

He said there would not be time to examine it that evening but, if I could stay, he would go with me in the morning - I observed that my time was short and if I could not see the mouth of the harbour then, I should cross over to Myerua. He then said, that, tho' he wished me to stay all night, if I was determined to go, he would, if I wished, attend me down the river to view the entrance. Two other chiefs accompanied us to the entrance - The wind blew fresh and a strong tide set against us, in paddling the Canoe down, - when a cable's length from the shore, I sounded with a line (I had for the purpose) and found 15 fathoms water. The river is here (in the harbour) from five to seven miles broad, but I had no means to ascertain it exactly. - When we had got a mile further down, the roughness of the sea compelled us to go on shore; and, as I could not get to the mouth of the harbour in a canoe, I ascended a high hill, from which I had an extensive view of the sea, but could not see the entrance distinctly - tho' I observed breakers a long way out, in the channel. - One of the chiefs informed me, there was a channel to the southward, free from breakers, and had a depth of twenty fathoms water; but as I did not see or examine this channel, I cannot affirm his statement to be correct. - If however, a safe entrance and anchorage, be found to this place, it will be very convenient for procuring and shipping good Spars, and Masts of ^{all} sizes. - There are three fresh water rivers which run into this harbour, upon whose banks the finest spars are to be met with. - I have seen the wood on the banks of two of them; - the other I did not ascend, but was told the spars on it, are equally good. - One of them takes its rise from the Wyteematta (already described), on the west side of the Thames. - The second runs from the interior, near Bream head, on the east side. - The third runs parallel with