

which were about four miles distant. Samanthena told me not to be afraid: he would not allow the Winds and Waves to rise. There are two large rocks at the Heads, in which the Gods of the Sea reside, according to the opinion of the Priest and the inhabitants on the banks of the River. The Priest said that he would command the Gods to be still, and not to disturb the sea, till we had made our examination and sounded the shoal and channel.

We were no sooner in the canoe, than the Priest began to exert all his powers, to still the Gods, the winds, and the Waves. He spoke in an angry and commanding tone. However, I did not perceive either the winds or waves to yield to his authority; and when we reached the heads, I requested to go on shore, as the water was rough, while the Priest and Mr. Puckey went out to sea to sound the sand bank. I landed near a concealed rock, and one Chief with me; who expressed great alarm lest I should tread on the consecrated ground; and said that the God would kill him, if he suffered me to do so; and he frequently laid hold of me, when he thought that I approached too near. I was obliged to take advantage of every retiring wave, and run on the beach, till I had passed the residence of the imaginary deity.

After Mr. Puckey had taken the necessary bearings and sounding, I returned again to the Village; and prepared for ^{leaving} our hospitable Chief, who had supplied us and our followers with the greatest abundance of potatoes and such provisions as he had. About 9 o'clock, the Chief, his Brother, and many of