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shouting and discharging their muskets in the view of their enemy. When we approached the shore the Comminjioners brought their small canoes between our boats, and in that position we landed. They told us, if they were killed, we must be given up as a sacrifice to their friends. As both parties however placed the utmost confidence in us, we were fully persuaded that the Comminjioners would be cordially received.

As soon as the canoe touched the shore, they all leaped out without speaking a word to any person, and ran with the utmost speed to the place where the chiefs were assembled. We followed as fast as we could, but it was not easy to make our way through the crowds of natives who pressed on every side, until we entered the assembly of the chiefs. One of the Comminjioners known by the name of Capt. Campbell and a very great Priest among them after sitting some time in perfect silence, stood up, and addressed the whole Assembly, relative to his own party. He told them that the Sun was now beginning to shine upon them, and that their prospects were much brighter than they ever had been. When he began his address, he stationed himself in front of the Assembly, at the distance of about fifty paces, but as he delivered his