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informed me that the war canoes were under
 weigh. We all instantly arose and our
 boats having been immediately prepared,
 we embarked to meet them. Their canoes
 were filled with fighting men, many of
 them well armed - and thirty six in number.
 We proceeded in their direction and were
 rejoiced to see that they were making for
 the point agreed upon the preceding
 evening, thereby intimating their resolution
 to entertain our proposals for peace.
 When we reached them we found that
 they had left their women & their children
 at Motoroa, and were prepared for action
 at a moment's notice. They stopt
 when we reached them, and conversed
 as to our future operations. We were
 anxious that the two main bodies
 should not come within gun shot
 of each other, for fear of the conse-
 quences. It was agreed that three chiefs
 should accompany us to Hevi Hevi's
 camp, and that their forces should
 station themselves on the East side
 of the Harbour, upon a high hill
 opposite to Hevi's camp, but at such
 a distance that they could do no mischief
 with their guns. When these preliminaries
 were settled, the fighting men ran up
 to the top of the hill like so many
 furies, quite naked, and firing their
 muskets incessantly, until they reached
 the station assigned. There they continued
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