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that we wished to visit the River Poona Khetere, but the crew of our canoe were tired, and not able, without a day's rest, to go with us. He offered to supply us with a crew in the morning, & to accompany us himself. We thankfully accepted his offer. We spent the evening as usual in conversing on various subjects, and in gaining all the information we could, relative to the rivers in New Zealand; the number of inhabitants on their banks, or what they lived, and their mode of communication with distant parts of the island. We could seldom ask them a question, but, before they answered it, they would inquire our reason for asking. If we asked how far a mountain or river was off, they would say, "What do you want to know for? Are you going there?" & when we had satisfied them, they would give us every information we wanted. When we had conversed till late in the evening, we performed our Evening Service of Prayer and Praise, & then lay down to rest.

Oct 8. 1819. - Early this morning, we prepared to visit according to our intention some Villages on the banks of the river Poona Khetere, lying on the South side of the Hurkiangha, in two canoes, accompanied by about 50 persons. As we went up the river we saw several Villages which we had not time to visit. The inhabitants fired their muskets, and hailed us as we passed. Our wish was to go as far up the river as we could with a strong tide in our favour so as to return in the evening. The river is very beautiful, & will be very convenient for the navigation of small vessels, should this country ever become a commercial nation.

About 1 o'clock we came to 3 villages situated near to each other on the high bank on the south side of the river. One of these villages is under the authority of an old woman a Chief's Widow. Many of these people had never seen a white person. They received us with a War Dance, and presented us with several baskets of potatoes, which were immediately dressed. While the cooks were doing their duty, we walked into the Villages, & conversed with the people,