

being dark, we could not see to pick our way; - at length I discovered a light like the twinkling of a star; appearing and disappearing at short intervals - it was a signal that the village was near. - As one light only appeared, I enquired where it was and was informed that it proceeded from the Chief's residence.

Wecosa was a little behind at this time, and I was walking along with one of his Officers.

Before we entered the village the Officer who was with me called aloud to the Inhabitants and informed them that I was coming - Many of these people had visited the Active. - I made for the spot where I had first seen the light (In order to get in shelter from the rain), and when I came up to this hut I had to creep into it, through a small doorway about two feet high and eighteen inches broad. - A number of women and children and a few of Wecosa's servants, composed the inmates.

There was about a handful of fire in the centre of the hut (made of a few small sticks), round which, were the children all naked. - Sometimes the little fire blazed for