

prepared to meet them. This took place on the 23rd of Feb^y, and Rewa and Wierepoka settled their dispute with Kevi Kevi, but the quarrel between Shunghee's daughter, and the wife of Kevi Kevi was not settled. Omroa, who is the head of Shunghee's tribe, and her brother Aari-Aangi had not yet arrived.

Rewa, Wierepoka, and Kevi Kevi, considered Mr. Brind as the sole cause of the quarrel. It was stated that the latter wanted the natives to kill Kevi Kevi, some of whose allies had already come to protect him, in case any violence should be attempted either upon him or his people. Mr. Brind had at that time a hundred bushels of Potatoes upon the beach, and as a satisfaction for the disturbances he had created, the natives seized them, which greatly incensed Mr. Brind, and he told the Natives that if they did not kill Kevi-Kevi, he would do so himself. There were several whaling ships then in the bay, which had put in for supplies. I was informed that Mr. Brind had written to the Masters of the whalers, informing them that he thought it necessary that they should bring their ships as near to the shore as they could - hoist their colours - and fire upon the natives. Though much alarmed they all declined to adopt Mr. Brind's directions; when he immediately weighed