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Masters of the seven ships which were then in the Harbour.

It was stated that M. Bruid, Master of one of the whalers, had two young women on board his vessel, daughters of two of the principal chiefs, Rewa and the late Shunghee. There was also another young woman sister of Wierepoka who was said to cohabit with one of the men on board. These three were all women of rank. Some difference occurred between them, and the wife and daughter of the head chief, Kevi Kevi, who resided on that side of the Bay in which the shipping were anchored. It appeared that Kevi Kevi's wife had in this quarrel torn some of the hair off the head of Shunghee's daughter, and burnt it - which was one of the greatest insults which could be offered to the young woman, according to their superstitious notions. This was the account the young woman gave me. M. Bruid interfered in behalf of the two young women, his favorites; and they sent information to their friends of the differences that had arisen. Rewa and Wierepoka, immediately took up the quarrel, one on behalf of his daughter and the other on behalf of his sister. They met at Kororanika, the place where Kevi Kevi lived, to enquire into the cause of these serious differences. The latter had heard of their intention and prepared