

viously conceived. When I was preparing for New Zealand Mr
Liddiard Nicholas a Gentleman who came out to settle
this Colony about 2 Years ago, voluntarily proposed to accompany
I readily accepted his offer - We embarked on Board the active
on Saturday the 19th of November 1814. And sailed down
Harbour early that morning, but was obliged to anchor again
the mouth of it from contrary Winds, here we were detained
day. On Monday the 20th we weighed anchor and got out
a. - The number of persons on Board the active including
men and children were 35. - Mr Hansen, Master, his Wife and
Mrs Kendall, Hall, and King with their Wives and five
children, eight New Zealanders, two Otahaitians, and four Europeans
belonging to the Vessel, besides Mr. Nicholas, myself, two Lawyers,
a Smith and one runaway convict which we afterwards found
aboard. We had also on board one entire Horse, two Mares, one
Bull and two Cows, with a few sheep, and Poultry of different kinds
intended for the Island. The Cows and Bull had been presented
by Governor McQuarrie from His Majesty's Herd as mentioned
in my former letter. - Nothing of consequence happened during our
voyage, I suffered much from Sea sickness; tho' I have been so
frequently at Sea I cannot get the better of that unpleasant complaint,
I was always sick, and frequently compelled to keep my Bed. - On the
21st December we saw the 3 Kings, some small Islands which
lay to the north end of New Zealand about 12 leagues, we sailed
by them in the afternoon - as I wished to pass a day at the
north Cape, we stood away for it in the evening with a light
breeze and saw the Land before sun set; we had little wind all
night. - the next morning at day light, we were almost 4 leagues
from shore, we stood in till about 6 o'clock, I was anxious to have
an interview with the chiefs in order that I might explain to them
the object of my voyage; and introduce the Settlers to them, and
lay the way for any future attempts to promote their welfare.
After breakfast the Ships Boat was hoisted out with a view to visit
the shore, I directed Diaterra, Munghee, Koro-Koro, Pooi
and Piracara, all the chiefs we had on board to go in her, and no
others, so that they might open an intercourse between us and
the natives; and bring us some supplies. The Boat was well armed,
so that they might defend themselves if any attack should be made
on them. Before the Boat had reached the Land, a Canoe