Tenra and his party to the Store and in return for the kind treatment they had received on board I was presented with five baskets of potatoes. I have met with the same friendly treatment amongst the natives as Tonowaki relates we have experienced in other places and have observed them at their daily work. One day Tenra and about forty others men and women I were very busy in preparing an allotment of land for potatoes and Kumara / or Aymoure, a sweet potato / for the ensuing year. Some of the natives were busy in digging the soil, others in clearing it of roots and rubbish which they placed upon heaps and then in burning them to ashes. Tenra appears to be about twenty years of age; He governs over the people of seventeen Places.

On Friday June 1st Whettōtee (who is also called Romanee) a Person from Mattow Mooke invited me to go to his Pa with him upon my accepting the invitation he further proposed to show me the Place where Cannibalism might be procured for the Vessel if Desired accompany him to Mattow. Accordingly we set out in the afternoon in his Canoe manned by his own people. The day was very fine; after rowing several miles up it began to be very late the whole party stopt on shore where we made a good fire, and slept (a) by the side of Whettōtee waiting for my bed some day soon, and his Brethren and the Canopy of Heaven for my Covering. Inwardly this event with great pleasure and satisfaction, because the Natives of New Zealand have been called a most dangerous set of men; that when in the Boat to them and then they with ease could destroy a man in the twinkling of an eye and devour him at a meal. But here if they had had the

(a) It was a still night, the atmosphere serene and clear. The stars shone with peculiar lustre over my head; it was a season for contemplation, prayer and peace!