

On Monday Morning, as there were no timber at Rangteehoo, fit for erecting the necessary buildings for the settlers, I determined to take the Brig to the Timber district, which I understood was about 20 miles distant, on the opposite side of the harbour — up a fresh-water river: because this would supply <sup>what</sup> was wanted, at once, and save considerable expense. I therefore ordered all the iron, and various other articles to be landed and given in charge of Duatema. — The poultry were also sent on shore — the sawyeas and Smith with Mr. Hanson Junr. left the vessel likewise — I directed them, with the assistance of the natives, to build a hut 60 feet by 16, and to thatch it for the immediate accommodation of the settlers and their families.

When we returned from the Timber District the natives seemed very willing to assist us as much as they could. I found now I should be much distressed for want of axes, and other articles of trade, as the presents I had made at the North Cape and along the coast, had very much reduced my stock.

We had also omitted to bring Coals with us from Port Jackson: and I hardly knew how to remedy these defects — as nothing could be done in our mechanical operations, nor could we purchase provisions from the natives, <sup>without</sup>