

different Chiefs on the banks of the river; this he readily granted, and said that he would accompany us. He was immediately ready to embark in his War Canoe, with his Wife, her Daughter, two small Children, and some of his Slaves. This canoe measured 63^{feet}; and was very safe and commodious. At the top of the tide, about 7 o'clock in the morning, we left Hootakooda. On the eve of our departure, a Priest performed certain religious ceremonies, praying that we might accomplish the object of our visit. The canoe, with the tide and more than twenty Natives to paddle, went swiftly down the stream.

About ten miles from the Village, in the middle of the river, is a small Island, of little more than half an acre. It is formed by the meeting of the main river Shukcangha, with a river that falls into it on the north east side. Upon this island stands a small Village, full of inhabitants. The Chief is a very old man. We stopped to speak him. He appeared to have his children and his children's children round him. He was much pleased to see us. I presented him with a plane iron. He would not let us leave the shore, till he had given us about 300^{lbs} of potatoes, in return for the present which he had received. It is more than probable that he esteemed the plane iron the greatest present that he had ever received. About three miles further, we came opposite to a Village,