

He ^{had} not observed the New Zealanders, who just as he was coming
 over the gang way sprung up, and ^{some} presented us with their muskets
 and other their spears which so alarmed him that he fell back
 into the canoe and almost upset it and there he lay for some
 time before he recovered from his fright. The New Zealanders made
 a most cheerful noise at the time. The old chief afterwards came
 on board and was much rejoiced to see so many of his friends and
 laughed at the trick that had been practised upon him. After
 some conversation with him and having so ^{to} learned who we
 were and what we had in view, he took his leave with much
 satisfaction. We had not gone far before another canoe came off
 from another part of the Coast, with a number of very
 fine young men in it. They had learned where we were going
 as one of them had visited the active before when she lay at
 Cowa - Cowa and requested I would allow him to accompany us to
 the River Thames which request was granted. By this time
 we were near a very high part of the Coast called Pream
 Head by Capt. Cook. The chief of this district with his son
 had visited the active while we lay at Cowa Cowa. I had
 made him a present of a few things and amongst them a
 piece of red and white India print, and informed him I intended
 to visit the River Thames. As soon as we had passed Pream
 Head the wind blowing very fresh we observed 2 canoes
 labouring hard to reach the vessel. One of them had a
 signal flying. I desired the Master to bear away for them
 when we came up I found the canoe with the flag on
 the son of the above mentioned chief, and his colors were the
 piece of print I had given his father. He pressed us much
 to go on shore and visit his father, but I told him we could
 not stop there as the wind was fair, but would see him on
 our return. The young man provided us with great
 abundance of Pream and other fish which they had
 in their canoes. After we had received this liberal supply
 of fish we directed our course again towards the River