

up the River Thames in which there are several Islands, on the east side and on the west. - About 11 A.M. we came opposite the residence of the Head Chief Houpa, of whom we had often heard, and from those accounts, were taught to believe, that he was a man much esteemed as well as feared, and possessed very great power. - In a short time we observed a war canoe full of men, advancing towards the vessel, we hove to - when they came near, they lay upon their paddles and viewed the Brig and informed us that Houpa was in the canoe. - I requested him to come on board, which he did with one of his sons. - Houpa is one of the strongest and best made men, I almost ever beheld; he was greatly surprised to see such a number of New Zealanders on board, and so few Europeans. -

We had one chief in the Active named Timmaronghee who was intimate with Houpa, and who had lived on board the Brig for some time; he informed Houpa, who we were, and that we had come to the River Thames (which they call Showraker) to see him and his people, and also that some of the Europeans were settled at the Bay of Islands.