

think that the number of inhabitants at Ranghee Hoos has increased since our arrival. It is against the custom of the country for one native to trespass upon another native's possessions, and I believe it is seldom done except as a punishment for the breach of some public law or custom, in inflicting which a whole party or perhaps a whole district will unite.

The surrounding chiefs tell me that they will gladly receive an additional number of settlers, such as may be inclined to aid in their dealings towards them upon the same principles as ourselves so that they do not come in a large body. I am of opinion that the number specified in McKeap's letter would generally speaking be as dependent upon the natives for protection as we now are. They would have an advantage over us, in point of fixing upon a more eligible spot for a settlement. They would be in less danger if situated at a greater distance from a native village, as a small plundering party would be afraid to molest them; but they could do nothing without the general good wishes of the native chiefs in their favor, nor would they otherwise be in safety.

In selecting a portion of land for a settlement, it would be advisable to take care that it be as clear as possible of what the natives call the Wapke Taboo. Wherever a person has breathed his last, or his bones have been laid for a time there is always