

examined, not being approved of, it became necessary to look elsewhere for better sorts. -
 Tourokta and the Arokee informed us, that some fine timber called by the natives, "Kowere" grew on the east side of the Salt water river; Mr. Anderson was therefore sent, in the Launch, to examine the woods in those parts: and on

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the following day Captain Downie weighed and followed the Launch in hopes of finding a more commodious and secure harbour for the ship. - In this he succeeded to his wishes, having found a most excellent harbour, about 16 miles from our first anchorage, in the spot where Captain Cook's ship lay, which is behind two small Islands on the east side of "The Thames". - This harbour is perfectly safe for ships of any burden, being completely sheltered from the Sea. -

When Mr. Anderson & the ship's carpenter (who had accompanied him) returned, they reported that they had met with some spars which would answer for masts. - We were all rejoiced at this information, and on the

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following day arrangements were made with the natives and part of the ship's company for cutting some of them down, and preparing them for shipment. -

As Captain Downie had now determined to take what spars he could procure from the neighbouring woods; and as the natives had come on the most friendly terms with the Europeans; I felt my time to be, in a great measure,