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giving the necessary directions to the Carpenters, myself
the Rev. John Butler, & Mess^{rs} A and W. Hale, set
off with Shungree in his war canoe for Kideekiddee
where we arrived in the afternoon and proceeded im-
mediately to examine the country. I had sur-
veyed this part of the land and about 14 miles
to the west of it when I was in New Zealand in
1815 and considered this district as the most
promising, for a new settlement of any I had met
with in the Island; the soil being rich — the
land pretty level, free from timber, and easy
to work with the plough — bounded by a fine
fresh water river — the communication by water
free and open to any part of the Bay of Islands
and safe anchorage for ships of any burden, with
in about two leagues of the settlement. Shungree
told us that we were at full liberty to take what
land we wanted on either side of the River; as
it was all his own to a very great distance.
We determined, therefore on forming the principal
settlement at this place; as we could not doubt
but the rich soil would be grateful for any
cultivation we should bestow upon it, and return
a plentiful produce. He accordingly told
Shungree, that we should, with his approbation,
settle there. He was much gratified, as well
as his people ~~at~~ with our determination.

After walking over the land till towards dusk,
we returned to Shungree's village; where we
were to sleep for the night. We found
a fine sow, of about 140 lbs weight at the