

being completed on Friday the 5th of Jan^r 1815 we weighed anchor and sailed from Cowa-Cowa for Ranghee Hoos; when we arrived the Hut which I had directed to be built was almost finished. It was my intention as soon as the settlers and their baggage were all safely landed to visit either Whangorooa or the River Thames as the Wind at the ^{time} might permit, as several of the natives of Whangorooa had visited the active since peace was established between them and the people of the Bay of Solandys. As the Hut wd. not be ready for the reception of the Settlers for 12 or 15 Days. I agreed with Shunghee to visit one of his Villages in the interior about 35 miles from Rangheehoo. Mr. Nicholas volunteered to accompany me early on Monday morning the 9th. Shunghee, Duaterra, his Wife, and several chiefs came off to the active in a New Canoe in which we were to get up one of the Western branches of the Harbour, from whose head we were to walk to a place called Whymattee where the above mentioned Village was built. After breakfast we left the active and went on board the canoe which was very large and commodious. sixteen persons co^d row on each side, we co^d either sit or lie down at pleasure. These canoes go very quick thro' the Water and afford the most pleasant conveyance for Passengers. Some of them are 80 or 90 Feet in length. A smaller canoe attended us with some of the common Servants of Shunghee. About 11 o'clock we reached the head of the Cove which he estimated to be about 15 miles from the active. Here we landed in a Potatoe ground belonging to Shunghees Brother, named Whangorooa, where we were to take some refreshment before we proceeded on our journey. Duaterra, and his Wife had already gone to their