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whether we were going - when we told them  
they immediately informed us that there was the  
Attua at Wyemattē. I could not comprehend what  
they meant as they all seemed much interested  
about the Attua, I thought some chief was either dead  
or near death, as they told us there were a great  
number of persons at Wyemattē - We arrived  
there about sunset, at a Farm belonging to  
a Chief named Terrā - Here we met the largest  
assemblage of natives I had ever seen. Terrā  
received us very cordially - furnished us with  
a good Hut and plenty of potatoes for ourselves  
and porters - There were some of the heads of tribes  
with their fighting men from Shockey Wanga  
on the west side of N Zealand to Bream Head  
on the East - We walked round the different groups  
as they assembled in separate bodies - we found  
a number of Chiefs sitting in a circle in deep  
consultation - we understood that the heads of the  
different tribes had met to settle some War expedi-  
-tion, and that each tribe had to furnish a  
certain number of men - The concourse of People  
and the bustle occasioned thereby resembled more  
a country Fair than any thing else I can com-  
-pare it to. I inquired what had occasioned so very  
large a meeting of the Chiefs from such distant  
parts, and was informed that previous to the  
destruction of the Boyd, which happened about  
ten years ago, Shungee and his tribe had made  
war against the inhabitants of Tikiparua where  
he had been defeated and had lost a number  
of his Officers and Men and amongst the