

do not like to visit the place of their departed Friends, and have generally some frightful Image erected near the spot to terrify all who approached near the repository of their dead. I was much surpris'd that Weereu had his Father so near him and in the centre of the Village. This Village is situated in the centre of a rich Valley, the land very good, and fit for cultivation. There observed many noble pines. Weereu urged me much to send some Europeans to reside at Mycaddee. He pointed out the spot where their Houses should be Built upon the richest Banks of the River and set forth the advantages they might derive from the richness of the soil for Potatoes and its vicinity to the Water. I told him in time his wishes might be complied with, but we must see how the Inhabitants of New Zealand conducted themselves towards the Europeans at Ranghee Noo. If they were treated well, more should be sent. He wished then to accompany me to Port Jackson, I told him the number I had already agreed to take were as many as the active could hold, but I would give directions for a passage at a future time should he be inclin'd to visit me, with this he was satisfied and said he would come. I then told him as the Vessel would leave Cowa-Cowa that Day I must request him to order me a Canoe that I might return. He replied he could not suffer me to depart till he had presented me with 2 or 3 Dogs. He immediately threw off the whole of his clothing, took a Dog and a Boy to the River, plunged into it with them, and swam across holding them above water with the hand, and swimming with the other, when he landed he ran off into the forest like a lion, the Boy and Dog following and returned in a little time with three Dogs which were put into the Canoe and all was got ready for my return, he made me a present of some Mats at the same time, and told me he would accompany me to the Vessel. When I had got into the Canoe, he put in one of his Sons a fine Boy about 9 years old; I asked him what he was about to do with his Boy, he told me he intended to take him to Ranghee Noo to live with