

We past a large Hippiak in ruins. - It had been a very strong place, and apparently well peopled at no distant period. - Timmoranga informed me that the tribe was then nearly extinct, and had been cut off chiefly by war. - We next came to a small village, at the edge of a wood, on the plain. - the land about it was good, but the people had recently fled, leaving some few articles in their huts, - we dined here in one of the sheds, for the rain was heavy. - Timmoranga, in looking about the skirts of the wood, found the place, where these poor people had secreted their potatoes &c. - After refreshment we pushed on to another village, known to Timmoranga, as fast as we could. on account of the stormy weather, and reached it by sunset. - this village was also deserted by its inhabitants. - A small miserable hut, and a shed, were all that was left; being both wet and weary, we crept into these for the night. - I took off my wet clothes, but, it was with difficulty we could make a fire, by friction, to dry them, owing to the very wet state of the wood, and, had we not succeeded, we should have had a miserable night indeed.

27th - We started early, and soon came to another village, which had lately been burnt, the land round it was rich, and capable of growing wheat or any other grain, in abundance. This village was also on the skirt of a wood, and appeared to possess every local advantage, in soil, water, and timber. to enrich the proprietor could he enjoy the fruits of industry, and exercise it: but in their state, there is no security for person or property. - I could not but lament to see, the dreadful effects of Man's fall!

That man, here, for the sake of a few potatoes, should murder his fellow, - burn his habitations, -