

to take their leave of them and me - before my final departure from the Island, I wished to obtain, and as far as possible secure a legal claim to the land occupied and required by the Europeans who I was about to leave in the country; and for this purpose application was made to two nephews of the late Tippaher who were the legal proprietors of the land in question which adjoined the village of Ranghachoo. - These two chiefs readily consented to sell us the land (they were related to Duatera) I went with them and the settlers to ascertain the proper dimensions or boundaries, but we had no instruments to measure the exact quantity, which I took to be about 200 acres. The natural land marks or boundaries were inserted in the Deed of Sale made and executed on the Friday (24th February 1815) in the presence of several Chiefs from the several districts around. - The land was purchased on behalf of the Church Missionary Society, for twelve acres: and the Deed of Grant or Sale contains (by way of seal and signature) all the curves and lines which are tabored on the Chiefs faces which renders it a very singular and curious document. -

I took this opportunity to inform the