

Chief Terra who had sent them into the country for the following reason. Terra had built a new Hut for some sacred purpose which he had taboed. He had forbidden the cock from getting upon its roof but in vain. No means that he could devise would prevent him, and therefore, he had sent them both away for polluting this consecrated building! These Fowls had been given to Terra when the Active was first at New Zealand. While we lay at Cowa. Cowa Terra and his Wife had mentioned this cock and Hen, and informed me, the Hen had a number of Eggs upon which she sat some time, at length she and the Cock broke the shells, and destroyed them all. They told me they went every Day to view the Eggs while the Hen was sitting, and desired to know the reason why the Fowls destroyed them. I told them, that the Hen had Taboed the Eggs and was exceeding angry with them for touching them, and on that account she and the cock in their rage destroyed the whole. They were much astonished at hearing this and had a long conversation on the subject, and made numerous enquiries relative to the rearing of Fowls. I told them they were on no account in future to touch the Eggs, if they did the Hen would again destroy them when she was sitting, and I have no doubt but they will rigidly attend to my advice. Having been accidentally led by the Fowls in the canoe to make this digression, I shall now go back from whence I set out. The two canoes went in company for about 3 miles when we put into a small Village upon the East side of the Harbour to see some of Terra's friends. While we were here it came on to rain very much. After stopping about 2 hours, during which many Baskets of Potatoes were drenched, we set off for Rycadde; the rain fell very heavy. I was soon wet thro', both to my great Coat and other clothing. The Wind and tide were against us, and the fresh Water River had risen in consequence of some late heavy rain, so that we made little progress. When we had gone about 4 miles further we came to another little Village on