

distinct: and it was my intention, provided I heard favourable accounts of the settlement, and could meet with suitable persons, to send a man and his wife by the next return of the Active to New Zealand.

We proceeded ^{sailed} down the harbour till we neared the head, when the Canoes returned with our weeping friends, here we had to anchor till the turning of the tide: and during this interval, we were visited by a Chief from the River 'James' who had just arrived.

About noon we put out to sea and bore away for the North Cape and came in sight of it about noon next day (Sunday the 27th) I was determined to put in and spend a day according to my promise, if the wind would permit, ^{to deliver the mail to} we accordingly steered for it. The wind was not unfavourable during the Sunday night, and on Monday ^{Jan 28} morning we were four or five leagues from the shore with a land breeze. The vessel had passed the north east point where I had intended to touch, but we could not make it — we endeavoured to work to windward, by carrying all the sail we could, and about 10 o'clock