

3<sup>rd</sup> May 17/14

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of  
November the Mary & the Inspector  
got under weigh. As they were  
passing Tippahis Territories  
Theodore Walker master of the  
Mercury came on board the Mary  
& endeavoured to persuade Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Simmons to send a Boat & Crew  
to assist him in taking Potatoes  
as the Natives would sell them  
none. The only Potatoes in  
the Country were growing &  
were too young to dig. Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Simmons therefore said he would  
have nothing to do with it, as  
it might endanger other Ships,  
& himself likewise, as he expected  
to return for refreshments. Walker  
then went ashore in his own Boat.

The Mary having foundered  
at Sea went on board the New  
Lealandor Capt<sup>n</sup> Elder which  
did return to the Bay of Islands.  
The Natives informed us that Walker  
went ashore & took the largest