

I was informed, we were several miles from the place, at which she would anchor — I wished to take my leave before the night came on us, but the old Chief would not consent, till we had first taken some refreshment. — He therefore ordered his Cooks to chop some sweet potatoes, as soon as possible (these are, with them, esteemed a choice food). In a short time a basket full of them were roasted and placed before us; — The Chief sat by us, as did his wives and a number of men, women and children; he would not eat with us himself nor permit any of his people to do so, and when we parted with him, he ordered two baskets of Sweet potatoes to be put into the boat for our use. I invited him to come on board the Active which he promised to do, and ~~leave~~ we took our leave, being much gratified with the attention of this Chief and his people.

The next morning we were visited by <sup>numbers</sup> of the natives from different districts; and I contracted with some of the subordinate Chiefs, for a cargo of timber. The Brig lay about eight miles from the fresh water River where the pine trees grew, there not being sufficient depth of water to bring her near.

I went up, accompanied by Messrs Nicholas and Hall, to see the pines, and we found a considerable village upon the Banks of the river, which they called Kona-kona. When