

force any thing from the inhabitants; I w^d. purchase what I could, but not take any thing unless paid for it. They urged me much to stop and get my supplies which I w^d. have done if I had been sensible they co^d. be procured without giving offence to the natives, but I was convinced they co^d. not (from what I had been told on shore) unless the proprietors had been there; as soon as we had dined I desired the master to prepare for sea immediately. The anchor was soon weighed, and the vessel under weigh; The chiefs and their ladies still remaining unwilling to leave us, they had several dances on deck, at length I got the ladies into the canoes, but the chiefs shewed no inclination to part and began another dance when the ladies once more leaped out of the canoes upon deck and joined them in the dance and song and continued till we had sailed a considerable distance, when they were compelled to leave us or go to sea; when they got into the canoes the 20 Natives I had on board began to sing and dance in their turn to amuse the chiefs and their ladies who lay upon their paddles all the time; as soon as the dance ended on deck, they began again in the canoes, and continued till we co^d. hear them no more, they then waved their hands and returned on shore; One of the chiefs promised to visit port Jackson, and go to the Bay of Islands to see Quatera from whom they had received and returned presents. (During our short stay here, these people shewed us the kindest attention and did all they co^d. to amuse us, I gave several of them ^{some} wheat seed which I hope will prove advantageous to them, and told them, they would be able to procure Axes and other tools at Ranghee Koo from the Europeans. They will give any thing for Axes. Quatera with his guard of armed men himself being dressed in European clothing wearing a sword by his side) when on shore commanded considerable respect from the ^{chiefs} and our visit to the River Thames will unite in friendship, the leading men at Ranghee Koo, and this part of New Zealand, and that if in future any European settlers sho^d. be sent to the