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Aug 26 We stoppt here and dined in one of the sheds for the rain fell very heavy. The Village is situated in the Edge of a wood, thro' which we had to pass. Temmaranga in looking about the skirts of the wood found the place where these poor people had secreted their Store of Potatoes when they fled from their huts. After we had taken some refreshment we pushed on in order to reach another village which Temmaranga knew was a few miles ahead - we pushed on as fast as we could tho' it rained and blew hard, and arrived just as the sun went down. We found all the inhabitants fled from this Village also. A small miserable hut remained and also a shed; into these we crept for the night. As we were very wet and weary - I took off my cloaths, but it was with some difficulty we could procure a fire to dry them, from friction, on account of the wood being wet, but at length we succeeded. If we had not, we should have had a much more miserable night.

Aug 27 27th. We proceeded on our journey early this Morning, and after walking some time we came to another Village that had been lately all burnt. The Land about it was very rich and capable of growing wheat, or any other grain in abundance. This Village was also situated in the Skirt of a wood, and appeared to possess every local advantage in timber water and soil, to enrich the proprietor, could he enjoy the Fruits of his industry. But in such a state of Society, there is no security either for persons or property. I could not but lament to see the dreadful effects of mans fall. That man for the sake of a few Potatoes should murder his fellow - burn his habitations; drive his wife and Children into the woods to perish with hunger if they escaped the murderers hand. Temmaranga made many judicious observations as we past those scenes of devastation, and expressed an ardent desire that the time might soon come when his Country would possess the means to put a stop to such wanton cruelties and acts of injustice. He thought when the man of war came out, which Captain Downie had written for, his Country men would be checked, and deterred in some degree from committing such murders as they do at present. When we had past this Village about a mile Temmaranga and the Slaves began to tire; and sat down to rest. I was very wet with wading thro' the swamps, and also warm with walking that I was afraid to sit down & rest