THIRROUL FIRST CALLED ROBBINSVILLE OR NEWTOWN
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“. . . A little to the north of Bulli, a village has lately sprung up, to which the name of Robbinsville has been given, in compliment to a large proprietor, but it is also generally known as Newtown. As yet, it has not had a very prosperous career, in consequence of the failure of an attempt to open mines in the vicinity; but the place will come to the front again, when the work is resumed under better auspices, as it is certain to be before very long. A short distance south of this village is a public school, which cannot fail to attract the eye of the tourist from its strikingly romantic situation. In the rear, and at a distance of only a few chains the colossal mountain overhangs, steep and dark with its dense vegetation; while right in front of the school, and with only a too narrow highway intervening, is the interminable ocean laving the beach on one hand, and breaking in white foam against a promontory on the other. So close, indeed is the proximity that in wild weather the spray from the waves is projected to the roof of the school . . . The teacher, Miss Mackenzie, is to be complimented on her excellent ‘situation’ and she may well be happy in her ‘cottage by the sea’. Nearly opposite this enchanting spot, only a little further to the south, is the famous Bulli Pass . . .”