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the West side of the Harbour about 4 leagues from it. We had not left Houpa an hour before the Wind began to blow very hard and the Water so rough that we could not see the Channel. On our coming almost to the Head of the Harbour it was high Water and Soundings only in 3 Fathoms, which from the appearance of the Gale not abating induced us to put the Vessel about and so got us into deeper Water before the tide fell much. At this period we were on the East shore not far from Land. We worked to windward for several hours and in the Evening came to anchor in 4 Fathoms Water where we lay all night, during which it rained and blew very hard. Here the Harbour is very open, there is no shelter for shipping which makes it very dangerous. On Tuesday about 4 o'clock weighed anchor as the Gale increased in order to work to Windward if possible and get under the Land, as the place we lay in was not safe should the Vessel be driven from her anchor. The sea was so rough and the vessel had so much motion, that the New Zealanders who had never been on board of a ship before at sea, were much alarmed and imagined they would be lost. About 5 o'clock in the Evening the Gale abated and we came to anchor again about 2 Miles from the West shore opposite a large Village. Tho' the inhabitants had seen us all day, yet they durst not venture out in their Canoes on account of the Gale. After we came to anchor the Boat was hoisted out and 10 New Zealanders went on Shore to open a communication with the natives. Shortly after the Boat had reached the Beach we heard a great noise. Duattera was uneasy as the Boat did not return so soon as was expected. He was afraid that some Quarrel had taken place between the inhabitants and the people in the Boat, and observed if they had injured any of his people he would immediately declare War against them with all the force he could command; In about an hour after dark the Boat returned safe and informed us that they were very kindly received and that the noise we had heard was only their rejoicings. They told us there were plenty of fine Hogs and Potatoes on shore, both of which