

one Axe, a few nails, and a Gimblet, I told him he should have them.) The Rev. Mr. Butler, when he accompanied me to Korarareka had seen the distress King George was in for want of a few Tools: He told us if he did not get an Axe, he would hang himself. We therefore agreed to give these Chiefs 15 Hoes, 2 Spades, 2 Axes, 4 Gimblets a few nails 12 Combs, 2 Looking Glasses, 2 Plane Irons, and near 100 fish hooks. They received this present with the greatest joy and gratitude, and returned to their own districts as happy as a King, with the spoils of war. Tuesday Sep 7. The Rev. Mr. Butler and Mr. Francis Hall accompanied me to Tippoonah, a native settlement, about 2 Miles distant from the residence of the Europeans. The land there is chiefly planted with sweet potatoes which constitute the choicest food of the Natives. The soil generally rich and light, and well adapted for the growth of this root. The principal inhabitants of Ranghee Boor, have their sweet Potatoe Gardens here. We found numbers of them at work, in their respective allotments, some with spades, and hoes which they had received from us, and others, with wooden spades, with long handles to them, the mouth made about the same size ^{as} an English Spade; and such as had got neither Spade nor Hoe, turned up the ground with small spatulas, about 3 feet long. The wooden Spades and Spatulas, can only be used where the land is light, and has been previously turned up. They have another wooden Tool about 7 feet long, pointed like an hedge stake, and a piece of wood lashed on about 2 feet from the ground, to place the foot upon to aid in thrusting the instrument into the ground. They call the tool Koko. with their hands they pull up all the weeds, and then cover them over with the Spatula or wooden spade as they proceed in digging. They were overjoyed to see us, and their universal cry was for Hoes, and Spades. We regretted much that it was not in our power to gratify all their laudable wishes. We saw with pain the hard Toil they endured, and the little progress they made in cultivation with their rude instruments: and were convinced by ocular demonstration that the Earth can never be subdued and made to bring forth its increase, to reward the sweat and toil of man without Iron: and that this valuable article, is the only thing in the Creation that can relieve the temporal miseries of this people. In passing over these Potatoe Grounds, we were informed Shunghee had an extensive allotment, and was in his Garden. We went to visit him, and found