

little of any kind; It is very well watered in every direction, Supplies of Fresh Pork, Fish, and Potatoes, when in Season may be obtained here very reasonable, but as there are no harbours for Vessels we saw, it must be difficult to get off refreshments unless the weather is fine, The Surf beats violently all along the Beach, where a Boat can land when it blows fresh from the Sea, and the Coast is very high and rocky unless on a Sandy beach, On the Coralles the inhabitants are but few, There is a considerable quantity of good land but very high, it is covered with the Flax plant and the fern, like the South Cape and scarcely a Tree of any size upon them, The land upon the main appeared beautiful to the eye, at the top of the Coralles lying in alternate hills and Vallies, The Vallies were invariably filled with trees and the hills entirely clear and had more the appearance of art than nature, I landed on the main and met with the people who cut off the Boyd upwards of 5 years ago, They were encamped and I continued with them all night The Chiefs related many circumstances relative to that fatal transaction from which it appeared that the Europeans had been the worst aggressors, there was one Chief present who had sailed from Port Jackson in the Boyd and upon whom corporal punishment had been severely inflicted during his passage to New Zealand, They invited me into their harbour of Whangoooa where the remains of the Boyd lay, and said they would give me her guns part of which were on shore, or any other of her property that they might possess, My reason for not going in was in consequence of the wind not permitting, The Chiefs went on board the Active to breakfast with me the next morning, and then returned on Shore, when we immediately got under way, I found the land tolerably good but very little of it fit for the plough cultivation, on account of the mountainous state, The flat where the natives were encamped might contain somewhat about 100 acres or more part of which was enclosed, and planted with potatoes, the inhabitants were numerous and exceedingly friendly,

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