

door of our hut, which Shunghee was going to
kill for our supper, with plenty of sweet and common
potatoes: but, as we had brought with us a sufficient
quantity of provisions, we requested him not to kill
the sow; and with some difficulty, prevailed on him
to spare her life. The ground was wet in consequence
of the heavy rain; and, from having had some rain
on our passage from Ranghee too, together with walking
through the wet-fern, our clothes were wet too; we therefore
took them off on entering the hut where we were to
remain for the night, and had them dried.

After taking necessary refreshment, and spending the
evening in pleasant conversation with Shunghee &
his people, who were in the hut with us and about the
entrance, we read a Chapter, sung a hymn, and returning our
grateful thanks to Almighty God for his kind protection & for
the safety and comfort that we enjoyed in the very
midst of cannibals, we lay down in peace to rest till morn.

Aug. 18th — We rose about three this morning, sung
a hymn, and offered up our morn. sacrifice of prayer
and praise; and after breakfasting at four o'clock,
crossed the River, in order to examine the land on the op-
posite banks.

Here we were much gratified with a fine clear country
for cultivation, and of great extent; though the soil, in
some parts, did not appear so rich as the land passed
over the preceding evening. On the whole of the
survey which we had taken, we were perfectly
satisfied that a more suitable situation could not
be found in any of the districts adjacent to the Bay
of Islands. There is a fine fall of water close to the
place where we intend the New Town to stand, for a
corn mill, saw mill, or any other purpose, without the
expense and risk of making a dam; which is a valuable
consideration. At Kiddlee Kiddlee, any quantity of
grain &c may be grown that the settlement may