

1792. die with you." She believed me, and was appeased; and I
 June 27. proceeded to the king.

Surrounded by the natives, we at length arrived at his residence. How to act with respect to what had passed at Bulama in some degree puzzled me; to pass it over altogether in silence might not be thought right, and yet nothing could be said on the subject that would not recall the idea of our weakness, humiliation, and disgrace. The purport of my visit was, besides, to conciliate, and make friends for the future, and not to recriminate and demand satisfaction for the past.

I therefore said that it was the misfortune sometimes of the best friends to misunderstand each others intentions, and to quarrel; and that that had been the case with us; but as what had already happened could not be recalled, I should say nothing on that subject, but hoped that we should hereafter live like good friends and neighbours: for which purpose I had been deputed by the English at Bulama, with presents to him, and his brother king, Bellchore; to offer them our friendship; and to propose purchasing from them their hunting island of Bulama.*

Jalorem replied that what was done, was done; that he was sorry for what had happened; but that *then* they neither knew who we were, nor our intentions; *we were strangers, and we took their land*; however he knew *now* that we were good people; hoped we should always be good friends, and was glad, very glad, to see me at Canabac: as to what I had said about buying Bulama, he could not say any thing till Bellchore's arrival: he

* The island of Bulama was never inhabited by the Bijugas, but they used to hunt elephants, buffaloes, and deer upon it; and go over and cultivate, at the beginning of the rains, a few acres of rice at its western extremity.