

squatted down under the Baches and begged
 us to do the same, till they reconnoitred the Party
 They Chief threw off his Mats took his Maru
 or Stone and his Patoe Patoe, put his on his
 back and girded his Loins very tight
 with a Cord, they then all crept along the
 ground thro' the Short Baches in order to get
 a nearer view of them - I was told one of them
 was Enemies he and his Party must run off
 into the Bush and leave us to do the best we
 could - I requested him to run no risk on our
 account for I was not afraid and we could
 take care of ourselves, after lying for some
 time till they were not able to satisfy them-
 selves whom or what they were, and therefore
 determined to take a circuit ~~in the hills~~
 where we could not be discerned by them, and
 come into ^{the} public path beyond them on the side
 next Shokee Hanga where they thought they could
 examine them with less risk of being seen -
 after we had done this and reached the ^{Public} Road
 They reconnoitred them again and found that
 there were no Enemies they then went up to them
 [Rewa]
 I learn the News and was informed that a Riva