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as there was but one landing place on the whole Island & that very difficult of access we were obliged to accept the offered service of one of the Islanders who rowed to us out side the reef & piloted us in - we then ascended a very steep hill whose summit was about 400 feet above the surface of the water by means of steps dug in the earth & the shrubs which grew on each side the path - we were met by at the top by some girls & boys who gave us some Coconuts & requested that we would drink the milk - telling us that it was very wholesome some to drink water when we were so fatigued - we then proceeded on through groves of Coconut & Palm trees for about half a mile when we came to the town which is situated on the northern declivity of an eminence that overlooks the sea on a pleasant little lawn with a grove of

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Coconuts on each side - The town consists of 7 houses each very neat though very differently constructed from any that I ever saw before - here we were met by men women & children who presented us with the choicest fruits of the Island & ~~which it was useless to refuse~~ - The children were very lively & inquisitive & were evidently pleased in learning as they could talk English - at sunset they were all assembled together men women & children by an English man by the name of Adams who acted as pastor over them - They chanted a hymn in the praise of their maker after which they all knelt from the West to the youngest with the most solemn devotion while an appropriate prayer was read by Adams - we were then summoned to supper which consisted of heart of pork & some plantains & arrow root - in the evening they requested us to sing some hymns & were so delighted with