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Moweta - the latter a great Warrior. Every party packed up 1820 what provisions remained in their Baskets, and we marched Aug 18 towards the Village which was two or three miles distant. Our Company consisted of more than fifty amongst the number were Spos and his wife, the Priest and Surge. We part too some very rich land, but hilly. A number of Slaves were at work preparing the ground for Planting with Potatoes - when we came in sight of the Village, we were hailed with loud acclamations. The Chiefs and their friends were ready to receive us. After the common introductions and Salutations we all sat down under a shed. I had not been long seated when a Chief presented me with a Cat suspended by a cord at the End of a long spear not quite dead - I understood he intended I should have this dressed as a delicate feast for Dinner. I told him that the white people never eat Cats, nor Dogs - That they were Tabooed Animals, and never used as an Article of food. He immediately took the Cat away. They all seemed to think it strange that we did not eat these Animals ^{as} they considered such choice food. I told him we eat other Animals, which they had not seen, and also Hogs. Shortly after this I was presented with a very large fat Hog - Temmaranga killed it in the English mode; and his Servant dressed it in the same manner; when it was hung upon a tree as clean as if it had been killed for an English Market - The New Zealanders kill their Pigs not by bleeding but by a blow on the skull; and holding their Heads under water till they are strangled. At this Village a number of Chiefs soon assembled; amongst whom was one named ^[Muru-paenga] Moodeepanga. This Chief is considered one of the greatest Warriors in New Zealand. I had often heard of the Fame of this man from Quaterra, Tooi and others. He has been the rival of Shunghee and his Tribe for almost twenty years. Before the Boyd was cut off at Wangaroa in 1809 Shunghee went against Moodeepanga with a great force - Moodeepanga defeated him, slew two of his brothers, wounded him, killed the greater part of his Officers and men, and compelled him to save his life by flight. The Chiefs on the South side of the Bay of Islands united their Forces after this and went against Moodeepanga. As they relied upon their Muskets and not upon their ordinary weapons of war, Spears and Patoes. Moodeepanga out Generalled them. When the two contending parties met in the field of Battle, Moodeepanga knew that the Enemy was armed with Muskets. He directed his men that when the Enemy advanced, and were on the point of firing their Muskets, to lie that instant flat upon the