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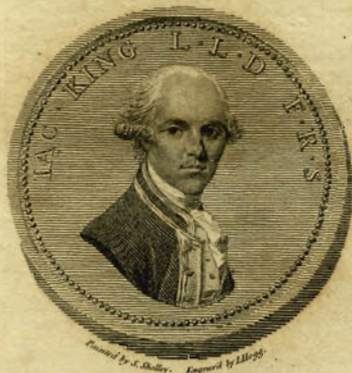
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The custom of *tattooing* the body, they have in common with the rest of the natives of the South Sea Islands; but it is only at New Zealand, and the Sandwich Islands, that they *tattoo* the face. There is also this difference between the two last, that, in the former, it is done in elegant spiral volutes, and in the latter, in straight lines, crossing each other at right angles. The hands and arms of the women are also very neatly marked, and they have a singular custom amongst them, the meaning of which we could never learn, that of *tattooing* the tip of the tongues of the females.

From some information we received, relative to the custom of *tattooing*, we were inclined to think, that it is frequently intended as a sign of mourning on the death of a Chief, or any other calamitous event. For we were often told, that such a particular mark was in memory of such a Chief;

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Chief; and so of the rest. It may be here, too, observed, that the lowest class are often *tattooed* with a mark, that distinguishes them as the property of the several Chiefs to whom they belong.

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