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after which all went to rest.

24th. - This morning we set off to examine the settlement in different directions, in order to fix upon a proper station for agriculture. Kewa the principal chief has long wished for some missionaries to reside at Wainate, and renewed his application since my arrival. It is a most desirable object that a missionary station should be established here in the interior, remote from the baneful influence of the shipping and where the natives are so numerous. From its locality ~~situation~~ it ~~was~~ will at all times insure a numerous population as the common necessaries of life may be easily produced from the richness of the land. I also consider that it is of the first importance that a missionary should reside in the midst of his people. The natives had asked Mr. Kaup who occasionally visited, the reason why the missionaries did not come to live with them. "You tell us about your God and your religion when you come, but we forget what you have told us before you visit us again. You should tell these things to day, repeat them tomorrow, and the day after, and then we should remember them". Such are their observations, and it is greatly to be wished that their