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the morning, which he promised I should have. (41)  
This Kippah has been a very strong place, both by Art and nature. It is fortified by very deep Trenches and an high fence made of split Timber. In their former mode of warfare, it must have bid defiance to any force that could be brought against it. But it cannot now afford them secure protection against an Enemy armed with Muskets. They shewed me where the Musket Balls had struck their Buildings, and stated that it was impossible for them with Spears to contend against the Force of Muskets. Should the British Government ever form a Settlement at the River Thames the Ground upon which this Kippah stands, in my opinion is the most eligible Spot I have seen. It possesses many important local advantages. — It could easily be fortified, and made impregnable. It Commands the entrance into the fresh water river — is surrounded by a tract of fine land for Cultivation, and convenient for Timber to build with; and tho' the Shipping cannot come up to it, yet it is more convenient to the Harbour, where the Ships can lay in perfect safety, than any other situation. — Small vessels of 100 or 150 Tons may come up the River and Anchor opposite to it.

July 19<sup>th</sup>. This morning we arose very early, and prepared for our Journey — We had some distance to walk before we could be accommodated with a good Canoe. We passed two Villages, and at the third, we were to Embark. While the Crew of the Canoe were launching it, and getting all ready, the inhabitants of the Village assembled round us; amongst whom was a very sage aged Priest. This Priest entered into very close Conversation with my friend Temmaranga for some time, who was all attention. At length Temmaranga was much agitated. I asked him what was the matter, he informed me, the Priest had told him he had seen his Ghost in the Night, and had also had an interview with the Akya who informed him, that if he accompanied me to ~~Atterway Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup>, he would die in ~~four~~ <sup>five</sup> Days, because he had killed two Chiefs the last time he was there, and the God of ~~Atterway Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup> would now kill him if he went, and recommended him to return. Temmaranga now told me of his war expedition against ~~Atterway Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup>, and that he was returning from that Expedition the morning Mr. Kendall sailed for England: and that the Prisoners of war, and the Heads of the Chiefs, I had seen at Ranghee too <sup>Towrangha</sup> that morning were all brought from ~~Atterway Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup>. In consequence of this Information I conceived there might be some danger to Temmaranga if he accompanied me. The people there might take advantage of him and cut