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to have crossed the Country over to the River Wyroo and
 proceeded down that River in a Canoe into the Meporo
 but here we learned that all the Inhabitants belonging
 to the Wyroo had fled for safety from the Mepoocs, some
 to Meporo and others to Wanyere - and that it would be
 of no use to proceed any further in that direction, as
 there was not a fence upon the River - From this info-
 -mation I was fully convinced that we could never reach
 Meporo by the Wyroo and was therefore compelled to aban-
 -don my first intention -

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Nov 1st This morning I was at a loss what Route to pursue
 I had no ~~other~~ alternatives, but either to go by the River
 Thames, or to strike off from Briam Head, called ^{to a River} Kotamatta
 which falls into the Harbour of Meporo - I had seen the
 mouth of this River when I visited Meporo before - In order to
 gain correct information relative to the practicability of
 making our way to the Meporo by the River Kotamatta
 I crossed the Harbour of Wanyere to consult with a number
 of natives who were carrying Fish on the opposite Beach -
 They informed me I could not get down the Kotamatta, as
 there were no canoes - The whole of the Inhabitants had
 fled in consequence of the present War - We had
 now therefore, but to proceed to the Thames and immediately
 directed our course to Briam Head - The Inhabitants at Wanyere
 are very ~~very~~ numerous at present - The Harbour abounds
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