

and bounded by a ^{fine} fresh water river, and the communication by water free and open to any part of the Bay of Islands, and safe Anchorage for Ships of any Burden within about 2 leagues of the Settlement. Thunghee told us we were at full liberty to take what land we wanted, on either side the river, as it was all his own to a very great distance. We determined upon forming the principal settlement at this place, as we could not doubt but the rich soil would be grateful for any cultivation we should bestow upon it, and return a plentiful produce, we therefore told Thunghee we should with his approbation settle there. Thunghee was much gratified as well as his people with our determination. After walking over the Land till towards dusk, we returned to Thunghee's Village, where we were to sleep for the night. We found a fine Sow about 140^{lb} weight at the door of our hut which Thunghee was going to kill for our Supper, with plenty of Common and Sweet potatoes. As we had brought with us, a sufficient quantity of provisions we requested Thunghee not to kill the Sow, and with some difficulty we prevailed upon him, at that time, to spare her life. From the heavy rain the ground was wet, and we had had some rain on the passage from Ranghee Roo, together with walking through the wet fern, our Cloaths were wet: Those we took off when we entered the Hut where we were to remain for the night, and had them dried. After taking necessary refreshment, and spending the Evening in pleasant conversation with Thunghee and his People, who were in the Hut with us, and about the entrance, we read a Chapter, sang an Hymn and returning our grateful thanks to Almighty God for his kind protection of us, and for the safety and comfort we enjoyed, in the very midst of Cannibals, and then laid down in peace to rest, till the morning. The next morning about 3 O'clock we rose sang an Hymn and offered up our morning Sacrifice of Prayer and praise to our Great Creator and Preserver, and after breakfasting at 4 O'clock, crossed the river, in order to examine the land on the opposite banks. Here we were much gratified with a fine clear Country for Cultivation