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Strong, fertilization with a straggling village 2 miles in length —
 The flat on which the village is situated may contain about 200 acres
 with a soil generally rich but stony, The land in the rear is hilly
 part is planted with potatoes which are very fine, The natives were by
 far a more robust & finer looking race than any I had seen
 and the chief and their wives clad in a superior style, From the
 River Thames we sailed to the Bay of Islands where I continued
 upwards of 6 weeks and examined the adjoining country, In every direction
 the mouth of this harbour is about 4 leagues, and good anchorage for
 shipping in several coves, as well as behind the Islands of which there
 are a number in the Bay, Some of the coves run more than 20 miles
 from the heads into the interior, There are 4 fresh water rivers also
 which run into the harbour in different places, These rivers derive the
 following names from the natives, viz. Cocoa, Cowa Myeaddie, Wymattie
 and Mytanglee, upon the banks of the two former the Pine Tree
 grows to a considerable height and size, I measured some which
 exceeded 30 feet in circumference and appeared to be from 80 to
 100 feet high, and without a branch and very straight, There is
 sufficient depth for large ships with good and safe anchorage
 within 10 miles from each of these rivers and 12 from the heads of
 the harbour, I was up both these rivers, beyond where salt water
 extends, there is good land upon these banks with several native
 villages, the low lands seldom exceed 100 acres and in many places
 not more than 20, The high land though very strong wheat land and
 covered with fern could not be cultivated with the plough from the
 broken surface, in short the land more resembles the waves of the sea
 in a storm than any other works of nature, I think it more than probable from
 the hilly nature of the country sufficient falls of water could be met with
 on these rivers for turning mills, though I did not proceed high enough
 to examine sufficiently the truth of this conjecture, I examined the Rivers
 Mytanglee & Wymattie more particularly and found upon them the finest

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