

We wept at our departure, directed the Priest to accompany us to Ranghee Hoo, and to learn if the Active had arrived, and whether there was any prospect of her visiting their River, in order that they might prepare the Timber for her. It would have been impossible for any civilized nation to have paid us more attention, as far as their means and knowledge extended, than those poor Heathens did. When we left Patu-onas Village, we were more than 50 in Company, the most of them were going for an Axe, or Hoe or some small edge tool. They would have to travel by land and water, from 100 to 140 Miles, thro' some of the worst paths, thro' woods, that can be conceived - and to carry their provisions for their journey. A Chiefs wife came with us all the way, and I believe her load could not be less than 100^{lb}, and many carried much more than that weight. We had to travel upon the banks of the upper part of the river Shakee Bangha. Patu-onas took myself Mess^r Kendall & Puckey, in his Canoe for some miles up the river, till we came to a fall, when we landed in a wood, about the middle of the day. We estimated our distance from the Head to be between 40 and 50 Miles, or upwards. The body of our party, had gone on. We had now to travel thro' a very thick wood on the banks, and at particular points had to wade the River. Some very fine young Men went before us, and cleared the way as well as they could, by breaking and breaking down the brush, and branches of trees. It was very fatiguing, to walk in this wood, and from the very heavy rain, that fell in the Morning, very wet and dreary. Near dusk in the evening we came to the last station on the banks of the River, where we put up for the night, under a little shed, open both to the wind and rain. The party with us, made a shed for themselves. The night was cold, we were very wet and weary. Our servants kindled the fires, dressed some Pork and Potatoes, on which we dined. The Chiefs had sent nine Hogs with us, and many hundred weights of Potatoes. One Hog we killed, and dressed this Evening. All had now returned, who did not intend to accompany us to the end of our journey. We still mustered in our little Camp between 50 and 60 Persons. This was a very solitary station, on the banks of a River, in a very deep Valley, surrounded with lofty Timber, of various kinds, and a Days journey from any native Village, or farm - Our only Companions