

directing us to the Vessel we got safe on Board, when the Breeze springing up we made sail and the next morning discovered Cape Bret in sight. As we sailed along the coast we were visited by 10 Canoes which brought us plenty of fish. About 3 o'clock P.M. we anchored in the cove and found all the settlement well and assuming the pleasing appearance of civilization from the Buildings erecting and erected; and from the Sawyers, Smith, and others at work. Having now completed every thing relative to the Establishment of the Mission that appeared to me necessary as regarded the intercourse of the Settlers with the Natives, I opened a communication nearly 200 Miles along the coast, and the Chiefs in all the different districts were acquainted with the object in view, and they seemed all sensible of the benefits which they were likely to derive from the Europeans residing amongst them. A more promising prospect never so present itself for civilizing this quarter of the globe, only it requires to be closely followed up; as considerable expences have already been incurred in the purchase of the Vessel, the Outfit, Naval Stores, and Seamen's Wages, I felt it incumbent on me to do all in my power to find out some mode by which these expences could in some measure be provided for; I determined to take all the striped Flax I could procure from the Natives to Port Jackson, and to fill the Vessel with Timber. Whether the Flax will answer as an Article of commerce or no is not yet fully determined. Timber will certainly answer to a certain amount, but will not defray the whole of the expences of the Vessel. Should Flax answer, it is probable they will both nearly accomplish this in time. The material difficulty I had to contend with was the means of procuring a cargo, my trade being nearly exhausted in purchasing provisions and in presents to the natives. The New Zealanders will work if they are paid for it, but not otherwise, and to procure a cargo of Timber without their assistance was impossible. Raft potts were cut in the Vessel, and she was got ready for receiving the Timber, and in little more than a week we sailed to Cowa. Cowa the Timber District. Had very little Trade which