

occasioned by such an awful accident and  
 Mrs Leigh being much alarmed I requested  
 the Captain to lend me the Boat to take  
 Mr & Mrs Leigh to the nearest Island which  
 he kindly granted. The wind was high and  
 the Sea very rough, but I did not apprehend  
 much danger in going on shore, as the  
 Island was only about 2 miles distant, and  
 the nearer we approached it the smoother  
 the water would be as we should be more  
 sheltered from the wind and sea. We  
 arrived safe tho' very wet with the Rain  
 and the Sea washing over the sides of the  
 Boat. We found a few poor Natives on the  
 point of the Island called Mootoooa where  
 we landed. It rained very heavily. The  
 Natives expressed much concern for us, made  
 a fire and prepared the best Hut they had  
 (which was made of Bullrushes) for our  
 reception. I requested them to send a canoe  
 to Orange Noo to inform Mr Wm Hall of the  
 loss of the Ship, and to bring his Boat to assist  
 to land the people, and at the same time desired  
 that they would tell the Natives to bring  
 a large War canoe. The Natives for sometime  
 objected to go, on account of the Storm and  
 the high Sea - alledging that their canoe would  
 be dashed to pieces by the Waves. At length I  
 prevailed upon them. They had between 5 & 6  
 miles to go thro a very rough sea. About  
 3 O'clock P.M. Mrs Hall Ping & Hansen arrived  
 in Mr Hall's Boat, and a large War canoe