

I had waited near two hours on the beach before the gover-<sup>1792.</sup>  
nor appeared, being told that he was at mass (it was Sunday) <sup>May 6.</sup>  
and would come to me when it was over; at length about noon  
he made his appearance; the whole town had long since been  
collected around us. I told him that the motive of my landing  
was to thank him for the pilots whom I had brought on shore  
again, no longer wanting them as the wind was favourable to  
our proceeding immediately to Teneriffe; and, at the same time,  
to avail myself of his permission to take off the refreshments,  
for the women and children, which he had yesterday promised I  
should have for that purpose this morning. He asked for our  
bill of health which I had not brought on shore, thinking it un-  
necessary as nothing had been said about it yesterday, and said  
that he could neither receive back the pilots, nor suffer me to  
purchase any thing until he had seen it. I assured him that we  
had not a sick person on board, which was really the case, and  
hoped he would therefore, in this instance, wave that piece of  
formality, and suffer me, on the score of humanity, to take off  
refreshments for the women under any precautions which he  
thought necessary, as it was easy for us to load the boat without  
coming in contact with any of the inhabitants; this he posi-  
tively refused, and said that I should have nothing from the  
island, and should take back the pilots, for he would not suffer  
them to return to their families after having been on board our  
ship. Having for more than an hour endeavoured, without  
success, to prevail upon him to accede to my request by all the  
arguments and reasoning in my power, I changed the ground of  
my application, and said that what I had hitherto solicited as a  
favour I now demanded as a right; that the ship was in the  
same situation as one in distress; and that by the usage of all

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