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advised him to return to Proctoroa before the action
began, as he might be cut off. They had no difference
with him, and Immaoranga did not wish him to
risk his life. However the chief remained with his friends
and fell in battle. Shortly after this action, a trading party
went to Proctoroa from the Bay of Islands, and Mangarua
the inhabitants of Proctoroa having lost one of their ships
at the same time and taking these traders for spies, they
killed fifteen of them, and the rest narrowly escaped.

When this information arrived at the Bay of Islands Shun-
-ge in conjunction with the other chiefs prepared
to revenge the death of their friends upon the people
of Proctoroa. A large army was assembled from
the different tribes, and Shungee proceeded at
their head to ~~Mercury Bay~~ ^{Towrangha} ~~Bay~~. The number of war
canoes which met at ~~Mercury Bay~~ ^{Towrangha} is stated
to amount to one hundred. Proctoroa is an
Island situated in the middle of a large lake
in the interior, and very populous. Shungee had
to make roads thro' the woods, and to drag his canoes
to the lake, which was accomplished in about 12
days. There were two lakes which the army
had to cross. The second, and largest is Pro-
ctoroa. Two chiefs (Tomare and Thourabhee) pro-
ceeded before Shungee, and the main body attacked
the inhabitants on the Island in the first lake.
They were both defeated, lost part of their men, and were
nearly cut off themselves, and compelled to retreat
to Shungee. When Shungee arrived he launched his
canoes, and advanced towards the Island which he
found fortified all round, very populous, and
the inhabitants prepared to defend themselves.