

¼ past 2 we arrived at yenan Gheoum⁵⁰² and moored under a very lofty bank on which Several Temples at huts were visible[.] after sun set I ascended the bank and walked up by a flight of steps to the residence of a priest near whose house was a slab of grey sand stone cut into the usual sacred representation of the impress if Gautma's foot. it was very neatly executed and while I was looking at it an old Priest peeping from the balustrade above asked if there was any thing like that in Bengal. I told him there were plenty of similar stones but that it was not customary to cut them into such an object of worship. I then proceeded to the north where the ground rose into a lofty hilldoh⁵⁰³ on the Eastern extrimity of which was a temple rendered remarkable by a little []⁵⁰⁴ raised all round it, and which was secured from falling down by a number of small palings⁵⁰⁵ driven all around the outer edge of the mound. these were not more than a foot above the ground and had been originally cut from the teak tree but were now by the process of petrification converted into solid masses of stone. the smoothness of the upper extremities of those little posts clearly proved that their present shape and form⁵⁰⁶ had been given before the petrification had taken place and it is difficult to conceive how much⁵⁰⁷ a number so much resembling each other should have been obtained by chance from the River, and yet this must have been the case, for we know of no Process except that effected through the Agency of water by which this conversion of wood into stone scites⁵⁰⁸ bear the first impression left upon the mind in viewing the stope⁵⁰⁹ certainly is that the change has ocured Since the blocks were fixed in their present position, but it is impossible to believe it.- the view of the surrounding Country on the north, east and south from the spot on which I stood was romantic and wild. below was a level spot in which stood the Village with numerous trees

502. spelling variant

503. sic, hillock

504. word(s) missing? - mound, wall etc.

505. paling. n. *A fence made from wooden pales or (later also) metal stakes.* OEDonline, 3.5.24

506. sic, form

507. sic, such

508. ???

509. sic, stone(?)