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them never to serve us we however have  
aided on them to accept some presents wh-  
ich they received as tokens of friendship. —  
some of the lad's & girls accompanied us to the  
shore & assisted us in getting our baggage  
over the ~~low~~ hill which had become very  
slippery from a shower of rain that had recent-  
ly fallen — here a funeral party took place  
which was very affecting had we been  
than nearest & dearest relations their grief  
could not have been portrayed in more striking  
ing colours — they wept bitterly & waved their  
hands crying joy go with you till their voices  
was lost in distance — our feelings at this time  
may better be imagined than described  
suffice it to say there was not one of us that  
did not feel severe regret at parting with  
our newly-acquired friends — at 6 P.M. we  
fired away & left the Island also the whole wh-  
ich had not finished watering — after having  
said so much of <sup>the inhabitants</sup> their Island it may not  
be a miss to give some account of it.

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~~The~~ ~~history~~ their origin — the follow-  
ing is what I collected from Adams & I have  
no reason to think other than a truth-  
ful one — In 1792 the Ship Bounty was man-  
dred by Capt Blyth was sent by the English  
Government to Otaheite for the pur-  
pose of collecting different kinds of bread  
fruit trees to transplant in the West Ind-  
ies — they lay there some time & collected  
a number of different kinds of trees & their  
seeds — when they were ready to sail the  
Capt found that his crew had formed  
an attachment with the women of Ota-  
heite that it was difficult to break he  
however succeeded as he thought & sailed  
for home — they had not been there but a  
short time when one night the chief  
mate who had the middle watch told some  
of the crew that he had been laying a plan  
to take the Ship & return to Otaheite & ask  
of them if they would join him — they readily  
assented & accordingly took the Capt & three