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44/ From no opinion of, as I could see no end to it, even when I got upon the high clear land upon the opposite side. From that situation, as the country is all open in the Rear of the Wood, the Hills which encompass ~~Mercury Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup> are clearly seen. They appear to be about sixteen miles distant situated on the skirts of the intervening plain, which in general is pretty level. It is covered with Fern, and completely free from Timber. In this plain there are a Number of natural Springs, to the foot of the Hills that overlook ~~Mercury Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup>, all sending their tributary Streams into the O. Emanonee whose united waters form that River. The natives informed me that the Spars in the immense Wood opposite to the plain leading to ~~Mercury Bay~~ <sup>Towrangha</sup>, might be taken down the O. Emanonee into the Thames, but as I had no opportunity of ascertaining the Fact I can say nothing on the subject. The Timber is good if it can be conveniently got - should it be wanted. The day was far spent when we reached the Plain - we walked on till the Sun was nearly set when we stop and prepared for the night. The servants who had the provisions to carry were very tired. There were no Huts on the plain nor any inhabitants, we were therefore compelled to take up our Lodgings in the open air. I was very weary, having had no rest the preceding night, and having had a long days Journey, that now I found it would be very acceptable upon a heap of Fern, or in any other way. The peculiar scene that surrounded me, furnished the mind with new matter of Contemplation upon the works and ways of God. The mystery of His Providence, and the still greater mystery of His Grace, were all unsearchable to me. I had come from a distant Country, and was now at the ends of the Earth, a solitary individual, resting upon an extensive plain upon which no civilized foot had ever stepped, & my Companions poor Savages, who nevertheless vied with each other in their attentions to me. I could not but feel attached to them - What would I have given to have opened the Book of Life to them, to have shewed them that God had made them, and to have led them to Calvary, and shewed them that Redeemer who shed His precious Blood for the Redemption of the world, and was there set up as an Ensign for the Nations. But it was not in my power to take the Veil from their Hearts. I could only pray for them and intreat the Father of mercies to visit them with His Salvation. I felt very Grateful that a Divine Revelation had been granted to me - that I knew that the Son of God was Come, and that I was satisfied he had made a full,