

When our arrival was known, we were soon surrounded by numbers of the natives, who vied with each other in their attentions.

None of us were under the least apprehension of danger any more than if we had been among our own country folk. - In about ten days we had got our cargo, and were ready to return to Rangheehoo.

During the time the natives were getting the timber; Mr. Nicholas and I visited different places for several miles round; and passed one night with an old Chief who gave us an account of Capt Cook's visit and stay at the Bay of Islands.

He said that he was then a young man, and shewed us where the sailors pitched their tents, washed their linen, watered their ships, and cut their wood; he also related several occurrences which took place while the great Navigator remained there. - Our cargo being completed on Friday the 6th of Jan^y 1815.

We weighed anchor and sailed for Rangheehoo. When we got there the hut which I had directed to be built was almost finished. It was my intention, as soon as the settlers and their luggage were safely landed, to visit either Whangorua or the River Thames, as the wind at the time might permit.

Several of the natives of Whangorua had visited the Active, since the peace had been established between them and the people of the Bay of Islands.