hole was sufficiently heated, the fire was put out, and part of the Stones were left in the bottom of the hole, upon these stones were laid Green leaves and upon them the Dog together with the entrails. These were likewise cover'd with leaves and over them hot stones, and then the whole was close cover'd with mould: after he had laid here about 4 hours, the Oven (for so I must call it) was open'd and the Dog taken

out whole and well done, and it was the opinion of every one who tasted of it that they Never eat sweeter meat, we therefore resolved for the future not to despise Dogs flesh. It is in this manner that the Natives dress, or Bake all their Victuals that require it, Flesh, Fish and fruit.

I now gave over all thought of recovering any of the things the natives had stolen from us and therefore intend to give them up their Canoes when ever they apply for them.

WEDNESDAY 21st. Emp^d drying the Powder getting on board Wood, Water &c^a. Confin'd Rob' Anderson seaman for refusing to obey the orders of the Mate when at work in the hold. This morning a Chief whose name is Oamo, and one we had not seen before, came to the Fort, there came with him a Boy about 7 years of Age and a young Woman about 18 or 20; at the time of their Coming Obarea and several others were in the Fort, they went out to meet them, having first uncover'd their heads and bodies as low as their waists and the same thing was done by all those that were on the out side of the Fort; as we looked upon this as a ceremonial Respect and had not seen it paid to any one before we thought that this Oamo must be some extraordinary person, and wonder'd to see so little notice taken of him after the Ceremony was over. The young Woman that came along with him Could not be prevaild upon to come into the Fort and the Boy was carried upon a Mans Back, altho he was as able to walk as the Man who carried him. This lead us to inquire who they were and we was inform'd that the Boy was Heir apparent to the Sovereignty of the Island and the young woman was his sister and as such the respect was paid them,²⁰ which was due to no one else except the *Arreedehi* which was not Tootaha from what we could learn, but some other person who we had not seen, or like to do, for they say that he is no friend of ours and therefore will not come near us. The young Boy above mention'd is Son to Oamo by Obarea, but Oamo and Obarea did not at this time live together as man and wife he not being able to endure with her troublesome disposission. I mention this

20. The boy was Temarii, or Terirere, the *arii rahi* or *nui* (chieftain of the highest rank) of the Papara region. The young woman was his intended bride.

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THURSDAY 22nd. This morning I released Rob^t Anderson from confinement at the intercession of the Master and a promise of behaving better for the futher.

FRIDAY 23rd. This morning Manuel Ferrara Seaman a Portugese was missing, and I had some reason to think that he was gone with an intent to stay here. It was not long before I was inform'd that he was at Apparra with Tootaha, the man who gave us this information was one of Tootahas Servants, he was offer'd a Hatchet if he would go to Apparra and bring him to us. This was no doubt the very thing he came for, for he immediatly set out and return'd with the man in the evening; the man in his own difence said, that as he was going to the boat in order to go on board last night, he was taken away by force by 3 men, put into a Canoe and carried to Apparra; upon enquiry I found it to be so and that Tootaha wold have kept him had he not been perswaded to the Contrary or perhaps he thought the ax of more value then the man.

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[For six days, 26 June-1 July, Cook and Banks made a circuit of the island, on foot where possible, otherwise being rowed in the pinnace. They were impressed by the sacred sites, or marae, which Cook described in detail, particularly the great marae at Mahaiatea, in the south-west, a stepped pyramid of stone and coral built by Amo and Porea in 1766-8.]

[JULY 1769]

Upon my return to the Ship I found that the Provisions had been all examin'd & the Water got on b^d amounting to 65 Tuns, I now determin'd to get every thing off from the Shore & leave the Place as soon as Possible, the getting the several Articles on board & Scraping & Paying the Ships Sides took us up the whole of the following week without anything remarkable happening until

SUNDAY 9th. When sometime in the Middle Watch Clement Webb &