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we would facilitate the settlement of their differences. This information was agreeably received, excepting by a few who were anxious for war. One chief gave us private information that a large body of armed men had arrived, and were then on the Island of Motoroa about five miles distant, and that it was their intention to proceed by night and attack Hevi Hevi by surprise in his camp; and requested that we would lose no time in proceeding to Motoroa in order to avert this design. Having been thus privately informed, we stated to Oruroa our wish to be introduced to the chiefs and their men who were assembled at Motoroa, and requested that two of his chiefs might accompany us for that purpose. Tetore, & Toreteta, two of the principal chiefs agreed to go with us. When we arrived at Motoroa, we found the beach covered with war canoes, and a very large concourse of armed men. The assembly was crowded. Here also I met with many chiefs with whom I had formerly been acquainted in my journeys through the interior of the country, and who were glad to see me again. After some trivial conversation upon various subjects, the Rev. Henry Williams stated the object of our visit, and they all heard