

of the natives, for a Chiefs wife to marry again, a party from Ranghee Hoos went over to punish her, for the violation of their laws, and stript her of what property she possess. The fowls we then saw were part of the plunder, which he had taken at the time. We then returned from the Village, and had Divine Service in the Evening. On Monday the Weather was very stormy, we could do nothing but of doors. After dark in the Evening, I was called out by a Chief named Towhee who informed me that Shunghee had made an attack upon a Village between Whangaroo and the North Cape, and had killed 6 Persons: and told me neither to be angry, nor afraid. I expressed my concern for what had happened. Towhee said, the cause of the difference between Shunghee and those people, was the following. His Wifes father had died some years ago; the people had spoiled his sepulchre, and had taken his bones, and made fish hooks of them, for the express purpose, of cruelty, and wantonly sporting with the feelings of Shunghee, and his relations; and had put his Scull upon a pole, to provoke him to revenge. Shunghee told me he was not going to fight, when he left Ranghee Hoos, but only to remove the bones of his fathers wife: when he returns we shall learn whether he knew previous to his departure, that the sacred Tomb in which the Bones of his father in law were deposited had been spoiled or not. On Tuesday the 31st about 60 Men, women, and children arrived at Ranghee Hoos, from a Village situated on the banks of the River Shoukee Haugha distant between 50 and 60 miles. This empties itself into the sea on the west side of the Island, about 100 miles to the south of Cape Van Dieman. They brought with them a few Hogs for sale, and a large quantity of sweet potatoes, as presents for their friends and relatives at Ranghee Hoos, where many of them reside. The complection of these natives was fairer than any I had seen. They are a very fine race of People. I told them it was my intention to visit them before I left New Zealand, which gratified them much. The Chief wished to know, how long it would be before I went, and said he would shew me the way, and carry me over the intermediate swamps. I promised to visit them in one moon, if I could. He expressed his fears, that Shunghee would be offended, if I went to Shoukee Haughas, lest any Ship at a future time, when the River and Harbour were known should come to