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a very large war canoe. I inquired ¹³ how many men she carried, and was told 60 fighting men, with their provisions &c when they went out to sea, to the River Thames, or to the East Cape, and 80 men in smooth water. On examining the canoe, I observed in the Stern the Head of a Chief: the features of the face as natural as life: and one of the finest countenances I ever saw. The Chief must have been previous to his death about 30 years old. The Hair was long, and every lock combed straight, and the whole brought up to the crown, and tied on a Knot, and ornamented with feathers, according to the custom of the Chiefs, when in full dress: The Hair and Countenance both shining with oil, with which they had been lately dressed. From the beautiful tattooing of the face, the Chief must have been a person of high rank. I inquired whose head it was, and was told, that it was the Head of a Prince who had been killed beyond the River Thames by Munghees. — It is possible, that the death of this Prince, may be revenged, by his Childrens Children, if the Tribe to which he belongs, should ever have strength to retaliate upon Munghees, or his posterity: Hence the foundation is continually laid for new acts of Cruelty and blood, from generation to generation: as the remembrance of these injuries seem never to be forgotten by them. I shall here mention an instance of retaliation some of the Circumstances of which came within my own knowledge. About 15 or 16 years ago a Vessel belonging to the house of Campbell & Co at Port Jackson, called the Venus, was taken by the Convicts at Port Dalrymple. When the pirates had possession of the Venus, they sailed for New Zealand, and touched at the Bay of Islands: from which they took a Chief's Sister, named Temmarangha, and afterwards sold her at an Island near the East Cape, for some mats. Two of the natives afterwards quarreled about her, in consequence of which she was killed. Sometime after, some natives arrived from the East Cape at the Bay of Islands, and gave information relative to the fate of Temmarangha's sister. Temmarangha's Father was alive, and previous to his death, caused Temmarangha to swear that he would revenge the death of his sister. In 1815 Temmarangha accompanied me to Parramatta, and two years after his return, he mustered his Tribe, and set off to the East Cape, to perform the oath which he had sworn to his Father. He killed the Chief of the Island where his sister had been murdered, and brought away his Wife a