

but exhibited various articles of traffic, consisting of cocoa-nuts, mats, rolls of sennit, maros, large wooden fish-hooks, war-knives and swords fitted with sharks' teeth, and some rough war-clubs. Their canoe was in construction much more rude and rough than any met with of similar size: it was about twenty feet long, dug out of a single log, and the sides had strips lashed on to raise them higher. It had an out-rigger and paddles very similar to those seen at the other islands.

These natives were, in general appearance, inferior to those of the Samoan Islands, of middle size, and with deep brown complexions, like the Hawaiians, whom they were thought also to resemble in features; but they were well provided with beard, in which respect they resemble the Feejees. They wore their hair, which was thick and bushy, long. One of them was observed to have it parted into five or six large clubs of hair, hanging loose about his head, and resembling large foxes' tails.



NATIVE OF ELLICE'S ISLAND.

They were tattooed differently from any heretofore seen, their arms being covered, from the shoulder to the wrist, with small curved figures or zigzag lines. They had this tattooing also on the body, extending from the armpits to the waist, and down, until the whole body was encompassed in the same manner. No marks were observed on the face or legs, but on two of them were a few lines across the small of the back. They wore no clothing, but a strip of fine matting, as a maro, and a coarser piece tied about the hips: the first, which was made of the pandanus-leaf, was about eight inches wide, and ten feet long, and was fringed on each side, which increased its width. The coarser girdle was worn, and attached to it were slips of pandanus-