

The distance we had to walk was about 10 miles. Our party consisted of 25 persons all natives of New Zealand except Mr. Nicholas and myself. In about 3 hours we reached the canoe, here we stopt and dined and afterwards, set off for the active; when we had got about within 7 miles from the Vessel we met Duaterra in his War Canoe with a supply of provisions, particularly Tea, sugar and Bread, he was apprehensive we should want these articles as we had been absent one day longer than was intended when we left the active. As Shunghee and Duaterra approached each other, they mutually fired a piece, which is held by them as a mark of respect. These 2 War canoes were nearly matched, and they were determined to try their strength and skill to see which could go the quickest; Shunghee commanded one, and Duaterra the other, they both ran at so rapid a rate, that it was not possible to tell at times which had the advantage. We were much amused with the exact order they struck their paddles and the exercise of their skill. One man in each canoe gave the signal for every stroke, which changed every few seconds, sometimes the strokes were long and slow, at others short and quick; in a little time we reached the active. On Monday morning previous to leaving the Vessel, I directed that the settlers and families should be landed and every thing belonging to them as soon as the building was ready for their reception, on my return I found Mr. Kendall and his family on shore and every preparation made for their departure and King. As I intended to sail either for Whangorooa or the River Thames as soon as the active was cleared, I went on shore to make the necessary arrangements for my departure, when I landed I was informed, that a chief named Merrie nephew to the late Tippahoe was very much enraged with his wife and had beat her, in consequence of finding a nail in her pokepion; The nail had excited Merrie's jealousy which caused him to demand where she had got it; she told him, that a man belonging to the active had given it to her as a present. Merrie could not be persuaded that any man would give his wife so