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her two days before. She had lived for many years as Queen of Kororika, but had been compelled to flee with her son in order to save her life, though she was in a dying state, and had only a few days to live. According to their custom they had compressed her knees and chin together, and wrapped her whole body close up in a mat. In that state she will remain until her flesh decays from her bones, when they will be removed to the family sepulchre, and deposited with the bones of her deceased friends.

After leaving the Hut where the body of the late Queen lay, we joined the Assembly of the Chiefs, when the Rev. William Williams addressed them in their own language. They were very attentive to him, and wished to know what had passed between us, and their enemies, and whether there was any prospect of a truce being effected. We replied that we had had several interviews with the Chiefs upon the subject and they were disposed to abstain from war. After long consultation it was agreed that ^{Wareni} Wareni should return with us in the boat to Paipia, and visit Oruroa's camp, the following morning, and hear what were the sentiments of his party. Wareni was an old Chief of great influence, and