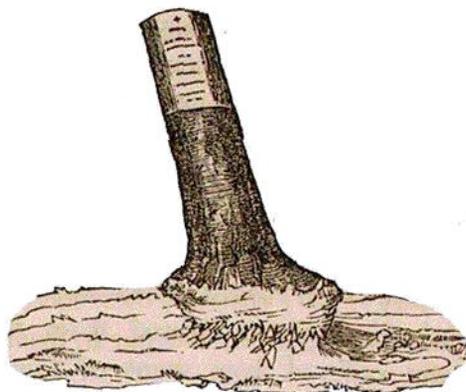


remarks that this monument will last as long as the rock on which Cook stood when first wounded, as every one who visits the place breaks fragments from the latter.



CAPTAIN COOK'S MONUMENT.

The following is the inscription on it:



NEAR THIS SPOT

FELL

CAPTAIN JAMES COOK, R. N.,

THE

RENOWNED CIRCUMNAVIGATOR,

WHO

DISCOVERED THESE ISLANDS,

A. D. 1778.

HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP

IMOGENE,

OCTOBER 17TH, 1837.

THIS SHEET OF COPPER AND CAP PUT ON BY SPARROWHAWK,

SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1839,

IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF COOK.

I could have wished that the first inscription, relating solely to Cook, was the only one; the other, it seems to me, was not worthy of being associated with any thing connected with so great a name; and good taste and proper feeling I think would have shrunk from inscribing it as well as the following on another part, "*Give this a coat of tar.*"

The inhabitants of this district are nine thousand. The marriages are about one hundred yearly. The population is thought to be decreasing, but this is assuming as correct the former census, which I