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the dawn of day, and walked thro the camp again. We found the Chiefs sitting still in a circle from whence they appeared never to have moved from the time we arrived the preceeding day to the present

After walking round and taking leave of the Chiefs we left this extraordinary assembly, intending to breakfast with Shungee's son, who had lived with me at Parramatta, and whose village was near at hand, purposing afterwards to visit the Attia as the lamentations continued with increased cries. When we arrived we found him at home his Mother and sisters in the midst of their people. Mrs Shungee gave us a very hearty welcome, and ordered some provision to be got ready immediately, while we were sitting talking with them, a number of armed Men appeared on the ~~side~~^{Wedge} of the wood close to a field of potatoes which lay between them and us. The Armed Men were naked, and put themselves into a posture of defence, as soon as Shungee's son, and daughters observed them they instantly flew to arms, at the first I was not certain whether we were going to have a real or a sham fight but when I observed that Shungee's daughters only charged their muskets with powder I was convinced they were only going to make a sham fight. When both parties were ready and drawn up in military order, which was done very quick they began the fight. The women loaded and fired their muskets with much military spirit and appeared to be very fond of the sport and I