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sailed down the Harbour near the head, when the
Canoes returned with our weeping Friends, but were
obliged to come to anchor again till the tide turned,
and while we lay there was visited by a chief from
the River Thames who had just arrived. About 12 of lock
we got out and bore away for the north Cape on Sunday
the 27th about 12 of lock we saw the land, I was determined
to put in here, and pass a day according to my promise,
if the Wind permitted and desired the Master to steer for
it accordingly. The Wind was rather unfavorable during
Sunday night, and on Monday morning we were 4 or
5 leagues from the shore with the Wind from the land.
The Vessel had past the North East point where I had
intended to touch, but as we could not make it we
endeavoured to work to windward by carrying all the
sail we could, and about 10 of lock a canoe put off
to the Active from a different part of the shore where
the chief lived whom I wanted to see. When the natives came
on Board they informed me the chief had got a quantity
of dried Seal for me and that Jew the Otahetian
was in the country about 4 miles off. I desired the
principal native to send his canoe on shore, and a
messenger to Jew to inform him of my arrival, which
he immediately did and continued on board himself he
requesting I would allow him a passage to port Jackson,
but for want of room I could not grant his wishes.
Shortly after another canoe came off in which I went
on shore accompanied by Mr. Nicholas and the chief
who arrived on Board. We landed at a small village
near the Beach. The surf was high and the place
we landed at very Rocky. To me it appeared full of
danger, but depending on the knowledge and dexterity
of the Natives in the management of their canoes we
ventured thro' the surf and got safe on shore only with