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 ..."