

to the Cavalles the Wind suddenly changed and compelled us to anchor between them and the Main about 5 leagues to the Southward of Whangorooa; here we remained all night, soon after we anchored three Canoes came off from the Cavalles from different Islands, some of the people came on board and remained till after sun down. When they were gone the Carpenter sniped one of his Chisels with which he had been at work. Duaterra was very angry as we were convinced some of those natives had taken it. The Boat was immediately manned with Duaterras Men, and armed and proceeded to one of the Islands. I requested Duaterra if he found the thief not to injure him but merely take the Chisel. In about one hour they returned and had not been able to find the thief having landed upon the wrong Island, and the night being dark the next morning Saturday the 14th at break of day a canoe came off to enform us where the thief was, and wanted assistance to take him, but thought it more prudent to let the matter drop, as it might detain the vessel, as we had then got up the anchor intending to sail to Whangorooa with a light breeze which had sprung up; however it soon became calm, and obliged us to anchor again. In the afternoon the ^{Wind} blew pretty fresh, yet directly against us, & with a prospect of its continuance in that quarter which would prevent us from entering the Harbour of Whangorooa; I determined to proceed to the River Thames for which we bore away immediately the anchor was weighed. The same evening we past the mouth of the Bay of Islands with a gentle breeze, which continued all night, and in the morning were not far from the poor Knights, some small Islands which lay a few leagues from the Main. About 10 of Clock a canoe was observed coming from the Main to the Actoe. Duaterra ordered all his Men under arms and directed them to lie down upon the Deck that they might not be seen when the canoe came along side the Actoe; When the canoe came up which contained only one old chief, three Men, and one Woman. a rope was thrown for them to secure the canoe, the old chief immediately got upon the side of the vessel with an intention of coming upon Deck,