

before when I came in the Coromandel - we had to pass
 several Islands in our course up the River Oyeroa which
 falls into the Thames - while we were in this River which
 is several Miles wide, the wind blew fresh, and the Tide
 running strong made high Sea - In consequence of which
 we were very near upsetting our Boat a narrow shallow
 channel between two Islands when the surf broke with
 much violence, we were not aware of our danger till
 it was too late to return, and were therefore compelled
 to avoid the dashing of the Boat ~~to pieces~~ against the
 Rocks in order to reach the Shore, which we were fortu-
 nate enough to do in safety - After we had got clear
 of the Breakers, and under the shelter of the Land between
 the two Islands we found there was not sufficient water
 in the channel to take the Boat through - Here we met with
 about fifty natives, who dragged the Boat thro' the Rapids
 into deep water - we were now about 10 or 12 miles from
 Mayaca - As the wind was fair tho' strong we hoisted our
 Sail, and very soon crossed the Oyeroa and entered the mouth
 of the River on whose Banks the Settlement is formed -
 In the Evening we landed to the great Joy of the Inhabitants
 You found most of my former acquaintances - Chakke
 and Totrace the two principal Chiefs were both at Home
 I was very happy to find Dupree the Son of Chakke also
 a Youth about 14 Years old, safe at home, when I left the