

have little covering and some none at all. A log of wood was laid in the centre of the hut which ran the whole length, being about 30 feet long, and the natives lay on each side of the log with their heads reclined on it.

at this time I had no Europeans with me nor any other person except Wee-wee's people. - My object was to gain as clear a knowledge of the character and habits of these Islanders as possible, while I was in the Country; which could not be acquired without sacrificing for a time, the comforts and conveniences of civil life. - I was under no apprehension for my personal safety as I had never met with the smallest insult from one of them. - About midnight Wee-wee came to the hut and informed me that one of his wives was very ill, and her little child - that he was afraid she would die, and requested I would pray with her in the morning which I promised to do.

He appeared much concerned about this woman. - I had heard a person moaning very much, for some time, as if very weak and in great pain; and I also heard a child cry occasionally. Early in the morning I rose to see the poor woman, and found her lying with