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Shungee examined the Island for three days before he fixed upon a place to make an attack - All the Chiefs were afraid excepting Shungee, they conceived the place was too strong for them - Their fortifications were very near the edge of the Lake - When Shungee had determined the point where he would begin his operations, he recommended all the Canoes should advance at once in line of Battle - He took the centre, and every Chief had the command of the Men of his own tribe - When he drew near the shore, they heard the Natives in the Fort say, "Shungee is not there" - One of the Chiefs named Showathee had married a wife from that place - He landed her, and she went into the Fort to request her friends to make their escape or they would be put to death - She told them Shungee was there and pointed him out - The people there cried aloud, "There is the God of New Zealand, we shall be all killed" - As soon as the Chiefs saw Shungee, he fired at him and the Ball passed thro' the front of his helmet, but did not wound him - The Chief fired two more shots at Shungee one hit his arm, and the other his thigh - Shungee showed me his Helmet and where the balls had struck his arm and thigh - After this the natives rushed out of the fort to oppose Shungee's army in their landing, when a very great slaughter was made - They could not resist the fire arms of Shungee's forces, and fell in great numbers - Shungee told me he had fifteen muskets himself which his servants loaded for him, as he fired them - The Island was soon subdued, and about 500 prisoners of War were taken, Shungee lost some of his people, and had many wounded - In some