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taken in the last expedition against the River  
Homes. Thiva has just called upon me full-dressed  
and presented me with two Mats - he tells me he  
has killed a young woman, but has ordered her  
to be buried and not eaten - There are two  
charges alleged against the deceased - one is that  
she had <sup>not</sup> paid proper attention to her Mistress  
during her confinement, and the other is that  
she had performed the funeral rites to her  
Mistress, and afterwards took the provisions  
which she eat with her own hands before  
she was cleansed from her ceremonial unclean-  
ness in consequence of having touched a dead  
body - This last is considered as a very  
great crime against their God - For these  
things it was necessary that she should  
be made a sacrifice, as an atonement for  
the dead, and as a safety to the living - No art  
of persuasion, no rewards, no promises, can  
stop these bloody Rites - The Gospel alone  
can supply a remedy for these dreadful  
effects of Superstition - Satan has got fast  
hold of the conscience of these poor Heathens  
and leads them captive at his will - He  
makes them believe, that if a person were him-  
self with his own hands with any kind of  
provision labouring under any ceremoni-  
al uncleaness, he commits the greatest Sin,  
and merits the wrath of the Deity; and that  
to sacrifice the offender for so doing is an ac-  
ceptable service, and an indispensable one -  
Thiva seemed easy in his mind when he