

as she would be completely sheltered from the sea. We enquired if any ship had ever been in that harbour, the natives told us that the Venus from Port Jackson had anchored there along time ago, and, further, that she had put in at the North Cape also and had taken two native women one from the Bay of Islands and one from Bream Cove, that she went from thence to the River Thames where her people got Houpa and one of his daughters on board with an intention to take them also away:— But when the Venus sailed from the River Thames, Houpa's Canoe followed her, and he waited his opportunity to leap over board, which he effected and was taken up by his own Canoe, but, none of the women have ever since returned.

The Venus Brig belonged to Messrs Campbell and Co. of Calcutta. She was taken by some Convicts, who were on Board of her, at Port Dalrymple, and carried off the Coast.

Such are the horrid Crimes, which Europeans, who bear the Christian name, commit upon the Savage Nations! We lay to all night in the Cove; as I wished to see the Chief who resided near this place; and whose son supplies us with fish, as we pass when bound for the River Thames.

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