

the Boat co. pass thro the surf. Two canoes came dashing thro the waves (as if they bid defiance to the destructive Rocks and foaming bellows that rolled over them with a dreadful noise) to direct us where it wd. be safe for the Boat to land. On our Boat reaching the shore, a number of Natives rushed thro the surf, laid hold of it, and conducted us safe in. The chief residence was on the East side of the Harbour, but we were compelled to land on the West on account of the surf, and crossed the Water again in a canoe. The whole place was surrounded with broken Rocks which resembled more the Ruins of old Abbeys than any thing else, some formed very large arches, others deep caverns; some were like old Steeples, and others like broken Massy Columns. In short, they presented the most curious Group of Ruins which had ever been formed by time, Storms or Seas. A numerous crowd of Men, Women, and Children came to meet us. The chief and Mayhanger were overjoyed at our visit, the chief who had been on board was the General Officer, or one whom the New Zealanders call the fighting Man, still we found there was another higher in authority than our Friends, to whom we were conducted. He was seated on the ground, and a clean Matt was placed by him, for me and Mr. Nicholas; The General stood all the time with a spear in his hand. The head chief was a very old Man, with a long gray beard, and little hair upon his head. He was an exceeding pleasant Man. Toro-Toro had gone with us, he related to the chief, all the wonders he had seen at Port Jackson, the attention paid to him, the riches of our Country, and for what purpose the active had come to New Zealand. The old chief laughed much, and made many enquiries, and wanted us to stay till next day, He ordered us some pork & gave a few Baskets of dried fish for the people, we stopt till about 11 o'clock when we took our leave, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. They conducted us safely thro the surf and we made for the Vessel. At this time she was out of sight, so that we could not even hear the report of the Muskets, which served as signals, tho we observed the Flash of the powder which

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