



It had been previously settled between Duaterra and Koro Koro unknown to us, that when the latter came to pay his respects we were to be entertained with a sham fight. After taking some refreshment preparations were made to go on shore Koro Koro was about to make an attack upon Duaterra's people and take the place by storm. Duaterra then went on shore to prepare for the defence of his place. A number of canoes immediately joined us belonging to other chiefs full of people. When Koro Koro left the active I accompanied by Mr. Nicholas and the Settlers went with him, Duaterra had got all his men drawn up armed with their spears and other weapons of War, Koro Koro's canoe advanced towards the shore in the same order of Battle which they approached the active. A chief belong to Duaterra quite naked ran furiously to and fro along the beach armed, making a most horrid noise and driving them to land. As the canoes came nearer to the shore those in them increased their shouts and furious gestures, at length they all jumped out of the canoes into the water, and in one close body began the attack. Duaterra's men all retreated as fast as possible and the others pursued them a considerable distance, when Duaterra's men suddenly wheeled round and attacked their pursuers. The battle then became general, a number of women were in the heat of the action, among whom was Tippahes old wife not much less than 70 years of age and Duaterra's wife bearing a Patooa in her hand about 7 feet long made out of the jaw bone of a Whale. This weapon she brandished about in the very centre of the Battle and went thro' all the various movements of the men whether in retreating or advancing. After both parties had run and struggled together till nearly exhausted some having been trampled upon and others accidentally knocked down, they formed a close body and united in the shout of Victory and War dance which ended the scene. - Duaterra