

Monday July 25. The vessel set sail for Port Jackson. Kunghee
 now consented that Depero his eldest son who is about eight
 years of age should now embark with us. Purukuro the brother
 of Toi was also received on board. Kurokuro is a chief,
 his residence is at Pahoa on the South side of the Bay
 of Islands. About one o'clock in the day time I had a most
 providential escape from imminent danger. The vessel
 was under way and I had incautiously seated myself
 upon the top of a Water Cloud which is raised above the grade
 Deck in order to speak to some natives who were in
 Purukuro's canoe at the stern. On hearing the main
 boom from the Starboard to the Starboard side I was struck
 by it and fell overboard. I never had attempted to
 swim in my life I could therefore sink myself very
 little. but the natives in the canoe observing me fell down
 with all possible haste near me, and I was rescued by
 them from a watery grave. My left leg was severely
 bruised between the boom & the water cloud but not
 broken. This fresh instance of Divine Care and goodness I
 desire to record with humble gratitude. God has in the
 course of my past life graciously & shown me
 abundant instances of his mercy which loudly
 call for my zeal in his service & my faithfulness and love.
 My life has also been preserved thro' the kind instrumentality
 of the People of New Zealand. I pray that the remainder of my
 life may be spent in humble endeavours to promote the
 glory of God and the knowledge of his salvation amongst a
 people who have been so ready to serve me.