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a rapid rate; as we had a very fine sail, as well as canvas -  
The river was three or four miles wide. There were no Natives to  
be seen on the left Banks; and we observed only a few fires on  
the right banks as we sailed up the river. The Distance  
between the Sea and this river for thirty miles, I could hear the  
swif beat upon the Sea Shore as we went along. About two o'clock  
we arrived at a Kippah belonging to a Chief named Tetoko,  
a noted warrior in New Zealand. He hailed the Canoe, and  
urged me to go on Shore. I accepted his invitation. We all  
landed - He received me with much pleasure. His Kippah  
was crowded with men women & children, and in a complete  
state of defence, according to their mode of Fortification; which  
would afford Protection against Spears and Clubs; but very  
little against fire arms. He informed me that part of  
Shunghees Tribe was in their district - had committed great  
depredations, and murdered five of his people. He said his  
Tribe was not able to meet them now in battle, as he  
had no Muskets to defend himself with, while the Enemy  
was strongly armed. I told him I lamented much that  
they should live in such a continual state of warfare,  
and be exposed to such public calamities: but I hoped in  
time an end would be put to these wars, and that they  
would have a regular Government, which would afford them  
Protection. He said if any Europeans would only come and  
live with them, this would afford them some protection.  
I told him it was possible that some Missionaries might  
in time reside in his district, but I would not promise him  
but assured him that on my return to Keddee Keddee I would use  
my influences with Shunghees Tribe to prevent them as far as I  
could from committing such Acts of Violence and Plunders.  
Tetoko seems very anxious to be permitted to live in Peace, and  
cultivate his Lands. He urged me to remain till the following  
day; but I told him I could not do this, as I was afraid of  
losing my Passage to port Jackson. However he would not let me  
go till we had dined with him, and ordered a large quantity  
of fish and Potatoes to be cooked - After dinner he presented  
me with two fine Hogs - I told him it was not in my Power  
to accept his present, as we had already as much Pork as we  
possibly make use of, or carry with us. I could hardly  
prevent him from putting them into the Canoe, till I told  
him to take care of them till one of the Missionaries or  
some other European called upon him, as I intended if  
I could during the Summer when the weather was fine  
to send some Person to examine the Harbour of Kiparro,  
and see whether there was a safe Passage for a Ship to come