

nothing to prevent the natives from taking the Harriet in one moment, if they wished to do so. The Ship's Company were in a state of mutiny when the vessel lay in the Harbour - they had only 29 men on board including the officers and surgeons - nine of the Europeans were confined by the Captains orders, from their difference with him. There were not more than three men kept watch at night - and I was informed by those on board, that 20 of the natives kept on board every night. The natives had their war canoes with them, and one of the mates told me the natives were very numerous - This is stated in the Gazette. I am certain 200, or 3000 war Saunders - would at any time take a vessel like the Harriet in one moment. The master told me, that the men whom he had confined for mutiny wanted the natives to join them to take the vessel. No man, who knows the situation the Harriet was in when lying