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About sixteen years elapsed before he thought himself strong enough to attack this Chief. -

He had also a sister, taken by the same vessel from the Bay of Islands, who was used in a similar manner, at a place further to the southward, whose death he had revenged - (before that of his niece. -

(I mentioned the taking of the women in a former statement)

It was not till January (in the year I now write of) he mustered a force of 600 men - viz: 200 of his own tribe, 200 from Bay of Islands, and the other 200 from Bream-head - (the last 400 were auxiliaries) - he proceeded, with this force, to Towrongha, and landed on an Island, at the mouth of the Bay. - Awarree came out in his Canoe to know what had brought him to Towrongha - Timmorongha replied, that Awarree had killed, roasted and eaten his niece; and he had come to demand satisfaction for that offence; and wished to know, what he was disposed to offer on that account. - Awarree said "If that be the object of your expedition, the only satisfaction I will give, will be, to kill, roast, and eat you also." - This gross insult, roused the angry feelings of Timmorongha who instantly appealed to arms, for the settlement of the dispute. - Awarree stated "he was ready and would fight him that day. - Timmorongha declined engaging that day, but was most willing to meet him, on the day following; to which, the other agreed. - The ground on which they were to meet was settled on; - (it was a level spot opposite to where Captain Cook anchored, as pointed out to me, by Timmorongha) - The Parties met, at the time and place appointed: and, when they had both drawn up their forces respectively; - Timmorongha

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