

River Thames, they will be welcomed by the natives. I felt much gratified with the conduct of the people, but sincerely regretted I could not see Kampa again, the Wind was so strong against us, we could not make his Settlement, and were compelled to stand out at sea; As my time in New Zealand was limited, I could not wait for a change of Wind. The next Morning, Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> we saw Point Rodney about 7 leagues off. There being little Wind we did not reach it till 12 o'clock when we entered Bream Cove. We sailed into the Cove and ran along shore a little distance from the land. The ground was in general level, and a Grove of Pines appeared behind the Banks of the Cove. When we had reached near Bream Head, the natives told us there was an Harbour at the Head of the Cove into which a fresh Water river Ran from the interior. We sailed up to the Mouth of this Harbour. The Master of the Schooner Mr. Hansen said it would be a very safe place for a Vessel to lie in, as the situation completely sheltered her from the sea. We enquired if any Vessel had ever been in this Harbour, the natives told us, that the Venus from Port Jackson a long time ago anchored there some time. They further informed us that the Venus had put in at the North Cape and took two native women from there, one from the Bay of Islands, one from a small Island opposite to Bream Cove, and one from Bream Cove, and from thence she went to the River Thames where they got Kampa and one of his Daughters on board with an intention to take them away also, but when the Venus sailed from the River Thames Kampa's canoe following the Venus, he watched an opportunity and leaped overboard and was taken up by his canoe, but that none of the above Women have ever since returned. The Venus was a Brig belonging to Messrs. Cambell & Co of Calcutta, and was taken by some convicts who were on Board of her at Port Dalrymple and made off with her. Such