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their knowledge. They are very great and enterprising  
travellers in their own country; many of them are absent on  
their journeys ten, and twelve months at a time. We learned  
from them a more particular account of a River called  
Wuy-coto about the Centre of the Island, where the great  
body of the inhabitants appear to reside. They describe them  
as innumerable. The Chiefs and Priest wished to know  
what our business was - we informed them, our first  
object was to examine the mouth of the Harbour to see  
if any vessel could get in. They asked us, if we had  
mentioned our coming to see them to Shunghee, for they  
feared the Chiefs on the East side, would not be pleased, if  
any ship should visit them. I told them I had acquainted  
Shunghee with an intention, and he had sent his son to shew  
us the way. They were much pleased at this information,  
and remarked, as we had come on our own accord, without  
invitation, the Chiefs had no ground to be offended with them.  
The Priest then stated the situation of the entrance of the  
river, described the Rocks on each side, and a sand bank  
on the right hand out at sea, as we got out of the mouth  
of the River. He stated how many fathom of water there was  
on the bank, and in the Channel, and said he would  
accompany us in the Morning to examine the entrance,  
and sound the Depth of water. We told him we could not  
go in the morning, for Tomorrow was sacred, a day appointed  
for us to pray to our God; but the Morning after, we should  
wish him to go with us, if the weather would permit. He  
said he was Priest of the winds and waves, and would com-  
mand them to be still. After talking upon various subjects,  
till a late hour, we sung an Hymn as usual, and thanked  
our God for the blessings we enjoyed in an Heathen Land, and  
then lay down to rest. Our place was very full of Natives,  
who remained with us all night, and the Priest never  
left us an hour, night or day, till we arrived at Rangheehoo.  
Sunday 3. Being the Sabbath after breakfast I read the  
Church Service, and made a few observations on the 11th Chap  
Romans. The Chiefs and their People behaved with great  
propriety; The Head Chief ordered all the Children away,  
lest they should disturb us. Great numbers of men and  
women crowded round our Shed. The Priest said he  
wished to leave to pray as we did, but he did not under-  
stand the reason, why we prayed to our God, when we appeared  
not to want his assistance. He said he never prayed,  
but at those times when he wanted the aid of the Atua.