

he took with him 400 fighting men; and, after attaining his object, returned with a few prisoners of war. He went on his expedition previous to Shunghee; but they never met in any part of the coast.

Shunghee had two objects in view; the one was, to revenge the murder of the Woman belonging to his Tribe, who had been taken away by the Venus, as already stated: the other, to assist Houpan, a Chief at the river Thames, to revenge three murders, which had been committed on his tribe several years before. Houpan had long solicited Shunghee to aid him, in punishing the Tribe who had cut off his people.

Shunghee left the Bay of Islands, on the 7th of February, 1818, with his fighting men, to join Houpan at the River Thames.