

We crossed the river O'Emanonee at a ford - at the foot of the hill on which Tepporari stands. - The ford was breast high, and the stream rapid: - four newzealanders carried me over, on their shoulders, in safety. - They are so accustomed to the water that, rivers and swamps present nothing difficult to them, in their long journeys. - I had fourteen natives (including Chiefs and their servants) with me; so that I was under no apprehensions of meeting impediments, which, with their assistance, I could not overcome. -

At this part, the country around is very hilly, and covered with timber; some of the trees are exceeding lofty and fine. - The woods extend to the right and left of the pathway, further than the eye can reach. - O'Emanonee runs through a deep chasm in a mountain, at the foot of some very high conical rocks, on the right; and afterwards runs on to the left, towards the sea coast. - We had to ford this river three times, and our path lay thro' the wood directly across the summit of the hill. -

The wood may be about three miles wide at the place, we passed thro' it - but, of its length, I could form no opinion; as I could see no end to it, even after I had got upon the high clear land, on the opposite side; from which (as the country in rear of the wood is all open) the hills that encompass Tauranga are clearly to be seen. - They appeared to be about sixteen miles distant, situated on the skirts, of an intervening plain, which is pretty level, - covered with fern, and completely clear of timber. - In this plain

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