

flud tide still setting strong swept us on a reef of rocks, the water was smooth as glass and the tide still flowing the vessel could receive to metereal Damage we run out our Kedge with a small worp and hauled off the sea breze cuming in prevented our getting out we veared a scope and moared with our two bowers.

About this time the old chief who came onboard of us on the 13 about 6 Leagues to the Northward he had a great number of the natives with him all armed and they had no skins with them tho' they were well convinced it was them alone we wanted and he had promised to supply us with some however tho' he had not fulfilled his engagement he mett with a very polight reseption.

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Having nothing else to do but wate for the next days tide to depart, Earley in the Afternoon I accompaneyed Mr. Coolidge onshore in the long Boat to amuse ourselves in taking a walk while our boat was loaded with grass and shrubs for our stock we took all the people in the Boat who were affected by the scurvy our number in all amounted to seven the disposition of the people seemed so friendly we went worse armed than ordinary we had two Muskets and three or four Cutlasses we boath took our swards and each of us a pistol on our first landing we visated there Houses and such vietles as they eate themselves they offered to us but they are so intolerably filthey there was nothing we could stumac except the frute.

They then amused us shewing there dexterity with there arrows and spears they then began a war dance it was long and hedious accompaneyed with frightfull howlings indeed there was something more horrid in there song and the jestures which accompanied it than I am capable of describing it chilled ye blud in my vains. The dance over we left the natives to themselves and walked along the beach to the boat where the people were cutting grass and only one or two of the Natives with them we went past ye boat a little way but within call to a small sand flatt in

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hopes to find some clams while we were digging for these shell fish a young Black man Markus Lopeus a native of the cape de Verd Islands and who had shiped Captain Grays servant at St. Jago's being employed careing grass down to the boat, had carelessly stuck his cutlas in the sand one of the natives seeing this took a favourable oppertunity to snatch it at first unobserved and run off with it one of the people observing him before he was quite out of sight called vehemently threatening to shoot him in hopes he would abandon the stoln goods and make his escape but I had given positive orders to our people not to fier but in cases of the most absolute immergence when for self defence it might be nescery.

'Twas the hollowing of our people that first roused our attention and we immediately flew to know the cause, we were informed of the sercumstances adding that the Black boy had followed him in spite of everything they could say to the contorary.

I was struck by the daingerous situation the ladd was in and feared its concequences doubting of there being a posability of saving him from the impending dainger but resolving no project should go untried without hesitation ordering the boat to keep abreast of us we ran toward the village we mett several chiefs persons whose friendship we had taken every oppertunity to obtain by kinde youseage and liberal preasants Indeed it seemed before this period we had fully effected it, to these people Mr. Coolidge offered several articles to them of great value to bring back the man unhurt, this they refused intimating there wish for us to seek him ourselves, I now remarked to Mr. Coolidge that all the natives we saw were unusually well armed having with them there bows arrows & spears however we proceeded still further and on turning a clump of trees that obstructed our prospe[c]t the first thing which presented itself to our view was a very large groop of the natives among the midst of which was the poor black with the thief by the colour loudly calling for assistance saying he had cought the thief, when we were observed by the main boddy of the Natives to haistily approach them they instantly drenched there knives and

spears with savage fuery in the boddy of the unfortunate youth. He quited his hold and stumbled but rose again and staggered towards us but having a flight of arrows thrown into his back and he fell within fifteen yards of me and instantly expiered while they mangled his lifeless corse.

We were now by our passing a number whom as I remarked before we supposed to be our friends situated between two formidable parties those we had passed being reinforced by a great number from the woods they gave us the first salutation by a shower of arrows. Our only method was to get to the boat as fast as posable for this purpus we turned leaving the dead body, for it would have been the highth of imprudence as our Number was so small to have attempted its rescue we made the best of our way for the Boat assaulted on all sides by showers of arrows and spears and at length it became absolutely nesecery to shoot there most dairing ringleaders which I did with my pistol Mr. Coolidge and one man who was with us followed my example and Mr. Coolidge ordered those who were in the boat to fier and cover us as we waided off for the boat could not come within a considerable dis't of the shore. But undaunted by the fate of there Companions, they followed us up to the middle in water and slightly wounded both Mr. Coolidge and myself in the hand and totaley disabled the person who was with us onshore who fainting with loss of blud lay lifeless several hours and continued to bleed a torrent till the barb of the arrow was extracted, we jumped into the boat and pushed of and were soon out of arrow shot when we found this they launched there Canoes intending to cut us off indeed they were well situated for it but some were timid some were bold and not half paddled but keeping a constant fier from the boat they came bairly within arrow shot before we were nigh the sloop, and they returned towards the shore as soon as we got onboard we discharged two or three swivel shot at them and in a few moments not one Canoe was to be seen all having fledd duering the whole of the night it was dismal to hear the hoops and houlings of the natives they had fiers on the beach near

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