

The replied that he would not, I then wanted to know of what use their tobacco was as Europeans recover from similar wounds with themselves without tobacco

They said that some time ago one of their kith went on board a ship where he ate some provisions contrary to their Customs when their God in his anger slew a great many of them, I inquired in what manner those that died were affected, they represented their tongues to be foul and their whole bodies in a burning heat the Natives supposing the heat which they experienced to proceed from a secret fire within them threw off all their Mats, drank and bathed in cold water and exposed themselves as much as they could to cold, under the Idea that cold would quench the heat that cold would quench which they felt, we informed them this was the way to increase the heat and to kill them, and that instead of exposing themselves to the cold and going naked and lying naked in the open air in the night they should have kept themselves warm in order to make them perspire as the Perspiration would carry off the burning heat from their Bodies and not cold air and Water, they laughed at this Idea and supposed that this would increase their Complaint, I then asked them if they remembered at any time when they perspired freely, feeling that burning heat in their Bodies which they mentioned after some Reflection and Consultation together they thought from