

friends. Poro had heard of the difference between Moodce Why, and Matabungee, and had sent his son, and brother, to know the particulars, and to offer his assistance if wanted. I wished to know how they had come from their own place, whether by sea or land, as the distance must be very considerable. They replied by Land, I wished to know if there were no rivers to obstruct them - They answered, none, but such as they could easily swim across. When he came to the branch of the river that led to Koota Kooro, Moodce Why's Village, he left us, and we proceeded towards Ta Pappa where we intended to rest for the night - The Chiefs name of this Valley is Patu-ona. We arrived at Ta-Pappa in the Afternoon. Patu-ona had made every preparation for our reception - He had constructed a new and commodious Hut for us, and was greatly rejoiced to see us. Our party was large. Patu-ona is one of the most pleasant Chiefs I had met with. He has a fine open Countenance, in which the greatest kindness, and good nature is expressed. He told me, he had a great desire to visit Port Jackson in the Active, and would be glad to go over in the capacity, of a Cook, which is one of the meanest situations their Slaves are placed in, and added, if I considered him a Gentleman, he would then go as my Friend. I promised him his wish should be granted when an opportunity offered. He made inquiry about the growth of Grain. He had a small patch of wheat growing, from seed he had received from the Missionary Settlement. Patu-ona was very anxious to improve his Countrymen and to better their situation. Should he ever visit Port Jackson, he will derive the greatest advantage from seeing the Comforts of Civil life, and the improvements going on there, in Buildings, Agriculture, &c. -

Moodce Why was very urgent with me to send him a Red flannel shirt, Night Cap, and a Pair of Spectacles: observing if he could only get those articles, he should be a great man. We had not been long with Patu-ona before a messenger arrived and informed Moodce Why that Matabungee had been removing the bones of his ancestors, from the Sepulchre where they had been deposited, which greatly wounded Moodce Why's feelings, and roused his indignation: When he received the information of the Circumstance, he was greatly distressed. The news pierced his very heart. He said, if it was not for the respect he had for us, he would go that night and kill Matabungee. He further observed that it was his intention