

chiefs and people have, however, different feelings, and call them impudent and greedy fellows, saying they breed a famine wherever they go.

Lieutenant Carr also took with him, as a messenger or ambassador from Tanoa, an Ambau chief of some note, called Corodowdow. He was a true savage, well formed, and of extraordinary size, being six feet three inches in height; his features were finely formed, and his countenance of the European cast; his colour a deep black; his hair was frizzled; he had a fine eye, and an intelligent expression, and seemed not wanting in quickness of apprehension. He devoured his food at first like a savage, and had a portentous appetite: a fowl was but a small portion of a meal for him. He is said to have improved in his style of feeding, and to have been able to use a knife and fork on his return. Few men showed to more advantage in the Feejee costume; the sala and seavo of the white tapa cloth, set off well his *colossal and dark figure*.

Both Tubou and Corodowdow had their suites of slaves, who were a great nuisance to both officers and men; and had I been aware before engaging them, that we must take their attendants also, I am now inclined to think I should have dispensed with their services altogether. Corodowdow fell in love with a French print of a female that belonged to one of the officers, and was hanging up in the tender's cabin, which he would sit admiring for hours together.

Tom Granby was sent in the tender to act as a pilot, and Lieutenant Underwood went also with a boat's crew.

Lieutenant Carr reached Lakemba on the morning of the 17th. He was immediately visited by the Reverend Mr. Calvert, the resident missionary, who informed him that it was Lieutenant-Commandant Ringgold's intention to return in a few days. The letter and despatches were therefore given to Mr. Calvert; and Tubou and Corodowdow, with their attendants, were sent on shore. They were both dressed out in their best attire, and when they made their appearance the natives all prostrated themselves, uttering, at the same time, a low moan. For the kindness shown him, Corodowdow presented Mr. Sinclair with his *long bone* or hair-pricker, as a mark of his friendship, telling him it was made from the thigh-bone of one of his enemies whom he had killed in battle.

Leaving Lakemba, Lieutenant Carr proceeded with the tender to Vanua-vatu, where they began their surveys. The tender's boats were launched, and the island was circumnavigated. It rises gradually, on all sides, to the height of several hundred feet, and is covered with foliage; it is six miles in circumference, and is encircled by a