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(From a Correspondent.)

A strong proof of maternal affection has lately been shown by a native woman, who lost her life at Mr. A. Lockyer's, near Northam, on the 19th August, under the following circumstances :- It appears that her little child was playing near a well, when it accidentally fell in; the mother at once jumped in the water to its rescue, and although some natives who were also at the place ran to their immediate assistance, they only succeeded in saving the child, the poor mother having been drowned in her unfortunate attempt to save her darling. Smile not, reader ! such a term of endearment may seem strange when applied to our dark fri nds; but facts speak plainer than wordsand who will deny that she proved her affection for her little one to be such as would justify the use of any terms that might be applied to one of our own color under similar circumstances.