

the Assembly dissolved, and each chief
 rejoined his tribe, formed separate bodies
 under particular leaders, who assumed
 the command, and formed their forces
 into regular ranks. The natives were
 quite naked, having only their belts on.
 They then loaded and discharged their
 muskets, each tribe firing by itself
 several rounds, and dancing the war-
 dance. At length they all mingled together,
 fired their muskets promiscuously, and
 practised their various military exercises.
 Their wild shouts and yells echoed in
 the air, like the roaring of the ocean
 in a storm, when the furious waves
 are dashing against the rocks. Oruro's
 party on the opposite Hill, continued
 also firing their muskets, and dancing
 in a similar manner. As soon as
 the whole ceremony was closed we took
 our departure, not without much
 satisfaction that we had accomplished
 the object we had so long had in view
 and hoping to enjoy a little rest after
 nine days of such unremitting labour.
 I have no doubt but that these disturbances
 will tend to extend and confirm the
 influence of the Missionaries amongst
 the natives throughout the country, and
 be over-ruled by Divine goodness for the
 promotion of God's glory, and the salvation
 of these poor Heathens; for great numbers
 were brought together from different parts
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