

We entered this extraordinary fortification through a narrow gateway, when Shunghe showed us how he defended his place in time of war. - He had one small secret corner where he could be concealed and fire upon the enemy, every little hut, in this enclosure, is fenced round; some of the store houses for the reception of their spears and provisions, are about 30 feet long and twenty wide. - they are also well built, the roofs are thatched some of the eaves extend three feet over the sides in order to carry off the water, and keep the building dry. - In the centre of the Fort, on the very summit of the hill, a stage is erected upon a single pillar, about twenty feet long and three broad, hewn out of a solid log, and elevated about six feet from the ground. Upon this the Chief sits either for pleasure or business, just as occasions require him to consult with his people. -

It commands a most extensive view, of the surrounding country in all directions. Near this stage is a little hut about four feet from the ground, three feet long and two wide, with a little image placed upon the side of the door (which does not exceed one foot, a seat also is placed in front upon which the Chief's lady sits when she eats her provisions, which are deposited in this little building. - About