

they paid to the manes of their Ancestors, and what Dominion
 the Prince of this World, hath obtained over their minds. The
 observations of this Native furnished my mind with serious
 reflections, on the miserable state of these poor Heathens. As
 we walked along thro' this dreary wood, the whole road was the
 worst I had ever walked over. The Roots of the Trees entwined
 themselves over the whole path, which made it painful to
 travel upon, as if we had to walk upon ~~the~~ bars of round iron.
 We were several hours before we got through. Within about a
 mile of one of the branches of the Shokee Haugha river, the wood
 rises to a very high summit, from which there is an
 extensive view of the river, and the western shore. On the
 left hand of the Hill, a large plane appears covered with
 Pine, and various timber. The tops of the Trees below are
 like a level sea, as far as the eye could reach: but our
 prospect was in some degree obstructed by the heavy clouds
 and rain, which fell in Torrents; at the same time, it
 thundered aloud. The descent from the Hill into the river, is
 very difficult from its exceeding steepness. When we arrived
 upon the banks, we had this branch to wade thro' several times,
 before we reached the first Village Ko Raka. As soon as the
 Inhabitants discovered us, they invited us to visit them, and
 as a signal of welcome, immediately fired a Musket, which
 was returned by one of the Chiefs who accompanied us.
 Our Guide directed us to proceed first, and the Natives to
 follow us. The Chiefs were seated upon the ground. The old
 Chief Warree Maddoo, I had seen at the Bay of Islands,
 when I was there the first time, and had made him some
 small present. His Son Matanghee, and his Son in Law,
 Te-Taw-muee, I was not acquainted with. Their first
 inquiry was, to know what was the object of our visit.
 We informed them, that we had a desire to see the River
 Shokee Haugha, and to examine the mouth of the Harbour,
 to see, if a ship could come in with safety, and at the
 same time, to visit the Chiefs, and see the different
 inhabitants. Warree Maddoo, and Te-Taw-muee, were very
 much pleased, and expressed their earnest wish, that a
 ship might visit their River, and some Europeans come
 to reside with them, to learn their agriculture, and to
 make good roads. Matanghee who has now the supreme
 authority, his father being a very old man, apparently 80
 years old, told us, we had better go no further at present.
 We wished to know his reason; He said there was a serious
 difference between him and a Neighbouring Chief, named
 Moodce Why, and that Moodce Why, had speared a young
 man in the thigh, the preceding day, who was lying
 upon the ground, and shewed us where the Spear had
 entered. He stated that the following was the Cause of their