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From the natives so we went down to the islands to take him of we called at the weathermost island 30 miles from where the man was left the island that we called at was named Mumerick the natives came of freely thick in a scarce short time our decks was covered we did not take much notice of them they appeared to be friendly they sold us money for tobacco they seemed to have plenty of it we knew by that they had taken a vessel or that one had been wrecked there all of our muskets were ready loaded and men stationed ready to pass them up all hands were called aft to be in readiness in case we had some natives belonging to the Kingmill group of islands they belonged to the ship and could speak English one of them saw a native with the natives that had come on board belonging to the same place as himself he made it known to the captain we took him and kept him down the rear over the side and ~~stole~~ stood out to sea for the night and shotend sail we had to get one of our natives to interpret what the native said that we had taken he told us that about a week before a schooner had come to anchor in the bay the natives swam on board at night killed 2 men 2 women and a child they threw the women and child overboard and drowned them then moved everything on shore from the vessel and the current he let her sink at her anchors that night we came across a barge called the Elizabeth and Henry of

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then Bedford in the morning all hands from our ship but the ship keeper went onboard and our own ship kept out of sight of the land we had to keep down below in the barge out of sight the barge stood in for the island our plan was to take the chief where he came on board and make him send onshore for what they had taken from the schooner that they had taken when the barge got close in to the island the old captain got frightened of the canoes that were coming of and stood off shore again we were well armed for the native that we had taken had told us that they intended to take every ship they could take and he told us that they had said now is the time several times while onboard of our ship when our mate saw that the captain of the barge was frightened he went on deck and told him so and made him take us back to our own ship again when we got on board of our ship we kept the ship away for the island that we had left the man on to get coconut all we had heard that the natives had killed him they cut his legs off 3 days before he died they layed him on the beach the sun baked the blood and kept him from bleeding to death when we came to the island the canoes came of a great many of them but we took no notice of them got as many outside of as possible or intent was to land and take the island and revenge the death of Tom when we got close in we lowered our boat and tried to land but could not for the reef that was around the island so we had to content ourselves by killing the natives in the canoes we fired in to them when they would capsize then we cut them up with boat spades and boarding knives we killed and wounded about 40 of them and then left them